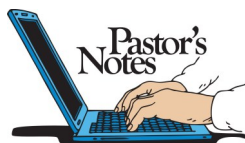


Beacon of Hope Community Church, 1298 Alfred Rd, Arundel - Worship at 10am



May, 2026

Dear Church,

Spring is finally arriving. We had a long cold winter, so it is great to start seeing the grass turn green, and have sun on our faces.

In May we will celebrate Mother's Day (May 10th) and Pentecost (May 24th). On May 3rd we will be utilizing a "Great Thanksgiving" prayer for our Communion Service that was written by Brian Wren. We will also reconfigure our sanctuary space to be more inclusive and circular. I am so glad that we are trying different "shapings" of our worship area by moving the chairs, pulpit, piano, etc. It all is in an effort to deepen our worship experience, as well as deepen our fellowship experience. A circle speaks to harmony, connectedness, equity of all. Many churches have worship, "In The Round". I am looking forward to sitting in the circle with all of you. In the circle we also celebrate that we are all a, "Priesthood of Believers" in the faith. All of us, living this life of faith together, sojourners together in searching after the Divine.

In May we continue in the Easter Season as we move towards Pentecost. Trees bloom, the fields around us turn luscious green, and we hear the wonderful melody of bird song. This season is about growth and new life. As the earth brings forth its beauty, we give thanks for God as Creator of all that we know. In May we celebrate the natural beauty that is all around us. I encourage everyone to GET OUT IN NATURE, take a walk among trees, explore a wooded path, sit by the ocean, etc. Being in nature serves to connect us and give us a sense of being rooted to the earth, but also allows us to contemplate the vastness of the created order.

May is traditionally Mental Health Awareness Month. This is a time for us to advocate for mental health programs in our state. Education is key to the growth of awareness. In May we need to talk about Mental Health, and how church communities can be an active agent in relieving suffering. The church needs to be a healing presence in the world.

I hope you are enjoying our Newsletter. Thanks to the many people that help create it. May we all experience deep peace and contentment. May we continue in prayer and service as we serve a loving and a gracious God, through Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Ed

Church Office Hours
Tuesdays, Wednesdays
9:00 am to 2:30 pm
& Thursdays
9:00 am to 2:00 pm



Every Sunday at 10:00 AM
 Eastern Time

Go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Enter meeting ID **815 3333 7608**
 and click "join."

Church Mailing Address:

Beacon of Hope Community Church
 1298 Alfred Road, Arundel, ME 04046
 (207) 494-7591

If anyone is looking for addresses for members, non-members,
 people who no longer attend or anyone not in the directory,
 please call or email Sandy.



– Come join the Lunch Bunch! –



Friday, May 15 around 12:15.

Last month we met at the church and
 had a bag lunch. We had such a good
 time we are doing it again!!

You are invited to BOH scheduled Zoom meetings.

Topic: **HeartSource meeting**

Time: Mondays at 03:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

1. Go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)
2. Click "[Join a meeting](#)" near top
3. Enter meeting ID **899 5832 2582** and passcode 182150 click "[join](#)."
4. Click "[Leave Meeting](#)" when finished



**United
 Methodist
 Credit Union**
www.umfcu.org

If you are a United Methodist in New England,
 you are able to join the United Methodist Fed-
 eral Credit Union. The link is posted above.
 Many services are available, and an ATM card
 is available. Please check out the link to see if
 it's something you might want to do. It might
 even be a place where you could start a savings
 account for vacations or other projects!

DON'T FORGET! to sign up for Sunday morning
 liturgist, greeter or snacks!

Join the Beacon of Hope Choir!

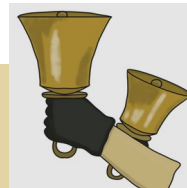
We meet on Fridays at 10:00am
 for Rehearsal and 9:00 am Sundays
 for another run-through before worship

If you have questions, call or email

Susan: 207-502-7402/cell: 404-944-7143;
heafield.susan@gmail.com



Village Ringers



The community handbell group is reborn!
 We will rehearse weekly on Fridays from 11-noon.



CLYNK bags are located in the entry way at BOHCC. Please take one with
 you. If you would like a CLYNK bag or two mailed to you please let Sandy
 know. You can either send an email to goodwinsmillsumc@gmail.com or
 call the church office, 494-7591.

*If we don't have your birthday or anniversary on file please leave a note or email for Sandy
 Farrar at goodwinsmillsumc@gmail.com and we will update our records. Thank you.*



LOCAL MISSIONS

Our neighbors who do not have permanent shelter have a difficult time accessing even basic healthcare. A few of us with some nursing backgrounds are offering a first aid clinic in Biddeford the third week of the month.



**The first aid clinic will be
4:00 to 6:30 pm on Monday, 5/18
Second Congregational Church
19 Crescent Street, Biddeford
where *Bon Appetit* is housed.**

**We need a lot of materials to provide basic care. There will be a collection box for the items.
Please consider donating as many of these items as you can:**

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| Ace wraps | Multivitamins |
| Antibiotic ointment, especially the kind with lidocaine | Non-aerosol insect repellent |
| Antifungal ointment for athlete's foot | Nonstick burn dressings |
| Antifungal ointment for "jock itch" | OTC allergy medications like Zyrtec |
| Band-aids (all sizes) | Q-Tips |
| Blankets & Towels | Soap and washcloths |
| Chapstick | Socks & underwear |
| Cortisone cream | Sterile gauze, gauze wraps and medical tape |
| Emollient ointment for dry skin
(like Aquaphor or Vaseline) | Sunscreen |
| Epsom salts | Sweatshirts of all sizes |
| Gift cards to stores, Dunkins, gas cards | Tylenol (lots of it!) and Ibuprofen |
| Hand Sanitizer | Money to buy additional supplies
would also be much appreciated! |

Please bring donations to Beacon of Hope Community Church. Thank you!

Beacon of Hope Community Church supports both the York County Food Pantry in Alfred and Community Outreach Services (COS) in Kennebunk. They are always in need of supplies. Please consider giving weekly to these causes. Donations can be brought to the Beacon of Hope Community Church any Sunday.

You or someone you know could be in need. Please always feel free to reach out for help.

Here are some suggestions:

- **Canned meats, poultry, and fish (tuna, especially)**
- **Muffin, Brownie, Cake or Cornbread Mixes**
- **Fruit & Vegetables (canned)**
- **Hamburger or Tuna Helper (type meals)**
- **Peanut butter**
- **Jelly and jam**
- **Juices and bottles of water**
- **Saltine crackers, granola bars, chips**
- **Oatmeal (packets or container)**
- **Macaroni & Cheese (boxed)**
- **Pet Food (canned or dried) and treats**
- **Shampoo and conditioner**
- **Toothbrushes & toothpaste**
- **Toilet Tissue, napkins and tissues**
- **Shaving Cream & soap (bars & liquid)**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Feminine Products**
- **Deodorant Laundry & dish soap**
- **Pancake/waffle Mix**
- **Pasta & Meals in a can (Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc)**

~ Community Page ~



The Bulletin Board is set up in the Entryway with various resources for public help

DO YOU HAVE THOUGHTS OR CONCERNS?

You can always talk to **Rev. Ed** but **Michelle Violette** is the Lay Leader/ Point Person to whom you can bring your thoughts or concerns. She will see that these things will be addressed. SPRC folks, as well, are always open to your concerns:

Jennifer Boislard, Susan Heafield, Clem Meserve, Liz Roper, and Michelle Violette.

Please call or email **Sandy** in the office for contact information or to leave a message.

Any one else looking for something or have something to share?

In What Forms Has the Bible's Text Been Preserved? Part I

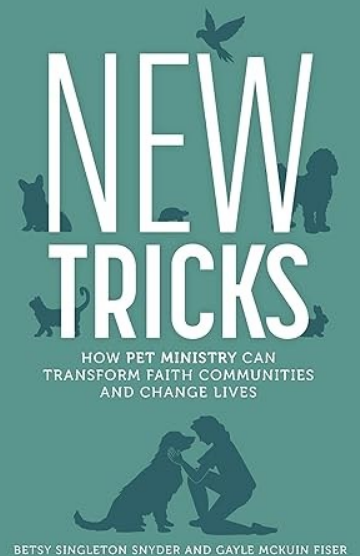
No original copy of any biblical book has survived. The oldest extant forms of Scripture are manuscript (handwritten) copies on papyrus (paperlike sheets made from the papyrus plant) and parchment (dried and treated animal skins). Countless ancient copies were undoubtedly lost during the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 587 B.C.E. and in 70 C.E. by the Romans. Wars, persecutions and mob violence also account for the loss of many Hebrew manuscripts kept in synagogues (Jewish meeting places for instruction and worship). Before the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947, the oldest complete copies were those made in the ninth and tenth centuries. These manuscripts were largely the work of masoretes (from an Aramaic word meaning "tradition"), medieval Jewish scribes who added vowel symbols to the consonantal Hebrew script. The Masoretic Text (MT) is the standard form of the Hebrew Bible (The Tanakh) today. Although only the scroll of Isaiah was found complete, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls produced at least fragments of every Hebrew canonical book (except Esther), some of which date from as early as about 150 B.C.E. and represent the most ancient surviving texts.

- **Stephen L. Harris**

Understanding the Bible, copyright 1980

- Pet Ministries -

Every Sunday morning, a designated dog greeter welcomes people to Pinnacle View United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Church members are passionate about their own dogs, cats and animals and about pet outreach ministries offered by Pinnacle View. This enthusiasm forms a special bond which is evident when you hear the stories of people who belong to this community of pet people. The Rev. Betsy Singleton Snyder, Pinnacle View lead pastor, and Gayle Fiser, director of pet ministries at Pinnacle View, have started pet ministries at four United Methodist churches over the last 20 years. They have written a how-to guide for churches interested in starting a pet ministry. "New Tricks: How Pet Ministry Can Transform Faith Communities and Change Lives" is available through Upper Room Books, Cokesbury and Amazon.



Online Course: For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts - May 11-22, 2026 -

Over these two weeks, you will join your instructor and fellow learners for a journey of discovery. Together, you will read, discuss, and dive into practical activities to explore spiritual grace gifts. You will see how these gifts help you serve in your own unique way, and how combining your gifts with others can make a real difference for everyone. Spiritual grace gifts aren't just about personal growth – they are also key to the mission and ministry of the church. Whether you are just starting to learn about spiritual gifts or you have been using them for a while and want to go deeper, this course will help you better understand the special abilities God gives us to love and serve others. Cindy Curtis will teach this session. This course has been approved by Discipleship Ministries as an advanced Lay Servant Ministries course, but it is not limited to those needing LSM credit.

Mother's Day is May 10, 2026

Mothers bring photos of children and grandchildren to share



None of us are perfect, [except Jesus.]. No mother is perfect. Some do better than others. The Bible highlights many imperfect mothers, showing that God works through flawed individuals, rather than perfect ones.

There is Mary who had anxiety and once misunderstood her Son's mission, and with a mother's heart tried to protect him and spare herself great heartbreak as she tried to stop his ministry. Sarah had impatience and doubts, Hagar had overwhelming despair and abandoned her son, Rebekah showed favoritism with her sons, and Tamar raised twins in a highly dysfunctional family.

The point is that these stories emphasize grace over performance, urging moms to depend on God and find strength in their weakness, rather than pursuing impossible standards.

God uses flawed people to fulfill his plans, showing that mistakes do not disqualify parents from His purpose.

These stories emphasize that even in dysfunctional environments, God is present. Forgiveness of self and imperfect mothers can be a part of our Mother's day.

**Pentecost is
May 24th
Wear Red!**

Pentecost is 50 days after Easter. It marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, enabling them and us, to spread the Gospel and use the powers Jesus gave the disciples to preach, teach, heal, and exorcise demons in Jesus' name.

It is often celebrated as the birthday of the church.



It's a day when we honor veterans and those who lost their lives in service.

We encourage you to bring photos of veterans in your family.

Puzzle!

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.



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| Joash (2 Kings 11:2) | A _____ |
| Obed (Matthew 1:5) | B _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24) | ___ C ___ |
| John the disciple (Matthew 4:21) | _____ D ____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | ___ E _____ |
| Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6) | G _____ |
| Jezreel (Hosea 1:4) | H _____ |
| Esau (Genesis 25:28) | I _____ |
| David (1 Samuel 16:19) | J _____ |
| Jacob (Genesis 25:28) | _____ K ____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | ___ L _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | M _____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | _____ N ____ |
| Jesse (Matthew 1:5) | O _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | _____ P _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24) | R _____ |
| Isaac (Genesis 21:3) | S _____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | _____ T ____ |
| Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1) | ___ U ____ |
| Solomon (1 Kings 2:1) | ___ V ____ |
| Jesus (Matthew 1:18) | ___ Y ____ |
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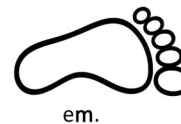
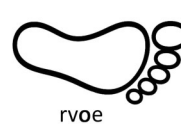
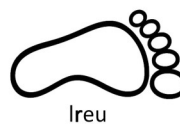
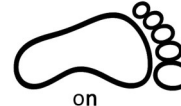
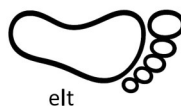
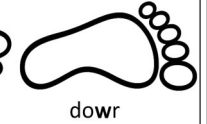
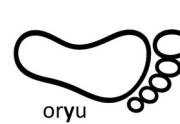
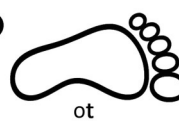
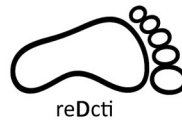
Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Eliknah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Zebedee



Footsteps with God

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed footprints in the sand? The poem *Footprints in the Sand* reminds us that God is always with us.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprints to see what Psalm 119:133 (NIV) says about our steps. (Hint: the bold letters show the first letter of each word.)



Psalm 119:133 (NIV)

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."

Have
Fun
Everybody!

BEACON OF HOPE CALENDAR MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
					1 Office CLOSED 10:00am Choir practice 11:00am Bells practice	2
						
3  8:30 am Men's Group at BOH 10:00 am Communion service at BOH with Zoom	4 Office CLOSED 3:30 pm Heart-Source Meeting	5 9:00-2:30 pm BOH Office Open	6 9:00-2:30 pm BOH Office Open	7 9:00-2:00 pm BOH Office Open 5:15-7:00pm TOPS at BOH 	8 Office CLOSED 10:00am Choir practice 11:00am Bells practice	9
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