



December 2017

The Bell Ringer



We are committed to helping people grow in their faith in Christ; to care for the needs of those in the Lakes Region and beyond as we make disciples and live the Word of God

“Marley was dead: to begin with. There was no doubt about that whatever.”

Charles Dickens, **A Christmas Carol**

Ah, the season of Advent, Christmas, and New Year! The goal is certainly joy, fun, and excitement! Linda and I have begun to put up the lights and to trim the tree. We’ve also started watching the

Christmas movies: ***It’s a Wonderful Life, White Christmas, Miracle on 34th Street, The Family Stone,*** and ***The Santa Claus***. One we also always watch is the 1894 version of ***A Christmas Carol***, starring George C. Scott (as well as the Muppets version).

Along with all the lights and excitement, Advent and Christmas are also a time to slow down and to remember the story of redemption. Our faith is that The Christ Child was born on Christmas Day to redeem the world! You’re invited to an Advent study to talk about Dickens’ story – a heartwarming account of how this redemption might look. It’s a story about redeeming Scrooge’s heart from a life centered on self to a life filled with the joy of experiences of friendship, compassion, benevolence, grace, and mercy. I hope you’ll join me and others on Thursdays or Sundays to talk about Dickens’ story in light of The Christ Story.

During Advent, I’ll be preaching around the theme of the redemption of Scrooge. We’ll start with the simple need for redemption ... a need to change that “Bah, humbug!” into a “Merry Christmas!” Each week thereafter, we’ll learn from Christmases past, present, and future. Each week, we’ll also bring in a couple of hymns that support the theme. Finally, on Christmas Eve, we’ll celebrate the redemptive work of God --- all that God has done and all that God offers through the love of the one born lowly and lying in a manger.

I pray that you will join the discussion groups. Our sharing will help to inform my preaching the following Sunday. I also pray that you will be at worship and bring someone or encourage someone to be at worship with you.

Let us observe a faithful, joyous, and redemptive Advent and Christmas this year as Christ is born among us again!

Oh, and I also want to remind you to gather for dinner and **Charge Conference** next Thursday. Let’s gather to celebrate our life together as the body of Christ! Please be there!

Blessings to all,
Pastor Bob

Reminder: **Advent Study** Each Thursday 10:00 to 11:30
 Each Sunday 11:30 to 1:00

Christmas “Eve” Services 9:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent, Traditional
 7:00 PM Family Oriented
 10:00 PM Candlelight & Holy Communion

Outreach News

Hooray for all those that step up to help! Our MUMC Family Thanksgiving Pot Luck was a big success.

We are now on the the Angel Tree and all children have been taken!



Our next venture will be the "Cookie Walk" on Saturday, December 2nd, 9-2PM and Sunday after services. We need help with cookies, please help

by making your favorite Christmas cookies and dropping at Church on Friday, Dec 1st, 10-12 noon or Saturday morning before 9AM. If you didn't come last year, all you have to do for the Walk is come in, get a box and select your cookies. We will charge by the pound. It was a lot of fun last year and looked great.



CAROLING

Christmas Caroling will be on Sunday, December 10th at

2:30PM. Please meet in

Fellowship Hall. Caroling

means a lot to the elderly and

shut-ins, sometimes we are the only Holiday visitors. Come bring the family, children are welcome. Bring a battery operated candle or a flashlight. Pot luck will follow at the O'Hara's.

Thank you so much for your support, Outreach wouldn't happen without your help. Bev and Chuck

Church Council:

Keeping the agenda short this month, we discussed and accepted the budget to be presented and voted on at Charge Conference on Thursday, December 7th at 7PM.

Charge Conference is Thursday, Dec 7th at 7PM. Let's have a true "Pot Luck" at 5:30 PM. I'll make a pot of beans, what can you bring?

Charge Conference is our time to show the District Superintendent what we have been doing this year. Please make plans to attend. Bev Charest, Chairman

Thank you from the Rand family.

The family of Peter Rand thanks all at MUMC for your years of love and friendship. Peter and Pat have called this their church home for many years. They thank you for celebrating his life with them on November 11.

In appreciation, the Rand family made a very generous financial gift to MUMC. We look forward to discovering how to best use the gift in a way to honor Peter and Pat and all their services to God here.



Volunteer Wanted

Can you spare one Sunday a month to share your talents with your church? The Shopping Card Program is looking for one additional individual that is willing to serve during the winter months after the 10:00AM church service. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve. If interested, call Sue Scudder at 253-6943.

Shopping Card News



Time is running out for Holiday Gift Card ordering. **Last day to order to insure Holiday delivery is December 10th.** Please place your order as early as possible so your friends and family won't be disappointed and can purchase exactly what they want. No mall lines, no size exchanges, no color or style returns, and easy to mail – what could be simpler. Feel free to pick up order blanks to take home to browse some available national retailers, or download one from our website

www.moultonboroumc.org/scrips.html.

Both alphabetical and category listings of over 400 United Scrip retailers are available at

www.scripzone.com/certificatelist.aspx



Diane Bartlett 2	Donn Bettinger 17
Gerry Caldwell 11	James Goss 22
Stuart Pearce 11	Carolyn Parsons 22
Rae Marie Davis 14	William Abbott 15

2017 - Christmas Poinsettias



Orders will be taken on Sundays, Dec, 3rd Dec.10th and Dec.17th, for poinsettia plants to decorate our Altar for the Christmas season. If you would like one to adorn the church, please fill out this form and give it to our “flower lady” downstairs in Fellowship Hall after church or mail to the Moultonborough UMC—Altar Guild,

Moultonborough, NH 03254.

**Plants are \$10.00 each and checks can be made payable to:
MUMC — Altar Guild**

Name _____

Message/dedication _____

How many @ \$10.00 ea. _____ **Red**



December Schedule



Sunday, December 3

8/10am: Worship Service
Cookie Walk after Service
11:30-1pm: Advent Study
8:00pm: AA Mtg

Thursday, December 7

10am: AA Mtg.
10-11:30 Advent Study
5:30pm: Pot Luck Dinner
7pm: Charge Conference

Sunday, December 10

8/10am: Worship Service
11:30-1pm: Advent Study
2:30pm: Christmas Caroling
Meet at Fellowship Hall
8:00pm: AA Mtg

Wednesday, December 13

10am: Emmaus Mtg.

Thursday, December 14

10am: AA Mtg.
10-11:30 Advent Study
7pm: Trustee Mtg.

Friday, December 15

7am: Men's Breakfast
@ Lion's Club

Sunday, December 17

8/10am: Worship Service
11:30-1pm: Advent Study
8:00pm: AA Mtg

Thursday, December 21

10am: AA Mtg
10-11:30 Advent Study

Sunday, December 24

9am: Worship Service
8:00pm: AA Mtg.
7:00pm: Traditional
10:00pm: Contemporary

Monday, December 25

Office will be closed

Wednesday, December 27

9am: Printing BellRinger

Thursday, December 28

10am: AA Mtg.
10-11:30 Advent Study

Sunday, December 31

8/10am: Worship Service
8:00pm: AA Mtg



December Schedule



		Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist	Computer	Gift Card	Counters
3	8am	John & Sue Scudder	Mike & Kate Lancor	Bill Wilderman	John Scudder	Sue Scudder	
	10am	Jean Hill	Mel & Jean Heckman Jim & Donna Conway	Linda Schneider	Charlie Fritz	Pamela Abbott Sue Scudder	Darlene Fritz Odel Bailey
10	8am	Bob & Jane Hammond	Jan Estes Ken Young	Diane Johnson	Steve Johnson	Sue Scudder	
	10am	Nancy McDonough	Todd & Sandra Ringelstein	TBA	Sandra Ringelstein	Betsy Merkle Sue Scudder	Sandra Ringelstein Rich Merkle
17	8am	Mark & Diana Johnson	Ed & Sue Brown	Josh Bartlett	John Scudder	Sue Scudder	
	10am	Pat Lincoln	Peg Young Jon Heyden	TBA	Shane Pouliot	Pat Lincoln	Bev Charest Sarah Richardson
24	9am	Norm & Connie Coates	Mark & Diana Johnson Peg Young Dick Russell	TBA	Steve Johnson	Sue Scudder	Mel Heckman Dave Hanson
	7pm 10pm		Mik & Kate Lancor Nancy Gagne		John Scudder		
31	8am	Norm & Connie Coates	Ken Young Charlie Harrington	Diane Johnson	John Scudder	Sue Scudder	
	10am	Open	Sara Richardson Harry Welch	TBA	Forrest Abbott	Pamela Abbott	Darlene Fritz Sarah Richardson



“A ministry that approaches brokenness in ones life with Christian care and compassion to help find strength and wholeness in life once again.”

Brokenness and loneliness is a condition that none of us care to face in life but the reality is, it happens. Stephen Ministry is a ministry that helps persons work through the complexities of life when they have surfaced with Christian care.

If you or someone you feel might be in need of a Stephen Minister we are available to share and help to bring about wholeness out of brokenness.

For further information please see; Pastor Bob, Rae Marie Davis, Nancy Hanson or Murray Nickerson.

Grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ

Reunion Group



**Monthly gathering:
Second Wednesday each month.**

December 13th 10:00 a.m.

Gather in back class room at church.

December 29th at Abbott’s Home.

(150 Old Center Harbor Rd, Ctr Harbor)

December News!

Welcoming: *Linda and Jim Nave and Eleanor and Harry Welch who “Walked” this past November .*

Men’s Walk April 12-15, 2018

Women’s Walk April 19-22, 2018

At The Alton Bay Christian

Conference Center

Alton, NH

“A walk with the Lord you’ll not forget”

Luke 24:13-35

The weekends are approaching - and our Pilgrims are prepared for a journey of faith and with the spiritual presence of Christ himself.

God’s grace is stepping up a step or two and that Road to Emmaus will soon unfold like never before.

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ADVENT

<p>Monthly Events:</p> <p>Emmaus Meetings: 2nd Wed. 10:00am Prayer Shawl: 1st and 4th Thursday @ 12noon. Moultonboro Men's Breakfast: Lions Club 3rd Friday at 7:00am (\$7) Speakers.</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Advent Study Thursday 10-11:30 Sunday 11:30-1:00 December 2, (9-2) Cookie Walk December 3, Cookie Walk after Services December 7, Pot Luck 5:30 December 7, Charge Conference 7pm December 10, Christmas Caroling 2:30pm December 13, Emmaus Mtg. 10am December 14, Trustee Mtg. 7pm December 15, Men's Breakfast 7am</p>
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Please pray for the members of our church family, friends and relatives.

Nancy Kivlehan, Magregor Chadwick, Maria Castro,
Rae Marie Davis, Bob Adams, Sheila Pinet,
Family of Peter Rand;

(Prayer requests will be listed for 30 days)

Attendance

	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Other	Total
November 5	37	69		106
November 12	38	62		100
November 19	29	66		95
November 26	33	61	Ecumenical service 70	164

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Charge Conference 2017
 Agenda & Liturgy

5:30 to 6:30	Dinner - Breaking Bread Together	Lay Leader Development Committee Report – Election of 2018 Leaders & Trustees
6:00 to 7:00	SPRC Meeting with Rev. Taesung	Prayer of Thanks & Blessing
6:30 to 7:00	Clean-up	Membership Report & Remembrance of the Saints Gone Forth
7:00	Move Upstairs	Sing Prayerfully Bind Us Together, Lord 2226
Gather Singing O Come, All Ye Faithful (1,2)	234	Business
A Call to Holy Conferencing Pastor Bob		Trustees Report Dick Russell
Introduction & Welcome of Rev. Taesung Pastor Bob & SPRC		2016 Audit/Fund Balance Report Ed Charest
Election of Conference Secretary		Year-to-Date Finance Report Ed Charest
Approval of 2016 Minutes		SPRC Report – Approval of Pastoral Compensation Diane Bartlett
Let Us Sing O Come, All Ye Faithful (3)	234	Budget for 2018 Enid Burrows
Scripture to Guide Our Conference Acts 2:42-47 Brief Reflection		Prayer of Thanks
Report from Sandra Ringelstein Lay Leader		Other Business
Report from Rev. Ed Charest Retired Pastor’s Report		Words from Rev. Taesung
Pastor’s Report		Closing Hymn They’ll Know We are Christians (1,2) 2223
Let Us Sing Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (1,3)		Benediction
Reaffirm Lay Servant(s) Word from Beverly Charest		Singing of Our MUMC Benediction