

News Update This Week

For Your Reflection:

1Corinthians 13: 1-8: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Ephesians 4:2: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Spring Newsletter: We are looking ahead to the publication of a newsletter in March. If you have something you'd like to share, please send your submissions, updates, photos etc... to Ken Murray at ktmurray1727@hotmail.com.

Lent: Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, February 26, 6pm

Favorite Hymns: The Deacons of Union Church will be compiling a list of your favorite hymns and/or hymns you have not heard in a while so that we may include these during Worship in the year ahead. In the coming weeks, we'd invite you to bring a short list of your favorite 2 or 3 hymns to church for our list. We will also include an insert on which you can write your hymns in the next few weeks. Thank you.

A Celebration of Life: for Marjorie Jamback will be held on Saturday, February 22nd at 11am at the Saco Unitarian Church, as her father once served as Pastor there. Pastor Paula will be leading Worship. All are welcome.

Mardi Gras Celebration: Coming Soon. Please Join US!

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

5:30 p.m. Social Time; 6:00 Dinner

Biddeford Pool Community Center

2 Yates Street Biddeford Pool, Maine

Sign up at the back of the church or by contacting Eileen Foley (foleye55@maine.rr.com) or Anita Coupe (awcoupe@gmail.com).

Film Screening: February 20th at McArthur Library for The Biggest Little Farm. GERALYNN DREYFUSS continues to produce outstanding documentaries and Biggest Little Farm is her most recent successful endeavor. GERALYNN has graciously given her permission for McArthur Library to screen this excellent film. "The beautiful complexity of our planet's Ecosystem presents infinite possibility for collaboration. We have before us a precious opportunity to work alongside a biological system perfected over a period of billions of years." – John Chester Please see Poster below

Seeds of Hope Warming Center: Seeds of Hope has received approval and some funding to open a warming center on the coldest nights in Biddeford to help people get indoors out of the cold. They are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help staff overnight shifts, along with a security person and paid staffer. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Rev. Shirley Bowen at Seeds of Hope.

*** Our reading today is from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1967 address to the anti-war group Clergy and Laity Concerned-Strength to Love. Philadelphia Fortress Press, 1963 (1981, 1986). P. 5.**

Our Pastor's Info:

Rev. Paula Norbert (207) 205-4951 or (pnorbert1217@gmail.com)
If you are interested in joining Union Church or would like to set up a time to meet with our Pastor, please contact Pastor Paula directly.

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Biddeford Community Gardens and McArthur Library present

the Biggest little Farm



Movie Night



Thursday, February 20
6:00 p.m.

This excellent film chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature.

This film will kick-off the seasons gardening series in conjunction with the Biddeford Community Gardens.

The event is free and open to the public. Please come! Light refreshments will be served.



McArthur Library
270 Main Street
Biddeford, Maine 04005 | 207 284 4181
www.mcarthurlibrary.org

Containers of Divine Love

God of affection, devotion, passion, tenderness, and all forms of love, this day we thank you for the myriad ways that we have been given a touch of your goodness. We thank you for your many beneficent gestures:

- ...love that draws us to friendship and fidelity,
- ...love that leads us to kindness and compassion,
- ...love that stirs in our flesh and dances in our bones,
- ...love that lures us toward the sacred and serene,
- ...love that calls us to new vision and growth,
- ...love that soothes our heartaches and gentles our pain,
- ...love that sees worth in each human being,
- ...love that believes in us and whispers with hope,
- ...love that sings in the seasons and sighs in the wind,
- ...love that taps on the door of forgiveness,
- ...love that longs for peace among all humankind,
- ...love that surprises and fills us with awe,
- ...love that sings praise for the face of earth's beauty,
- ...love that offers the hand of warm welcome,
- ...love that respects those who won't come too near,
- ...love that urges us to take risks and have courage,
- ...love that goes out to those from afar,
- ...love that embraces the shadow in us,
- ...love that sheds the old skin and welcomes the new,
- ...love that ripens our souls for the final journey home.

Source of Love, we offer thanks for how you are abiding in all these forms of love. May the hearts we give and receive this **Valentine's Day** remind us of you, the One Great Heart, holding us all in the tenderness of your love.

Joyce Rupp