



Waterford Congregational Church, UCC

2017
June/July
Worship and Church School
9:30 a.m.

From the Pastor:

It is amazing how many people know about Waterford, Maine!
Two weeks ago I stopped at a small thrift shop in downtown Gardiner, Maine. As I was browsing, I overheard one of the other customers mention that she also lives in Falmouth. As we chatted, she happily recalled visiting Waterford several times as a young girl. She remembered "...swimming in the lake next to the church". It has happened several times and in the most unlikely places that whenever I have mentioned Waterford, people always have a fond memory of this beautiful village.

Some of you have probably used the Internet's "Trip Advisor" to plan your adventures. Last week, I was shocked to discover NO-attractions listed for Waterford. That is unacceptable! Here are just a few of the fun things to do this summer in Waterford.



#1 Pancake breakfast at the Wilkins House from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m., served this summer on July 4th & 19th, August 2nd & 16th

Get there early or be prepared to wait. It is worth it! Generous portions of eggs, pancakes, choice of sausage or bacon, bottomless cup of coffee, homemade muffins, donuts and juice.

#2 Awesome Rummage sale in the basement of the Wilkins House

The book selection is IMPRESSIVE!!!!

#3 Every Monday from 2 - 5 p.m., there is a Farmer's Market on Waterford Common!

Well, only in the summer! And the breads are fabulous! Not to mention that wonderful Bison meat... be first to get eggs. They are so fresh, its almost like reaching under the chicken...

#4 Mount Tire'm hike

Only a mile and a half round-trip! AND the hike is suitable for families with small children. There is no fee and no bathroom. Great for bird watching! The view is tireless!

#5 Swimming in one of the many water holes including: Bear, McWain, Duck, Island, Papoose, Little Moose & Bog Ponds and Keoka Lake!

This is an awesome warm day activity, and somebody might offer you a boat ride.

#6 Coffee hour at the library every Friday morning

Come and have a cup of coffee and be prepared to enjoy light banter about the world at large.

#7 Waterford Congregational church service every Sunday at 9:30

Attended by loving and fun people of all ages. Music provided! ...and parking FREE!!

There are lots of things to do in this village and if you have only one hour to spare, come on Sundays to our church service at 15 Plummer Hill Road. It is really the best deal in town!!

Happy summer to all of you and please feel free to add to the Waterford "Trip Advisor"

Blessings and Peace, Rev. Petra Smyth

Letter from the Moderator

As I sit in my motel room in Ellsworth looking at the fog rolling in, I truly wonder where the heck spring is this year. I can tell you that there has been plenty of “Spring” activity in the Council and Church.

The Trustees organized the annual Spring-cleaning, which I am sure John will speak to in his article. The church sparkled inside and out. Come to think of it, that was one of the warm days we have had.

Sadly, I have to report that the plans for providing summer lunches for Waterford children have been put on hold for this year. We were counting on a consistent number of children from Waterford Rec. When that program folded, we found ourselves with no sure numbers to count on, making planning very difficult. We did learn a lot from the experience and will be starting the planning process earlier next year to be sure this very important service is provided to our community.

For fun you can't beat this congregation. The trip to Portland for a boat tour of the lighthouses and islands was a big hit. I think Myra counted 21 congregants that took part. The delicious meal at DeMillo's was a wonderful end to a great day.

Just so folks don't forget, we are still working on our long-range plan. The Long Range Plan team is pulling the information together that you all supplied during our conversations this past fall. The Council will be having a work session in July with a facilitator, Doug Bate, who helped us to design the questions we asked all of you. He will now help the Council use that information to develop a draft plan to share with you. I anticipate that work session will be an exciting afternoon.

In this issue of the newsletter is an article from Ralph McKinnon, our treasurer. He describes the work the Finance Committee has done to prepare for his retirement from this position. The reason for this early planning is to show all of you in the church that we, the Finance Committee and the Church Council by extension, are doing everything we can to have the duties and responsibilities of this position crystal clear. We will have a much fuller understanding of the duties and will be available to support the person who will become the new Treasurer in January 2018.

Now is not too early to alert us to your interest in this position. As we learn about the interest of the possible candidates, we can help that person understand this position in the Church Council.

This is the point in this paragraph where I put on my “Uncle Sam” suit and point at ‘you’ saying, “I want YOU to step up and consider being our Treasurer, for the good of our church!” Please contact Ralph with your interest and questions.

Finally, we must say a sad farewell to a steadfast member of our church, Lois Grigg. She will be greatly missed throughout the fabric of the church community and Waterford as a whole. Sleep well Lois. May God always watch over you. --Peace to all, Al Struck

From the Treasurer...

We've been busy! "We" meaning the Finance Committee and the Treasurer. Preparation for the updating, staffing, and, in general, restructuring of the Finance Committee is well under way. After the necessary approvals are secured, we will have a Finance Committee that can effectively share, along with the treasurer, in the role of managing the church's financial responsibilities. This should be welcomed help for the next treasurer as it can allow for a smooth transition.



On the subject of transition I invite all that might be interested in being a candidate for the treasurer's position to see what is involved on a daily basis. It's probably about the same as running your household accounts. Starting ten years ago I had an adding machine and very little structure to work with. Now we have Excel and structure. Financially, we know where we are and can usually see where we should be going. But the best thing this treasurer had was a very responsive, and dependable, congregation to work with. --Ralph MacKinnon, Treasurer



Garden 2007



Garden today



From the Trustees

The trustees sincerely thank the people that helped with the spring cleaning of the church grounds and the inside of the building. It is appreciated by the trustees and all the church members.

The next project that the trustees are going to tackle is the garden at the back of the church. Jane Traill, a trustee of the library and a master gardener, has volunteered to help us with this project. She has been able to obtain free top soil (I am sure Ralph is pleased) that we will use to reduce the size of the garden and plant grass in this area. The garden will run between the bench and the monument.

-- For the trustees, John Wait



Stella Sunshine Calendar of Events

June

- 1st - 9:30 a.m., CAC Meeting
- 4th - Pentecost Sunday and Communion
- 17th - 9 a.m., Wilkins House Clean-up
- 18th - Father's Day



Wilkins House Yard Sales

June 17th ~ 8-12

July 4th ~ 7:30-12

July 15th ~ 8-12

July 19th ~ 7:30-12

August 2nd ~ 7:30-12

August 16th ~ 7:30-12

August 26th ~ 8-12

September 16th ~ 8-12

October 21st ~ 8-12

Summer Breakfasts

(7:30 - 10 a.m.)

Tuesday, July 4, (11 a.m. Parade!!)

Wednesdays July 19,

August 2nd, 16th



BiRtHDaYs

JUNE

- 3 Barbara Allen
- 11 Bill Roy
- 12 Dianne Morse-Leonard
- 12 Peter Morse
- 20 Nancy Engdahl
- 23 Gale Bell
- 25 John Wait
- 26 Kerry Hewson
- 29 Louann Bell
- 29 Sharon Roy



JULY

- 1 Steph Michaud
- 5 Jane Morse
- 17 Jean Struck
- 18 Ralph MacKinnon
- 27 Emily Thibodeau



Strengthen the Church

Pentecost Sunday – June 4th, 2017

Together we are changing Lives! As we look at being a “5 for 5” church, we will be accepting an offering on Pentecost Sunday and throughout the Month of JUNE. The Mission offerings are “Our Church’s Wider Mission” basic support (through which we received a grant to help with the rebuilding of our Bell Tower), One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, and the Christmas Fund. (Which we will be doing in July)

Grow the UCC’s future by giving freely to this Mission offering that is used to support new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership formation – especially among women and people of color. These ministries are carried out by our church's conference, locally and nationally.

For more information please go to www.uccresources.com .



News from the Mission Committee

We have been busy the first half of this year. We have “filled the Suitcases” for children in the Dominican Republic, sent used eye glasses to give clearer vision to children and adults around the world, and gathered items to share with homeless people in the Portland area through the “Grace Street Ministry.” These projects will continue; so as we do our spring cleaning, remember that we need school supplies, used eye glasses and personal care items. We can find a use for them in our local neighborhoods, regional neighborhoods and around the world.

This summer we will be selling SERRV items at each of the Wilkins House Breakfasts. SERRV is a nonprofit organization that is creating connections to break the cycle of poverty. *Their Mission is to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide.* Stay tuned for more information what we will be selling as items have not been chosen yet.

We continue to be the little church with the big heart!

Shalom, Pam Williams - Chair

Church Activities Committee

The glass ornament project is moving along nicely. We have been working individually at home and at the Wilkins House. A preorder form will be available shortly. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to purchase an ornament gets the chance to do so. So far, the busy beavers are Gail, the glass cutter; Nancy, the copper foil wrapper; Ginny, the solderer; and Joy, the grinder.

About a year ago, at a CAC meeting, Petra said, "Wouldn't it be fun to plan a trip to the Portland area." Myra went on line to get information about cruises. We picked our date a couple of months ago, and the rest is history. Twenty-one of us met at the dock to take the 11:30 Lighthouse Lovers' Cruise. The day was sunny and warm, with barely a breeze. We learned many interesting facts during the 90 minute cruise from a very dynamic tour guide. When we docked, we all walked down the pier to DiMillo's Restaurant where we had a leisurely lunch to end a perfect day. Your field trip planners would like some suggestions for our next trip...perhaps in the fall.



Jared and Ted waiting to board....

Our group will be sponsoring an ice cream sundae social after our regular church service on July 30th. Joyful Noise Sundae. The North Waterford, Sweden, and Harrison UCC congregations have been invited to join us. --Nancy Engdahl

Wilkins Community House

Thank you very much for your important support of the Wilkins Community House. Our Pot-Luck suppers ended in May. Many kudos to all those who attended, hosted, and helped in several capacities. especially with the cleanup after each supper. These run from October through May and are held the 3rd Thursday of each month, except December. Sooo...See you again in October!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 17th, at 9 a.m. for our Wilkins House clean-up day. We will want our favorite meeting house spotless for the upcoming Breakfast season... So come with your rubber gloves on your hands and a smile on your face, and we will get down and dirty so the Wilkins House will shine like never before!



We are so grateful to our breakfast volunteers...

We look forward to the summer breakfast season, starting with July 4. Volunteers in the kitchen and dining room are very important to a successful season. We are pleased to have Myra Maltby returning as kitchen manager and Gail Nixon as dining room manager. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Ginny Raymond at 583-7357 or by email at raymondvc@gmail.com. Thank you. --Denny Raymond, Assisant Manager



Country Music Service

On Sunday, June 25, during our regular 9:30 morning service, the Waterford Congregational Church will be having an old time country music service. Featuring Gail Scott from the Shadagee Ramblers on base guitar, Don Chase known as The Maine-iac mountaineer on the lead guitar, Jane Morse and Kay & Peter Leslie on the rhythm guitars plus the entire Church Choir on this occasion to be known as the "Oldtime Country Gospel Exchange". Come one, come all!

--Don Chase



We Will Miss You, Lois

Lois Frenger Grigg, 78, died Friday, May 5 at the Androscoggin Home and Hospice in Auburn surrounded by her family. She had recently learned that the esophageal cancer, which she fought successfully two years ago, had returned. Declining further treatment, she entered hospice on May 2.

Lois was predeceased by her parents and her husband, Bob. She is survived by her sons Douglas of Waxhaw, NC, and Edward and his wife Katherine of Norwalk, CT, her grandson Kaz Grigg, and her cousin Isabel Smith of Long Island.

Lois was a quiet, stalwart force of nature in the Waterford Church and the community at large. The transplanted New Yorker was described as a “quintessential New Englander—stoic, stubborn, and fiercely independent” by her beloved grandson Kaz. She gave generously of her time and talents to the community. She wore many hats at the church over the years, including those of treasurer, deacon, and piano soloist.

Born in New York in 1940, Lois lived a varied and interesting life. She began studying piano as a child and achieved one of her dreams at the early age of 24—playing a concert at Carnegie Hall. By her late 20's another dream came true. She went to Israel and worked as an archaeologist. In between, she earned an MS degree in biology from the SUNY Buffalo and became a cytologist, heading up the Cytology Department at Danbury Hospital for many years.

Love found her at college in the late 1960s when she met Bob Grigg. With a borrowed wedding dress and typical independence, they eloped in 1969. There were rumors, of course, as to why things were so rushed. They turned out to be untrue, and with predictable good humor, they bought a boat they named *False Alarm*.

But children caught up to them quickly. Doug was born in 1971 and Edward the next year. They moved to New Milford, CT where Bob became the manager of Radio Shack and Lois went to work at Danbury Hospital.

As retirement loomed in the late 1990s they found Waterford, attracted by its beauty and the community. Lois indulged her passions for golf, bridge, arts and crafts, and music—always classical, with “lots of cannons and oomph!” says Kaz, for which her church solos will be remembered.

Now, with his grandmother gone, Kaz has decided to move permanently to Lois' home on Rice Road, taking over the care of her beloved cats and many plants, and her warm and generous legacy.

A memorial service and potluck lunch were held at the Church on Saturday, May 27.

--Sally Holm



Lois, attending the church picnic
on McWain Pond
in the summer of 2014.

Butterflies...From Arlene Whichard..

Part of her Peace Prayer shared May 7th

...I ask you to consider the following: Yes, in our Christian faith, butterflies represent resurrection, but along with that, they can also represent freedom... freedom from pain, freedom from suffering and freedom from limitations.

I pray that those we have lost have the freedom to watch over those they have loved and cared for, and that we are forever in their care....

Peace has found Lois, a peace she so dearly deserved. Let that bring all of us comfort. Lois had completed her earthly deeds, helping and caring for so many ... now she can watch over us from her heavenly home....

Lois, we celebrate you and the dear memories you have left with us. I bet you are playing the most beautiful concert for all the Angels and all the others you have joined in Heaven! Let our hearts sing! Amen.

"While here on earth,
For those who deem their loved ones gone,
They feel that Death must be the end,
But Death is just the START my friend!
For Christians, like the butterfly,
Are RESURRECTED when they die!
No coffin made, nor strong casket
Has held a child of God down yet!
For from this earth-bound, flesh "cocoon"
The spirit flies, and very soon
It reunites with cherished friends ~
For those in Christ, Life NEVER ends!
So when you view a child of God
Being buried in a grave of sod...
Don't rant and rave, don't weep and wail,
There's no excuse to come undone,
For those in Christ, Life's just begun! "

AND Karen's butterfly-tree...

When one looks closer at the butterflies they can see how Karen personalized the butterflies... as she represented Lois... musical notes, books and colorful butterflies.

She included a deck of cards, golf ball, golf tees, dream catcher and a bracelet.

Karen and Lois had made bracelets together... They shared and went through a lot together. A lot love and soul went into Karen's creation.

A lot of love can do wonderful things!



NEWS FROM THE PEWS!



From Karen Fillebrown

Garrett Fillebrown graduated magna cum laude, May 13, 2017 from St. Joseph's College with a Bachelor of Science degree. This fall Garrett is heading off to the University of New England for four years of dental school.



From Jane Kimball

Jane Kimball's grandson, Trevor Luck, graduated from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA on May 21st. He graduated summa cum laude with a degree in neuroscience.

From Al and Jean Struck

There is lots going on in the Struck household.

Our youngest, Jamie, is currently climbing Denali, in Alaska. So far so good, as of tomorrow, they will be setting up camp at 11,000 feet. He and his family are moving to Burlington, Vt. in June as Lauren will be starting medical school at the University of Vermont in August. Whew.

Kim loves South Waterford and is busy traveling to Rumford and Dixfield 3 days a week as well as practicing in Bridgton 2 days a week.

Our North Carolina contingent, Chris, Rowena and Tadgh will be with us for a week in July to enjoy the lake and the cousins. Will be a fun summer.

--Regards to all, Jean and Al



Jamie, Chris and Kim Struck

On May 21, The Church Grew by Two!



Pictured here, new members, John Wait (left) and Kaz Grigg (right) are joined by Deacon Myra Maltby and Pastor Petra Smyth.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

from Karen Shelnutt



Austin graduated from Georgia Medical College, Augusta University, May 12th receiving his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. His grandparents came as well as Taylor, who flew in from Dallas, Texas. He is off to the Colorado Mountains to hike and camp for a week with two other grads. Austin will start work with Bench Mark Physical Therapy in North Georgia in June, with all the following letters after his name!! - Austin Shelnutt, PT, DPT, ATC, CSCS, Cert. DN, Cert. VRS!! We are thrilled for him and he can't wait to get a paycheck!!

Austin pictured with grandpartents, Henry & Joy Plate, and sister, Taylor & parents, Rex & Karen.



Ted Gerber & Carol Madsen

Also from Karen Shellnut: a brief moment in time:

"When I came up and TOTALLY surprised my parents (Thanks to John Wait, my "uber driver"). We went to dinner with the Waits at the Old Saco Inn and this beautiful couple came in!!"

Who would of thought... A piece of wimsey!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS!

from Ginny and Denny Raymond



Gail and Ted with their fur-babies

Courtesy of: www.mainesheltierescue.org

As many of you know, we-Raymonds are active in Maine Sheltie Rescue, so we now often have foster Shetland Sheepdogs in our home. This spring, we had a little black and white Sheltie come stay with us for a couple weeks while we had her vetted and get a dental cleaning. In that time period we were looking for a perfect home for her.

Our daughter was visiting, and as a groomer, she was hired by Ted and Gail Nixon to groom Annie, their Norfolk Terrier. In their conversation, 'Ginia told them about our little homeless Sheltie. Long story short, Ted and Gail qualified as a MSR approved home, and they adopted this sweet Sheltie whom they call Lacy.

Lacy loves her new home. She guards their home nicely telling them when they have a visitor in the yard...and she helps warm their bed at night.

We are so happy for the Nixons and their doggy family

Furthmore...

Our daughter, Ginia Brannan, recently, has changed jobs. She left the corporate world of cellphone communications for a dog walking company, which she loved. She soon discovered that she had a yen to be her own boss, so she quit that to start her own business, which is primarily pet grooming and care. With this change in venue, she can make her own hours thus benefiting her own needs and the needs of her children.

Ginia's Claws & Paws

Will be in Waterford this summer!



Reserve your fur babies appointment for grooming or nail cutting.
Pampering where they get my one on one attention!

Call for their appointment: 617-605-9291

<http://www.giniasclawsandpaws.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/giniasclawsandpaws/>

Ginia will be spending much of the summer here in Waterford. If you have a dog or cat that needs grooming or nail care, she works one animal at a time, helping to reduce their stress. If there is a need, she will do in-your-home-grooming as well. If you are interested in her services, give her a call. It's amazing; I think she talks dog and cat, so the pets love her. Ginia graduated from Massachusetts School of Grooming in Medford, MA . She is a certified groomer.

Easter Morning!

Karen Fillebown
photographer



April 23rd
with visiting minister
Rev. Doretta Colburn





The group!!...



Sharon, our guide...



Henry and Joy!



Chuck and Bobbi!



Arlene!



Joy, Nancy & Myra!

Boat Tour Pictures.. Waiting to board, and here we go!!



Ginny & Petra!



Myra, Al, Nancy, Jean, Clara & Jane!



Bruce & Ted!



Dodi!



John!



Irene

Del



Alan!



Myra & Nancy



Patricia Jean!!



The group at DiMillo's... Boat
Tour Gifties... Waiting to



Joy & Henry!

More pictures on board and
also eating at DiMillo's...



Portland Breakwater Lighthouse - Bug Light

...AND what we saw...
among other things....



Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse



Oil tanker transporting crude oil



Portland Head Light



Ram Island Ledge Lighthouse



Fort Scrammell

Peaks Island



WATERFORD BREAKFASTS

Wilkins House, Plummer Hill Road



With selections of scrambled eggs,
bacon, sausage and pancakes;
also serving muffins, donut holes,
coffee, juice.

All Breakfasts served

7:30-10 a.m.

Tuesday *July 4*

Wednesdays

July 19

August 2 & 16

Pictured above: Kate Long, Kay & Peter Leslie's granddaughter (2016)