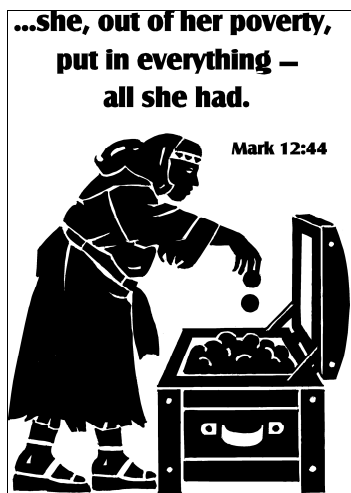


Union Church of Belgrade Lakes

A United Methodist Church

Earnestly seeking to be a people of
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"



Belgrade Lakes, Maine

Lay Leaders: Julie Dana & Nancy Mastromarino

Pianist: May Ye

Holy Communion Stewards:

Frank Sterner/Betty and Ken Weaver

Sunday School Coordinator: Julie Dana

Webmaster: Gary Mahler

Sexton: Ernie Merckens

Pastor: Bill Meyer

Welcome to *Union Church of Belgrade Lakes, a United Methodist Church*. Whether you are a visitor, newcomer, or a part of the family, your presence is a blessing and vital part of our worship together. As we are all Christ's "works in progress," none yet being "perfect (Matt. 5:48)", may our time together be one of mutual respect, nurture, growth, and celebration.

November 8, 2009 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30

AM

(The green color of the altar/pulpit cloths and the pastor's stole is the Church's color for the Sundays after Pentecost (The gift of the Spirit). It is meant to call to heart and mind that this is a season of intentional spiritual growth in Christ.)

A Service of Word (* Please stand as you are

able.)

Entrance

Welcome, Announcements, Centering Silence, Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

The Prayer of the Day

The Children's Moment

*Hymn #557 *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination (In unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

The Psalm Reading: 127 (See insert)

The Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44 (See insert)

The Homily

*An Act of Praise: #2152 (TFWS) *Change My Heart, O God*

The Prayers of the People - We share, we pray in silence, we pray the Lord's Prayer (*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*)

A Stewardship Moment – Patti Kimball

We Gather our Offerings, Pledges and Commitments to God.
(We make a fitting return to God from the rich blessings we have been given.)

Offertory: *The Union Church Choir*

Our Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

***Hymn #408** *The Gift of Love*

***Benediction and Sending Song** (Hymn #2011)

Postlude _____.

Join us in Friendship Hall for some great fellowship and tasty treats!

Special Thanks This Morning to Those Who Serve:

- Our greeters/ushers: *Barbara & Michael Barrett, Don Bridgham.*
- Our fellowship time coordinators: *The Mahlers*
- Our Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by:

*Barbara and Michael Barrett,
in honor of Peter's birthday.*

Sad is the man who has nothing but money.

- Jewish Proverb

Be a part of the future: the Union Church Permanent Endowment

As we grow, we do not know now exactly what the future needs of Union Church will be but we do know where current efforts are focused: love of God, and love of neighbors (Matt. 22:37b-42). To this end, we have established two funds to ensure future ministry financial support:

- Love of God: this fund is dedicated to supporting the growth of Union Church as a spiritual center dedicated to worship, study, and education.
- Love of Neighbor: this fund is dedicated to the growth of Union Church as a community outreach resource (regardless of spiritual practice) to meet our neighbor's basic needs when their efforts or other sources fall short.

Please consider investing in the future of Union Church by making a donation to our Endowment Fund in honor or memory of anyone, any occasion etc. Checks should be made out to Union Church with a memo note regarding which fund you would prefer to invest in. A permanent record of all donations will be kept. For more information contact the church office.

Church Address: 67 Main St. (PO Box 133), Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

Church Phone: 495-3599

Parsonage Phone: 397-4028

Church e-mail: unionch@gwi.net (Internet Service donated by gwi.net)

Website: www.gbgm-umc.org/maine-belgradelakes/index.html

For detailed information on the life and ministry of Union Church visit our website. Here you will find:

- A complete church calendar.
- Current and Past Union Rider Newsletters.
- Information on our Memorial Garden for interment of ashes.
- Links to our United Methodist Conference website for current information, programs and events, and news about the United Methodist Church in general.
- A version of our Sunday Bulletin and Insert for each week.

Sunday School/Christian Education Information

Our Sunday Ministry of Christian Education includes the following:

- Pre-K and 1st Grade (during worship)
- Grades 2-4 (during worship)
- Tweens (during worship)
- Our Adult Education is ever evolving. Check the current bulletin or with the pastor for what's happening currently.

(Note: An equipped nursery is available during worship should you need it. Parents are asked to stay with the child for security reasons. See an usher for assistance. A speaker broadcasting the service is in the room with a volume control for your use.)

11/8/09 – Our ongoing and special prayers for...

All natural disaster victims and those helping * All those volunteering or in the Armed Forces * reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq * Peace and justice between Israel and Palestine, and in the Darfur region of Sudan * Those who suffer chronic pain * Those who travel * God's earth and it's increasing environmental stresses * Those who are spiritually seeking Gary Stevenson * Ron Young * Christine Teichert * Alice Miller * Ellen Brangwayne * Andrew Bursque * Curtis Mullin * Kay Piston * Lydia Johnson * Russell Castle * David Hoyt * Diane Atkins * Ira Bouchard * Amy Counihan * Gary Mahler's Aunt "Pinky" * Elizabeth * Ryan McCarthy * Bernice K. * Kay Martin * Bill Cummings * Steve Hayes * Kenneth Bridgham * Betty Weaver

(If you have a person or concern that you would like included in the printed list, please call the church office)

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, November 15, 2009

1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

Special Notices

(Please Note: In an effort to keep our announcement time to a minimum at Sunday Worship, please use this insert to make all of your church related announcements. Thanks!)

- **A Worship Note:** As prayer concerns regarding the health of others are shared, please try not to go into detail regarding the person's condition and needs so as not to divulge sensitive information. Usually the best thing to share is... "Please remember (name) who is having a great deal of health challenges at this time." Or "(name) is in need of prayers because of some personal circumstances right now."
- **Tuesday** at 7 p.m. the **Trustees** will meet in the rear meeting room. See Bobbie Mahler for details.
- **Wednesday at 7 p.m. is our Annual Charge Conference. Everyone in the church is encouraged to attend.**
- **Thursday** at 11:30 a.m. is our monthly **Friends and Neighbors Lunch.** Soup and sandwiches are on the menu, and there is no charge. Come and join in the great fellowship

- **CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

The Belgrade-Rome Special Needs Food Pantry will be collecting food for Christmas Baskets beginning in November and continuing through Dec. 13th. Please bring your donations to church and place in our shopping cart in Friendship Hall. We need 50 of each of these items: **STUFFING and CANNED YAMS.** Monetary donations may be given to Ken Weaver, Treasurer, or sent to him at P.O. Box 406, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918. Thanks for your continued support of this crucial ministry to your neighbors. Betty Weaver, 397-3406

- **Please** regularly check out the **bulletin boards** in Friendship Hall and the rear hallway for all sorts of Union UMC and Conference happenings, in addition to things Spiritual and Belgrade Lakes Region news.

If you have something for next weeks insert, please call the office or e-mail it to unionch@gwi.net by *Thurs.*

What's Happening This Week at Church

Today: 2 p.m. – AA meeting in FH.

Monday: 7 p.m. - AA Women's group.

Tuesday: 7 p.m. – Trustees; AA meeting in FH.

Wednesday: 7 p.m. – Charge Conference.

Thursday: 11:30 a.m. – Friends and Neighbors Lunch.

Next Sunday: 8 a.m. – Contemplative Worship;

9:30 a.m. – Traditional Sunday Worship with the kid's education program.

Check out our website: (www.gbgm-umc.org/maine-belgradelakes/index.html) for more info. regarding Union and the wider United Methodist Church in New England and beyond.

The pastor's office hours etc. this week: The office will be open Tue., Wed., and Friday from 10 a.m. until noon this week. If these hours don't work for you, give him a call for special hours. The rest of his week looks like this: Tue. aft. he will be making pastoral calls; Wed. aft he will be preparing his sermon for Sunday; Thurs. a.m. he has a clergy mtng. in Winthrop, and in the aft. he will be visiting, and preparing the Sunday worship Service bulletin etc.; Friday aft. he will be making pastoral calls to shut-ins. Sat. he will be doing Charge Conferences in Kingfield and Salem for the District Superintendent.