



***“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophets reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”***

*(Matthew 10:40-42)*

These verses, which come at the end of the Jesus' missionary discourse in Matthew's Gospel (10: 5-42), may seem strange, and even fanatical to some Christians. This discourse of Jesus may seem to be otherworldly with its talk of witness, persecution, poverty, and martyrdom. To the extent it seems alien to some, in truth it is a call to reexamine our individual versions of Christianity and to ask whether we have remade the Christian faith to fit our own tastes and feelings. The call to a life of mission is not directed to the Twelve Apostles only. For Matthew, all disciples of Jesus, including each of us, are Apostles; all are called to participate in our Lord's mission in the world.

## Pastor's Nathan's Video Message.



In this week's message, Pastor Nathan reflects on what it means to be truly valued in God's eyes. Drawing from the story of David's anointing and the teachings of Scripture, he reminds us that God does not judge by appearance, status, power, or prestige. Instead, God looks at the heart. For anyone who has ever felt overlooked, unimportant, or not good enough, this message offers encouragement and hope: God often works through those the world least expects and sees worth and purpose in every person. Together, we'll explore who is truly king in our lives and what God considers most important.

[TO LISTEN TO PASTOR NATHAN'S VIDEO CHOICE, CLICK HERE](#)

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### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

For this distribution week the pantry needs Ramen soups, canned tomato and chicken noodle soups, Vienna sausages, and pudding cups. As always, your contributions are so very much appreciated.

Come and see the smiles of gratitude, 4 p.m., Saturday, June 20!

Best wishes.

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### **Finding Peace in Times of Change**

Change seems to be a constant part of life. Technology changes, communities change, churches change, and even our personal circumstances can shift unexpectedly. While change can sometimes feel uncomfortable or overwhelming, it can also be an opportunity for growth and renewal.

As people of faith, we are reminded that while many things around us may change, God's love and presence remain constant. When facing uncertainty, we can trust that God walks beside us, guiding us one step at a time.

Rather than fearing change, may we approach it with open hearts, patience, and confidence that God is at work, even when we cannot yet see the full picture.



## Dear Church Family,

We have some wonderful news to share about our online services! Thanks to a generous donation from Wil and Jan Whitney & Family, we've been able to invest in new camera equipment to enhance the quality of our broadcasts.

As part of this upgrade, we're also making a change to improve your viewing experience.

Starting this Sunday, our live stream will move to YouTube.com. This platform will allow us to reach a wider audience, as YouTube does not require an account to view our services, and it's a more widely used platform.

We believe this will help us share God's word with even more people!

For those who prefer Facebook, don't worry, we'll still post a non-live version of the service there later in the day or by Monday.

We are also planning to release shorter clips later in the week that focus on a single part of each service like the sermon or reading.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve our technology. We're excited about this new chapter and can't wait to worship with you, whether in person or online!

We will email the link to the YouTube live site out later this week, and it will be posted on the church's Facebook page every Sunday right before the start of the service.

Blessings,

*Sheldon Hussiere*

***And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.'*** (NRSVUE)

## Preserving Our Steeple for Future Generations



**You may have noticed some activity around the church this week as work continues on the restoration and reconditioning of our steeple. The steeple has faithfully stood as a landmark in our community for generations, and we are grateful to be able to preserve it for years to come.**

**These photos show the lift in place as crews carefully inspect, repair, and restore areas of the steeple. Projects like this help protect our historic church building while ensuring it remains a welcoming and beautiful place of worship.**

**Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and generosity as we care for this treasured house of God. We look forward to sharing more updates as the work progresses!**

***They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations."***  
***Isaiah 61:4 (NRSVUE)***



## They keep coming!

On Sunday, June 14, 2026 there were 2 young men arriving as singles. Jeff walked from Hospital Street on the West Side. It was very hot and he was dehydrated, and we got him some water right away.

Nick walked from Crosby Street just across Bridge St and up the hill behind the church. When they arrived, I was able to talk with each one briefly to get contact information, so they can start getting our newsletter. After Church, Nick stayed to talk and have refreshment. As he was leaving, I asked him what brought him to Church. He said he is looking for a Church because of life events. We talked privately for a few minutes. I told him how my faith works and encouraged him to follow Jesus, just like I do. I told him how South Parish can be his place for constant refuge during his rollercoaster ride of life. We can all pray that Nick and Jeff find help in Jesus. They will receive our news letters and welcoming phone calls.

Did you notice how nice it was to hear a baby's voice in church last Sunday? Maculada and her baby came back and that is why. When I welcomed them, I could tell she was much more at ease by the warm smile on her face. Many of us are enjoying busy summer days with vacations, camping, family visits and warm weather. Anyone with the resources and ability to get out and go knows this is the time they need to do that, because summer is short. Perhaps this is the right time to bring someone to Church. You will know when the opportunity appears in front of you.

***"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (NRSVUE)***



CE has financial assistance to help pay for tuition. If anyone is interested, contact Shannon or Kathy for information on scholarships.



Registration for the 2026 camp season is open!

[Register here!](#)

[The 2026 Schedule is available here](#)

We have discounts and scholarships! Whether you bring a friend for the first time or need support with the cost of camp, we have many options.

[Scholarships and Discounts](#)

<https://www.pilgrimlodge.org/summer-camp/register-for-camp/>



Pilgrim Lodge, owned and operated by the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ, is a seasonal retreat center and summer camp located on Lake Cobbosseecontee in West Gardiner, Maine. During the summer months Pilgrim Lodge is the central location for the youth ministry program of the Maine Conference. The program also includes trip camps at other locations and weekend events for adults.

Here at Pilgrim Lodge we focus on living with each other faithfully in community, learn to be ourselves, to let others be themselves, and together, grow as Christians.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Monthly Meetings & Events

- **Trustees Meeting** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday - 6PM
- **Council Meeting** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 6PM
- **Green St. UMC Members Meeting** 6PM
- **Deacon's Meeting** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 11:30AM
- **Pet Pantry** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - 9AM

### Weekly Meetings & Events

- **Bible Study** - Tuesdays - 5PM
- **Sunday Service** - Green St. UMC - 9AM
- **Sunday Service** - SPCC - 10:00AM
- **AA Meetings** - Mon thru Friday 12PM & 7PM
- **Men's Breakfast** - Thurs - 6:30AM
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- **Community Meals** - Sat 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> - 4PM - 5:30PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>June 2026</b>	1 12pm - AA MTG 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	2 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 6pm Trustees Mtg	3 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm Green St 5pm AL-ANON	4 6:30am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - AA Mtg	5 12pm - AA Meeting	6 4:30pm - Community Meals 12Pm - 4:30pm Dirigo Braiders Guild Meeting
7 9am Green St. 10am SPCC UCC	8 12pm - AA MTG 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	9 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm Bible Study	10 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm Green St 5pm AL-ANON	11 6:30am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - AA Mtg 6:30 Swing Dance Lesson Last Day of Nursery School	12 12pm - AA Meeting	13 9am - Pet Pantry 12Pm - 4:30pm Dirigo Braiders Guild 4:30 Community Meals 7pm AA Mtg
14 9am Green St. 10am SPCC UCC Green St. Come as you are café 1-4PM	15 12pm - AA MTG 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	16 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 6m Council Mtg	17 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm Green St 5pm AL-ANON UCLCA 10AM TO 2PM	18 6:30am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - AA Mtg	19 12pm - AA Meeting	20 12Pm - 4:30pm Dirigo Braiders Guild 4:30pm - Community Meals 7pm - AA Mtg
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28 9am Green St. 10am SPCC UCC Deacon's Meeting - After Sunday Service	29 12pm - AA MTG 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	30 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm Bible Study				