

FROM YOUR PASTOR:

TEACH US TO PRAY

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

MOXIE

As our summer sermon series on prayer continues through August 10th here is a reminder of just a few verses from the Scriptures on the practice of prayer:

OUTREACH

"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."
- Matthew 6. 5 and 6

LAY LEADER

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God".
- Philippians 4.6

FINANCE

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
- I Thessalonians 5.17

AND MUCH MORE!

"Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."
- James 5.16

May these verses on the important spiritual discipline of prayer speak to your heart as you continue to come before the God who hears your every word.

God's blessings,

Pastor Elizabeth

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OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee wants to thank everyone for helping make our project that benefits LACO and The Children’s Christmas Store a success. The total items collected is 113. We also want to thank the Moxie Committee for giving us their unused leftover yard sale items. If you have items that didn’t make it to church by the deadline, we will still take them.

Thank you,

Connie Earle, Chairperson

*“But you, O Lord,
are a God merciful
and gracious, slow
to anger and
abounding in stead-
fast love and faith-
fulness”*

~Psalm 86:15

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Great news! There were 28 pledge cards submitted totaling \$75,790 toward the 2025-26 operating budget. We also have a couple of people with scheduled donations online that will increase the total for our annual budget of \$143,009. Fundraiser activities continue to be an integral part of filling the gap for a fully-funded budget. Pledged donation or not, your gifts are important and always appreciated.

Online Giving update - the new platform seems to be working very well and makes it very easy for a visitor or regular attendee to support our church and its missions. A special "Thank you" to all who have signed up and use the program. Take a few minutes to check it out!

God's Peace be with you ~

Monica McCusker

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Newsletter Finance Information - as of July 25, 2025		
2025 Annual Budget Amount for Operating	\$	143,009.53
Income July		
Budgeted	\$	6,362.52
Actual	\$	7,328.28
Expenses July		
Budgeted	\$	8,912.41
Actual	\$	6,937.00

ONE MORE TIME FOR ICE CREAM

Last month our ice cream time was rained out so we'll try again in the month of August. We'll gather for ice cream and fellowship at the Big Dipper on August 24 at 6:00 pm. *Please note the change of date from the originally scheduled one of August 31st which is Labor Day weekend).*

Please join us to support one of our local businesses and enjoy fellowship as a church family.

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS

Our community of faith once again owes a very special word of thanks to Gwen Rioux for her commitment to organizing the Red Cross Blood Drives that we continually host at our church. Our July drive netted eighteen pints of blood and will make a big difference in the lives of those in need.

THANK YOU once again, Gwen!

Our next blood drive will be held on Wednesday, October 15 from 1:00 – 5:30 pm.

SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH COOKOUT!

Plans are being made for a cookout for our church family so please save the date of Sunday, September 14th following worship. More details to follow soon!

MOXIE THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Moxie Festival. This year was certainly one for the record books with monsoon like rain! With most of the town organized activities taking place at the high school, we were not sure what sort of crowds to expect. However dry seating certainly helped boost our lunch time sales! We are pleased to report that we made over \$2100! We couldn't have done this without the help of our church family. Plans are already underway for Moxie Festival 2026!



LUMC Mission Statement:

"The Lisbon United Methodist Church welcomes, nurtures, and serves all people with the love of Christ."

DOWN MEMORY LANE

With this year's Moxie Festival behind us, I want to take a minute to thank each and every one of you who have helped with the Moxie Festival for many years. I'm sure many of you have heard the comments "The Moxie Festival isn't what it used to be." Many changes both to the festival and with our own participation have been made, but we have still found ways to move forward. I recently was given the 1996 Moxie Festival Schedule of Events. A Moxie concert was held by the Lisbon Community Band, a pancake breakfast by the Masonic Lodge, carnival games and rides sponsored by the Lisbon Area Business Association, cultural bake sale held at the S.S. Cyril's Church, Granny's Attic at the Holy Family Church, the Lisbon Falls Fire Co. held an auction and car wash, the Knights of Columbus held a chicken barbecue, a dunk tank was set up by Lisbon Emergency, Crosman's Funeral Home sponsored the balloon zoo, bingo was held at the American Legion Post #66, a duck race was sponsored by the Lisbon Rotary Club, Cooper's Cloggers and Countryside Dancers performed during the day. The food court offered a wide variety of food sold by the local schools' booster clubs and parent advisory committees, the hockey team and high school classes, Knights of Columbus, E.T. Smith Hose Co., Rosary Garden Prayer Group, Lisbon Wilderness & Trophy Masters, Slovak Catholic Association, Fire auxiliary, Lisbon Falls Christian Academy, Parents Against Tired Truckers, Lisbon Republican Committee, Lisbon Area Business Association and the Lisbon United Methodist Church. Many of those organizations no longer participate for a variety of reasons but I am so proud to think that our small congregation has rallied and found ways to still be a part of this festival. Many thanks to the volunteers who continue to make Lisbon United Methodist Church a part of the festival.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!



Happy Birthday to the following church members
celebrating a birthday in August!!

3-	Chris Crosman	12-	Jen Duley Farrin
8-	Marjorie Maloy		Liz Sawyer
10-	Donald Wile	13-	Dean H. Logan
11-	Ginny Barden	25-	Tristan Wile

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating in August!

1-	Chris & Debbie Crosman	12-	David & Susan Wile
	Geroge & Donna Morgan	13-	Mark & Brenda Rogers
10-	Ryan & Erica Moore	22-	Greg & Peggy Shaw
11-	Geroge & Jennifer Morgan	23-	Ralph & Carol Day

FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

Greetings! As promised, here is part two of the recap of the New England Annual Conference held in June 2025.

Friday:

INTERRUPTING RACISM WITH THOUGHTFUL, PROBING CONVERSATION

Kamal Carter and Kyle R. Williams of [A Long Talk About the](#)

Uncomfortable [Truth](#), a 21-day anti-racism activation experience designed to empower participants with knowledge and skills to combat racism in their daily lives.

CALL TO OFFERING: EQUITY FOR BLACK CHURCHES FUND

A TIME FOR PRAISE MUSIC AND PRAYER lead by Jorge Lockward

EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE REPORT by Rev. Jennifer Mihok, Chair of the Conference Committee on Episcopacy. Rev. Mihok noted that a big part of the job of the committee on the episcopacy is to "do all that we can to move us forward together to find that good, healthy, and inspired rhythm of ministry together.

THE 2025 EPISCOPAL ADDRESS: THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

*So, reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it! People of all nations, celebrate God! All colors and races, give hearty praise! And Isaiah's word: There's the root of our ancestor Jesse, breaking through the earth and growing tree tall, Tall enough for everyone everywhere to see and take **hope**! Oh! May the God of green **hope** fill you up **with joy**, fill you up **with peace**, so that your believing lives, filled **with** the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over **with hope**!*

NEW SUPERINTENDENT AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREEN MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

New appointments to the district were read by [Rev. Dr. Songbok "Bob" Jon](#), the incoming district superintendent, and fixed by the Bishop who reminded that these appointments are not to a church; the appointment is to the community.

Rev. Megan Stowe has been appointed for the seventh year as District Superintendent of the Commonwealth West District. Read appointments for the district and Bishop Bickerton affixed each to their assignment for the next year, reminding all that they are needed in those places and valued for the gifts they bring. "Find the courage to get out of the building and take your laity with you as we strive to revive Methodism in this region.

FROM YOUR LAY LEADER, CONT.

Commonwealth East District

Rev. Nizzi Santos Digan has completed her tenure as district superintendent of the Commonwealth East district. **Rev. Moo Lee**, the incoming DS for the district welcomed pastors who will be coming to the district.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES REPORT

The NEAC Office of Connectional Ministries serves as the convenor of the Connectional Table. One of the CT's functions is to ensure that the resolutions enacted by the Annual Conference are acted upon.

CONSENT CALENDARS

- [Proposed Consent Agenda 1 – For Repeating and Ongoing Resolutions](#) Approved 414/11
- [Proposed Consent Agenda 2 – For Church Closures & Others](#) Approved 388/10

PROPOSED ACTIONS

Find the full text of legislation in the Pre-Conference Materials

- Opposing Christian Nationalism and Affirming the Church's Commitment to Love, Justice, and Inclusion (RS 25-208) – submitted by Conference Committee on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships **Approved:** 436/14
- Conference Committee on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships **Approved:** 401/45
- Resolution Against Christian Zionism (RS25-210) - submitted by Conference Committee on Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships **Approved:** 390/38

Recognizing the 2025 Class of Retirees

Pastors you may know: Sharon Lovejoy (who recently served Brunswick)

Tom Frey

Celebration of Ministry Service-Certified Lay Ministers, Licensed Local Pastors, and Provisional Elders

Zeigler Preacher: The Rev. Alicia Velez Stewart. Her preaching is dynamic, and she can be heard in Brunswick!

Bryant Award: David Larson. David is from Rhode Island. The award is for excellence in social justice.

SATURDAY:

The session opened with song and prayer from the youth delegation.

Laity Address by Jerry Miller. Jerry is from Nashua, N.H.

ONE MATTERS AWARD: Cox Memorial in Maine increased membership by 5% and attendance by 15%. Wesley UMC in Vermont completed the restoration of their basement after it was damaged by hurricane Irene (12 years ago). North Haverhill UMC in N.H. went from zero numbers to one adult, one child member and one profession of faith. Starrett Memorial of Athol, MA built their youth group from 0 to 30 every

FROM YOUR LAY LEADER, CONT.

month. Shepherd of the Valley in Hope, R.I. had seven baptisms last year. Crawford Memorial, of Winchester, MA consistently takes in new members.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE MANY WATERS DISTRICT

CABINET REPORT

APPOINTMENTS TO THE SEACOAST DISTRICT

DEACONESES AND HOME MISSIONERS REPORT

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

LEGISLATION

Slate for Conference Officers

Nomination of UMFNE Board

Election of elder to conference team of ombudspeople

Property Resolution

Restorative Justice with Covenant Hills

Exploring Land Restitution

Mission Relief Cancellation and District Finance Teams

Elimination of Water Bottles and Support for Water

SERVICE OF ORDINATION For Nikki Renee, Sunjae Lee, Bryan Stone, and Yohan Go.

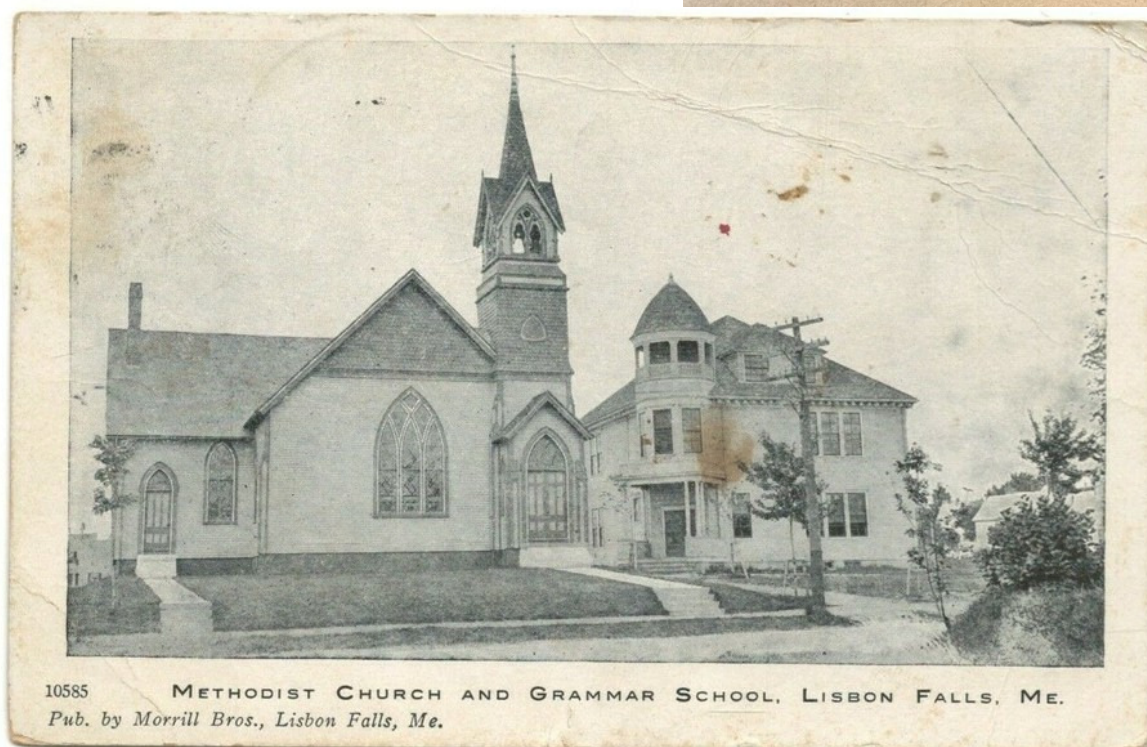
Due to space issues I have not put all the details of each event at conference. They are available on the NEAC website. If you have questions or need help, feel free to ask Pastor Elizabeth or myself.

God's Peace be With You,

Sue White



Photo from 1982 showing
repairs to the steeple.



Postcard from 1916, showing the present day
LUMC, with the Grammar School in the back-
ground.

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3-Worship in person & virtual, 9:30 Church Council, 11:00	4	5-Cookout planning meeting, 10:30	6	7	8	9
10-Worship in person & virtual, 9:30 Sermon Series 3 Evening Circle, 11:00 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17-Worship in person & virtual, 9:30 a.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23-Dine in/ Take out Bean Supper, 4:30 p.m.
24-Worship in person & virtual, 9:30	25	26	27	28	29	30
31-Worship in person & virtual, 9:30						

NOTE: All meetings are held in the Hunnewell Room, unless otherwise noted

Office Hours: Monday 9:00 am-noon at Pastor's Home, Thursday 1:00-3:00 pm

Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath Day

Other times available by appointment

Every Thursday: Girl Scouts, Hunnewell Room, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship Service

Sunday Worship

(In Person and Live Stream on Facebook)

9:30 a.m.

*Experienced people are ready to provide nursery
care for infants.*

Please speak with a greeter.

Office Hours: Monday 9:00-12 noon at Home

Thursday 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath day

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