

### **News Update This Week...**

**Community Wide Thanksgiving Service:** Union Church, Tuesday evening, November 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Winter Newsletter:** If you would like to submit something for our winter newsletter, please send it to Paula via email by Monday morning, November 26<sup>th</sup>. 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

**Safety Planning-** We held a discussion on safety plans following the Service a few weeks ago 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.

### **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 today at The

Nonantum Resort in Kennebunkport from 10 AM – 2 PM. Tickets for this popular event (\$30 each)

### **Ron Ramsey’s new address:**

1 Levi Drive, Unit 102, Biddeford, Maine 04005.

### **For Your Reflection:**

“Be present in all things and thankful for all things” - Maya Angelou

### **The Gift by Mary Oliver**

Be still, my soul, and steadfast.  
Earth and heaven both are still watching  
though time is draining from the clock  
and your walk, that was confident and quick,  
has become slow.

So, be slow if you must, but let  
the heart still play its true part.  
Love still as once you loved, deeply  
and without patience. Let God and the world  
know you are grateful. That the gift has been given.

## **An Autumn Version of Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken, like the first morning.  
Geese have awoken, distant but heard.  
Praise for the winging, praise for the morning,  
Praise for life springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet is the autumn, golden before us  
As the bright leaves shine, and fall from the trees.  
Praise for the beauty of pumpkin and harvest,  
Praise for God's whispers on the cool breeze.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the moonrise.  
Dawn sky and sunset- palette of play.  
Praise with our rising, praise with our resting;  
God's hope and blessing for every day.

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