

News Update This Week...

Congratulations to Ned Dougherty:

This past week, Ned and Barbey Dougherty traveled to Florida where Ned was honored at the school he founded, Trinity Episcopal School. The announcement read: "The new school Chapel, known as *Trinity Chapel*, was dedicated to The Reverend Doctor Edward Dougherty, the founding Headmaster of Trinity Episcopal School, and the first Head of School of Palmer Trinity. Known for his emphasis on academic excellence and his belief in the ethos and practices of Episcopal Schools, Ned's leadership fostered a love of learning and a spirit which is still present today."

Annual Holiday Tea & Union Church Bake Sale:

Tea: Wednesday, November 14th (storm date 15th)

2PM – 4PM upstairs at the Community Center

There is nothing like this Holiday Tea to put you in the spirit of the Holidays. Invite a friend and come enjoy one of numerous teas and a menu of assorted tea sandwiches, scones, savories, and sweets in a lovely old-fashioned tea setting! The cost is \$8.

Bake Sale: Downstairs in the Library, and just in time for Thanksgiving, Union Church members will be offering a Holiday Bake Sale with homemade breads, pies, crisps, and other delicious treats for gift giving or freezing. Proceeds from this sale will go to Union Church's Missions. Donations of baked goods welcome!

Community Wide Thanksgiving Service: Union Church, Tuesday evening, November 20th at 7pm. Please join us and members of communities throughout Saco, Biddeford, and OOB for a time of coming together to offer Thanks for the blessings in our lives. All are welcome!

Collection for Food Pantry: We invite your donations of non-perishable food items in the coming weeks and at our Community Thanksgiving Service. Thank you.

A special Retreat in January: The Long and Winding Road: Spirituality for Our Life Journey, Tuesday, January 15, 2019
9:00 am – 4:00 pm Marie Joseph Retreat Center, Biddeford Pool
Cost: \$35, includes lunch. Please sign up with

One To One's: A reminder to set up a time to meet with the person whose name you selected. Next selection will be on Sunday, November 18th.

Safety Planning- We held a discussion on safety plans following the Service last Sunday and then held a fire drill. If you would like more information or have questions about this, please speak with our Pastor or one of the Deacons.

Snacks for Children: A reminder that we are collecting healthy snacks for students at the Biddeford Primary School to be delivered following the first Sunday of each month (Next week!).

Mark Your Calendars:

Save the Date – Seeds of Hope Benefit Brunch: Seeds of Hope's major annual fundraiser – the Give Thanks ~ Give Hope Benefit Brunch, Silent Auction and Raffle will be held at The Nonantum Resort in Kennebunkport on Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 10 AM – 2 PM. Tickets for this popular event (\$30 each or \$210 for a table for 8) will be available on-line at www.seedsofhope4me.org.

Interested in helping out? Would you consider using your creativity and skills to put together a basket or offer a class or adventure for the silent auction or raffle? This could be a fun way to participate even more directly in the event! If you have any

questions or for more information, please contact Debbie Lamb (207-475-8505 or dlamb4711@gmail.com).

Ron Ramsey is undergoing treatment for cancer. He has moved since the Church Directory was published. Here is his new address: **1 Levi Drive, Unit 102, Biddeford, Maine 04005.**

For Your Reflection: A Theology of Veterans Day

Today is Veterans Day, originally “Armistice Day.” On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month (i.e., November 11, 1918, exactly 100 years ago this Sunday), the truce was declared that ended World War I, then known as “The Great War” and “the war to end all wars.”

“Armistice” is from the Latin arma (“arms”) and sistere (“stand still”). Imagine the stillness, the quiet that came from laying down weapons on both sides, after years of trench warfare.

The United States Congress subsequently declared that the date “should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations.”

Sadly, it was not “the war to end all wars” - and so in 1954, the day was renamed, “Veterans Day” in order to honor veterans from all the wars since, not just World War I. But the words of Congress still resonate, as do the holiday’s origins in that great stillness one hundred years ago.

A day of thanksgiving: for the service of veterans, living and dead; for the service of caregivers - doctors and nurses and chaplains and mental health professionals and spouses and family members and friends - who walk with veterans through the ravages of war, even

after the bullets and bombs and missiles stop flying; and for the days of peace that come at long last.

A day of prayer: for people of all faiths (or no faith at all), a time of prayer, meditation, or reflection on the stillness of armistice, so that the days of peace on Earth increase, and the days of war decrease.

A day of exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations: for all of us to find ways, large and small, to build bridges across lines of difference, suspicion, or hostility, in our neighborhoods, our country, and among the nations of the world.

To lay down our arms. To step into a new stillness together. To sing with our ancestors that we, too, will lay down our swords and shields, “down by the riverside... and study war no more” - so that the next hundred years may be more peaceful than the last.

May God’s peace be with you on this Veterans Day, this Armistice Day, and may we lay down all of our arms, all of our burdens, in God’s great Shalom rising up even now, like soldiers climbing out of trenches a century ago...

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