

Good Samaritan News

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From the Church of the Good Samaritan in Brunswick, Maine

An ecumenical ministry with a base in the Anglican Tradition

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Church of the Good Samaritan since 2001 - We Welcome You!

Our community began in 2001. It was started by a group of about six men and women from various religious traditions. We continue that ministry to this day. Come ... join us! Meditation 3:30 p.m. in the chapel — Pilgrim House; service 4:00 p.m. Pilgrim House is the brick building adjacent to First Parish Church UCC in Brunswick. If you can't attend, join us in prayer from your location at 4:00 p.m. EST. Please let us know your email address—we can send this newsletter to you each week.

Mission Statement: We are a loving and diverse faith-based community from a variety of traditions. We gather in Christ's name to seek to do God's Will and bring love and grace into the world. We provide a safe and nurturing environment for spiritual healing and growth for all who wish to join us. We offer social action, support, and education to the greater community. Part of our mission is to break down barriers of prejudice and misunderstanding offering an open hand to all who seek inclusion.

Annual Meeting Today...More From the Meeting Next Week

Annual Vicar's Report

As we approach Lent, we continue to weather a cold and difficult winter here in Maine, as is true in many other parts of the country and world. It has been challenging for all of us to keep a stiff, if not smiling upper lip during this unrelenting cold! Yes, sometimes that stiff upper lip thing is good

The days are getting longer, and spring will come. The change of the seasons is not unlike our own spiritual journey...filled with winters, springs, summers and falls. Each day becomes a time to remember God, to pray, to remember that we are not alone. It also becomes a chance to pray for others, to ask God to help us to grow as persons. It is an opportunity to take action from that reflection, and care about others. We all need to know that we are not alone.

As I reflect on this last year as Vicar of the Church of the Good Samaritan, I see a community of prayer and caring that extends beyond the solid little group that gathers in the chapel each Sunday at 4 p.m. for evening prayer or liturgy. Our community includes those who read our newsletter each week, who pray with and for us, who consider us part of their community life; those that cannot get out to worship, who are not comfortable going to a church for whatever reason.

We carry our witness into the world by our presence; those that we help in the community by my involvement in various things like the interchurch council, and support of other clergy. Our members are very active in various volunteer efforts in the community; they are the backbone of the witness of Christ in the world. If you asked them they would probably tell you that they don't think they do much, but they do. Sometimes it is hard to separate the church goer from the life of the person. Hopefully, through prayer and reflection, our lives become living witnesses of love. We cannot say enough for Sally, our volunteer secretary, Debbie who manages the chapel almost single handedly, Martin, our treasurer, Ray and Lucy our organists, Karen who leads evening prayer faithfully at least once a month, and all the others that make up our community of weekly worship. I continue to be quite active as one of the bishops in the Evangelical Anglican Church in America; we are planning a convention for this coming fall.

Starting on Ash Wednesday at 10 a.m. (following a service at 9 a.m.) we will be having a Lenten Study Group. The focus will be St. Brigid. An early and fiery witness to the Christian faith, she is said by some to be an early Bishop in the church. We will be using a study book by John O'Donohue. We will also have the opportunity to have a conversation with Brother Aaron of the EACA, an expert of St. Brigid. Brother Aaron and I are in active conversation about starting a new community with Celtic spirituality as a focus. All are welcome to join us in this ecumenical effort.

We appreciate the support of our extended community – both with treasurers, time, and talent. We continue to pray for all of you as we need you to pray for us.

+David C. Bellville

Lenten Study Begins Wednesdays at 10 a.m. starting March 5th

Good Samaritan Prayer List: **Please send requests to cogs@gwi.net.**

Prayer Requests: We welcome prayer requests. You can send any prayer confidential requests to Father Barry. He will handle each request with care and confidentiality: fatherbarry@gwi.net. And you can continue to send prayer requests at the email address above, or write to us at 9 Cleaveland Street Brunswick, ME 04011.

Prayer for this week: God, help me to allow you in today. We pray for: (Send us *updates to this list*)

Sick/recovering:, Abby, Cynthia, Jim, Ruth, Ben, Lucy, Peyton, John, Frank, Scott, Barry+, Sara O, Helen, Jessi, Ross, Bill, Bob, Anne, Cello, Bryan, Janice, **For all those grieving or in Transition:** Fr. Jim, Mark, Ryan, Brother Aaron. **Died:** Gerry, Gordie, Bill, Jim, **Thanksgiving:** for all those that are part of our ministry...

All those traveling we ask for traveling mercies... We pray for Father Barry’s ministry among the aging. We pray for all those grieving and alone. *We make the sign of the cross and ask God for deeper faith, enduring hope, and divine love.* **Those suffering in the world:** for all those dealing with war, floods and disasters here and abroad, for those who are homeless here and abroad; for our awareness of the needs that are around us and the willingness to help where and when we are able.

Calendar of Worship Ministry Assignments 2013

Date Chapel: Meditation: 3:40 Service: 4:00 p.m.	2/9/14 Eph V	2/16 EPH VI	2/23 EPH VII	3/2Tra nsfigur ation	3/5 Ash Wed 9a.m.	3/9 First Lent	3/16 Second Lent	3/23 Third Lent
Leader and Service Type	EU BD	EU BD	EP Deb	EP Karen	MP Chapel BD	EP Karen	EU BD	EP Deb
Reader	Deb	Deb	Marty	Deb	XX	Marty	Lucy	Karen
Prayers	Lucy	Marty	Lucy	Marty	XX	BD	Ray	Lucy
Acolyte	Deb	Deb	XX	XX	XX	XX	Deb	XX
Refreshments	Pot Luck	Marty	Lucy	BD	Ray	Kar	Deb	Marty
Music	Ray	Ray	Lucy	Lucy	XX	Ray	Ray	Ray

QM-Quiet Meditation PL/CM-Pot Luck/Community Mtg EP- Evening Prayer CNL: Council Services are at 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Quiet meditation begins at 3:30 p.m.

Join others and us around the world in praying and reading the daily Lectionary Readings:

Sun 5 Feb 9	am: 93, 96 pm: 34	Gen 24:50-67	2 Tim 2:14-21	Mark 10:13-22
Mon Feb 10	am: 80 pm: 77, 79	Gen 25:19-34	Heb 13:1-16	John 7:37-52
Tue Feb 11	am: 78:1-39 pm: 78:40-72	Gen 26:1-6, 12-33	Heb 13:17-25	John 7:53-8:11
Wed Feb 12	am: 119:97-120 pm: 81, 82	Gen 27:1-29	Rom 12:1-8	John 8:12-20
Thur Feb 13	am: 146, 147 pm: 83, 85, 86	Gen 27:30-45	Rom 12:9-21	John 8:21-32
Fri Feb 14	am: 88 pm: 91, 92	Gen 27:46-28:4, 10-22	Rom 13:1-14	John 8:33-47
Sat Feb 15	am: 87, 90 pm: 136	Gen 29:1-20	Rom 14:1-23	John 8:47-59
Sun 6 Feb 16	am: 66, 67 pm: 19, 46	Gen 29:20-35	1 Tim 3:14-4:10	Mark 10:23-31
Mon Feb 17	am: 89:1-18 pm: 89:19-52	Gen 30:1-24	1 John 1:1-10	John 9:1-17
Tue Feb 18	am: 97, 99, 100 pm: 94, 95	Gen 31:1-24	1 John 2:1-11	John 9:18-41
Wed Feb 19	am: 101, 109:1-30 pm: 119:121-144	Gen 31:15-50	1 John 2:12-17	John 10:1-18
Thur Feb 20	am: 105:1-22 pm: 105:23-45	Gen 32:3-21	1 John 2:18-29	John 10:19-30
Fri Feb 21	am: 102 pm: 107:1-32	Gen 32:22-33:17	1 John 3:1-10	John 10:31-42
Sat Feb 22	am: 107:33-43, 108 pm: 33	Gen 35:1-20	1 John 3:11-18	John 11:1-16

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Thanks and God Bless You Bishop David and Martin Perry, Treasurer

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February 11, 2014

Dear Friend:

We here at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Brunswick, Maine wish you well as the holiday season approaches. This is also the time of our annual appeal, when we come to you, our faithful supporters, to ask for financial help.

Our mission is to bring the love of God to persons who find themselves by the side of the road for a variety of reasons. Our radically inclusive ministries of Sunday worship, pastoral care, prayer, retreats and weekly newsletter continue to provide compassionate support and spiritual direction for a 'niche' of folks that aren't always fully served by mainstream churches.

Would you help us as much as possible this year? We are currently in the red due to an unexpected computer crash, and with our bare bones budget we are lacking the necessary funds to resume our very important web-based ministry. Your fully tax3 deductible donation will go a long way with us. You may send your contribution to our address above, or go to the support page on our website at: www.churchofthegoodsamaritan.org to make your donation via Paypal.

Sincerely,

+David Christopher Bellville and the Council of the Church of the Good Samaritan