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THE CORNERSTONE

AUGUST 2026



Pastor Heidi Grueser

AUGUST MEETINGS

Aug 3 - Monday 10AM

LADIES CIRCLE MEETING

Aug 5 - Wednesday 1PM

MISSIONS MEETING

Aug 7 - Friday 10AM

CARING/SHARING MEETING

Aug 9 - Sunday 11AM

DEACONS MEETING

Aug 13 - Thursday 6:30PM

TRUSTEE MEETING

Aug 20 - Thursday 4:30PM

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Aug 29 - Saturday 9:00AM

MEN'S GROUP MEETING

*Meetings are where
decisions are made.
If you are on a board or
committee it's your
responsibility
to attend meetings.*



♥ HEIDI'S HEART

I grew up in a strong Christian family which valued the Holy Scriptures. From a young age I have felt a push the size of a tsunami wave towards the Word of God. I received my first Bible in the third grade from the United Methodist Church we called "home." That Good News Bible (which I still use today) made up of 66 ancient books became my greatest treasure, I took it everywhere with me, I read and studied it everyday.

Then life happened...I became an adult. The Word of God persevered with me and became my primary lifeline, at moments it was the only air I could breathe. Now, before you put me on a pedestal please know I have failed more times spiritually than I have succeeded, but the Word of God has always been my constant. Why? I find comfort with the people of the Bible who have endured ups and downs spiritually. Who have struggled to make sense of everyday life. Disciples who limped through each sermon of Jesus, trying to make sense of this new "Way." Women who trudged through the culture finding a way to support themselves, not to mention their children too. Patriarchs, kings, priests, soldiers, warriors, & merchants who make up the foundation of our faith, these precious souls have staggered and faulted through these golden pages only to find redemption waiting for them. The Word of God teaches us about women and men who at times shuffled blindly with God. This is why the Bible is my "go to." These giants of the faith continuously teach me not to give up, to preserve in a chaotic, tumultuous world. These ancient people who make up the great cloud of witness are my friends, I find comfort in their experiences, I hope you do too.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1

Beginning August 20th at 4:00 P.M. I am offering to teach the children of our congregation, those who live in our community and surrounding areas the Bible...the treasures of the Bible. I will teach the answers to the question, 'Why do you believe what you believe?' I believe we need to teach the next generation about the Bible, THE Word of God.

I would like to teach an adult Sunday School class on the Bible too, "Why do you believe what you believe?" For those of you who are interested, I'd like to teach you the Bible. My hope is for you to see for yourselves, this Bible is an ancient book which breathes, the Word teaches...our Bibles are alive! I'd like to host this after church each Sunday for 30 minutes. I am hoping to begin in September. JOY & LOVE, Pastor Heidi

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PRAYER REQUESTS



This Prayer List is designed to inspire you to keep these cherished individuals in your thoughts and prayers throughout the week. If you would like to add someone to this list, please seek their permission before proceeding. (We understand that this may not always be feasible.) If your loved one has experienced the healing grace of God, kindly inform us so we can remove them from the prayer list.

Heavenly Father, in Your boundless compassion, we ask that You bring healing and recovery to those mentioned. Please touch them with Your healing hand and restore their strength. Alleviate their pain and mend what is broken. Surround them with Your peace and comfort. In Jesus' Name, we pray for...

Karen Carpenter Family
 Connie Heath
 Muriel Knutson
 Peggy Libby
 Stuart Mank
 Nola Studley
 Walter Pendleton
 Janette Small
 Bob Jordan
 Margaret Damewood
 Sandra Gammon

Romeo Jackson by Melody S.
 Ann & Peter Gribbin by Melody S.
 Lorraine Strout by Walter K.
 Becky Tipp by Carole S.
 Rev. Robin Honaker
 Nathan by Carolyn
 Baby Anthony (Field)
 Steve Davis
 Laurie Allen by Jeff C.
 Carole Starr



Our hearts go out to Sandra Gammon and the family of John Black. John's warm smile and joyful spirit touched so many of us, and he will be deeply missed. We hold Sandra and his loved ones close in our prayers, asking for God's peace and comfort during this difficult time. May he rest in peace. As soon as we receive service plans we will pass them on through email.

AUG BIRTHDAYS --- ANNIVERSARIES

1 Kenny Lent	10 Vicki & Bob Barrett
3 Monique Hobden	
5 Donna Lewis	
7 Margaret Damewood	
8 Sue Burnell	
11 Deagan Poland	
13 Nola Studley	
17 Albert Dougherty	
20 Gus Ruggieri	
31 Jason Heath	
31 Connie Heath	

*If your special day
 is not listed please
 contact the office.*

FILL THE BARREL

July Suggested Donations:



Dry Cereal
 Packaged Oatmeal
 Apple Sauce
 Can/Dry pet food

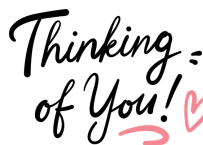
**BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY FOOD PANTRY
 ALSO ACCEPTS MONETARY DONATIONS.
 OUR BARREL HAS BEEN EMPTY OF LATE,
 PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION.**

CARDS AND WELL WISHES FOR:



Carole Starr	Sandy Gammon
1 Mountain Road Warren, Me 04864	82 Gammon Road Warren, Me 04864

Carole is recovering from a fractured hip.
 Sandra is recovering from heart issues.



Emily Beattie
 20 Bartlet Drive #219
 Rockland, Me 04841
 Emily has moved to a new residence.

Rev. Robin Honaker
 3137 John R St
 Trenton, MI 48183
 Rev. Honaker is having health issues.

IMPORTANT DATES AND HAPPENINGS

- Aug 4 - 11:00am Final chapter - Really Bad Girls of the Bible Study
- Aug 13 - 5:30pm Final Public Supper of the season
- **Aug 16 - 3:00pm Pastor Heidi Grueser - Ordination - All welcome to bear witness with special guests and CCCMe visiting ministers.**
- Aug 20 - 4-5:00pm - Maine Street Bible Study for kids begins (Page 5)
- Aug 20 - 6:00pm Church Council meeting - consider attending



Thank you...

to my friends and family at Second Congregational!

Your thoughtfulness was outstanding. The mailbox was full day after day with messages of peace and recovery. Boxes, baskets, casserole dishes full of yummy, healthy, homemade food arrived on a regular basis and was much appreciated by me and Tom! Flowers were smiling back at me each day along with books to read- reminding me of people who were holding me in their thoughts and prayers. Well, it all worked!! I am almost back to normal and full recovery is right around the corner – if I continue my exercises!! Thank you and bless you all! ~Cindy and Tom

Riverside Fellowship Scholarship

2026 Scholarship Recipients

Nevan Powers

Boston University Second year -
Political Science & Philosophy

Adrianna Ruggieri

MA Second year - Dental Hygiene



CONGRATULATIONS AND CONTINUED SUCCESS



These candleholders and cross were dedicated to the SCCW in memory of Jeffrey Smith, a child who passed away at the age of two in a tragic accidental drowning incident on January 6, 1958. His parents were Janet and Dana Smith Jr. The Smith family has been part of this church family for decades, with members serving as deacons, trustees, and on various committees. Many were choir members and his grandmother, Carrie Russell Smith, was church organist for several years. Jeff is still remembered and deeply loved. Thank you Carrie Sue.

NEW EMAILS - Please take note and add to your contact list

TREASURER:

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Service on the Lawn July 5, 2026

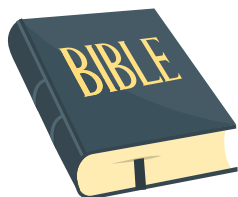


Everyone was in the spirit as we celebrated the birth of our Nation. With colorful attire and patriotic music by James Harriman





The ***REALLY BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE*** study was truly enlightening, and we gained a wealth of knowledge. If you were unable to attend this session, don't worry! A new session will commence on **September 15th**, taking place every Tuesday at 11 a.m., right after our coffee chat. This upcoming study will delve deeply into the **BIBLE and PROPHETIC TIMES**.



Children's Bible Class Announcement -->

Starting August 20th, Pastor Heidi will be leading a children's Bible class titled ***MAINE STREET BIBLE CLASS*** for kids aged 7 to 13. Each week, the class will meet at a different outdoor location, beginning at the Gazebo in Woolen Mill Park. If you have children or know any little ones, please encourage them to join us!



Bible classes led by Pastor Heidi have proven to be not only informative but also enlightening and enjoyable. As illustrated in the photo, delicious treats are a highlight of the class. We are nourished both spiritually and physically. Consider joining the next study. There are more to come.

Fellowship hour hosts...



On Sunday July 12th our little munchkins Jack, Gracie K, Zoe and Koral were all on hand to help the Ladies Circle host Coffee Hour after Sunday service. Thank you all!

Reminder: Sunday fellowship hosts:
 First Sunday-Men's group
 Second Sunday - Ladies Circle
 Third Sunday - The Congregation
 Fourth Sunday - Caring & Sharing Sisters
 Fifth Sunday (if one) - The Congregation

Koral and Gracie K. Grueser had the pleasure of attending a summer Christian camp, courtesy of the church. Thank you all.

Gander Brook Christian Camp located in Raymond Maine was home for the girls for one week. On Sunday at Children's time they quietly and shyly thanked the congregation.



Ya-Ya and Glory...missing their girls.



Zoe was happy to see her friends.



Pastor Heidi volunteered at the Lobster festival.



The girls ended their camp week with a trip to the Lobster festival for some yummy treats.



BOTTLE DRIVE

FUNDRAISING



Bottle Redemption benefits the
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING EXCHANGE
Returnable bin is in the downstairs
Fellowship room. We thank you
kindly for your donations.

To Volunteer at the
Children's Clothing Exchange, contact
CCE Director - Susan Lombardo
207-701-7622

Don't forget....

To conserve energy, if you turn the
heat UP in any rooms be sure to
turn it back DOWN to 58deg.

Reminder...

For safety reasons, on Sunday morning
all church doors, upstairs and downstairs
are locked at 10:15am. If you arrive after
that time, you will not be able to get in.



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FROM THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Current office hours are:
Wednesday and Thursday
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Newsletters are sent out via mail and email once a
month, typically on or around the first of the month.

Submissions for the newsletter must be received ON or
BEFORE the 28th of each month.

If you would like a printed newsletter mailed to you,
please reach out to the office. Printed copies are
available upon request.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

If you are a member of any board or committee, you
automatically become part of the church council, and
your attendance at the bi-monthly church council
meetings is expected and highly encouraged.

Sunday Hospitality

First Sunday - Men's Group

Second Sunday - Ladies Circle

Third Sunday - The Congregation

Fourth Sunday - Caring and Sharing Sisters

Fifth Sunday (if applicable) - The Congregation



ALL SEATED YOGA and EXERCISE

Monday - Wednesday 9:00-10:00 am to 9:00-am

Stretch, s **Suspended until Sept. 9th** flexibility. All welcome!

Free Video Class



DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	MISSIONS
07/05/26	44	\$2385.00	N/A
07/12/26	47	868.00	\$ 28
07/19/26	55	738.00	\$ 75
07/30/26	50	948.00	N/A

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 10am Service Communion Music: Peter Saladino	3 10:am Ladies Circle Mtg	4 9-11am Table Talk 11am Bible Study Final	5 1:00pm Missions	6 9-11am CCE	7 10am Caring Sharing Mtg	8
9 10am Service Deacon Mtg 11:15am Music: Barbara Bibro	10	11 9-11am Table Talk	12	13 9-11am CCE 4:00pm Trustee Mtg 5:30 public Supper	14	15
16 10am Service Music: Beverly Pacheco Pastor Heidi 3:00 PM Installation/Ordination	17	18 9-11am Table Talk	19	20 9-11am CCE Kids Bible study begins 4-5pm 6:00pm Council mtg	21	22 Men's Group Mtg
23 10am Service Music: TBA	24	25 9-11am Table Talk	26	27 9-11am CCE	28	29
30 Music: TBA	31	1 SEPTEMBER	2 1:00pm Missions	3	4 10am Caring Sharing Mtg	5
LITURGIST	DEACONS	TRUSTEES	GREETERS	HOSPITALITY		
08/02 Melody Sainio	08/02 Carolyn/Zach	08/01 Sandra Overlock	08/02 Freda and Jenina	08/02 Men's Group		
08/09 Aleta Mank	08/09 Carolyn/Susan	08/09 Marcia Cifaldo	08/09 Susie and Janice	08/09 Ladies Circle		
08/16 Cindy Bland	08/16 Carolyn/Ann	08/16 Sterling Robinson	08/16 Marcia and Sharon	08/16 Congregation		
08/23 Louise Cornforth	08/23 Karen/Paul	08/23 Jeff Creighton	08/23 The Kids	08/23 Caring/Sharing		
08/30 Patricia Weaver	08/30 Susan/Zach	08/30 Irene Maxcy	08/30 TBA	08/30 Congregation		

NOTE: Above duties subject to change. Church Office hours: Wed. & Thurs. 8-12
TUES. EVE. AA Group Meet THUR. EVE. Scouts Meet

Video Gentle Chair Yoga & Exercise
Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30-9:00am