



FBC

November Newsletter

WEEKLY CHURCH EVENTS & TIMES

- Sunday AM Worship: 10:30 AM
- Childrens' Sunday School Class, downstairs: 9:15 AM
- Youth Sunday School, downstairs: 9:15 AM
- Adult Sunday School, *The Pilgrim's Progress*,
A GUIDED TOUR, Derek Thomas, 12 weeks. Fellowship Hall: 9:15 AM
- Sunday Youth Group, Youth Room: 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM
- Tuesday Bible Study: Weekly 9:30 AM Fellowship Hall:
The Book of Galatians. Refreshments 9:00 AM
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Fellowship Hall: 6:30 PM
- Monday Book Club - November 16 and November 30 at noon
- Friday Morning, Moms in Prayer, 6:30 AM
(Speak with Amanda Bermudez if you would like to know more)
- Good News Club - Follows School District Calendar

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 7 at 8:00am

Women's Breakfast

Saturday, November 21 at 8:30am

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

- Nov. 1 - Julie Saunders & Vicki Brooks
- Nov. 8 - Tina Frost & Pat Johnston
- Nov. 15 - Joanne & Peter Prescott
- Nov. 22 - Charlotte Davis & Carolyn Henry
- Nov. 29 - Lois Walker & Jane Robinson



A Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!
Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
- *Psalms 113:1*



Birthdays

Nov. 1 - Chris Germano

30 Denny Dr., Dexter, ME 04930

Nov. 3 - Asher Akes

1089 Main St., Ripley, ME 04930

Nov. 3 - Fred Crouse

80 Doc Shay Rd., Sangerville, ME 04479

Nov. 4 - Susan Bowden

266 Bowden Rd., Corinna, ME 04928

Nov. 6 - Pam Bailey

196 Church St., Dexter, ME 04930

Nov. 10 - Seth Wilkinson

Church Mailbox

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24186 Logan Ave., Lakeville, MN 55044

Nov. 11 - Tabitha Wilkinson

Church Mailbox

Nov. 16 - Sarah Akes

1089 Main St., Ripley, ME 04930

Nov. 17 - Kay Gray

553B Airport Rd., Corinna, ME 04928

Nov. 17 - Mitchell Bragan

427 Airport Rd., Corinna, ME 04928

Nov. 22 - Caleb Wilkinson

Church Mailbox

Nov. 23 - Kay (Katherine) Bemis

218 Fern Rd. #6, Dexter, ME 04930

Nov. 24 - Klayton Brooks

C/O Karen Dow

308 Garland Rd., Dexter, ME 04930

Anniversaries

Nov. 12 - Charlie and Caitlin Akes

1089 Main St., Ripley, ME 04930

Nov. 16 - Joanne and Peter Prescott

145 Zions Hill Rd., Dexter ME 04930

Nov. 26 - Melissa and Kurt Bragan

427 Airport Rd., Corinna, ME 04928

There are many opportunities to serve in the church and one of those is providing snacks on Sunday mornings;

THEY NEED NOT BE HOMEMADE!

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church

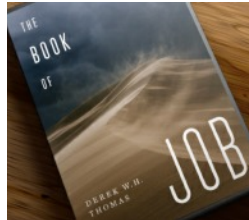
Through My Window

As I watch our American Flag flying in the breeze, I see the beautiful Fall foliage falling from the trees and spreading itself on the ground.

The expected winter ready to keep us indoors and children outdoors playing in the snow.

We thank our Lord and Savior for shelter and blessings. - Jeremiah 31:35

P.J.



'LIGHT LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP'

3rd Sunday in November
This month "Pain & Suffering"

Why does God permit suffering? It's a question all of us have asked, and the book of Job points us toward the answer. Job's questions are our questions, and we can identify with his frustration, disappointment, and confusion in the midst of trials. In this series, Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas walks us through the book of Job and considers what the Bible says about our darkest moments. He addresses the difficult question of the relationship between God's sovereignty and the existence of evil, sin, and suffering. In the end, as Dr. Thomas shows, it's in our trials that we learn to trust God and say with Job, "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

All are welcome. We watch the video for 15-20 minutes, break for lunch, then resume the video and finish with discussion of the program.

The Safe Haven
Support Group
will meet the 4th Saturday
of the month at 9:30 a.m.
at FBC Church

It's a support group for any emotional battle, i.e., anxiety, depression, discouragement, grief, abuse from a narcissist, etc.

Getting Ready For Worship

(This is taken from an article by Tessa Thompson, writing for Tabletalk magazine)

Lord's Day worship—singing, corporate prayer, Scripture reading, preaching, and sacraments—ought to be a feast for our souls. One way to come hungry is by reading in advance the passage that will be preached, or even going over the whole liturgy if it's available. Think of any questions you might have. If it's a familiar passage, pray that God would open it up in a deeper way. Confess your lack of understanding or interest. Name the present burdens that may distract you during worship and entrust them afresh to the Lord.

Here are the Scripture readings for the month of November:

Sunday, November 1, Pastor Jay, Job 1

Sunday, November 8, Pastor Andrew, Acts 15:1-36

Sunday, November 15, Pastor Andrew, Acts 15:36-16:10

Sunday, November 22, Pastor Jay, Colossians 1:9-14

Sunday, November 29, Pastor Jay, Isaiah 43

May this encourage us and help us to prepare our hearts for worship on Sundays. Our pastors or elders are available to answer any questions when we need more understanding.

Date for upcoming Supper

• **December 5th**

Adult Christmas Party

- Supper at 5:00 PM

Food, Fun, Yankee Swap

**Pies needed for
the Catholic
Church
Lunch on
November 15**



We need 10 PUMPKIN PIES (9").

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church, if you can help, please leave your name and phone number. If you are able, drop the pie off at the Catholic Church on the 15th.

The door is open at 8:00 AM.

FBC donates desserts four times a year.



Some things that we could use for our HMRC pantry (especially with the holidays coming up) is jelly, soup, crackers, coffee/tea, and baking mixes. Or even gift cards to P&L or Hannaford can be helpful for when we have an emergency food need for a neighbor or to buy things we are out of. I have attached a flyer from P&L, and they are going to do a gas promotion where 2 cents from every gallon at the giving pump will go to HMRC! Lastly, December 1st is Giving Tuesday, and we will be doing a campaign to raise \$7,500 to stock our pantry for the winter. Each month we spend about \$2,500 on food which supports over 200 people in our community (they can come up to two times a month). With the rising costs of fuel and food, we are seeing more families than ever coming in. Many of whom never thought they would have to utilize a pantry. We are open by appointment for any residents of Dexter, Ripley, Garland, Exeter, Athens, and Harmony. Just call 494-5314 to make an appointment if you need help with food this winter.

If anyone is interested in giving financially, they can mail checks to Heart of Maine Resource Center at 6 Main Street in Dexter, or give online at <https://givebutter.com/giving-tuesday-2026-oih4sd>

Christmas Cantata

December 13 & 14

at 3:00 PM

By donation

Refreshments

follow

the performances

Our church family kiddos are out and about learning and growing in a variety of activities.



Luke, Eli and Caleb Shepard ran Cross Country for Penobscot Christian School.



Laurel Bermudez played soccer for Ridge View Community School.



Asher, Sarah, Molly, Walter and Quill Akes all played soccer with the Central Maine Cougars.



Asher, Sarah, and Molly Akes and Isaac Bermudez enjoy archery with Piscataquis County 4H.



Nolan Bragan will be performing in The Little Mermaid with Nokomis Drama in the middle of the month. Mitchell and Everett Bragan participated in Nokomis Youth Football.

