

FROM YOUR PASTOR:

The First of the “Ber” Months!

For years I have teased Verne as the month of August began to wind down that September 1st was not far away and it would soon be time to get out all of the autumn decorations that we enjoy – well, that I enjoy more! I’m never met with much enthusiasm when I make that pronouncement. And this year I think I agree with him!

We have experienced a great summer: we’ve enjoyed lots of nice weather, appreciated the times of worship that we have shared with all of you, attended lots of Sea Dogs games to cheer on our favorite team, done a lot of reading, grew a few vegetables in our new garden boxes, have grilled out a lot, and became excited when seeing the hummingbirds at our feeder.

I’m not ready to turn the calendar to the first of the “ber” months (i.e. September, October, November, and December). While I look forward to autumn leaves and crisp fall apples, they can wait. I want to hold onto this really fun summer for as long as possible. But, alas, the calendar must be turned and the seasons will change; that is inevitable.

In the midst of that change, however, one thing is certain for each of us: our God does not change! God’s unconditional love, grace, and mercy are always available to us – no matter what. Such knowledge helps center us when the pace of life rushes on. Such knowledge grants us peace in our hearts when we face challenges in life. Such knowledge helps us to remain faithful when temptations try to sidetrack us.

We live in a complex world filled with concerns. Time marches on whether we want it to or not. The crisp autumn air which will arrive all too soon will give way to the cold of another Maine winter. But, through it all, we are blessed to know that God IS with us, that as we follow Jesus our faith and discipleship grow, and that God’s Holy Spirit will inspire us and comfort us in whatever season we find ourselves.

So I’m going to put off getting out the autumn decorations for a while just to enjoy these last wonderful weeks of a great summer. I hope you are blessed by them as well for our God is good – all the time!!



God’s blessings, *Pastor Elizabeth*

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EVENING CIRCLE

Thank you to our EC members and our entire church family for your outpouring support is this years back to school drive. Ginny Barden and myself, delivered all the items to Lisbon Community School, they were very well received. The staff sorted the items on a table, had them available for staff at their meeting prior to school opening. See photos.

Without all your help, we could not continue our mission of helping children in our town.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Jones, President



*"To everything,
there is a season,
and a time for every
matter under heav-
en: a time to be
bored, and a time to
die; a time to plant,
and a time to pluck
up what is planted."*

~Ecclesiastes 3:1-2



NURTURE NEWS

It doesn't seem possible, it's September already. We as a committee haven't done a lot these summer months. Coffee hours have been going well. As some of you probably know we no longer have a choir, so those Sunday's choir was supposed to have coffee hour Nurture will be providing coffee & juice. If anyone wants to bring in goodies they will be appreciated, if not we will just have coffee & juice. That will only be two Sundays between now & the New Year. WOW!! We are thinking of doing another movie night probably in October. Stay tuned!

Thank you,

Margaret Logan, Chair

TRUSTEE NEWS

With the permission of the Trustees, the Youth Leadership Advisory Team will be meeting in the Hunnewell room on the third Tuesday of the month from 4 to 6 PM , beginning September 16th through May 19th 2026.

The YLAT is a joint project between Maine's Youth in Foster Care, the Maine Dept. of Health and Human Services and the Muskie School at the University of Southern Maine. The YLAT is committed to improving the short and long term outcomes for youth who are or have been in foster care.

The scheduled meetings are as follows: 16 Sept., 21 Oct., 18 Nov. & 16 Dec., No meetings Jan. & Feb., 17 Mar., 21Apr., & 19 May. 2026.

Dean M Logan

Trustees President

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Newsletter Finance Information - as of August 25, 2025		
2025 Annual Budget Amount for Operating Expenses	\$	143,009.53
Income August		
Budgeted	\$	6,362.52
Actual	\$	5,979.50
Expenses August		
Budgeted	\$	8,912.41
Actual	\$	8,725.86

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy Birthday to the following church members

celebrating a birthday in September!!

1-	Barbara Grinder	24-	Sylvia Doughty
7-	Verne Smith	27-	Jane Wile
10-	Marie Duley	29-	Denise Knight
19-	Syliva White	28-	Peggy Shaw

LUMC Mission Statement:

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

FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

I would like to share a story published in an UMCOR mailing I received recently. It's about a person named Rashawn who was helped by the Conference Disaster Response Coordinator for the North Georgia Conference of the UMC.

Last week, Rashawn finally returned home. She is camping out in a single habitable room. A lamp is plugged into the only working electrical socket. But despite the spartan conditions, Rashawn is elated. Outside, dedicated UMCOR-trained teams are busy rebuilding her home. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, these volunteers are cutting away fallen trees and replacing moldy walls with fresh sheetrock. Last September, Rashawn's home near Augusta, Georgia, was destroyed by Hurricane Helene. The deadliest storm to strike the U.S. mainland since Katrina in 2005, Helene caused catastrophic damage and numerous fatalities across the Southeast. UMCOR provided immediate help to many communities in this area and continues to walk alongside survivors in need of long-term recovery assistance. As a cancer survivor with health challenges, Rashawn was underinsured and ineligible for sufficient government assistance. She struggled to find shelter. Together with her 16-year-old son and 19-year-old disabled son, Rashawn bounced between motels, family members' homes, and her car. Then a local church gave Rashawn contact information for Rev. Scott Parrish, who serves as Conference Disaster Response Coordinator for the North Georgia conference of the UMC. Within weeks, Rashawn was assigned a disaster case manager and construction coordinator. Within another few weeks, UMCOR-trained volunteers were at her door. "It doesn't seem real," says Rashawn. "I'm always the one helping and giving. I just never get stuff like this." Rev. Parrish says, "The genius of UMCOR'S strategy is that by assigning survivors a trained disaster case manager, volunteer coordinator, and construction coordinator, we can tackle projects too overwhelming for most sister response groups. We help create order out of chaos."

Note that UMCOR has been working in Georgia to help hurricane victims for a year, and the volunteers will stay until every person in need is helped. UMCOR is also working to help people in Central Texas as they suffer from the devastating loss of life and property. Thanks to a recent Rio Texas Annual Conference solidarity grant, UMCOR continues to provide ongoing humanitarian assistance like debris removal and distribution of relief supplies and more. Please continue to pray for all those impacted by this tragic disaster.

Thank you for all your prayers and monetary support for UMCOR programs. People are being helped, thanks to you.

Sue White Lay Leader

FARWELL TO LUMC

After being treated to two pieces of special music by Barry in worship on August 24th, our community of faith said farewell to Barry and Liz Doyle who will soon be moving to Albion. We have appreciated the many blessings they have added to our church as musicians (both solos for Barry and in the choir for both of them), as lay readers, and with Liz's presence as a creative member of our Worship Committee – in addition to all of the many other ways they have been a special part of our church family – not simply for what they have done but especially because of who they are as persons of deep faith.

Many thanks to Margaret Logan and Sue White who organized our special coffee time, to Jen Morgan for the beautiful bouquet of flowers from her garden, and especially to Ella Mae Packard for the wonderful cake she made and decorated for this farewell.

Thank you all and may God's rich blessings continue to be with you, Liz and Barry!

*Note: Barry's music can be heard by checking out our church Facebook page – Lisbon United Methodist Church – and finding the archived service of worship for August 24.



HOLIDAY FAIR AND SILENT AUCTION

The signs of fall are all around us; kids are returning to school, leaves are turning colors, sweatshirts are being pulled out of dresser drawers for the cooler nights, and pumpkin spice is everywhere! With that being said, it's time to start thinking about our annual Holiday Fair and Silent Auction. In keeping with past years, the dates of the fair/auction will be Nov. 7th and 8th.

To make this another successful fundraiser we need everyone's help. Last year we introduced soups to go which were a big hit. Pies and breads are always great sellers on the baked goods table. Our "recycled Christmas" room has been a great hit, so if you have leftover Christmas decorations that you no longer use, we'd love to have them. Crafts of any kind are needed to fill our craft tables. Themed baskets sell very well. And of course, our very successful silent auction; gift cards of any value or place are always great items to bid on. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please let me know. No auction item will be accepted after Oct. 31st as we need time to prepare the bid sheets.

In the coming weeks, a time will be set aside to gather and work on some crafts. If anyone has any ideas, please share them. We'd love to make this fair/auction our most successful one yet.

Thank you

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September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-Labor Day Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7-Worship in person & virtu- ally w/ Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.	8	9-LACO Board of Directors @ St. Matthew's, 9:00 a.m.	10-Outreach Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m.	11	12	13-Cookout set-up, 10:30 a.m.
14-Worship in person & virtu- ally, 9:30 a.m. Cookout fol- lowing worship	15	16	17	18	19	20
21-Worship in person & virtu- ally, Finance committee, 11:00 a.m.	22	23	24	25	26	27-Dine in/ Take out Bean Supper, 4:30 p.m.
28-Worship in person & virtu- ally, 9:30 a.m. SPRC, 11:00 a.m.	29	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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9:30 a.m.

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Other times available by appointment

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