



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ELIOT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

For All The People

The Echo

November 2019

1361 State Rd. Eliot, Maine
Eliotucc.org

Rev. Dr. Beth Hoffman, Pastor
Lisa Marshall, Music Director

From Pastor Beth

Did you read George's words last year? They are worth our time again as we remember what we do as church and how we are full of wonder and wealth in all kinds of amazing ways. Please fill out your pledge card, even if just to say that you can pray for us. That might be the most powerful gift of all.

And hear from Deacon George Salzer how much the church makes him a "rich man." See you in church!

Pastor Beth

George tells us why FCCE is his church!

Is the road you travel on your faith journey and your relationship with Jesus Christ a smooth, paved highway? Are you looking at a steep hill that will make you downshift to reach the top? Are you staring at mountain switchbacks with no guardrails and a several hundred foot drop-off if you get things wrong? Are you at the top of that mountain and afraid to drive down into the new unknown below? You have people here at FCCE who genuinely care about you and where you are on your journey.

The welcome to ALL. The smiles shared. The comforting touch. The monster hug. The touch of a hand. The Pastor as teacher and friend. The music. The prayer. The sermon. The love and respect shown our children. The services to our community. All of you bring so much of yourselves because you CARE. The love of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit overrun this beautiful little country church with the HUGE heart. Thank you for the love and support that is always present on Sunday mornings and continues during the week on social media and in how you present yourselves to others in the community.

We love our church. With the daily stress of Alzheimer's and keeping up with our almost four year old grandson, it does me a world of good to be with people who are so genuine in their love for their church. It is very comforting to me to be able to participate in our service and most Sundays have that special moment where I feel the built up stress, anger and frustration leave me. The support we give to each other in our struggles, triumphs and even defeats as we travel the path our faith journeys lead us on is unsurpassed.

You are beautiful, special people and Anne and I are so happy and content in being a part of this church family.

- George

Thrift Shop

By the time you read this the Thrift Shop will be closed.

Because of the lack of interest and availability of volunteer help, the Ladies Circle voted to not open the Thrift Shop next year.

We would like to thank everyone who has worked and helped in the Thrift Shop, especially Bobbi Jean Gosselin who was there almost every Monday morning to help put away items that had been donated.



Stewardship

We experienced a wonderful month of stewardship and closed with ringing the bells of generosity and earning our wings of celebration and gratitude. We have indeed recognized that our church is part of our Wonderful Life. Now we hope all the cards of pledges and promises will be sent in to the office or placed in the offering plate. Let's make this the best year ever! We believe in each other and know that we are indeed the growing church with the big heart.



Ladies Circle

On Wednesday October 2, 9 ladies met for our monthly meeting. They brought in items for Project Share. This month we will be bringing items for the Maine Youth Center. A list of suggested gifts is available.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday November 6 at 9:30 when we will start setting up for the fair. Joan Pelkey will have dessert and devotions. Sandwiches will be our lunch provided by the Circle. We will also come on Friday morning at 9:30 to help set up the dining room and help with other last minute things. Our Christmas Carole Fair will be next month November 9.

Be sure to start baking small cookies and putting them in the freezer. Candy is needed for the candy table and bake goods for the Bake Table. Raffle tickets are available to sell. Joan Pelkey has them. Gift certificates are needed for the raffle. Monday Night Craft will not meet again until January.

Operation Turkey Sandwich 2019

The night before Thanksgiving we will again be making turkey sack lunches and on the holiday we will be taking those out to those people who are working and can't make it home for dinner. We don't know who might need a meal but we know everyone needs a little contact and care. No strings attached. Let's be the church and dare to talk about it! The hard working and very faithful Deacons of the church are coordinating this great discipleship event and you are invited to come be the hands and feet of Christ. One of our most powerful community missions of the year! Come be a part of this powerful event. Last year we served 100!

We need donations of food and many hands to make this work. Are you in? Let's change lives!



Advent: Coming Soon!



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ADVENT WORKSHOP FAMILY EVENT

ART, ADVENTURE,
COOKIES AND CAROLS!
PREPARING
OUR SPIRIT FOR THE SEASON.

Monday
December 9
5:30-7:30



Capital Campaign

From the website of Full Harvest Fundraising, the Capital Campaign Consultants we are working with into the future. "As consultant-coaches, Peter Heinrichs and Susan Lewis help nonprofit organizations catch and hold a powerful vision for 'what wants to happen'. We also remove barriers (such as fear of asking for money) that often hold people back. This is where coaching comes in.

As we raise people's confidence and clarity, we organically create the framework to begin the process of raising money. Until people have a sense of why their campaign matters and what it means to them personally, there can be only limited success. Once these questions are answered, the potential is unleashed and the excitement begins!"

Six reasons to work with Full Harvest Fundraising

Gain confidence and clarity around your organization's purpose and goal

Learn to be more effective leaders

Grow and encourage new leaders

Get more connected to others

Reach your goal(s)

Experience the miracle of abundance!

Project Share is Back

The Eliot Lions Club is getting ready for this year's Project share program, where the community comes together to provide food baskets for needy families in Eliot for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Church members are encouraged to start bringing non-perishable food items such as cans of soup, vegetables, fruit, etc.

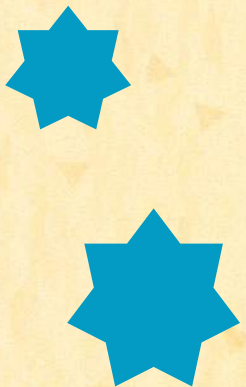
The Eliot Lions Club coordinates the whole program, but the food comes basically from Eliot churches and the schools. Our church plays a major roll in the success of the program. Our church is the collection and distribution center for all the food that is delivered. We have been fortunate to have received the cooperation of the local Boy Scout troop who deliver the boxes of food to the families the Saturday before both holidays. Our church can be proud that several members have volunteered to help on Thursday and Friday mornings with the unloading, sorting, and packaging of the food to be delivered. The dates help will be needed this year are Thursdays 11/21 and 12/19 to help unload the trucks that will bring the food from the schools and to sort it into categories. On Fridays 11/22 and 12/20 help can be used to fill the boxes for each individual family. We start working at 9:00 am or each of those days and are done by about 11:00 am--if we have enough volunteers. Thursdays are the most time-consuming of the two days.

I would like to thank our church for its continued outstanding support of the Project Share program. If you are able to help on any of the dates mentioned or have questions, please let me know. I can be reached at 207-439-2404 or cadbogh@aol.com.

Dick Bogh
And the Eliot Lions Club

Craft Fair November 9th

8-1PM Still time to volunteer!



Christmas Carole Fair!

CRAFTS COOKIE WALK

FOOD COURT

CANDY SHOPPE AND MORE!

Sunday Servants

Liturgists:

3 Pastor Beth
10 Laurie Troy
17 Jeff and Justin Pelkey
24 Shelby Grondin-Bushe

Ushers:

3 Al and Jeanne Morin
10 Linda Downey and Laurie Troy
17 Rob and Sonya Quinn
24 Peggy Gray and Robin Wheeler

Fellowship Hour:

3 This date is open due to injury. Would you volunteer?
10 Jan McMullen
17 The Cultrera Family
24 Bobbi Jean Gosslin and Jen Swanson

Sunday School Adventures:

3 Lauren Cultrera and Family
10 Lauren Cultrera and Family
17 Lauren Cultrera and Family
24 Lydia Hoffman

Sanctuary Steward: Linda Gove

Deacon of the Month: Lisa Marshall

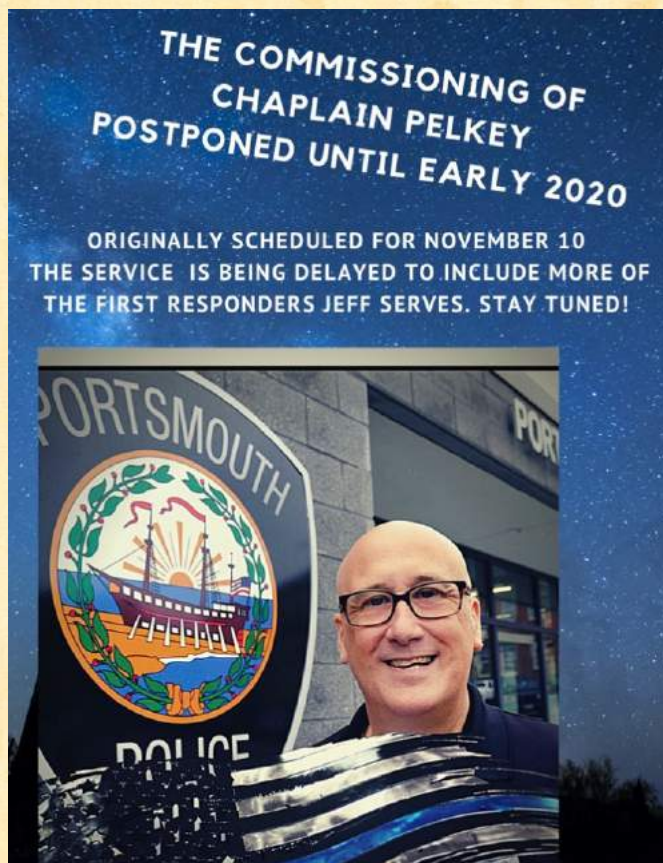
Lead Greeter: Doris Grover

Director of Christian Education: Lydia Hoffman

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

1 - Dottie Edson
4 - Lauren Cultrera
4 - Tyler Small
9 - Walter Gove
13- Rebecca Schenk
14 - Beth Hoffman
15 - Kate Bonafede
20 - Jeanne Morin
21 - Liz Futterer
22 - Nancy Shapleigh
27 - Duane Bateman
30 - Joan Donhauser

To these and all those who we don't have in the records, we wish a very happy birthday or anniversary!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship 10am 			**1-7pm Banjo ~ Weekly	** Bluegrass 4-7pm (Weekly)	1 Exercise 8am	2 Hall reserved 9-3:30pm
3 <div style="border: 1px solid brown; padding: 2px;">Daylight savings time</div> Choir 8:30am Communion All Saints Sunday	4 7pm Craft Group	5	6 9:30am Ladies Circle **	7 <div style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Still time to help with the craft fair.</div>	8 Exercise 8am	9 <div style="border: 1px solid brown; padding: 2px;"><i>Christmas Carole Fair</i> 8am to 1pm</div>
10 Choir 8:30am C.E. Penny Collection	11	12	13 **	14 Exercise 8am Garden Club 12:30-3:30PM	15 Exercise 8am	16
17 Choir 8:30am	18	19	20 **	21 Exercise 8am ** 6:30 Choir	22 Exercise 8am	23
24 Choir 8:30am	25	26	27 Operation Turkey Sandwich 4:30pm **	28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> 	29	30