

Old South Church

United Church of Christ

June 2018 Telstar

A Message from Pastor Linda Hatch

A Psalm of the Shrine of Spring by Edward Hayes

O Spirit of Life,
not that long ago the trees around me
looked like upside down roots
dangling in the wind.
Today it looks like great, green clouds had come
to nest in their longing limbs.

The spring breeze that plays in the branches
is full of the song of birds, recently returned.
As flowers lure bees and insects
by their beauty and perfume,
so am I drawn out-of-doors
to smell and feel your presence.

What cathedral made by human hands
could contain the awesome majesty
of your springtime splendor?
And Bach or Handel would be humbled
by the music of this season's sounds,
blended in harmony by your baton.

O you who delight in children at play,
may I not be ashamed to bow in wonder
as I offer, this day, my prayer and adoration
in your sacred springtime shrine.

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Just as seasons work through to a new and special place, times in
our lives and in our church life work through to a new place.
Interim time serves its purpose and helps people work through to
new openness and renewed ministry. Like spring there is a time to
blossom and come to fullness of growth moving on in God's
purposes.

May we ever remember to thank God for the gifts of spring and of
the times we work through, ever becoming the Body of Christ in
this place moving forward in newness.

Blessings abound in this special time.

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***No matter who you are
or where you are on
life's journey,
you are welcome here.***



Would you like to meet with Rev. Linda? Linda will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday when she doesn't have appointments or meetings. Please feel free to contact Pastor Linda at 356-7573 or email her at Linda@FarmingtonUCC.org

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The church office will be closed May 29-31. Regular office hours will resume June 5-7, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Weekly emails will continue to be sent through the summer months. If you would like to share information via the "This Week at Old South" email, please contact Kate Clark (Kate@FarmingtonUCC.org) by 5:00 pm on the Sunday before the email will go out. If you are not receiving weekly emails from Old South and would like to receive them, please check in with Kate to see if she has your correct email address.

The next Telstar will be the September 2018 issue. The deadline for submissions for the September Telstar is August 10. Articles may be sent to Phyllis Pederson (Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org).



From The Moderator

To everything there is a season (for details, see Ecclesiastes). Old South is now entering into its season of rest and renewal. Some might find it odd that we go relatively dormant during summer, a time when Nature is riotously exuberant. But it's our tradition, and questioning tradition can lead to trouble (for details, see the Gospels).

Although there won't be much in the way of committee meetings between now and September, there will still be activity. The stuff I'm particularly focused on is, of course, the work related to moving the homeless shelter into HMH. An Auburn architect, Bill Hamilton, has visited five times and has almost finished making detailed measurements of all the rooms in the house. (The original blueprints listed no dimensions. They did, however, list the presence of a "billiards room," which immediately made me think of Colonel Mustard with the candlestick.) Bill will soon be meeting with code enforcement authorities to discuss the options, and then with us and with folks from the shelter's board to discuss further and to draw up a code compliance plan. In the meantime, a panel from the shelter and Old South will present the shelter project to local businesses on May 30 and then answer people's questions. My hope is that the shelter will be in HMH well before September. We'll keep you posted.

Actually I wasn't quite truthful about the lack of committee meetings: the Pastoral Search Committee will be considering potential settled pastors on our behalf. Think kindly of the committee members during your carefree summer hours.

I'm also aware that there will be some activities for children and youth this summer, including a four-day Vacation Bible School. I'm reminded of this because I'm writing these words on Children's Sunday, and viewing this morning's slide presentations showing all of the kids' activities – or rather, ministries – gave me a powerful sense that here is a perfect distillation of Christianity. I'm hopeful for the Church's future with such young people, and grateful that we have dedicated adults to guide them.

I hope you find time to relax, recuperate, rejuvenate, and rejoice this summer. For myself it's been a hectic five months, so I'm hoping to hike, to kayak, and to do some utterly unproductive lounging on my front porch, with the excuse that God mandates a Sabbath (for details, see Genesis).

Chris Magri



From the Treasurer

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Things are moving forward with the Capital Campaign and by the time you read this, all of the accessibility updates should be completed. That being said, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to our Property Trustees for all of their hard work. They give their time and energy to make sure our church is warm in the winter and that all of the maintenance is up to speed. Thank you all so much!!

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. There will be many things in the works around Old South in the coming months with our search for settled pastor and our rental agreement with the homeless shelter. Please know that all of those involved will do their best to keep everyone up to speed as things unfold.

As of May 21, our current income is \$105,286 and our expenses are \$90,855. Keep in mind that we receive investment income quarterly now instead of monthly. Our account receives distributions in January, April, July, and October.

The following is a summary of our investment accounts for the 1st Quarter of 2018:

	Market Value 12/31/2017	Withdrawals by Old South*	Q1 2018 Income Reinvested	Market Value 3/31/2018
Endowment	\$1,039,570.05	-\$10,591.06	\$11,847.32	\$1,010,994.85
Holman Trust	\$312,970.22	-\$3,038.09	\$3,566.72	\$304,517.87

*Please note: 1st Quarter withdrawals differed from our standard withdrawal because the Maine UCC Funds mailed us our earned income for 4th Quarter 2017 rather than reinvesting. These amounts were applied against our regular quarterly withdrawal amounts of \$14,777.55 (Endowment) and \$4,298.46 (Holman Trust). For June 30th and September 30th, our withdrawals will be the standard amounts. In December 2018, we will withdraw our new amount for 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Adams
Treasurer



Financial Trustees

We are just shy of our stewardship goal for 2018. To date we have pledges in the amount of \$118,984. Our goal was \$120,000. If you have not submitted your pledge for this year, we will be very happy to receive it as soon as possible. Pledge cards can be found on a table in the Narthex. Please help yourself and thank you.

Our second financial issue is the capital campaign. We are now in the second year of the campaign and will be working on our next project which is the brickwork on the north face of the church. This work cannot be done until we have the funds to proceed. The Property Trustees are in the process of finalizing the cost for this project. Currently, \$128,400 has been pledged and \$80,365 given. Please submit your second-year campaign pledge amount as soon as possible so that we are able to begin this second project. Thank you for helping in this endeavor to "Uplift Faith and Preserve the Future".

Respectively submitted,

Marilyn Hylan, Ed David, Shirley Waddell, Chris Magri, Amanda Adams, Brenda Scribner, Barb Fortier



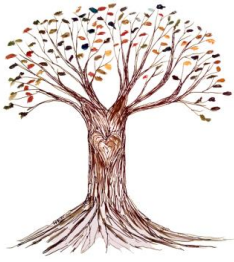
Deacons' Corner

SPRING!

There are some small trees that grow along the side of my road which are beautiful in the late fall and early spring. While almost all the other trees are bare-limbed, these keep their leaves all winter long. In the sparseness of the cold season, the leaves are bleached and paper-thin. They rattle in the wind and catch the sunlight.

The leaves hang on tight right into the spring time, even as the trees begin to bud. On a recent walk, I stopped to see how the buds were coming along and I noticed that, suddenly, the old leaves were all gone! I'm not sure why these trees keep their old leaves all winter and shed them only when the leaf buds appear, but it seems likely that it's all part of a plan.

Witnessing this seasonal cycle reminded me of a course of events that has unfolded in the Diaconate this spring.



Deacons' Corner continued

Ever since I joined the Diaconate in 2014, we have been talking about how we can "tweek" the "flocks" to make them easier to work with and more responsive to the needs of the congregation. They were first established as a way of helping Old South parishioners know that they were connected to and cared for by the church. Each parishioner was assigned to a deacon who served as a contact person and a source of assistance during times of need. The "flocks" worked well for a while, but, in recent years, the real-life application of this idea has become more challenging. Over time, the size of Old South's extended family has continued to grow and the Diaconate has shrunk. Currently, each deacon has 15-19 people in his/her deacon group (our new name for the "flock"). If you haven't been hearing from your deacon lately, that's why: the deacon groups have simply become too large to keep up with!

After numerous discussions and no clear answers about how we might fix this problem, Pastor Linda encouraged us to put the deacon groups on hold for now. She suggested that, when faced with a complex issue, sometimes one just has to go back to the beginning and start anew, to let go of the old so that the new buds can begin to grow.

That is what we have decided to do. For the near future, instead of deacon groups, the deacons will respond collectively to concerns and needs in the congregation. We still want to hear from you! Please contact any deacon, they will communicate your request or comment to the Diaconate as a whole and we will respond to you. If you have a concern that you would like to keep confidential, please talk to me as the Diaconate chairperson. We are no less committed to serving our church family in any way that we can!

Just like the budding trees, our church has travelled across the seasons and we are now on the brink of a new time: the arrival of our next settled pastor. Who knows what new growth this next season will bring to our life together as a church family? One thing is for sure: the old and the new are all part of the plan!

May God bless us each and every one!

Shelley Griffith



News and Upcoming Events



**DON'T
FORGET...**

Committee and Group Meetings

Deacons' Meeting	Sunday, June 10, Matthew Room at 11:00 am
Executive Council	Wednesday, June 6, HMH at 6:00 pm
Financial Trustees	Tuesday, June 12, HMH at 5:30 pm
Outreach, Justice, Witness	Tuesday, June 19, Matthew Room at 6:30 pm
Property Trustees	Tuesday, June 19, HMH at 6:00 pm



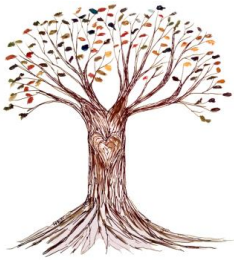
Plant sale donations will be accepted through the morning of first day of the sale, June 1. If you are able, please label your plants and let us know if it is a full sun, partial sun, or shade loving plant. The yard sale and plant sale are scheduled for June 1-2. Thank you to everyone for your donations and your help.

Retirees Lunch: June 4

Please join Dick and Lynda Giard for the Retirees Lunch at Noon on June 4. This gathering will feature the annual cookout before the summer break. Bring a dish to share if you would like. For more information, contact Dick Giard at 897-6228.

Old South Women's Retreat

We have reserved the Marie Joseph Spiritual Retreat Center in Biddeford Pool for the 2018 Women's Retreat Saturday, August 25 – Monday, August 27 (Saturday afternoon through Monday mid-day). The retreaters in 2017 loved this beautiful, seaside facility, and we look forward to being there again. You can check it out at www.mariejosephspiritual.org. The cost for the retreat is \$240. Reserve your space today with a deposit of \$35. Confidential scholarship assistance and payment plans are available now through the church office. Payments may be made on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis in varying amounts. Please contact Phyllis (Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org or 778-0424) as soon as possible to make arrangements.



News & Upcoming Events

Scotland's Tannahill Weavers Celebrate 50 Years



Old South Church Concert Series presents one of Scotland's premier traditional bands on Thursday, June 7th. Doors open at 6 pm. Jam session begins at 6:15 with concert to follow at 7 pm. Admission: Adults \$20, Students \$10/\$5. Students playing in the jam session receive free admission to the concert. Refreshments available by donation during the jam session and intermission. Old South's portion of the admission will go to fund Capital Campaign projects. Ticket reservations are highly recommended by calling Debbie Davis-Robinson at 207-491-5919. If you are interested in being a concert volunteer or donating refreshments for the jam session and intermission contact Debbie, Brenda Scribner 207-299-3686, or Hallie Yorks at 778-0111.

Like the Old South Church Concert Series on FaceBook. E-mail oldsouthchurchconcerts@gmail.com to subscribe to the newsletter regarding upcoming concerts and information about the performers with links to sound clips, music and YouTube videos.

Thank you to sponsors for this concert: Saddleback Ridge Wind, Allied Physical Therapy and Falls Veterinary Clinic.



News & Upcoming Events



Strawberry Shortcake –A Berry Good Tradition

Since the Pierce House celebrated its grand 100-year anniversary in 2005, it has been the tradition for Old South First Congregational Church to serve up strawberry shortcake there on July 4th. Most years, volunteers from Old South pick the berries fresh from David and Verna Pike's farm on the Whittier Road. Volunteer pickers gather in the morning and harvest the red ripe berries. Boxes of picked berries are then transported to the Old South kitchen where another group of volunteers wash, hull and mash the strawberries adding just the right amount of sugar. Each year the Pikes have supported the annual strawberry shortcake event by donating a generous portion of the cost of the berries.

Early on the morning of the 4th, approximately 300 biscuits are baked in the church's kitchen. Once the biscuits are baked, all the ingredients and supplies are taken to the Pierce House and the serving area is set up under a tent on the Pierce House front lawn. Each year there is someone wanting their shortcake before the setup is complete! Volunteers staff the assembly line, making each shortcake as perfect as possible with a fresh baked biscuit, a generous scoop of Pikes' locally grown fresh strawberries and a generous squirt of whipped cream. Serving begins at 10:30 am and goes until 12:30 pm, or until the berries, or biscuits, run out before then. The cost for a serving will remain the same as last year at \$4.00 each. Proceeds from the sale of the strawberries will benefit community service, outreach, youth programs and ongoing Capital Campaign projects. FMI-207-778-0424



News & Upcoming Events



Pie On the Porch

July 28, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Enjoy a piece of fresh-home baked pie or strawberry shortcake with a cold beverage at the family friendly Pie On the Porch during the downtown Farmington's Summer Fest on Saturday, July 28, from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Holman Mission House located at 227 Main Street, Farmington next door to the Old South Church.

The cost is \$4.00 per person with vanilla ice cream added for an additional 50 cents.

A terrific lineup of local musical talent will begin at 1:00 pm emceed by Christine Poulson. Proceeds will benefit the Old South Church Capital Campaign projects.



Mission & Outreach

Outreach, Justice and Witness will be meeting in the Matthew Room at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 19. This is an open ministry with no fixed membership, and we encourage you to stop in, see what plans are in action and help us to serve God's people both locally and globally.



Food Closet Item of the Month: Canned tuna, canned beans, crackers

Your donations of these items and other nonperishable food and toiletry items are welcome. You may bring items to the church, and donations will be delivered to Care and Share. Thank you for your continuing support of Care and Share Food Cupboard.

Fair Trade Coffee Ordering

Old South members and friends may join in the group ordering of fair-trade certified, wholesale coffee, tea, and food items from Equal Exchange. Orders should be submitted to the coordinator, Myrna Vallette, by the next deadline: 6 pm Sunday, June 3.

Order dates during the summer have not been scheduled yet. If you would like to be notified about these dates, Myrna will be happy to add your name to her email distribution list.

Call Myrna at 778-4387, or send her an email (myrna.vallette@gmail.com), to order or to get more information.



Wheelchairs and Volunteers for Annie's Beanpole

Wheelchairs are one of the most requested items from Annie's Beanpole. If you know of one that may be available for donation to this medical equipment lending ministry, please contact Randy Oakley (roakley@roadrunner.com). This ministry is an active one at Old South. Calls are received through the church phone, and volunteers arrange to meet people at HMH to distribute goods. We try to arrange two volunteer shifts per month (1st half of the month and the 2nd half) and rotate among the group as personal schedules allow. We find that it is very rewarding to know that you have been able to respond to sincere and great need in our community and beyond. If you are interested in helping with this ministry (no medical training required!), please contact Randy Oakley at roakley@roadrunner.com



Mission & Outreach

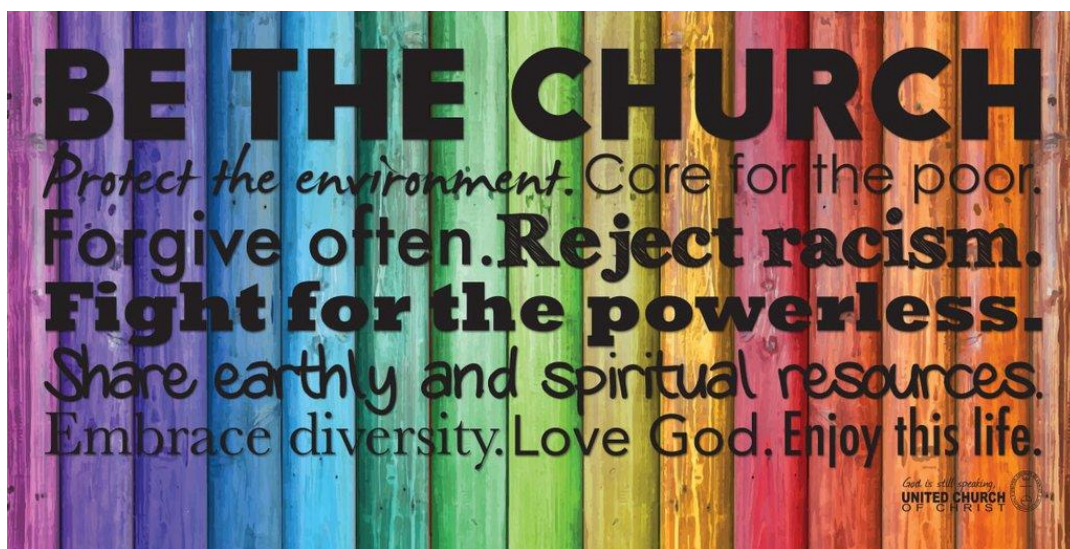


Prayer Shawls are for Giving

Old South has been blessed with an abundance of prayer shawls! If you know of someone who might find comfort by receiving a blessed shawl, lap blanket or throw, please talk to either Phyllis Pederson or Myrna Vallette. They will be happy to help you pick one out.

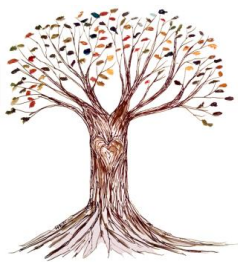
Many thanks go to those who were busy knitting or crocheting prayer shawls during the fall and winter months. Although summer usually means that knitting/crocheting activity slows down, please remember that any and all newly made shawls are always appreciated.

Contact the coordinator of the Old South Prayer Shawl Ministry, Myrna Vallette (778-4387, myrna.vallette@gmail.com), for more information, patterns, and maybe even some yarn.



Strengthen the Church Special United Church of Christ Mission Offering

Thank you for your contributions for the Strengthen the Church offering received on May 20. This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of United Church of Christ local congregations and helps the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. To date, Old South has received \$133 for this offering.



Mission & Outreach



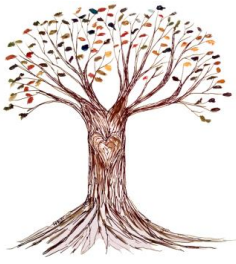
Community Lunch

For the first time in our 15-year history, we decided to move the May Community Lunch from its normal 2nd Saturday to the 1st Saturday. We made this move because UMF graduation is always on the 2nd Saturday of May, and it is always hard to compete with their traffic for parking, etc. However, our attendance for the May lunch was lighter than normal, possibly due to the switch in dates. We will have to think more about this as we go forward.

A HUGE thank you goes out to Amanda Adams and Mary Sinclair who spent Friday night at the church cooking the pork shoulders to make the pulled pork. We put the meat in the ovens at around 5:30 on Friday night and by early Saturday morning everything was done. AND IT WAS DELICIOUS!! So it's likely that pulled pork sandwiches will become a regular part of our menu offerings during the year.

The June Community Lunch will be held on June 9th, and the menu will be our traditional "year-end cookout" featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, and Italian sausages with peppers and onions. That will be the last of our meals for this program year, and we will start up again in September.

Stan Wheeler,
Rocell Marcellino, Co-chairs



Fundraising

Fundraising Table Request

Recent scheduling changes have made it necessary for Megan to be away from the Fundraising Table on Sunday mornings. Are you available to help staff this table for an occasional Sunday? If so, please contact Brenda Scribner at 299-3686. Thank you!

Ongoing Fundraising Programs



Hannaford and Merchant Gift Cards

Hannaford cards and merchant gift cards may be purchased on Sundays before Church and during coffee hour and at the church office during office hours. Check out the selection of ready to use gift cards of local, regional and on-line merchants at the Fundraising Committee Table or in the church office!



Do you shop at Amazon?

Be sure to do your shopping through Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate .5% of your total to Old South. There's no cost to you and once you choose Old South as your charity, there's nothing else you need to do. You can go to smile.amazon.com and click select on First Congregational of Farmington. Thank you to those of you who have been utilizing this giving method already!

For information about additional Fundraising Activities, please see the News and Events pages!

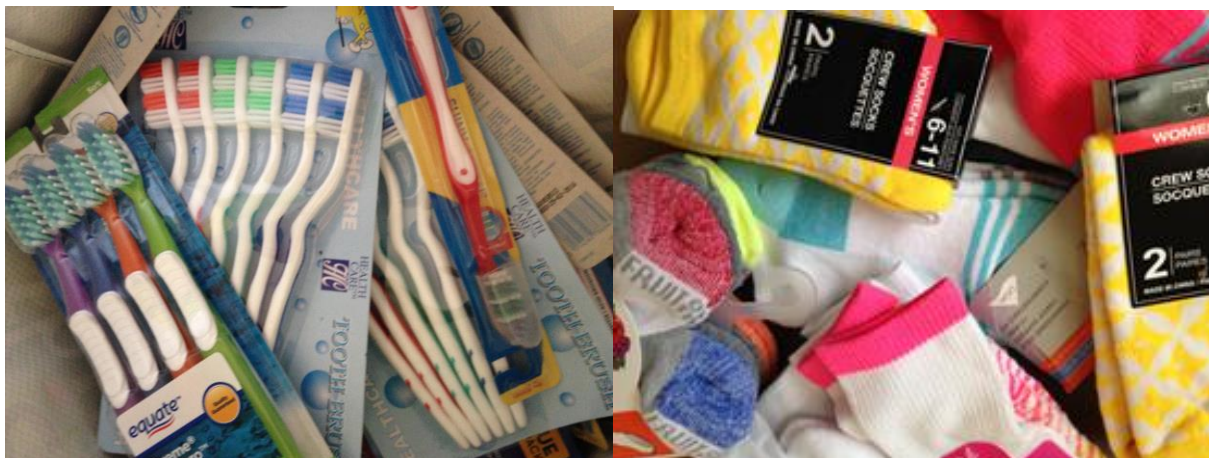


Christian Ed



Activities and Fun for Children and Youth

Great news! Our Christian Ed team will be offering Children's Activities during the worship service through June 17. In addition, we invite children entering grades K through 5 to a fun-filled Vacation Bible School program, August 20 - 23, from 9:00 am to 11:300 am. And, we're gearing up for TWO great "mini" retreats at Clearwater Lake this summer--one for students in grades 6 - 8, and another for students in grades 9 - 12. Both events will be a mix of mission work, good conversation, silly games, and (of course!) time to swim in the pristine lake. Watch your email and Facebook--we'll be scheduling these soon!



Youth Sunday's Toiletries Drive--Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our new Sunday School mission project to collect items requested by local school nurses. We collected a variety of items that nurses could discreetly provide to students in need, especially as children and teens prepare for summer vacation. Items included bottles of shampoo and conditioner (32 bottles), bars of soap (190 bars), brushes and combs (nearly 200), deodorant (75), socks (more than 200), and dental care items (18 tubes of toothpaste, 27 toothbrushes). We also had very generous donations of travel-size items. In addition, Arin Hilton coordinated with United Way to obtain 329 pairs of underwear! All items will be brought directly to the local schools.



Christian Ed



On Pentecost Sunday, May 20, we joyfully welcomed five teens into the life and membership of Old South Church:

Zack Gunther (Sponsor: Frank Giampietro)
 Henry Hilton (Sponsor: Carl Backman)
 Grace Maybury McIntosh (Sponsor: Eric McIntosh)
 Ethan Maybury McIntosh (Sponsor: Eric McIntosh)
 Clayton McCarthy (Sponsor: Stan Wheeler)



Instead of writing traditional Statements of Faith, the Confirmation Discussion Group created this combined piece of art. Each Confirmand and Sponsor used poetry, Biblical verses, paint, found images, and other elements to decorate one block; the blocks were then assembled into a circle, with a cross at the center. Special thanks to Anna Cushing, Eric Gunther, and Rev. Linda for their direction and assistance in this project.



Children & Youth



Double the fun: TWO Mini Retreats at Clearwater Lake

It wouldn't really be summer without the annual "Mini Retreat" at Clearwater Lake--but this year, we're doubling the fun by offering two one-day retreats: one for high schoolers (grades 9 - recent grads), and one for our Jr. Youth Group (grades 5 - 9). Both events will feature an afternoon and evening of swimming, games, food, swimming, hiking, swimming, food, swimming (and yes, those repeats are intentional!) Plus, of course, we'll have time for quiet spiritual reflection, too. We'll welcome special guest speakers, and conclude with a great movie under the stars. Plus, we'll do a bit o' constructive mission work. Both events will be held at Jodie's camp. Watch your mailbox for the invitation--the date & time will be announced soon.



Children & Youth



Sunday School Summer Event

Mark your calendars for four days of fun, games, and Bible stories-- Monday, August 20 through Thursday, August 23, 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

All kids entering grades K through 5 are warmly invited. Bring a friend... or two!

Christmas in July...sort of! Cleaning out your closets or basement? Do you have extra toys, books, CDs or DVDs, or baby equipment items? Please consider donating them to the Youth Group's 2nd annual "Thrifty Santa Toy Sale." This mission project is doubly effective--it makes good-quality toys available at very low prices during the holiday season, and it also raises money for Coat & Cupboard. And, of course, we accept warm outerwear for Coat & Cupboard year-round at our donation boxes (in the Vestry and also by the medical equipment lending program door). Thank you for helping us to help others!



For more information about youth programming, please contact the Director of Children and Youth Ministries at Old South, Jodie Gunther. Jodie's email address is: Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org



Worship & Music



Revised Common Lectionary

The Revised Common Lectionary is a list of Bible passages followed by the majority of mainline Christian churches, including the United Church of Christ. Pastor Linda will be following the Revised Common Lectionary each week. You will find the lectionary readings below for May.

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 3, 2018	<u>1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)</u> <u>Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18</u>	<u>Deuteronomy 5:12-15</u> <u>Psalms 81:1-10</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 4:5-12</u>	<u>Mark 2:23-3:6</u>
Third Sunday after Pentecost June 10, 2018	<u>1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)</u> <u>Psalms 138</u>	<u>Genesis 3:8-15</u> <u>Psalms 130</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1</u>	<u>Mark 3:20-35</u>
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 17, 2018	<u>1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13</u> <u>Psalms 20</u>	<u>Ezekiel 17:22-24</u> <u>Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17</u>	<u>Mark 4:26-34</u>
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 24, 2018	<u>1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49</u> <u>Psalms 9:9-20</u> or <u>1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16</u> <u>Psalms 133</u>	<u>Job 38:1-11</u> <u>Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 6:1-13</u>	<u>Mark 4:35-41</u>

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Music and Worship



Special Music for the Summer

Our wonderful choir will take a well-deserved break for the summer beginning June 17. If you are interested in providing special music on a Sunday between June 17 and September 2, please sign up on the sheet posted in the Vestry or call Phyllis in the church office (778-0424) to find out about open Sundays!



The Maine Conference and the United Church of Christ



Pilgrim Lodge Summer Camp Registration

There are camps with openings. If you would like to know more about the Maine Conference Outdoor Ministry Summer Camps, please check:

<https://www.pilgrimlodge.org/>

Maine Conference Annual Meeting Dates Set



"The Holy Spirit is moving Maine and we have Stories of Love to share!"

The Maine Conference UCC Annual Meeting is October 26-27. The theme of this year's meeting is "Spirit – Stories – Love!" If you would like to know more about the Maine Conference, please check out their website at www.maineucc.org or speak with Rev. Linda.



Would you like to learn more about the United Church of Christ? Please check the United Church of Christ website for more information about our denomination:

<http://www.ucc.org> On this site, you may sign up for "Weekly Seeds" a reflection based on the Revised Common Lectionary readings for each Sunday of the year. There is also a link to an electronic daily devotional called, "The StillSpeaking Daily Devotional."



Get Connected

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WORSHIP: 9:30 AM SUNDAYS

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Old South Statement of Identity

"In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one..."

(Galatians 3:28)

Walking toward God, we, the members of (Old South) First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Farmington, Maine, seek through God's Grace to be a congregation that includes all persons who desire to live God's Love, as shown to us through the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. We respect and embrace differences of gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identification, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background. We welcome all to share fully in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We are an open and affirming church: open to all, and affirming of all God's beloved children. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Yard and Plant Sale (Holman Mission House grounds)	2 Yard and Plant Sale (Holman Mission House grounds)
3 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary)	4 12:00pm Retirees Lunch Cookout (Old South Church) 5:30pm Search Committee (Matthew Room) 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	5 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	6 6:00pm Executive Council (Holman Mission House) 7:00pm Choir (Matthew Room)	7 2:00pm Just Friends (Chapel) 7:00pm Tannahil Weavers 50th Anniversary Concert (Sanctuary)	8 1:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room)	9 12:00pm Community Lunch (Vestry)
10 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 11:00am Deacons' Meeting (Matthew Room)	11 5:30pm Search Committee (Matthew Room) 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	12 5:30pm Financial Trustees (HMH Meeting Room) 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	13	14	15	16
17 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary)	18 5:30pm Search Committee (Matthew Room) 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	19 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 6:00pm Property Trustees (HMH Meeting Room) 6:30pm Outreach, Justice, Witness (Chapel)	20 7:00pm LinQ/LGBTQ Support Group (Chapel)	21	22 1:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room)	23
24 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room)	25 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	26 5:30pm Search Committee (Matthew Room) 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	27	28	29	30