



BRANCHES

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches."



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"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here."
Rev. Holly Morrison, Pastor

From the Pastor

Just like any other day, it begins: a sense of growing light, the rising murmur of birdsong, then a nudge from Zoe, our Border Collie, who pokes my hand at the edge of the bed with an urgent call to work, work, work. Out in the pasture, the shaggy bull bawls as soon as he sees us, calling for hay enough to feed the herd. In the farrowing shed, six piglets are already noisily suckling before we manage to bring their mama her veggies and grain. We rush to the chores: haul feed, carry water, roll up the sides of the "high tunnel" greenhouse if the day promises to be warm.

And then it happens: something beyond me halts my gait and bids me to be still. It could be anything: a splash of new green growth, a quick buzz-by from pollen-laden bees, an iridescent blue feather held lightly by the grass, the scent of apple blossoms unfurling, or the comedic sight of an egg laid nowhere in particular by a confused or careless hen. Suddenly, the wonder of it wraps me. The delight of God's goodly Creation holds me, gently and surely, reminding me that all these lives are woven together with mine. It is a message of grace and responsibility. It is a vision of Beloved Community. It is a healing touch and a call to action, on behalf of the Source of all this Love.

Just like any other church, WE begin: after much prayer, discussion, and discernment, your desire for a new settled pastor found common ground with my desire to serve. While the farm feeds my spirit—and my belly—I take joy in the new rhythms of my days, here where soft marsh, rough stone, and the waters of the tidal Kennebec meet. Here, too, we have hungry and thirsty creatures: neighbors who rely on our gifts and partnership with the Bath Area Food Bank and other service organizations, and seekers who long for their souls to be fed. Here, too, there are needs that announce themselves with Border-Collie-like urgency: a growing crisis of opiate addiction, LGBT youth at high risk for suicide, the breakdown of civic discourse and the accompanying rise in public hate speech, and challenging economic and environmental conditions that interweave with all our lives, like it or not.

And, in the midst of all this, it happens: a gaggle of sleepy strangers meets for a sunrise service at the water's edge, and a heron's flight stirs our hearts towards resurrection. A shaky voice dares to name some sorrow in a hushed sanctuary, and finds the prayer answered by outreached hands and a whole committed community's worth of compassion. As the sun slips low in the sky, a singer leans into the microphone and a packed house of random concertgoers find themselves sharing not just the song, but a sense of wonder, a tremor of transformation, a taste of that holy experience we Christians call "worship." And—what joy—we all get to be part of this, part of the grace and responsibility, part of the network of healing and action, part of All This Love.

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Surely, when Frederick Beuchner wrote these words, he meant the communities that surround this dear and stalwart church in Phippsburg, Maine.

Rev. Holly S. Morrison, pastor

From the Editors

This issue of *Branches* is the first issue in a new format that will hopefully be interesting and informative. There are new sections for you to read and we are introducing opportunities for the Church Family to contribute more to the newsletter. Its success and enjoyability depends on the contributions of you as a member. One of the new sections will feature 2-3 recipes from the church's cookbook as well as selected recipes from other sources (*Yankee* magazine, *Down East* magazine, newspapers, etc.) Hopefully this will inspire you to try something new. Also in the newsletter will be a section that features one or more poems submitted by you. These may be original or these may be poems that have been gleaned from other sources. We also want to feature an article about one of our newer members and one of our "established" members. Our hope is that this will allow everyone to get to better know who's in the pew beside you each Sunday morning. Also in each issue will be a section that lets you know what is going on in the community. We are blessed with an active community with many opportunities for concerts, volunteer activities, fun stuff, and, yes, even some mundane, everyday life stuff. We hope you will find this helpful. We will also include a section that reminds us of those who we have said goodbye to over the past few months and it will also remind us of those who we have welcomed into our church family.

This newsletter is for you, the church family. Over the years you have expressed an interest in and desire for the newsletter and we will do our best to provide you with something that meets those needs. In the end, however, its success is up to you. Please send us stories and poems and recipes and ideas and other articles that you want to see published. We may not be able to include everything but we will do our best. Send them via an email or in a written form to the church office.

Thank you from the staff of *Branches* and HAPPY READING.

Music Notes

Phippsburg UCC is very blessed with an abundance of musical talent. We have at least 4 members/friends who are exceptional organists/pianists. Between them, they have OVER 175 years of experience. We also have an active Vocal Choir that brings us excellent programs of vocal music. Our church's Bell Choir regularly blesses us with its sounds of joy and praise. If you would like to become a part of either of these groups, you are always welcome. You don't need to be able to read music to be a part of either of these groups. If you want to join in the fun, just let Bill or Sally or one of the other group members know and they will take it from there. You WILL have fun and you will receive a blessing from being a part of these ministries.

News from the Pews

A Psalm, by Phippsburg UCC

Hey God,

You are smooth and squishy, shiny and rocky.

Thanks for stone walls and chocolate; baseball, flowers and lobster;

Help me when I am sad or mad or joyful.

WOW! You are purple and amazing!

Amen.

Don't Wait for Guests to show up at your Church

by Paul Nickerson, Griffeth Coaching

Many churches still operate under the old “attraction” model, which expects the person who doesn’t go to church to make all the effort to come to our church, while we wait for them to arrive. I often hear comments such as:

- “We will send out a flyer and people will come to our event.”
- “We put our church name on a water bottle and handed it out.”
- “We are looking into a marketing plan to get our church name out there.”

The reality is that more and more of the community around us has less church background. To think people are just going to show up at our front door means we are going to be waiting and waiting and waiting.... That is why at least 80% of congregations are in decline.

But growing churches don’t wait for people to come to them, they go out into the community and meet people, build relationships, invite and bring them in. We have to invest time and energy to connect with people.

As one author said “*Don't wait for your ship to come in, swim out to meet it.*” Forget the flyers, the mass-mailers and brochures, go meet people and get to know them. You will grow from meeting many interesting people and your church will be a doorway for people to become disciples.

Know Your Neighbor

Our congregation is made up of individuals and families as diverse as the hot sauce selection at Reny's. Since this area of Maine attracts so many wonderful people, we are blessed that many of those same people have chosen to become a part of our Church Family. In this issue of *Branches* we will be introducing Brad and Suzanne Hart.

Brad and Suzanne live on Herbert Drive in the Parker Neck section of Phippsburg, about 2 miles south of the Church. Prior to moving to Phippsburg, they lived in Northwest NJ in a town that was mostly woods and reservoirs. Besides the normal population of deer, raccoons, and coyotes, they also had a huge population of black bear and even had bobcat.

They have lived here full time for the past three years but have been coming to Phippsburg for many years. Brad has spent many summers at Head Beach since his parents bought a cottage there in 1959. Brad's mother was born in the house that is across from the Baptist church and his relatives on his mother's side go back to the 1700's in Phippsburg.

Brad, a Civil Engineer by education, has been working as a Risk Engineer for a company called Lockton for the past 10. Lockton is a global Risk Management and Insurance brokerage firm. He had worked in New York City for 33 years before moving to Maine. Last year he reduced his Lockton work to about 25 hrs/week.

Suzanne retired from teaching when we moved back to Maine. She taught 2nd & 4th grade before we had our children. Once they were mostly grown up and in school full time, she taught preschool for 26 years. She also worked for program called "Pride" that provided living skills to disabled adults.

Brad and Suzanne have 2 children, Chad and Bonnie, and are also the proud grandparents of a grandson, Ronan (7) and granddaughter Neev (4). Their son, Chad, lives in Cambridge, MA with his wife, Erin, and of course Ronan and Neev. Chad is an electrical engineer who owns his own telecommunications consulting firm.

Daughter, Bonnie was a chemical engineer with her masters in biomedical engineering working for a pharmaceutical company who decided to change careers. She is now a Doctor of Physical Therapy and after working her way up to Manager of the Coastal Orthopedics Clinic in Freeport, is now working temporary assignments around the country. Currently working in Belfast, Bonnie is engaged to be married in September of this year

Brad has always had boats and he and Suzanne admired the little white church perched on banks of the Kennebec River. While living in New Jersey, Suzanne and Brad were members of the Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church. Brad held various board and committee positions. They wanted to find a warm, welcoming and active church when we moved to Phippsburg. After trying a few others in town, they met Rev. Mark Wilson in the fall of 2013 and started to attend the church on the Kennebec. The rest, shall we say, is history.

Brad currently serves PCC as a Deacon and Suzanne is a member of the Fairs and Sales Committee.

Welcomes and Farewells

In August of 2015, we said farewell to Melrose Lynch, mother of Sharon Bond. Melrose moved to Phippsburg from Atlanta and was a faithful member of our church.

On February 27, 2016 we said farewell to Bob Cummings, husband of member Mary Ellen Cummings. Bob was an active member of our community. Holly conducted the funeral service at PCC.

On May 2, 2016, we said farewell to Dill Paiste. Dill served our church in so many ways and was well known for his work with several organizations in our area. He was quite a gardener and every year, you could find his "extra" plants in the LTMH for all to share. Dill's friendly face and welcoming smile will be missed.

At the end of 2015, we said goodbye to our Interim Pastor, Rev. Allison C. G. Smith. She sent the following note:

Dear friends at Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC,

What a beautiful and amazing gift you gave me in my last Sunday as your Interim Pastor. Thank you for the words of kindness and blessing, the joy-filled songs during the reception, and your love and prayers for the path ahead.

I just love the photo with the banner "Letting our light shine." Thank you so much for the sign and for the love gift which we plan to put towards the "college fund!"

From the first day Gregory and the girls walked up Church Lane, you have welcomed our family. The beautiful duck decoy now sitting on the mantle is a reminder of that!

*May God Bless you and keep you
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you...
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

All our love,

Allison and Gregory, Cecelia, Molly, and Calliope

In late March we said goodbye to Joannie Krohn who returned to her Manchester, New Hampshire home. Folks will recall that Joannie, a covenant member, served PCC as clerk, assistant clerk, Nominating Committee chair and our first administrative assistant. Keep an eye out, on an occasional Sunday Joannie appears in the congregation!

Joannie sent the following note:

To my dear PCC friends,

It's really difficult to express my appreciation for your generosity and caring that went into today's celebration.

A huge cake, lunch, lots of chocolate desserts and very thoughtful and appreciated gifts are just part of what made it so special.

I will miss you all more than you know and will always consider you part of my family.

Love, Joannie

Community Activities

Concerts

KEITH KENDRICK & SYLVIA NEEDHAM

Fri. June 24 - 7:30 p.m. \$12

Coming to us from England, Keith and Sylvia have been acclaimed as being among the finest interpreters of English traditional song. They have toured worldwide and are known for “breathtaking harmony work that leaves the listener gasping.” (Folk Mag) Expect a wonderful and magical evening.

Dinners/Gatherings/Special Events

Installation ceremony of our pastor
Rev. Holly S. Morrison

Sunday, July 10 2:00PM

Lobster on the Lawn

Saturday, July 23 (Time to be announced)

Rummage sale to be held in the LTMH.

(Date/Time to be announced)

Helping Others

Bath Area Food Bank

Kimberly Gates, Executive Director of the Bath Area Food Bank [BAFB] reports that the most needed items for the Food Pantry are still boxed Mac and Cheese, canned pasta, pasta sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken and baked beans. If desired, you may write a check to the Phippsburg UCC, and on the memo line of the check write "Bath Area Food Bank." With that check you help contribute to the Church mission line. For every dollar donated, the BAFB can then buy approximately \$7.00 worth of product for the food bank. During the last year, the snack programs in the schools grew by about 25%. The mini food pantries in the schools allow students to go in, no questions asked, and get non-perishable food items and snacks to offset some of their food insecurity. The school year is coming to an end, but the BAFB is raising funds for the next school year that begins in September. And don't forget, our Church Family plays an important role in helping staff the food bank throughout the year. You get to check-in clients, box up food items, fill the orders for perishable and refrigerated items, and most of all, you get to meet some very interesting and gracious people. And, quite often, if there is ice cream available, you get to bring a GIANT smile to the face of a child. **And THAT makes it all worthwhile.**

The Heifer Project

Once again, the church's children had a very successful Heifer project year. The total amount collected for this very important ministry was.....drum roll..... \$3,407.50.

This translates to :

- 3 flocks of geese
- 8 flocks of ducks
- 4 hives of honeybees
- 2 rabbits
- 3 goats
- 1 heifer
- 4 shares of a heifer
- 1 water buffalo
- 12 flocks of chicks
- 2 flocks of hope
- 2 sheep
- 3 pigs
- 1 share of a pig
- 6 trees

Plus \$307.50 for women's empowerment and whatever is needed most.

Change for Change

Refuge Place – A Light in the Darkness

Submitted by Fred Hartman

Darkness descended on West Africa from 2014 through 2015. Spread through direct contact, Ebola brought with it death and fear, shutting down most social institutions. Schools, hospitals, health centers, markets, businesses, entertainment venues, churches and many other places where people congregated ceased. With 24,000 cases and over 11,000 deaths, people had good reason to fear Ebola, much like centuries ago Europeans feared the “Black Plague”. West Africans, particularly Liberians, are normally very happy and ebullient people, laughing, joking, and touching their way through life and all manner of challenges in their poverty stricken country. Yet, touching someone, even beloved family members, could mean death. It is hard to imagine what life was like during that time from our comfortable location, but children could not go to school, people could not buy food from shuttered markets, and pregnant women could not obtain a safe delivery in a health facility. Since delivering babies is one way Ebola spread to health workers, midwives stopped doing deliveries. People stopped attending health clinics, since they did not know if the person sitting next to them in the waiting room might have Ebola. Riots broke out in underserved neighborhoods, and dead bodies were dragged through the street and piled up in shuttered hospital doorways.

In this dark time, the Refuge Place became a light for all, a beacon of hope that said, “Yes, something can be done.” Dr. Mosoka Fallah, one of the true public health heroes of the Liberian Ebola epidemic, founded the Refuge Place as a safe place for women and children to receive health care, where suspect Ebola patients were carefully screened and referred elsewhere so patients could visit and not fear contracting Ebola. I first met Dr. Mosoka in October 2014, when I worked in Liberia to help stem the tide of the Ebola epidemic, and was struck by his humble, faith-based approach to saving the lives of women and children, the most vulnerable members of his country’s overwhelmed population. He used older students to open literacy classes for younger students forced out of school, and for adults who had never achieved functional literacy, using health-based themes around Ebola and other illnesses (cholera and malaria also ravaged the country at the same time), so the participants could develop simple but effective preventive measures against these diseases. He organized Ebola teams to travel through the neighborhoods, educating families about the disease, and helping to identify and quarantine at home all potential cases of Ebola. And, he trained midwives to provide safe deliveries to pregnant women, and health care, including immunizations to children. His programs were simple, but effective, using community members and the faith-based community to both control the spread of Ebola and provide effective health services and education to the community. In the first year, Refuge Place staff provided almost 15,000 free clinical services to women and children.

Dr. Mosoka’s efforts, while remarkably simple in concept, based on local community support, proved remarkably effective. This is real “Lesson Learned”. Now, in 2016, at the end of the Ebola epidemic, community based approaches like those developed by Dr. Mosoka and the Refuge Place, are highlighted in all evaluations as being the single most effective intervention on slowing, then halting, the spread of Ebola. He has won numerous international awards for his programs and personal dedication during a time of extraordinary need, putting his own life and the lives of his staff at risk. His success is a model for public health interventions all over the world.

When I returned from my trip to Liberia in late 2014, the Social Justice Committee met with the Christian Education youth group to identify the issues that would interest them to support. Project Heifer was high on their list, since they had such a successful experience previously. But they also expressed a desire to support Ebola control efforts to ensure effective treatment to the hard-hit population. From this meeting, we developed a program to support the Refuge Place, through special collections, fund raising activities and anonymous donations. In total, we donated \$2,600 to support this remarkable effort. By

the time our fund raising efforts were completed in 2015, the Ebola epidemic was winding down (it had already started declining while I was there in October), and Dr. Mosoka saw the need to support Ebola survivors. Never before in the history of Ebola have we seen so many survivors, thanks to good medical care of critically ill Ebola-infected people; however, we found that Ebola survivors have their own special problems to address, a variety of medical, psychological and social needs. Refuge Place developed a mobile clinic to visit the survivors in their home, since many of them could not leave their house, to help them get fully healthy and integrated back into society. Our funds arrived just in time to “jump start” this outreach program, which is still going strong. Dr. Mosoka attributes our modest support as essential to developing this outreach program for Ebola survivors. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful and committed members of the Phippsburg UCC congregation to support this effort, and special thanks to the Youth Group of Christian Education who lead the way.

The following notes are from Dr. Mosoka Fallah:

Dear Rev. Smith,

Thanks to you and your congregation for this gift of love. I got an email confirmation late yesterday (09/04/15) that the money had arrived in my account.

This money is timely as we had a critical need that needed our response. We are launching a mobile clinic for Ebola and needed to buy drugs and fuel for our ambulance.

As you may be aware, there are over 1500 Ebola survivors who lost their entire families. After leaving the Ebola treatment unit they have (lost) their jobs and homes as a result of the stigma. They are facing many physical illnesses that breaks your heart and yet there are limited opportunity for treatment.

We were moved with compassion for them. We have hired four Ebola survivors who were health workers to lead our mobile clinic and take clinical care to survivors. Some of them are in constant pain in their homes but fear of the stigma makes them avoid any clinical care.

This money you sent will cover the cost of drugs and fuel for the ambulance. You will have got the receipts and reports later.

Continue to remember us in your prayers as we try to serve them with love and as we move out to Ebola orphans.

Thanks for the love of God and thanks to Fred for the connection.

Your servant,

Mosoka Fallah

This letter was received from Dr. Fallah as a result of the donation of \$1300 that was provided to his group in December, 2015.

December 7, 2015

Thanks brother Fred,

When you and other brothers and sister showed us this level of love, it makes every risk we take each day to contained renewed Ebola outbreak worthwhile.

The recent outbreak left the poor mother, Ophelia, to lose her oldest child. Her other son who was also infected is mentally disabled. It was hard for me each day that I visited her in the Ebola treatment unit to bring her gifts and food for she and her two months old baby. Every time she saw me she would just wail and cry and I would try to counsel her. After being discharged from the treatment the husband has

walked out on her. She is not feeling well. Am taking her to survivor study tomorrow to do her laboratory work and then get her a physician.

We do this because we know there are people like you and the Pastor and the congregation who stand behind us in prayers and support.

Our mobile clinic continues to serve the survivors.

We have three more days to go to contain this recent outbreak. Our response was intensive and decisive and God will enable (us) to use our past experiences to save lives.

Your gift will reach lives and provide care for many.

Thanks in Christ,

Mosoka

Did You Know?

Have you noticed the new Communion Cup Holders that have been installed on the backs of the pews? After many years of putting them either in the hymnal/Bible racks or on the pews, you now have a place to put them after they have been used. These holders were designed, built and installed by the cracker-jack team of Terry Gray, John Morse and John Bond. They were built of reclaimed mahogany wood and individually cut and finished by hand. Many thanks to this group of men and we look forward to many years of use for these holders.

Did you know that the Flower Table is actually a reclaimed stool (piano...maybe)? It now sports a new coat of paint and a new mahogany table top. The top was built of reclaimed wood that once was a part of the packaging crates for Fred and Mary Hartman's furniture. Scraps of that wood were milled, glued and finished by one of our members and now serves as a replacement for the plywood top that once served as the platform.

Have you ever noticed that almost every hymnal/Bible holder is unique in its design? At one time, families provided their own pews for the church and also provided the hymnal racks for those pews. Apparently there was no standard for the design or construction of the racks, so we have quite a collection of both styles and materials. If you notice that the one that you use is in need of repair, please let one of the members of the Grounds Committee know and they will make sure that the repairs are completed. After all, you don't want a lap full of hymnals and Bibles.

Have you ever wondered the significance of the initials in the stained glass windows that adorn our sanctuary? Well, if you have been here a while, you probably know. But, for those who are relatively new, there is an interesting story behind them.

In 1909, the interior of the church was remodeled. At that time, the windows in the sanctuary were clear glass. So, to make the sanctuary more elegant, several families donated money to replace the clear glass with stained glass. Each new window cost \$15.40 (quite a bit in 1909).

As you enter the main church building, you will notice a window in the narthex. This window was given to the church by the family of Charles Minott, Sr. (owner of Minott Shipyard).

As you enter the sanctuary, you will see 8 windows (4 on each side). In each of those windows is a single initial. Each window was donated in memory or honor of someone who was a special part of the church's history.

Starting at the left rear, you will see:

- H Hahn (given by Rev. Charles Stevens in memory of a friend)
- B given by the Timothy Bowker family
- B given by the Joseph Bowker family
- O in honor of the Ortiz family
- P in honor of the Percy family
- H in honor of Henry Heald
- B given by the Sewall Bowker family
- M in honor of the Morrison family

Cooking Corner

Recipes from the "Favorite Recipes" Cookbook

Set Gelatin Strawberry Salad

Submitted by Bill Gilman

1 - 16 ounce frozen or fresh strawberries (24 ounce will work fine)

1 - 16 ounce strawberry gelatin (1 - 8oz strawberry and 1 - 8 oz lemon or raspberry)

Thaw strawberries (if using frozen) and whip in a blender. Bring them to a boil in a medium saucepan and gently cook for 5 minutes. Add gelatin and enough ice cubes to make 4 cups of liquid. Stir well and let cool for a while. Pour into a 4 cup mold and chill for a few hours in the refrigerator. Enjoy.

Green Beans with Gingered Walnuts

Submitted by Paula Palmer

1 Tbsp Vegetable oil

½ Cup Walnut halves

1 tsp Soy Sauce

1 lb. trimmed, fresh green beans

¼ tsp Ground Ginger

¼ tsp Garlic Powder

2 tsp FRESH lemon juice

2 tsp Olive Oil

Preheat oven to 250 degrees.

Spread vegetable oil in small baking pan and place in oven. When hot, remove and stir in soy sauce, ginger and garlic. Add walnuts and stir to coat. Bake, stirring occasionally, for 25 minutes or until walnuts are crisp and brown.

STEAM green beans about 10 minutes or until soft. In a bowl, toss beans with lemon juice and olive oil. Add Walnuts, toss again and serve.

Coca-Cola Pot Roast

Submitted by Roberta Davis

14 ½ oz. diced tomatoes

1 Cup Coca-Cola

1 Packet Dry Spaghetti Sauce mix

1 Cup chopped onion

¾ Cup chopped celery

1 ½ tsp salt

½ tsp garlic powder

3 lb. boneless beef chuck roast

2 Tbsp vegetable oil

Mix all ingredients except roast and oil in a large bowl. Stir until the spaghetti sauce is dissolved. Brown roast on all sides in hot oil. Transfer roast to crock pot. Pour sauce over top of roast. Cook on LOW heat for 6 – 7 hours.

Cottage & Café Gatherings

In an effort to help our new Pastor Holly Morrison have an opportunity to learn more about friends and members of the Church, the Deacons and the Minister are making plans for *Cottage & Café Gatherings*. These would consist of small groups of folks, 6 to 8 people, who would gather for a meal and have a chance to spend a bit of time together in an informal setting. These could take place at a host person's home "Cottage" or perhaps some might prefer to meet in the Linden Tree Meeting Hall. Those gathering at the "Cottage" or Linden Tree Meeting Hall would share in providing the meal either through pot luck or a prearranged menu which each would contribute. For those who prefer to meet for breakfast or pizza, small groups would arrange to meet at a local restaurant, "Café" and share a meal with the advantage of no preparation or cleanup, but would have to pay for their own meal. The *Cottage & Café Gatherings* will give the minister and folks who participate an opportunity to share some relaxed time and good eating with each other. Other churches who have sponsored similar gatherings have found they serve to foster deeper relationships within the Church community, allowing "strangers" to become acquaintances. The details of how the *Cottage & Café Gatherings* will be organized will be forthcoming along signup sheets. We will try to get signups through May and anticipate the gatherings will run through July.

Committee Reports

A Giving Church...

Submitted by Church Treasurer Betsy Morse

A large and very important part of living our lives the way Jesus taught us to is doing for others. Giving to others has become more and more an important part of who we are as Christians in our Church and Community. As Treasurer of the Church, I get to see the numbers at the end of the year that tell the story of our help to others. All year long, it often seems like someone is encouraging us to give to help out one group after another. I thought you as "givers" would like to see how we did...

The Phippsburg Congregational Church, UCC gave away \$11,990.00 in 2015. Not bad at all. Now who did we give all this help to?

We gave:

Bath Area Food Bank	\$ 535.00	
Morse High Food Insecurity	\$ 2,142.00	
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 450.00	
Neighbors in Need	\$ 637.00	
Refuge Clinic, Liberia	\$ 2,600.00	
Fuel Assistance, Phippsburg	\$ 642.00	
Phippsburg Back Pack Program	\$ 1,000.00	
Grace Street Ministry (DD cards)	\$ 170.00	
Heifer Project International	\$ 3,814.00	
Maine Conference OCWM	\$ 2,100.00	
Fellowship Dues		\$ 2,170.80
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	\$ 11,990.00	

In addition to these monetary gifts, food was collected each month and sent to the Bath Area Food Bank and clothing was collected and sent to Grace Street Ministry.

Thank you to all the people who raised our awareness of needs in our community, organized our giving efforts and gently made us aware of our responsibility to help.

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Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. through the end of April
Sunday worship is at 9 a.m. June, July and August

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