

JULY UPDATE



Dear Members and Friends,

Summer is finally here and with it guests, celebrations, fun activities, and seasonal food. May you experience God's loving presence and action through it all. Stay safe. Be well.

Love,

Nancy

Ever After Mustang Rescue Open House - Sunday, July 3, 1 to 4 PM - Demonstrations, fun and games, educational presentations and plenty of horses to meet and pet. Light refreshments and door prizes round out the day. Come and learn about our work and America's proud and intelligent wild horses. **Free admission to this fun family event!** 463 West Street, Biddeford 04005 (207) 284 7721



Union Church Web Site: The Union Church Web Site <http://www.unionchurchme.com/home/> includes the weekly sermon and Sunday Bulletins and inserts as well as news items and pictures of church and community events. Please visit our web page often!

Calendar of Events:

July 3 - Ever After Mustang Rescue Open House

July 4th – Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Boat Parade & Blessing of the Fleet, then a re-enactment of Richard Vines' Landing in 1616, and a fundraising cook-out put on by the BP Volunteer Fire Dept.

July 10th – Communion Sunday. When receiving Communion, you may take from the half loaf, which is regular bread, or take a cube of gluten-free bread. The cups contain non-alcoholic grape juice. All are welcome. John Boisvert, Director of the Alternative Pathways Center will offer a Mission Moment. Lisa Barstow will give the sermon.

July 12 – In a Pinch

July 14 – First of the Speakers Series events: Hank Philippi Ryan: 7:30 p.m. Union Church

July 18 – Saco Meals

July 19 – Area Clergy Breakfast 7:30 a.m. at Nancy's home

-Union Church leads monthly prayer service at St. Andre's Healthcare Center

-Deacons' meeting 7:00 p.m. at Church Office

July 23 - York County Master Gardener tour 10 AM – 4 PM;

July 28 – Second Speaker Series event: Anita Diamant: 7:30 p.m. Union Church

Reiki Schedule: REIKI WILL BE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, now through end of August. Call Deborah Burke at 207-370-1879 to schedule a Reiki session or on her cell at 216-849-8606.

Union Church Mission News



On Monday, June 27th Paul Schlaver presented the check for \$2,768 from the 2015 Speaker Series "extra donated money" during a visit to Stone Soup Food Pantry in Biddeford. A blow up version of the check is now prominently displayed on the wall of the Pantry. Julian and Roxi Schlaver accompanied Paul and went on a tour of the facility. Many of the families that receive food on a weekly basis were there as Monday morning is one of the two weekdays the

Pantry is open for the public. This money will go toward the completion of a cold storage room used to keep the dozens of boxes of fresh produced received each week. Roxi and Julian have also made donations as part of their monthly charitable donation of a portion of the sales from the Suger boutique on Alfred Street. More funds are expected to be given to Stone Soup during July when a press event will occur to announce the distribution of the money raised at the third annual Biddeford Ball held on June 18th.

- On Sunday July 10th there will be another “Mission Moment” during the worship service at Union Church. Jim Boisvert, the Director of the Alternative Pathways program in the Biddeford School Department will speak. This program has been a new champion of the Mission Committee as it has hosted a Christmas luncheon party for the students the past two years. Jim will tell us about the nature of the program designed to help struggling Biddeford high school students succeed by obtaining their high school diploma while facing difficult challenges in the personal and family lives.
- On Tuesday, July 12th the Mission Committee will provide the evening meal during the by-monthly ***In A Pinch*** distribution gathering at Seeds of Hope in Biddeford. The menu this time will be a cold pasta salad with chicken and the usual brownies and cookies so many people in Union Church donate for this regular event. If you want to add to the dessert needs contact Debbie Lamb or add your name to the signup sheet that will be in church the next two Sundays.



*Ever shaken hands with an Octopus?
Come meet someone who has!*

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday August 18th, 3 - 4 PM

Union Church Presents:

**A SPECIAL WORKSHOP
FOR YOUNG ADVENTURERS!**

With Award-Winning Adventure Writer

Sy Montgomery

“Part Indiana Jones and Part Emily Dickinson” (Boston Globe)

Author of over a dozen books for children, including, *The Octopus Scientists*, *Chasing Cheetahs*, and *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World’s Strangest Parrot*, winner of The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal. Montgomery’s adult non-fiction, *The Soul of an Octopus*, was shortlisted for 2015 National Book Award.

FREE! Followed by book-signing.

Doors Open 2:30 PM

Biddeford Pool Community Center, 2 Yates Street,

Questions? Contact Paulette, (207) 985-8051, or

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*Recommended Grades 4 - 8

