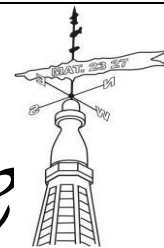


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# The Weathervane



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## *From the Pastor...*

### **“The Times They Are a Changin’”**

In this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Woodstock Music Festival, I am reminded of the lyrics of the Bob Dylan song:

*Come gather 'round, people  
Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters  
Around you have grown  
And accept it that soon  
You'll be drenched to the bone  
If your time to you is worth savin'  
And you better start swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone  
For the times they are a-changin'!*

This warning rings true when we when think about many churches nowadays. Peek your head in any Sunday morning, and you will see that attendance has declined, children are few and far between, and the congregation wonders what church will be like in ten years. Yes, the times they are a changin'!

Aware of that fact, Caryl Gilman and I attended a conference sponsored by the BTS Center, the Maine Council of Churches, and the Maine Conference UCC on Brave Change. We spent two days reflecting on just how churches are moving toward a new and unknown future. One of the best learnings from that conference was that churches do best when they do not ignore the need for change but rather intentionally face it and proactively talk about it as they develop a strategy for embracing it.

Caryl and I have decided that we want to encourage **YOU** in our congregation to have those necessary conversations about change as we

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### *This Month at RVCC . . .*

- September 1, 2019- 10:00 a.m. – Worship  
September 8, 2019- 10:00 a.m. – Worship  
September 10, 2019- 2:00 p.m. – Knitting group  
September 11, 2019- 6:30 p.m. – Council meeting  
September 14, 2019- 7:00 p.m. – RAA Peter Griggs concert  
September 15, 2019- 10:00 a.m. – Worship  
September 21, 2019- 1:00 p.m. – Memorial Service in Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. – Pot Roast supper  
September 22, 2019- 10:00 a.m. – Worship  
September 24, 2019- 2:00 p.m. – Knitting group  
September 29, 2019- 10:00 a.m. - Worship

**Please join us for the Fellowship Café Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The Café is hosted in September by the Deacons.**

-Line Dancing is on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

-Scouts, BSA Troops 800 & 851 meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

-A.A. meeting is every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

-Qigong is on Saturday September 14, 21 and 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 – 9:15 a.m.

### *From the Pastor, continued . . .*

struggle with who we as a church want to be in the years to come. To that end, we hope to incorporate this theme into three worship services this fall during late September and October.

As we reflect on key Biblical verses about change, we will have small group time in worship to talk with two or three others about the core values as a congregation that we would never give up, but also about traditional ways of doing things that might need to change. We have invited Lorraine Glowczak, a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Windham, to talk with us about her church's recent journey through change. Finally, we hope to engage an outside facilitator to begin to lead us down our own unique path to transformation.

Dates and more details will be coming during September, but I hope that each one of you who say you love our church will plan to participate in these very important discussions and times of reflection.

### **Fran's Fundraiser for Handicapped Accessibility**

As many know, our church meant so much to Fran Mains! She loved the people and the building and most of all our sanctuary. In Fran's later years, it was difficult for her to get in and out of our building easily.

Fran's daughter, Diana, has asked that donations in Fran's memory be allocated to handicapped accessibility at the church. So far we have raised about \$1000. That is a good start - but not enough - toward financing the paving of the church driveway in order to make our handicapped ramp more accessible. How wonderful that would have been for Fran – and will be for others in the future!

Please consider contributing to this project by writing a check payable to "RVCC" and indicating "Handicapped Accessibility" in the memo line. You can drop it by the Church Office or mail it (P.O. Box 285, Raymond, ME 04071).

### **Shredding and Medication Take Back Day**

Watch for details about the upcoming Shredding and Medication Take Back Day on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Place and time will be announced soon. This event is sponsored by Age Friendly Raymond and supported by RVCC!

## Moderator Musings



Well, that surely wasn't in the plans. When I started this feature, I was wondering how long I could keep the streak going. Well it ended with the June Weathervane. But thankfully I am proud to say, "Let's start another streak going".

How many things have you started but never finished? How many times have you had things not go as planned?

You go to make a batch of cookies and get everything ready and find out someone used all the eggs and didn't tell you? Or when you shoveled the driveway just to have the plow guy drive by when you are finished and fill it back in. Or your child announces on Sunday evening that a big school project is due and they need poster paper and it's 8 p.m.

What about the choices you have made in life? What if you had taken that job offer? What if you had gone into the service? What if you had gone to the prom with someone else? What if you had bought a different house? What if you went to a different college or decided not to go at all? Where would you be today? We can only speculate.

The bible tells us in **Jeremiah 29:11** "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

And it is reinforced by **Proverbs 3:5-7** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.

So, I guess maybe those things were in the plans after all. Maybe it could have been a little less dramatic. But maybe not. Perhaps I need the sledge hammer of life.

I have seen a lot of references online that say "a river only flows one way for a reason. It is because you can't go back again." The same can be said for a clock which only moves forward. We like to think we can go back, but in reality, our past is just the building blocks of where we are now.

Well let's set our course to move forward together. Where will we end up? Who knows what it is in the plans? Oh, that's right! The mighty father.

*Tom Wiley Moderator*

## Prayer Concerns



**Our prayers of concern go out to:**

### **In our Church Family:**

Pauline Cadotte, Louise Doyle, Polly Dyer,  
Dan & Lori Lambert on the passing of their son  
Jeffrey, Craig Messinger, Joan Morton,  
Frank Sullivan, Tom Wiley, Adma Willis

### **In our Extended Family:**

Michael Cadotte, John Keimel

### **In our Community:**

Janet Cairns, Tommy Keith, Bill N., Dan Tibbetts

## Rev. Nancy's Community Corner

Rev. Nancy continues to be active in our community. She has attended a Board meeting of the Fuller Center for Housing and is actively supporting the development of Age Friendly Raymond. In addition, she has been helping to plan the Sound the Alarm program. She has been working with an engaged couple with family ties to Raymond and will be officiating at their upcoming wedding. She also helped with the free senior community luncheon in August and is working with a family on a memorial service to be held in September at our church.

## Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Birthday to everyone in our church family with a birthday in September:

September 1	Bryce Sullivan
September 2	Roy Lindell
September 4	Gwen Roach
September 7	Emily & Will Feagans
September 10	Tracie Morris
September 13	Robin Morrison

If you have a birthday in September, and you're not listed, that's because we don't have it. Please contact the Church Office ([office@rvccme.org](mailto:office@rvccme.org), 655-7749), so we won't forget you next year!

## Summary of August 15, 2019 Coordinating Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 15, 2019 by Tom Wiley. Present were Tom, Rolf, Brenda, Rev. Nancy, and Judy.

Brenda offered the opening prayer.

Rolf made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 7 meeting, seconded by Brenda, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brenda presented the Treasurer's Report for July. Contributions for the month were \$4,598.50 in the general fund, less than budget by \$895. Year to date, however, contributions in the general fund are \$711 better than budget. Fundraiser income was \$208 more than budget for the month, but \$821 under budget for the year. Total income of \$7,890 is over budget for the month by \$642. After adjusting for American Fund valuation increases, total income is more than budget by \$540 for the year. Total expenses were \$10,332.51 for the month, over budget by \$767.56. Most of this was for supply pastors. Contributions in memory of Fran Mains have totaled \$402.01 thus far. Year to date, excess income over expense we have a positive variance of \$2,071 over budget. This does not include any adjustment for Stock valuation increases. Keeping in mind that we are budgeting deficits each year (\$21,472 for 2019), Brenda expressed concern that we can not do this for a lot more years. There need to be some tough discussions before the budget process this year. A motion was made by Rev. Nancy, and seconded by Rolf to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to year end review.

### Reports of the Coordinators:

**Clerk:** nothing to report

**Trustees:** Rolf reported that the siding project had started on Monday, they expect it to take about 4 weeks. When it is finished, our financing agreement will kick in. Interest rate is low, and we can pay it off anytime with no penalty. Rolf also reported that starting October 1, we will receive more from the state for parsonage rent. The tenant (Nate) will continue to pay the same amount which he has been.

**Missions:** We are currently in the midst of collecting items for Project Love, a project to help support Ronald McDonald House in Portland.

**Christian Education:** Rev. Nancy reported that we still need more people to help with our Sunday School in a Box program. It was suggested that people may need a better idea of what is involved.

**Stewardship:** Tom reported that there is a Pot Roast Supper this Saturday evening. Not a lot of people have signed up to help, but it will happen.

**Deacons:** Rolf reported that he has put a lock box, with key inside on the Deacons closet.

**Moderator:** Tom reported that Brenda Stevenson had given him a thumb drive with a lot of information on it from

projects she had worked on as a council member. Rev. Nancy reported that they have been having a lot of problems with the internet in the office. Rolf will send Lori a message, asking that Dan have a look at it, and let us know what needs to be done to make it reliable again.

**Pastor:** Rev. Nancy reported that Lakes Region Weekly did a nice article on the siding project.

On Tuesday, August 20, there will be a free luncheon at the church, a super summer salad smorgasbord. On Saturday, September 28, Age Friendly Raymond, the Red Cross, and the Raymond Fire Department is doing a program on smoke detectors. Rev. Nancy also mentioned that on Sunday, September 8, Chuck Waldron, our former treasurer and council member will be in town and attending church. It will be good to see him.

**Old Business:** All the equipment for renovating the bathrooms off the vestry has been purchased, there was a good sale going on. It will be installed shortly. Rev. Nancy reported that the Fuller Center held their first board meeting in July. Next meeting will be August 19. Rev. Nancy and Sheila Bourque are our representatives. The signage request from Raymond Arts Alliance is on hold until after the siding project has been completed. And now that the siding project has started, and people can start to see the results of what we are doing, we can really kick publicity for fund raising into high gear.

**New Business:** Brenda Olsen reported that she has all the information from Brenda Stevenson on the grocery card program. Brenda presented statistics on the program since 2010. The number of families that currently buy cards is down to a few. Brenda suggests simplifying the program, we will sell only the Hannaford cards, and only \$100 denomination. Need to get more publicity out about it. Brenda, Caryl Gilman, and Judy Munson will be able to sell cards on Sundays, and Lori will also have some available in the office, should people want to stop by and buy them on a week day when the office is open.

Rolf reported that a local lawyer, who has served as our Corporate Clerk, is retiring. The only duty which he has done for us over the years is an annual filing. Rolf is capable of doing this. We will finalize this with a vote at the proper time.

Shamos Paving has given us an estimate of \$10,400 to pave a portion of the driveway to provide handicap parking and access to the ramp into the sanctuary. The estimate was very confusing, we need to get it, and the amount clarified. We would also like to see a second quote if possible. Rev. Nancy will talk to Sheila.

There was discussion on what needs to be in the September Weathervane. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Munson, Clerk



### Mission Corner

Our latest mission project is **Seacoast Mission Table of Plenty**: We continue RVCC connection with Cherryfield by supporting 3 people cooking/serving a meal for the Cherryfield community on Sunday Sept 8. Marie Guerin, Caryl Gilman and Caryl's sister Anne will be RVCC emissaries.

**On Friday, 9/6, please donate breads/rolls and cookies or cookie bars**...items that can survive the drive! The church is open for line dancing 10-11:30am. We will offer your gifts plus roast turkey, roasted vegetables and salad on your behalf. We'll learn the news of the area and let you know what we find out. Thank you!

#### July and August ministries:

Thanks to everyone who brought items to give to **Grace Street ministry**. Caryl delivered a package to Jessica at Preble St containing

- 24 pairs of socks
- 7 ponchos
- 32 toiletry items
- 3 DD cars

They were very grateful!

In the month of August, we have been collecting items for Ronald McDonald House **Project L.O.V.E.** (*Lots of Varying Essentials*). *Project L.O.V.E.* is an easy way for schools, churches, businesses and individuals to help support Ronald McDonald House by collecting a specific item the House needs. As of this writing, 8/19, we've collected an overflowing gallon zip lock bag full of toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, and more! THANK YOU! If you still want to donate by 9/1 (when I will collect everything), please consider

- Juice boxes
- Individually wrapped snacks such as Cheez-its, goldfish, pretzels, granola bars, apple sauce, popcorn, chips, animal crackers, fruit snacks and cookies
- Standard size box of tissues

*All summer we have been God's hands and feet by ministering to others! Thank you!*

### Fuller Center for Housing

The newly formed Fuller Center for Housing – Sebago Lake Chapter has had two Board meetings so far. The Board is working on the necessary paperwork to be a Chapter as well as the Chapter Bylaws. The local chapter is supported by six Covenant Partners – Faith Lutheran Church, Windham Hill UCC, North Windham Union UCC, Unity Church, St. Joseph's College, and RVCC. Each covenant partner will provide initial financial support, work project volunteers, and two Board members. Our Board members are Rev. Nancy and Sheila Bourque. Our Fuller Center Chapter will focus on home repairs and simple renovations (handicapped ramps, etc.) targeted at senior citizens needing these services in order to remain in their homes.

### Music in September

We will welcome these special musicians in September as they share their musical gifts and talent with us during worship. Music enlivens and inspires and is such an important part of our Sunday service:

**September 1<sup>st</sup> – Jake Cooper** – Though we know Jake as a classical guitarist, he has also written jazz arrangements of familiar songs and will be sharing a few of these pieces with us.

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – Peter Griggs** will be returning with his guitar. Peter plays a variety of music styles. Don't miss his concert here at the church on September 14<sup>th</sup> where he will focus on upbeat, toe-tapping Latin and Spanish music in "Café Barcelona"!

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** – Four people in our congregation have been working with Patrick this summer and will be offering solos with a spiritual theme from popular music theater productions. Come and support **Brenda and Rolf Olsen, Nancy Yates, and Caryl Gilman!**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Katherine Rhoda** will return one final time before departing for Northern England with her husband for the winter. Katherine is a wonderful vocalist who plays a variety of traditional instruments. We have certainly enjoyed her in the past and anticipate another terrific service with her!

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Wait and See!

### Sound the Alarm!

Do you have the proper number of smoke alarms in your home? And do they work dependably? Sound the Alarm is a program of the American Red Cross, which is being sponsored by Raymond Fire and Rescue, Age Friendly Raymond, and RVCC. On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, volunteers will install free smoke alarms in any home in Raymond – regardless of the socio-economic background of the occupants. Watch for more information about how to sign up for smoke alarms and how to volunteer for this important community-wide safety event. Talk with Rev. Nancy for details.

# Time is Running Out!



Our LAST Pot Roast Supper will take place on  
Saturday September 21, 2019 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m!



Many thanks to all who have helped with the suppers this season. We still  
need help for the final supper!

Can you help cook a roast,? Cook brownies?  
Serve potatoes or ?  
Serve gravy or dessert? Help with Set Up?  
Help in the kitchen? Help with Clean Up?  
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

There are JOBS for EVERYONE.  
Please see the sign up sheets on the bulletin board in the vestry and  
sign up to help out!

## *Upcoming Raymond Arts Alliance Events . . .*

### **Artist Scholarship Fundraiser on September 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m**

The Raymond Arts Alliance is hosting its inaugural Artist Scholarship Fundraiser concert on Saturday, September 7 at 1:00pm. The concert is designed to raise funds to support local artists in need, and is expected to be a yearly event. The concept was inspired by the aspirations of David Young, a local singer/songwriter and Raymond resident. David has performed in clubs for several years and has developed a strong local following. He studied guitar for a year at USM and now is moving to Nashville in the Fall. The RAA hopes to donate part of the proceeds raised from the concert to help with his move and start his new life, while also seeding a fund to assist others in the future. Performers include: David Young and his brother Deven Young (with special guest, Jani Cummings), Dos Canosos (Raul Freyre and Gary Wittner), and The Disclaimers. The location is 163 Raymond Hill Road. This is an outdoor event – please bring a folding chair. There is no cover charge, but as this is a benefit, donations are greatly appreciated.

### **GUITAR MUSIC CONCERT ON SEPTEMBER 14 IN RAYMOND MAINE**

Take a trip to Spain and Brazil without leaving town, and help support live music in the local community.

On Saturday September 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm, The Raymond Arts Alliance will host internationally known guitarist/composer Peter Griggs in a concert right here in Raymond. Mr. Griggs will present “Cafe Barcelona,” a selection of Spanish and Brazilian music, as well as several of his own compositions, on this wide-ranging program. A highly skilled guitarist in flamenco, bossa nova, samba and other Latin guitar styles, he is also an expressive vocalist and will perform several classic Brazilian songs by Antonio Carlos Jobim and Luis Bonfa during the concert.

Peter Griggs has presented more than 600 solo guitar concerts throughout the USA, Germany, United Kingdom, France, the Low Countries, Scandinavia and eastern Europe at art centers, festivals, museums, churches, jazz clubs and other venues. His recordings are available on Folkways Records, Music Of The World, Treecastle Music and CD Baby. He was based for more than ten years in Dusseldorf, Germany and now resides in South Harpswell, Maine.

Critics in Germany and the United Kingdom have hailed Griggs as "a master of expressive sounds" known for his "sizzling guitar playing" and "sophisticated and highly enjoyable" programs. Germany's *Bergische Morning Post* put it this way: “an almost unbelievable talent -- Peter Griggs performs magic!”

Raymond Village Community Church is located at 27 Main Street in Raymond ME 04071. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Raymondartsalliance/>

Admission is by free-will donation (\$5 suggested).

To hear music by Peter Griggs, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2lFywZSjhI>

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### **Free Community Meals**

Many thanks to Deborah Lafond for coordinating the recent free community luncheon. Deborah has taken on coordinating this new ministry with both enthusiasm and efficiency! We will return to community dinners in October after the conclusion of the pot roast suppers. On the menu? Maybe beef stew? Chili? Watch for details!

Here are a couple of pictures from our recent community luncheon.



### From the Treasurer....

I have reviewed the current financials through June of this year, and we are tracking very closely to our budget projections for 2019. The budget estimate for 2019 is an excess of expenses over income of \$21,472. This has a direct effect on our cash, and we have already taken \$10,000 from our American Fund investment account to supplement our cash in the bank. This too was expected as part of our planning for 2019. The good news is that the American Funds in total, have increased in value since the end of the year by \$16,108.

Other than operating expenses, our other largest expense this year will be the Vinyl Siding project. We have already put a deposit of \$13,000 on this work. We have started a campaign to help fund this project and hope to reach our goal of \$20,000. If we are not successful in raising this money, we still will be able to complete the project through a combination of current funds and a financing agreement with the contractor. This work should begin August and I expect this will bring people's attention to the project and give a boost to pledging.

There has still been a great deal of activity at the church and we have several updates to previous actions. I encourage you all to read the council meeting notes in the Weathervane and become involved in the church's activities.

Respectfully submitted - **Brenda Olsen** Treasurer

### Church Memory Board

Have you stopped to take a look at our memory board with all the various plaques commemorating gifts made to the church over the years and those who made them? IT's now hanging in our Church Library

Thanks to Caryl Gilman for sharing some of her remembrances of a couple of these folks – as well as several photographs. We are hoping that YOU will also share a story or a very brief reflection about any of the people whose names appear on the Board. It would be a nice touch to have a Memory Book with a page for each person named on the Board filled with thoughts and remembrances.

Here are the names of the people who appear on the Board:

1. Clara A. Plummer
2. Albert D. Plummer
3. Charles Tripp
4. Robert Reed Martin
5. Alice Durgin
6. Edward Shiveley
7. J. Ross Mainland
8. Pamela Robinson
9. David Clyde King
10. Eleanor Plummer
11. Ted Spencer
12. Joseph M. and Barbara C. Hannaford

Please get in touch with Rev. Nancy if you have anything to share.

### World Communion Sunday on October 6<sup>th</sup>

It is hard to believe that summer is nearly over, and so we look ahead to World Communion Sunday, which is traditionally the first Sunday in October. At that time, we will join with Christians all over the world - rich and poor, progressive and conservative, from big and small churches regardless of their usual communion schedule –to celebrate the sacrament that day. It is a time when we can truly feel that we are part of something bigger than our own church and that we are part of the global Body of Christ. Hope you will plan to join us!

### RVCC Grocery Card Fundraising –

“That was easy”

Everybody shops for food, but what if grocery shopping meant you could also help raise money for RVCC? We have had Hannaford and Shaw's grocery cards for sale in **three** denominations - \$100; \$50 or \$25. We will be changing this to only offering Hannaford cards in the \$100 denomination. The grocery cards offer dollar-for-dollar redemption. For example: when you spend \$100 to purchase a \$100 grocery card, you can use this card to buy \$100 in groceries in one or multiple shopping trips. If you haven't tried this program, we invite you stop by and pick up your grocery card(s) the next time you're in church. **Remember, for every \$100 card purchased from the RVCC program – the church gets \$5.**

Here's another reason to use this program... Are you worried about using your debit or credit card at the store and having your information stolen? Buy these gift cards with a check to RVCC and don't worry about it!





***What's 140-year-old and needed to be spruced up? ....  
Your Church, that's what!***

As was discussed at the annual meeting, the time is here for us to upgrade our exterior and at long last the work has begun on our vinyl siding upgrade. This work will take about a month to complete but rest assured all is business as usual inside. All services are on schedule, all planned church suppers are still ongoing, all meetings are on schedule.

This project is a major undertaking for the church and is an expensive task, however when done, we will have greatly reduced our going forward maintenance requirements and correspondingly future costs.

To help in the funding for this project we have started a crowd funding program on Go fund me and you can direct people to the site [www.gofundme.com/raymond-village-community-church-renovation](http://www.gofundme.com/raymond-village-community-church-renovation) to make a donation to the effort or a check can be sent to the church (PO Box 285, Raymond, ME 04071) (reference "siding project"). As you know many different people and groups use our church as a space for meetings and events and many have a fond place in their hearts for this church. Please reach out to people you know and see if they can help us in this project. If you want to send out an e-mail to people asking for help, let us know, we have a template you can use with all the information about the project and how to help support it.

Just as importantly, let's help rejoice when the project is done and help us show off our new skin to visitors!

**Help Make Our Altar Beautiful!**

Thanks to everyone who has been bringing flowers for our altar each Sunday. We welcome anyone who would like to help with a bouquet, flower arrangement or something entirely your own creation.



**Line Dancing Continues!**

Rachel began teaching line dancing again in June. Classes continue to be offered on Monday and Thursdays from 10 until 11:30. In addition, there will be a Friday class also at 10 a.m. This Friday class is ideal for anyone needing/wanting slower music and modified steps, and for those with no dance experience. Come and join the group!

**Prayer Shawls Always Available**

Rev. Nancy and the Deacons have a supply of prayer shawls for anyone who needs one – or would like to give one away. People in our church knit and crochet them, and they are free to anyone who wants one. Prayer shawls are a wonderful and personal way to tell someone that you remember them or a special event in their lives, are concerned about their healing or are just thinking of them. Talk to Rev. Nancy or a Deacon if you would like a prayer shawl.

**Sunday School in a Box**

We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would agree to be "on call" one Sunday every 4-6 weeks to lead a Sunday School lesson for any child who might be in church. If we want our church to be attractive to young families, we need to be prepared to offer something for children during worship. Your commitment is to be in church on the Sundays you have chosen – and teach a lesson if a child comes.

Here's how Sunday School in a Box would work:

1. A lesson with materials would be all prepared and at the back of the church.
2. If you are on call, and a child shows up, you would take the lesson box and teach after the Youth Message. We would urge you to acquaint yourself with it in advance.
3. If no child comes, then you would remain in church and worship as you always do.

If you can help out, please be in touch with Rev. Nancy by email ([nancy1@maine.rr.com](mailto:nancy1@maine.rr.com)) or phone (655-7749 and leave a message in the church office) or talking directly with her.



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**Knitting & Crocheting - Are you a Knitter? A Crocheter? A Beginner? A Life Long Artist?**

Would you like to join the company of others who enjoy this craft?

I have started a knitting group that meets at the Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. The dates for September are September 10th and September 24th. Please spread the word to your neighbors, families and friends, beginners or not. Everyone is invited. Please bring your own beverage. For more information, contact Brenda Olsen ([bolsen001@maine.rr.com](mailto:bolsen001@maine.rr.com)).