
THE BRIDGE

CHURCH COVENANT PT. 2

The Shoreline.....Musings from the Bridge

As I stated last month, during a leadership retreat in which we read and discussed our constitution and by-laws we discovered that church members are called to subscribe to our Church Covenant. It was suggested that we make that Covenant more public and so I'm sharing that Covenant in pieces over the next few months, hopefully leading to a Church wide movement to reaffirm this agreement that we have with each other. This month we'll cover this paragraph:

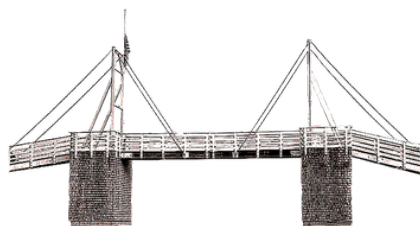
“We commit ourselves to the work of Christ’s Church, upholding the worship of God and the ordinances of Holy Baptism and Communion, seeking through example and word to reveal Christ to others, teaching the truths of God in Christ, contributing as cheerful stewards to the support of the local and universal Church and its mission, ministering to the needy and those whom Christ would serve, and striving for justice and peace among the peoples of the world.”

It seems to me that this part of the Covenant involves inward and outward commitment. The inward asks us to commit to each other through the ordinances of the Church and to the financial support of the Church. A corporate commitment to each other that requires us to celebrate those things together, in person, when possible but always as a priority in our lives. We are faced with so much busyness. Slow down? Celebrating Communion in and of itself calls us to peace with each other. It's hard to make peace in absence. The outward aspect of this part of the covenant involves us engaging the mission of the church, of making disciples, taking Jesus to those who are not like us. Again, the choices, and they are many, get in the way because often people see our choices and miss Jesus. We become alienated from those around us. The enemy says,
“It's easier to just be alone, why deal with it”. That's not God's way. Let's talk.
See ya'll in church.

PASTOR BRIAN SHORE



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 Robert Quint	19 John Powell	24 Judith Peters
10 Phyllis Moore	19 Bill Wynne	25 Larry Downing
16 Deb Lareau	21 Mackenzie Marks	25 Wendy Ferns
19 Erin Haye	23 Tom Banister	30 Deb Swallow

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/4 Steve & Deb Lareau
5/20 Pastor Jeff & Mary Beth Patnaude
5/23 Warren & Patsy Huntsman
5/24 Andrew & Katrina Wiggin

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, April 8, three ladies met for lunch at The Union Bluff in York Beach. We had a nice view of Short Sands beach from our table. The food was delicious and our server was most pleasant. Two of us had the chicken BLT on sourdough bread. It was so generous we could only eat half. One of us got a delicious salad. Lots of chatting and blessed fellowship. Our next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at noon. The location is to be announced.

Submitted by Brenda Goodale



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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are finishing up our winter bible study this week (April 23) and will plan to start it up again next fall. We are going through the book of Luke, and Debbie Hibbard has been our teacher. She has done a wonderful job of leading us into a deeper knowledge of God and His word. She is heading north for the summer but will be back in the fall. Yay!

A bible study is a wonderful tool to deepen spiritual growth, foster community and interpret and apply spiritual teachings. An added bonus is to connect with others and support one another as we enter into growing in Christ.

Bible study is essential for disciples of Christ. Disciple means learner, and we will never stop learning about God. A sermon each Sunday is not enough to teach you about the bible. You have to read and study to know what's in it. Is it beneficial for you to know what is in the bible? Undeniably, Yes! I want to challenge each one of you to try to read a chapter of the bible each day starting with the New Testament to learn how God wants us to live our lives on a day to day basis. The great thing about a bible study is that while you read the bible you can talk about it with others and get your questions talked out and answered.

We will resume our study in Luke next fall and hope that you will make it a point to join us as we grow together in Christ! Don't forget that there is a bible study every Sunday after church and we would love to see you all there as we learn and grow together!

--- Edie Brigham



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LIBRARY NEWS

This month I decided to revisit some books that have been reviewed before. Our library has some great books by local authors and Maine authors.

Tom Carnicelli has written four books of poems in the span of ten years about aging: Old Guy, Older Guy, Older Still and Looking Outward. They are short reads, so very true and written with a sense of humor.

A Dry and Thirsty Land by Ellie Andrews

Many years ago Ellie taught English at Oil Company schools in Libya . A lot of you have read this book but if you haven't I recommend it. I read it once and will read it again sometime soon.

Geranium Justice by Barbara "Bobbi" Treen. Bobbi is an Ogunquit resident. She spent 12 years on a parole board in the state of New York. I've read this book twice. Great read!

My Love Affair with the State of Maine by Scotty Mackenzie.

This is one of my favorite Maine books. A true story. Two women working jobs on Madison Avenue decide to give it up, move to Goose Rocks and open a general store. They are faced with numerous challenges and face them with wicked humor. I've read this three times over the years.

The Ride of Her Life by Elizabeth Letts.

This is based on a true story in the 1930's (?) about woman from a small town in Maine who decided to ride her horse, along with her dog, across the country to California. Since there were many houses with barns in those days (and people with trusting natures) she always found a family who would put her up for the night.

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DONATING TO OBC

Donating to OBC using your Bank's Automatic Bill Pay It's simple and it's free! (We have a few contributors using it and they are very pleased with it.) Technically your pledge donations to OBC aren't "bills", but it is still possible to set it up through your bank's bill pay. You can do a one-time or recurring donation to OBC.

Guidelines to help you through setting it up:

1. Follow directions on your bank's website to set up a new bill or payee.
2. Choose to pay a company rather than a person (if given a choice).
3. Where it requests "Company Name" enter: Ogunquit Baptist Church
4. For the "Company Address" enter: Attn: Financial Secretary
PO Box 874 Ogunquit, ME 03907-3814
5. For "Company Phone Number" enter: 207-646-2160
6. For "Account Number" enter either:
 - a. Envelope # ____ (whatever your envelope # is) or
 - b. your first initial and your last name.

Example: HWynne

7. After setting up OBC as a biller, it is added to your list and you can select it at any time and enter a payment amount and payment date. There is chance to put a memo with it.
 8. You will also have the option of setting up automatic or recurring payments (this can add more convenience, but it is not recommended if there is a risk of overdrawing from your account)
- Bill Pay is usually a free service of your checking account, but some banks may charge a monthly fee for the service; this fee may sometimes be waived. The church is not charged any fees for receiving a donation through your bank's bill pay service, so what you donate is what would appear on your annual giving statements.

