



# Union Church of Belgrade Lakes

## United Methodist Church

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## Union Rider

### May, 2018 Newsletter



#### FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOR LUNCHEON

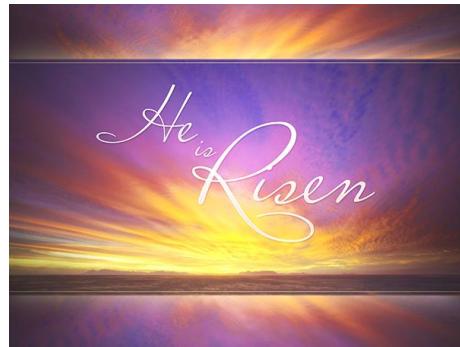
**Soups, sandwiches,  
desserts and more!**

**Thursday, May 10, 2018  
from 11:30 to 1pm.**

**Come Join in the fellowship with our  
friends throughout the community.**



**Trivia is now back!**



**Easter  
Journey  
Prayer**  
*by Bishop  
Devadhar and  
fellow pilgrim  
while on their  
trip to the Holy  
Land*

Oh Risen Christ,  
who is looking for us  
before we are looking for you:

Was that you —  
in the wide-eyed wonder of the child,  
in the face behind the soldier's uniform.

Was that you —  
in the birds' music and the worshippers'  
songs, in the stranger on the other side of the  
river, we were forbidden to cross?

Oh Risen Christ,  
who sees us  
before we see you:

Was that you who came to us —  
at the unexpected time,  
in the unsuspecting person.

Was that your —  
graffiti written on the city walls  
calling us as you first called the twelve.  
Was that you who met us —

in bread and wine,  
taken,  
blessed,  
broken,  
poured out,  
and shared.

Oh Risen Christ, help us —  
to love what we see;  
to become what we receive,  
and to know you,  
as the One who lives among us!

Inspire, stir, encourage, challenge us —  
to blossom in God's glory.  
to love with your compassion,  
to move as the free blowing wind of  
your Holy Spirit. Amen.

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**Our 2018/2019 Global Mission Initiative is happening right in our backyard with the United Methodist Economic Ministry in Salem Township, Maine**

<https://www.umeconomicministry.com/>

**Joys & Celebrations Total**  
**As of 4/22/18: \$568.05**  
**Our June 30<sup>th</sup> Goal is \$1,250**

**Their Programs Include:**

Salem & Solon Thrift Shops  
Salem, Solon and Howland Food Cupboards  
Maple Syrup  
Backpacks and Sneakers  
Emergency Heating Assistance  
Fire Victims Assistance  
Warming Center (Jan – April)  
Prom Shop  
Christmas Shoppe  
Community Garden

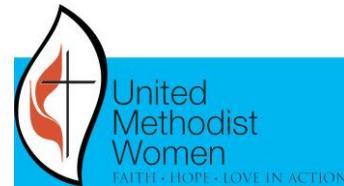


Summer mission groups provide home repair, accessibility ramps and winter weatherization with efficient windows and doors.

Their vision is to support healthy communities that adapt to the changing environment in the region. They are providing both educational and material support towards self sufficiency in this region of severe economic challenge.

With dignity and grace, they are working to build sustainable communities.

Monthly we will provide updates to the various programs of their ministries.



**The United Methodist Women-UMW-will be providing their outline for their 2018 activities soon.**

**Their regular meetings are the third Saturday of the month from 9AM to 10:30AM in Friendship Hall**

**Next Meeting: May 19th**

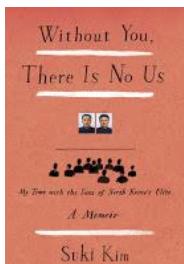


**Come to our next Event  
All Welcome!**



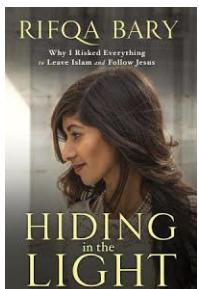
## United Methodist Women's Monthly Meeting Book Club

**Below is a brief description of all the books they will be reading for each month through June 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like a copy of any of these books; they are located in the Church Library. Or you can read them on your Kindle.**



### May – Without You There is No Us (Suki Kim)

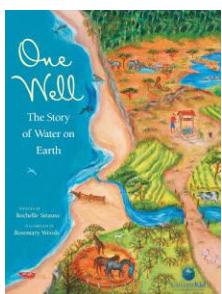
In 2011, all universities in North Korea were shut down for an entire year, and except for the 270 students at the all-male Pyongyang University of Science and Technology, all students were sent to construction fields. Suki Kim accepted a job teaching English at Pyongyang, and over the next six months, she ate three meals a day with her young charges, while struggling to teach them to write and care - fully telling them about the world beyond their borders, always aware that the more they knew, the more they risked.



### June – Hiding in the Light

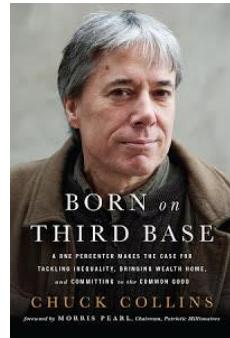
(Rifqa Bary): Growing up in a devout Muslim home, Rifqa Bary obediently followed the rituals of Islam. Hiding in the Light is her story of her remarkable spiritual journey from Islam to Christianity. It is also the story of a young girl

who, hearing Jesus' call, made life-changing sacrifices to follow – and who inspires us to do the same.



### July – One Well; The Story of Water on Earth (Rochelle Strauss)

One Well is a richly illustrated and timely book about our water and its source. Its call to action shows how every one of us has the power to conserve and protect the global well.



BORN on  
THIRD BASE  
A 99% PERCENTED MAKES THE CASE FOR TACKLING INEQUALITY, REFORMING HEALTH CARE, AND COMMITTING TO THE COMMON GOOD

CHUCK COLLINS

forwarded by MORRIS PEARL, Chairman, People's Policy Project

With the soul of a storyteller and the heart of an agitator, inequality expert Chuck Collins upends our assumptions about America's deep wealth divide — a divide that, for the first time in recent history, locks the nation's youth into a future defined by their class and wealth at birth, limits our ability to address crises like climate change, and creates a world that no one, not even the rich, will ultimately want to live in. In Born on Third Base, Collins calls for an end to class war, busts the myths that define our views of rich and poor and offers bold new solutions for bridging the economic divide and reengaging the wealthy in rebuilding communities for a resilient future.

## Meetings: A Month At A Glance



**May 2018**

**Memorial Garden:** 5/2 @ 6:30

**Worship:** 5/8 @ 7 p.m.

**Prayer Shawl:** 5/14 and 5/28 @ 1:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee:** May 22 @ 6:30 p.m.

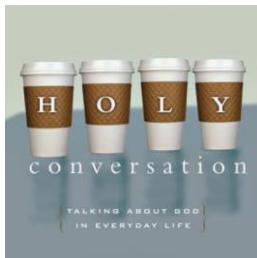


## 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# Be Inspired!

We will be holding a special meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9 a.m. to discuss – strategize how we might come up with more events or not; tweak the ones we hold every year and give everyone the opportunity to bring their ideas to the table. Watch for the date to be announced.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



### Wednesday Conversation, Study and Reflection.

*We will resume holding these sacred times on March*

**28<sup>th</sup> after our Season of Lent Bible Study** using our Upper Room Booklets to pick up a bit of scripture and consider it for our days of living in Jesus' Way.

**Classes are held on Wednesdays 11 to noon**

We continue to have several joining in our discussion each week; please consider taking time out to enjoy this wonderful conversation.

All are Welcome to Join Us; Bring A Bible, A Friend and a Smile!



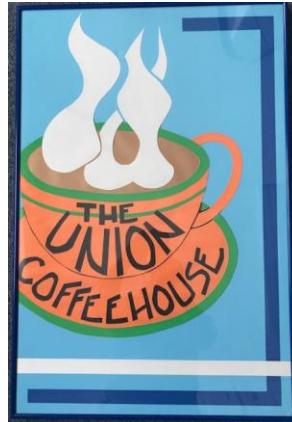
Did you Know?? That these Upper Room Daily Devotional Guides are "Free" for you... Your donation of a \$1 provides a copy "Free" for another! Thank you, your friend Grace!



During April the road work by The Maine Department of Transportation began

The once added trees to our Main Street view now removed are opening our view and revealing some new trees not long ago planted as their replacements.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" Ecclesiastes 3:1



**Union Coffeehouse Celebrates 12 Years On May 12th**

Hey everybody! The **Union Coffeehouse** is set to start its 2018 summer season at 7 PM on May 12th with a terrific Welcome To Summer Concert by **The Gawler Family**! How's that for a fun way to kick the winter doldrums goodbye and welcome the warm weather back into our lives? If you're not familiar with their music, the Gawlers accompany interweaving family harmonies with fiddles, banjo, wooden banjo, cello, guitar, ukulele and piano as well as a few surprises. Whether they are crooning a poignant ballad or delivering a rollicking fiddle tune, their unique arrangements are especially engaging and often go along with anecdotes of historical or humorous content. With their infectious spirit and sparkling musicianship,

they have earned a beloved place in the delighted hearts of varied audiences across the Northeast.

Following The Gawler Family, we'll have an Open Mic Hour that attracts some fine local talent. And, of course, we'll have awesome baked goods courtesy of the "Union Church Bakers Corps" as well as coffee, tea and lemonade. So come to The Gawler Family concert at the Union Coffeehouse in Friendship Hall on Saturday, May 12, starting at 7 PM. You're sure to have a great time!



### United Methodist Economic Ministry

Volunteer in Mission Team Needed in Western Maine February 2018 The United Methodist Economic Ministry (UMEM) in Salem Maine is looking for a team of volunteers to assist with improving an area of the ministry's property that is often used as an emergency shelter. UMEM serves the people of Western Maine with the food banks, thrift shops, and home repair services. The team is needed this summer and can schedule their stay at the UMEM on any of the available dates. UMEM has a wide range of accommodations for visiting teams including: a bunkhouse with a capacity for 22, a large kitchen and dining area, 3 RV sites, and unlimited space for tents. The emergency shelter "apartment" is used to provide a family, or individual, in crisis with temporary shelter. In just the last two years the apartment has provided emergency shelter to a homeless couple, and a pregnant mom with two kids. The project to improve the apartment includes demolition and rebuilding of a moisture damaged wall, the installation of new windows, access modifications, and several smaller repairs. The volunteer mission team that the ministry needs would be willing to donate their time and resources to making improvements to the apartment at the Salem, ME ministry headquarters. Skills can vary, but basic carpentry skills would be beneficial. If you feel called to head to the mountains of Western Maine with a team of volunteers that want to make a difference, contact the Staff at UMEM Salem: Phone 207-678-2611, or email



The Belgrade Health Center will be presenting a 6 week program to educate attendees in a way of Living Well for Better Health.

This program is geared toward caregivers who provide for those with chronic health issues.

This is open to anyone in the community. It will run from 4/19 through 5/24, Thursday nights

from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Watch for more information.

umem@tdstelme.net . The ministry staff will be happy to answer your questions and assist you with planning for your team. We hope to see you in the mountains of Maine this summer. Visit the UMEM website at <https://www.umeconomicministry.com/> for more information.



### BELGRADE/ROME FOOD PANTRY DONATION "WISH LIST"

As of February 2018

The local food pantry has recently revised its list of available items for distribution. The number of families and the total

number of persons visiting the food pantry monthly have been increasing. The Board met recently to review those items that are essential and those that may be considered less essential, as well as those provided by the government on a regular basis and those available at Good Shepherd. The focus will be on insuring that the shelves are stocked with all of the essential items. Conversely, certain items, such as cake mixes and frosting, were considered to be 'non essential' food items and will no longer be **purchased** for distribution. However, if those items are donated, they will still be made available to clients. Likewise, certain items, most notably, soaps and detergents, paper towels and bath tissues, all of which are necessary items, are not provided by the government and are not available at Good Shepherd. It is these items that the food pantry is keenly in need of receiving through donations. The president of the food pantry, Marylou Butterfield, has put together a 'wish list' of items that the food pantry is requesting in donations. It consists of items not readily available or provided by the government or at Good Shepherd.

***Wish List: Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Soap, Toothbrushes/Toothpaste, Hearty Soups,***

### **Canned Hash, Canned Pasta, Canned Tuna, Baked Beans, Cake Mix & Frosting**

Food insecurity remains a significant problem in Maine and throughout the USA despite the fact that the USA has sufficient resources to feed all of its inhabitants. Your continued support of the Belgrade Rome Special Needs Food Pantry is essential and much appreciated. Thank you for providing assistance to our neighbors in need.

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> is our Food Pantry Sunday. Please when bringing gifts for the pantry; first consider their wish list items (see above)

## Baptisms



Jeff, Mia and Xander Boutin were baptized on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. What a great day of gathering, worship and celebration. As Mia helped to pour Great Pond water into the font may she long remember this day of her anointing, her brother and dad's baptism too.



Calvin Broadhead, grandson of Jane and Bill Shontell will be baptized on July 1st.



Sharing  
is  
Caring



Barbara Bush Quote  
shared by Carol on  
Sunday Morning,  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We could  
all learn by this:

"At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a friend, a child, or a parent."



\* BiancaOverboom \*

#### Birthday Blessings

Art Carrano and friends celebrating his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We are pleased that Gail, family and friends held this day of celebration here at Union Church in our Friendship Hall.



Fun was had by all who attended, sweets were enjoyed and the love of family affirmed.



#### NEW MEMBER CLASSES COMING IN JULY!

July 8<sup>th</sup> 11-12:30

July 15<sup>th</sup> 11-12:30



Are you a member of our congregation and would like to know more about the United Methodist Church? Or are you perhaps interested in joining the church membership? Here is your chance to participate in this shared learning opportunity.

For those attending that may later choose to become a member of the church our Service of Membership will be held on **Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**



Tax  
Education  
Program

July 26<sup>th</sup>  
@ 6 p.m.

Our Endowment and Finance Committees will be hosting an informative meeting along with support from Gary Melville of the United Methodist Foundation and Joy Intriago, local CPA. They will outline the new tax code rules, regulations and filing requirements and how it will affect your IRAs, 401Ks and planned giving contributions to charitable organizations and/or your local church. How your mortgage interest and property tax deductions might be impacted, etc. This program will be open to our church family as well as those within our community.

**ALL WELCOME!**

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important program.

More detailed information to come...

Thank you; Gary, Cliff, Tony, Gary and Joy, for your participation with this event.



**angelic voices a rest and charge up for their summer of song with us. We look forward to their return in June.**

**Our wonderful  
Choir will be  
scheduled off  
during the  
Month of May  
to give their**



**Our Mission  
Ministries**

Through the year in this Newsletter we highlight our mission projects and programs where we serve God through Christlike compassion, mercy and transformation; reaching out, lifting up, building up. ***Here is a listing of some of the ways so far during 2018 you contributed to missions through your support received in our weekly worship offerings, pledges and special giving.***

**The Belgrade Rome Food Pantry** with special monthly "Wish List" donations; January through April we've been fillin' our shopping cart. - Many thanks.

Ever notice the sign at the **Belgrade Ball Park?** **\$150 during April** supports this local youth program and shares our active presence in the community in Christ's service.

**Maine Justice Foundation, Augusta, Maine.** With a gift of **\$500 in March** we supported this work that serves the LGBT, gay community those of whom are among the poor and vulnerable among us, facing issues of employment and housing discrimination, domestic violence, homelessness. In this manner we extend our church Welcoming Statement into the community beyond our own worship doors.

**Messalonskee High School** -Each year their empty Bowls project supports our local Food cupboards and the Food Cupboard at the High School we contributed **\$50 towards this in March.** In June we look to provide leadership and participation in their Baccalaureate program for new graduates.

**United Methodist Economic Ministry in Salem Township (UMEM); Weekly Joys and Celebrations contributions, \$568.05.** 2018 begins our two-year **Global Mission Initiative** here in Maine our annual goal is \$2,500.

**We have ordered Pints and Quarts of Maple Syrup** again this year for your Summer enjoyment and purchasing. With Fair Trade pricing 100% of the purchase price goes to assist their ministry programs that transform lives in here in Maine; \$600

**Bread of Life Shelter and Meal Programs, Augusta.** Through the year, each month we provide a Tuesday evening meal for the residence there. It's been a blessing to meet folks there and see how this ministry gives them both shelter and a boost to what is next as they move forwards in life by God's grace. With a gift of **\$500 in February** we equip there program there.

**Maine Adaptive Sports received \$50 during February** as an affirmation of their annual Ski-A-Thon that supports programs that empower adaptive athletes towards a healthy, active and rewarding life.

**Neighbors Driving Neighbors,** this local ministry program serving to help folks who would be otherwise home bound is supported with our **\$500 gift in January** and through the engagement of those offering to serve as drivers, and part of the programs leadership

**Winthrop, Maine: United Methodist Camp Mechuwana.** Scholarship support of campers in the amount of \$500. Is scheduled for May. The year-round camp and youth programs happening there transforms lives of children and youth.

## You are Invited to Mechuwana's Third Annual Golf Tournament



### Calling All Golfers!

Join us on Saturday, June 23rd at Springbrook Golf Course in Leeds. We'll have a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start, rain or shine!

**Come play for a cause in Mechuwana's third annual golf tournament. This tournament is open to all golfers. All funds raised will support Mechuwana's scholarship program.**

**Visit our website for your registration form.** [Springbrook Golf Club](#) has a beautiful 18-hole course located just minutes from [Mechuwana.In](#) the past, Springbrook has hosted such tournaments as the Maine Amateurs Championship.

Not a golfer, but still want to participate? Scroll down to find out how you can sponsor one of the 18 holes at the tournament!

### TEAMS OF THREE WELCOME

**Thanks to Springbrook Golf Club for their tremendous generosity!**

### Sponsor a Hole

Would your church or family be interested in sponsoring a hole in our golf tournament? For \$50, you and/or your church will have a personalized sign on display at one of our tournament holes. Please [visit our website](#) to download a "[Golf Tournament Sponsor Sheet](#)." Please fill it out and send with a check made payable to "Mechuwana," to: **Mechuwana, PO Box 277, Winthrop, ME 04364**

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**Our Mission** is to live our experience of God's love  
in all that we say and do...

**Our Vision** is to be a growing spiritual faith community in the manner of  
Christ, where all are welcome and cared for...