

## THE MISSIONER

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All Souls Church  
Annual Bazaar  
SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 12  
9 am to 2 pm  
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT  
WORK!

Your hands and your talents are needed! Our church depends on the Annual Bazaar as the major fundraiser for our general operating fund.

**It'll be here before you know it!  
Great day for fun and fellowship!**

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## From the Minister's Desktop

### Rebellion at Wal-Mart

I was standing in an aisle in Wal-Mart on a Sunday morning. People were gliding by with shopping carts. Kids were hanging on some of the carts like fire-fighters in old cartoons. They were pointing at what they wanted. Generally, these were very nice people; not pushy at all. They were just shopping. Right there it occurred to me. This is what rebellion against God looks like.

This realization was quick, but enlightening. If the Buddha can be enlightened under a pipal tree, its branches heavy with sacred banyan figs, surely enlightenment amid the stacks and piles of sacred consumer goods hanging heavy for the picking is possible.

Rebellion against God looks like this, I thought. I was surprised. I expected it to have a much more tawdry appearance. I imagined it to be obviously wicked, willful, coercive, disruptive, destructive. I had thought it violent or angry. I envisioned it as well-rehearsed, well-thought-out, reasoned. But here it was: casual, natural, easy and carefree. And, of course, I was in it.

I almost never miss Sunday worship. In my first seventeen years I never missed one (I have the perfect attendance pins to prove it). I had special dispensation from attendance-takers when I had hepatitis and the mumps. I sent my offering by other family members; my gift counted for me. In the non-communicable parts of even those illnesses, I was driven to church, put my offering in the plate, and was counted before being carried back to my sick-bed. Christian faith was demanding and serious. It required attention and our faithfulness. This day in the aisles of Wal-Mart was not exceptional; my absence from church was. A significant birthday anniversary for me, maybe my gift was to be led here and shown something. I saw rebellion. Back in my car, I found Boston's WBUR-FM. I tuned in the worship service from Boston University's Marsh Chapel. It helped, but it was no cure for what I had seen.

Rebellion, like worship, is not just a Sunday thing, of course. Rebellion or worship are ways of life, though either one can touch the other. Rebellion is simply living as if God were not. Even pagans can do it. It is more troublesome, of course, when baptized Christians profess belief and obedience and then live like atheists. For Christians to live as if God were not (or no more than an add-on to otherwise self-absorbed ways) is rebellion of a slightly different order.

My thinking about rebellion started a couple of weeks before. At our pastor's breakfast, Phil Mumford gave an impromptu devotion on Numbers 16: 48. Moses sends Aaron to intercede for the people who have risen against Moses and in support of the recently deceased Korah and his followers. Aaron goes out and stands between the dead and the living. Pastor Phil said part of our pastoral task right here and now is to stand between the dead and the living, to intercede for the people in order to keep the plague of death from spreading and destroying all in its path. Such is the work of all the faithful.

This idea was already working on me when, shortly after, I went to Beth Israel synagogue to be present for prayer and praise on Steven Schwarzman's last Sabbath as Rabbi there. The Torah portion for the day was from *Numbers 16*, the rebellion of Korah, that Phil had cited just days before. I was struck by what some might call *coincidence*. Maybe I should pay attention.

In his sermon, Rabbi Schwarzman outlined the shape of the rebellion in Numbers. God chose Moses and appointed him to lead the children of Israel from Egyptian slavery to a new life in the Promised Land—a *land flowing with milk and honey*. The Rabbi noted that Korah and his followers decided that God’s chosen leader was just making himself important. They accuse him of pride. After all, *each and every person is “holy”* they argue; the whole *community is “holy”*. Didn’t God say as much?

Moses summons the rebels (Numbers 16:12). They say, “We will not come!” And, said the Rabbi, hear what else they say. They say, “Isn’t it enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the desert? And now you also want to lord it over us?” (vs. 13)

Moses said God promised a land of milk and honey out there ahead of them. They say he’s lying. They say he’s leading them *away from* the land of milk and honey. Egyptian slavery was better than this wilderness. Life in the wilderness is hard.

They long for Egypt! Life was stable and secure. They knew the work; they worked the system. Besides, there was plenty of home cookin’—“the flesh pots of Egypt” some remembered. They wanted “carefree and easy” slavery again. Isn’t it striking? They wanted stability and security and all the advantages of the Egyptian economy with its abundant food. They wanted to exercise their individual free choice even in the confines of slavery. We’re all equal, they complain. We’re as holy as you, Moses, but you’re crazy! You’re depriving us of good things. You’re killing us! We want to go *back* to milk and honey, you liar. God and this faith stuff are nonsense—a lie you’re making up.

Rabbi noted that even after Korah, Dathan and Abiram—the leaders of the rebellion—were swallowed up by the earth (a pretty dramatic way to go!) the people did not cease their rebellion. They were angered by the deaths of their leaders. “You have killed the LORD’s people!” they say to Moses. Their rebellion intensified.

“Get away from the assembly,” God says to Moses; “I will put an end to them.” A plague begins. “Get out there and do something,” Moses tells Aaron the priest. Aaron takes a little shovel with hot coals on it. He sprinkles on a little incense and, with wisps of smoke rising like prayers, races into the midst of the people to atone for them—to intercede on behalf of this rebellious people. He stands between the dead and the living.

A few days later I wrote Rabbi Schwarzman, telling him I found the Torah portion and the prayers of the previous Sabbath deeply affecting. I wondered if we really know the Power we invoke in our prayers—or the importance of our faithfulness in prayer.

“There was Aaron with his little shovel of fire and incense,” I wrote, “just a little spark and a little smoke, standing between the dead and the living, making intercession. I think I see that people now (as then) are in rebellion. You described it so clearly. There is a confusion of slavery with the land of promise—hard service to alien powers becomes confused with a land of milk and honey—the place we should flee becomes instead the place we long for in our hearts.

“Folks don’t like the leadership unless he’s Korah or is one like him. When divine justice kicks in they just get angrier. They confuse God’s justice with getting their own way and getting even. When we say “Why did God allow this?” we are already idolaters; we have imagined a better god than the One who made us. We have a god of our own Preference.

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“You are too young to remember,” I continued, “but the *Gunsmoke* radio broadcasts began with a little soliloquy by Marshal Matt Dillon. (William Conrad never sounded like the James Arness TV marshal; Arness was too smooth.) On the frontier, he says, the U.S. Marshall stands in the way of the outlaws and ‘spoilors’ (I am attracted to that term somehow). The Marshal is ‘the first man they look for, and the last man they want to meet.’ All this, he concludes, ‘makes a man watchful . . . and a little lonely.’ To stand between the dead and the living, to seek to intercede and to stem the rebellion, to remind folks that death is not life and slavery is not the land of promise . . . well, it makes a person watchful and a little lonely.

“Thank God we have not yet heard those terrifying words that fell on Jeremiah’s ears—‘As for you, do not pray for this people, or lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with me, for I do not hear you’.”

Rebellion is based in two things: first, forgetfulness, second, the desire for a carefree and easy life. The latter is not possible. The former is pervasive.

Scripture pleads again and again, do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of slavery. “Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, build fine houses and settle down . . . when goods are abundant, silver and gold increase, and all you have is multiplied, your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God . . . who led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock and gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. Forgetting God, you may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” (Deut. 8: 11-17) Isn’t everyone holy? Aren’t we the best judge of the good? Don’t we deserve? Aren’t we entitled? The world is my oyster.

There is was—right there in Wal-Mart on that Sunday morning—”my power and strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me”. All the democratic, egalitarian, fat and swelling sweetness of rebellion was there. No one there had any beef with God. In fact, God seemed the furthest thing from anyone’s mind! Nail polish, sun screen, toilet bowl cleaner and flat screen TVs were all the order of the day. “Dad! Over here!” the child was bouncing up and down, pointing at his heart’s desire, his eyes sparkling with anticipation. It was a made-for-television-moment and a common, everyday scene both at the same time.

Would the ground split open and swallow us up? No, I didn’t think so. Jesus simply said, “Your house is left to you—desolate.” We get what we want and then we have to live with it. There are some people who think about rebellion and expect the wrath of God. They think the world deserves it—at least all those other people deserve it. Jesus reminds us that the sun shines on the just and the unjust alike. We can’t opt out. We’re in this together. In that sense, the rebels are right. We’re all pretty much alike, inhabiting a very familiar world.

I prefer the Mennonite take on our historical moment. They say we are living “in a time of God’s patience.” In some ways that’s more terrifying than wrath. It means our collective way of life, what we call (somewhat ironically, I think) our civilization, is in our hands. It will have to run its course. “Your house is left to you,” as Jesus put it.

Neil Postman saw it. We live in a “world of fragments, where events stand alone, stripped of any connection to the past, or to the future, or to other events . . . all assumptions of coherence have vanished.” [*Amusing Ourselves to Death*, p. 110] Later he writes, “Christianity is a demanding and serious religion. When it is delivered as easy and amusing, it is another kind of religion altogether.” [p. 121]

So, what we do is demanding and serious. Now, in this fragmented time, with our little wisps of prayer ascending, we stand between the dead and the living. It is a time of God’s patience. Arguments will rage on. Is milk and honey found in slavery or in freedom? Is it back there or somewhere out ahead? Shouldn’t life be carefree and easy? If God doesn’t give me what I want, what use is God? And the economic engine will turn or not. We will look for security and stability here and there, and in this one or that other one. Forgetfulness has not yet run its course. Jesus’ question remains lively: “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8)

We see signs of rebellion all around. Yates said it this way: “the center does not hold.” We know what that looks like. But we know something else, too. We know that the Center does hold! God holds. In Christ all things hold together. This is a time when, more than many others, the world and its brokenness desperately need the intercession and witness of Christians. We Christians are given work to do and a place to stand. Our worship, our prayers, our discipleship and our sacrifices are demanding and serious. They are also filled with deepest meaning, greatest joy, and most profound love. In Christ, we discover, all things cohere, all things hold together. It is God’s patience and God’s own grace.

*James L. Haddix*

Pastor and Teacher

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**THE WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION**

The first meeting of the 2011-2012 season will be on Tuesday, October 4, at 12 Noon.. The program is “*Music and News from the 50’s*” presented by Doug Plenge. We welcome all church women to our meetings. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert is provided. We look forward to another year of fellowship.

Calling all Artists and Artisans.....

2011 All Souls Church Bazaar  
Saturday, Nov 12

Our congregation is blessed with many talents never revealed to our Bazaar. Those talents are greatly needed now. Please let your talents be known!

Our immediate needs are:

**Luncheon Café:** Do you love to cook? We are looking for a chef/chef "wannabe" to develop a new, but simple menu for our luncheon cafe. All you have to do is cook. We will supply the kitchen support.

**Boutique:** The talented ladies of the Boutique have retired. It's time for someone else to create some beautifully-decorated wreathes, swags, trees and arrangements for home and holiday. Contributing one or more will be a huge help.

**Boutique:** We would like to supplement our Boutique this year with your artwork. Paintings, photography, sculpture, pottery, woodworking, weavings, quilts, clothing and other art pieces are welcome. Donating one or more will help so much! You will be contributing and promoting your work at the same time.

**Pantry:** Your homemade pickles, jams, chutneys, beans, breads, cakes, pies, casseroles, quiches and soups are requested. Please bring them packaged, labeled (if necessary) and ready to sell with a notation on all that contain nuts. We have a special request for gluten-free products.

**Cookie Nook:** Did you wonder why cookies were not mentioned above? Well, we have so many cookies, they require a separate room! We request you make 3 dozen or more of your special cookie recipe. Holiday cookies are especially needed with Thanksgiving or Christmas themes. Please bring them unpackaged, but note the cookie name and whether they contain nuts.



**Please Place Your  
HYMNAL ORDERS  
FOR THE ALL SOULS CENTENNIAL HYMNALS**

In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of All Souls, we will be introducing a new hymnal for congregational worship and singing.

We are inviting you to purchase hymnals for the use of the congregation. (You can buy a hymnal for personal use, too.)

The hymnals cost \$20.00 each.

We will place book plates in the hymnals you purchase naming you as the donor or book plates that name those in whose memory or in whose honor you would like to give the hymnal(s).

Order forms are available in the worship bulletins. You can also email your *intention* to order, or telephone the church office to request an order form. Payment must accompany each completed order. Please don't wait. We would like to have the new hymnals in place before the 2012 Centennial Year.

The total cost for the hymnal project is \$8,250.00. Please consider making a major gift of support.

We appreciate the generosity of all who contribute to the worship life of our congregation.

Please return order form below to the Church Office

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**Gift** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ***ASSIST-JC NEWS***

It's the beginning of a new cycle for the mission team of All Souls Church. 2012 will mark the 6<sup>th</sup> time ASSIST-JC team members will work in Eastport, ME. There have already been requests for our labor! The fund-raisers begin early in our fall season with the Yard Sale and Oriental Jade meal. The organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 11:30 a.m.

This is the time to invite new friends to participate in ASSIST-JC. Students entering grades 8 and 9 (or beyond!) can join during this "homeland" mission year. Due to the demanding physical, emotional and spiritual requirements of distant mission work, we require that all people interested in traveling to Honduras or the Southwest in the future participate in a full week of work at Eastport. This lets us know if you can really handle the challenges of a full week of mission work and team life. If there is enough interest and leadership available, we are planning to send two teams out in 2013: one to Honduras and one to a Navaho Reservation in Arizona (God willing, of course!)

Plan to attend the meeting, find out more details, and bring your friends!!! We are looking forward to the beginning of a new season! Come On!!!



## Nurture Notes

A parable:

“Just one foot in front of the other. Don’t panic. It’ll be all right.” Airborn rumbles and subterranean vibrations of the pavement beneath his feet sent tremors through his body. Tires swooshed menacingly close and were gone. He took another step, but the roar came at him again. This time the tires swirled in front of his face. “No more! That’s it. I quit. I’m not budging!”

So that is where he stopped...

right in the middle of the road,

right in the middle of danger...

not going forward and not going back...

straddling the yellow line...

glued to it...

legs and tail drawn up into his shell with the barest hint of a nose peeking out.

and that is where he would have stayed until...

Well, you know the ‘until’ for a turtle in the middle of a busy road..!

I was not sure that turtle was alive when I passed by on my bicycle, but it was clear that the creature probably would not survive the attempt to complete its ill-conceived journey across the road. Certainly the little box turtle had no idea where it was or how dangerous its situation was, but the creature had need of help even if it was completely oblivious to the high probability of its early demise. As I circled back to move the turtle off the pavement, a motorist with the same idea stopped and we joked as she moved the turtle safely across the lane of pavement.

Riding away, I could not rid myself of the image of the turtle all tucked up in its shell in a most precarious place. I had all kinds of dialogues running through my mind as I cycled on...

“Really, Lord, I do want to go in this direction with my life. I can see the possibilities within my grasp. It will be awesome! Honest!!!”

“O God, help me...where are you? What happened? You are never around when I need you. What do you mean I got myself here? I’m stuck...I’m really stuck...”

“I’m gonna die! I can’t go forward, I can’t go back...I’m through, finished...I’ve made such a mess of my life. Me and my great ideas, great plans and now this. I’m done for. The only way I’ll make it is for a miracle to happen...”

And then, a miracle happens

In the turtle’s case, the cyclist turned around, a car stopped and a huge human plucked the creature from its certain demise and moved it to safety...

In the case of a family in Cataluna, Honduras, their name is chosen and a house of concrete blocks suddenly rises up from the dirt with willing arms and efforts of people from far away.

In the case of a very sick grandchild, a grandmother’s chance comment to a group of doctors on the medical team as they walk through Nuevo Sacramento means the little boy gets critical medical care just in time.

In the case of a teenager whose final year of high school is out of the question because the family's ministry to the poor takes precedence, a "chance encounter" leads to funds that allow her to complete her education.

In the case of a team member who thought he was just going to Honduras to do a good work, he finds that God actually had an appointment with him...to transform his life.

We humans can get ourselves into the same kind of tight spots as the turtle. We do it with good intentions. We can see our destination...at least we think we can. We see a way to achieve our ends, at least it seems possible. And then we get stuck. Badly stuck...dangerously stuck...And what do we do?

Some work all the harder, hitting their heads against the wall that will not yield. Some give up, give in, and quit... allowing the despair to overtake them. Some pray angrily, others pray accusingly, still others simply pray when all else has failed. But the blessed few who pray humbly are prepared for whatever may come...and sometimes the answer appears as unexpected as a human hand plucking an amphibian from the middle of the road or a word from the pastor that you are going to have a home built for you. At other times the answer comes as quiet strength which simply allows you to endure to the end. Either way, it is a gift of blessed grace.

We will get into tough places. Sometimes it's our own fault and sometimes it really is caused by circumstances way beyond our control. How we respond is the crucial test of our faith and trust in God. The contrast could not be clearer between the Honduran Christians and those of us who are United-States-culture-shaped Christians. As the Honduran brothers and sisters faced problems, the first place they turned was to God in prayer. When we were diverted to Nassau and unable to land and make our planned connections because of thunderstorms, we did not immediately drop to our knees in prayer (we were on the plane and you know how little room there is between the seats!) We landed and reached for our credit cards to cover the cost of lodging, meals, etc...Oh, we did pray, too, and God provided a way for us all to return in a staggered fashion, but the lesson was quite instructive. We take matters into our own hands so automatically, seeming to solve our own problems and take care of ourselves, so who needs God? The answer is, of course, we all do because we do not realize how puny our efforts to save ourselves truly are.

We are beginning a new season in the life of the church. Each time we begin anew, I am aware that God has big plans for this part of his world and is counting on his people (us!) to join with him in his on-going labor of love. So let us turn our hearts to God as we enter this fall season, and (to quote the Vacation Bible School Children's Curriculum) "Let's meet up, look up, join up, open up and fire up for Jesus!" Let's give in to God's leadership in the same way our brothers and sisters in Honduras do. Let's Go!

*Renee U. Garrett*

Minister of Christian Nurture



# Bazaar Silent Auction 2011 Needs You!

We are looking for quality items or services for our Silent Auction Booth.

*Please look around and let us know what you can contribute by*

*Monday, October 31, 2011.*

*Thank you!*

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## **ALL SOULS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BAZAAR SILENT AUCTION BOOTH – NOVEMBER 12, 2011**

*I will donate the following items(s):* \_\_\_\_\_

*I will offer the following Service(s):* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signed:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to the Church Office or to one of the chairs:  
Liz Schley (942-2423) and Alice Openshaw (862-6406)*

**THANK YOU!**



### **Kindergarten Blessing**

On Sunday, September 18, during the worship service, we will be giving the kindergartners their first Bibles. It is a special time for the children and for us. This

seems a very important time to acknowledge once again the great gift these children are to us all. There are critical times when publicly blessing these gifts of God is valuable for the child, the parent(s) and the congregation. We believe that as our children begin his or her school career, we have arrived at another opportune moment. We hope you agree.

### **3rd Grade Race Through the Bible**

All Souls Congregational Church traditionally presents bibles to third graders. In preparation, children and parents together learn about this great book before the gift from the church through a series of workshops we call "Race through the Bible". These workshops, hosted by Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. Martinez will help students get to know their new bible; how to use their bible and have a better understanding of what is in the bible. Parents (or guardians) are included because they are the primary faith educator for their child. Faith education is a family practice, and we want this to be part of that parent-child effort.

These workshops will be held, before church, from 8:45 to 9:45am, on October 2, 9, 16, and 23. On October 30th, we will be presenting students with their new bibles in our worship service. This will reaffirm to the student, parent and congregation that we recognize that this is an important step in the students' faith journey.

### **Here is the calendar for the 2011-12 Church School year:**

#### **August**

**28**-Church School Registration at Coffee Hour

#### **September**

**4**-Church School Registration at Coffee Hour

**11**-Church School Begins

**18**-Regular classes and Kindergarten Blessing

**25**-Regular classes and Confirmation

Organizational meeting at 11:30

#### **October**

**2** -Regular classes and 3rd Grade Race Through the Bible from 8:45-9:45 a.m.

**9**-Regular classes and 3rd Grade Race Through the Bible from 8:45-9:45 a.m.

**16**-Regular classes 3rd Grade Race Through the Bible from 8:45-9:45 a.m.

**23**-Regular classes and 3rd Grade Race Through the Bible from 8:45-9:45 a.m.

**30**-Regular classes and 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

#### **November**

**6**-Regular classes

**13**-Regular classes

**20**-Regular classes and Thanksgiving Bread Sunday

**27**-Regular classes

### **Confirmation**



The first meeting of the Confirmation Class of 2011-2012 will be on Sunday, September 25th at 11:30 AM. Students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or at least 14 years of age along with their parents are invited to participate in the confirmation process. While the learning involved in confirming one's faith does move the student toward membership in the church, each student is urged to make his or her own decision about a commitment to Jesus Christ and to the All Souls congregation. Each student will be assigned a mentor for the entire year's effort. If a student already has a mentor in mind, he or she should contact Mrs. Garrett as soon as possible.



## THE DOROTHY DAY SOUP KITCHEN

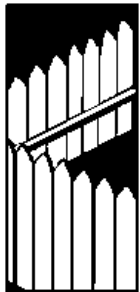
### Volunteers Needed

As many of you know, All Souls prepares and serves the mid-day meal at the Dorothy Day soup kitchen on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

This is not an unduly difficult effort consisting of three hours per meal a few times a year. Many find this an enjoyable experience working shoulder-to-shoulder with fellow church members, serving a tasty and nutritious meal to many in need. Sometime family members pitch in.

If you are interested in helping please call the Church Office. Someone will be in touch to give you more details. Thank you.

*Tom Paine, Soup Kitchen Coordinator*



*Dear Members of All Souls,*

*Thank you for the generous contribution to the scholarship fund in the Women's Hall of Fame. Thank you for the lovely floral arrangements brought to our home following the Sunday services. Thank you for the many cards and personal visits. It*

*means so much to be loved by all of you!*

*Stan and I are being well cared for here at the Veterans Home, an outstanding facility for older persons.*

*We are lucky that our daughter from South Dakota has been with us; our son and all of our 4 grandchildren will be here in August. These are more blessings than we deserve.*

*With Love,*

*Katherine Musgrave*

## ASSIST -JC ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

September 18th at 1130 a.m.

### YARD SALE

Held at the  
Union Street Brick Church  
Saturday and Sunday,  
October 15th - 16th

## Corner Store

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Partner



### CALL FOR MEN'S CHOIR

A Men's Choir will sing on Sunday, September 11. Men from the congregation who like to sing are encouraged to participate. The anthem will be a simple setting of the

hymn, "Rise Up, O Men of God." Rehearsal will be right after the church service in the organ loft on September 4 for those who can make it, and at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 8. Please call Kay Eames if you are interested, 942-1474.

### SENIOR CHOIR TO BEGIN

#### SEPTEMBER 18

The first rehearsal of Senior Choir will be **Thursday, September 15**, at 7:00 p.m. The first Sunday the full choir sings will be September 18. (A Men's Choir will sing one week earlier—see separate article.)

New members are always welcome. Rehearsals begin promptly in the vestry at 7:00 p.m. and end, also promptly, at 8:30 p.m. On Sundays, the choir rehearses in the choir loft from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. The choir typically practices anthems up to 6 weeks ahead. If you are interested, or are not sure but have questions, please contact Kay Eames at 942-1474.

### OUR CHOIR TO SING

#### SCHUBERT'S MASS IN G- EXTRAS INVITED

The Senior Choir will present Schubert's *Mass in G* at All Souls on Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. The public will be invited. The multi-movement work for chorus and solo voices is a favorite of choirs and audiences alike. If you are not a choir member but are familiar with *Mass in G* and would like to sing in this concert, please contact Kay Eames at 942-1474 for a rehearsal schedule.

Soloists for the *Mass in G* will be Karen Pendleton, soprano; Fran Vogt, tenor; and Ludlow Hallman, baritone. The work will be accompanied by strings and piano.

Also on the program will be *Trio for Flute, Oboe, and Piano*, by the British composer,

Madeleine Dring, with Anne Small, flute, and Kristen Fox, oboe. In addition, Anne Small and Kay Eames will play Mozart's *Fantasia in F Minor* for organ, KV 608.

### MUSIC SUNDAY SET FOR DECEMBER 11

Music Sunday will be December 11 this year. On that day, instead of the sermon, the Senior Choir will present *Christmas Day, a Choral Fantasy on Old Carols* by Gustav Holst.



### Youth Choir

It's that time of year again! Welcome back to church school, and I hope everyone had a relaxing and fulfilling summer. I look forward to seeing the returning Youth Choir members, and I am hoping to see some new children join us this year. The

choir is available for children in grade 2 and up.

The choir rehearses every Sunday in Room A right after church until noon, and we sing in church approximately once a month. The Sundays that we sing in church we have pizza for lunch during our rehearsal time. One of our special events is singing at the annual Holiday Bazaar luncheon which will be coming up November 12th.

We have a great time singing together and getting to know each other. Our choir members are very welcoming and helpful, so we hope you will come and see what it's all about. The first Sunday of church school is September 11th, and I will be in Room A to greet and welcome anyone who would like to come learn about Youth Choir. Our first official rehearsal will take place on September 18th.

Please feel free to call me at 942-3986 with any questions! Hope to see you soon!

*Anne Small*  
Youth Choir Director



### All Souls Photo Directory

The All Souls photo directory is underway! Over 60 families, couples, and individuals have already submitted their information and photos for the directory. If you haven't joined them, NOW is the time! The directory will be accessible online through the church website. For security purposes, the directory can only be viewed by using a password. Only those who are in the directory will receive the password. The information can be updated at

any time so the directory can remain current with new members, address changes, updated photos, and other changes. A printed version will be available for those without internet access. All others will be able to print their own copy from home, if desired.

Three easy steps!

1. Fill out the attached form and bring it with you to church.
2. Have your photo taken after church on any Sunday. Our own Tom Chamberlain will be taking photos every Sunday in the Eagle's Nest (classroom adjacent to the vestry) during coffee hour. No appointment is necessary. We will email you the photos and you choose which pose you want included. OR  
You may submit a digital photo of your own. Head and shoulders shots that can be cropped in a square format are preferred. Send the photo to [alice.openshaw@gmail.com](mailto:alice.openshaw@gmail.com) with your directory information.
3. You receive the password to access the directory!

**The directory is one more tool to help us welcome new people to the church and to enable fellowship among all of us. Contact any of the directory committee with your questions. We look forward to seeing you in person and in the directory!**

Alice Openshaw, Carol Warmuth, Tom Chamberlain, Dena Whitehead

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Additional Details, Notes (Office Use Only)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Happenings in the Classroom and Beyond

### NURSERY

All Souls Night Custodian, Jeff Wren, and other helpful hands began an extensive overhaul of the Nursery in early June. The space was turned from an outdated, but mostly adequate room to a bright, colorful, enjoyable space for the littlest among us to spend their time in. The project is mostly finished and has been counted a great success by all who view our new “kid friendly” space. During the summer, the little ones relocated to the temporary space in Rooms 4 and 5.

A **HUGE** thanks to Jeff and all the helpers for undertaking this task. Your commitment to this project has made a world of difference!

### CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school broke for the summer in mid-May with the annual Labor for Your Neighbor work day on May 15. The Sunday Schoolers did an excellent job of leading the worship service followed by the annual All Church Picnic on May 22. Then the multi-age class began with roughly 20 children in attendance each summer Sunday. Activities included new movies, beading, coloring and games.

As this goes to print, the summer is winding down and schools will be back in session soon. Very soon, All Souls Church School Year will be back in full swing as well. Registration will be on Sunday, August 28 and Sunday, September 4. We will have a table set up in the Hearth Room before and in the Vestry after worship for your convenience.

Sunday, September 11 is the opening day for Church School. A registration table will be available in the Hearth Room before the service, for you to register your children on that day.

Over the years, our Church School program has grown and flourished. At recent count, we have over 150 children from Nursery through High School.

Every year we are blessed with members who serve as teachers of our children. Many have dedicated years to this ministry. I would like to encourage those who have not had an opportunity to work with our Church School program to consider teaching this year. You do not have to commit to an entire year. We can accommodate a variety of possibilities. And, you don't have to do it alone. You can team up with your spouse, friend, another parent - the possibilities are endless. We provide an easy to follow curriculum with a multitude of activities. If you would like to teach occasionally, but cannot make the commitment to be there every Sunday, would you consider substituting? Please give me a call if you are available.

We look forward to seeing you in September! Mark these dates, August 28 and September 4 for Registration. September 11 - Registration and first day of Church School.



*Bobbi Martinez*  
Church School Coordinator

## Happy 200<sup>th</sup>

### First Church of Bangor: A Bicentennial Moment, Number 4

First Church Bangor had a new minister and a new meetinghouse. But meetinghouse troubles remained. Just three years after the dedication of the new meetinghouse, by 1833, more money was needed for “maintenance of the services of the Church and for other parish charges” than was raised by taxation or subscription. [James Crosby, *History of First Church, 1811-1911*, p.32]

While the special relationship between First Church of Christ in Bangor and the Town of Bangor seems to have ended the year of Harvey Loomis’s death, 1825, the Town continued to tax its citizens for support of religion. Now, if a citizen wanted to avoid paying taxes to support of First Church, the citizen had to declare membership in another religious society. So, a citizen could have his share of taxes paid to the Independent Congregational Society (Unitarian), or to the Baptist or Methodist Society. Still, a citizen had to be a declared member of some religious body. If one did not declare his religious affiliation, the Town taxed the undeclared—and non-residents—for support of First Church; or so it seems. As late as 1837, a prominent citizen sent a notice to the Clerk of the First Parish, asking that any tax assessed on his pew, No. 131, should be “paid to the public teacher (that is, the Minister) of the Hammond Street Church and Society. Ministers were still thought of—and spoken of—as “*public* teachers”. Residents and non-resident property owners were taxed alike for the support of religion in Bangor. Crosby writes that “the last trace of tax on the property even of avowed members of the Society seems to be in the year 1840.” [p. 32]

Even with income from taxation, from voluntary donation and “subscription”, First Church had insufficient income for all its work. Eighteen thirty-three was a crisis year. Three attempts were made in church meetings to find an agreeable way to raise money. No agreement was reached. Finally, at an adjourned meeting, a committee of the church recommended—and it was voted—to “tax the pews”.

Pews were private property. Now, because the congregation failed to meet its financial obligations, the pews would be taxed! Many were outraged. The Treasurer resigned. Another, who was asked to serve as Treasurer, declined. Finally, a Treasurer was found and people submitted to a pew tax. This remained common practice until 1859. The pew tax didn’t solve all the troubles. “There are a good many signs,” writes Mr. Crosby, “some of them humiliating—that the Parish was then as hard pressed for money as it has sometimes been since.” [Crosby, p. 33] One only has to remember the difficulties of Seth Noble to realize that sometimes old community habits die hard.

Still, this is not, nor ever has been, the whole story. We need a balanced perspective. As difficult as it was to raise money for *some* aspects of church life, Dr. Pomroy reported “charitable donations from the Church and Society in each of the years 1834 and 1835 at some \$5,000. First Church gave generously to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and to the Maine Missionary Society. Pomroy also noted that, in 1835, subscriptions (pledges) from First Church members to Bangor Theological Seminary reached nearly \$54,000. Crosby says the 1830’s were times of “ups and downs” in money matters. He wonders if all the subscriptions were actually paid [p. 25], but the recorded levels of giving and its mission impulse are also hallmarks of First Church and its sister Church (Central) as well as its descendant congregation, All Souls Church.

Dr. Pomroy's beginning salary was \$800 (the same as Mr. Loomis's salary in his final year). At the end of his 23 years of service, Pomroy's salary reached \$1,000. Expenses for music for Sabbath services, as we have seen, reached between \$200 and \$500 per year for the congregation. There is no mention of a parsonage until the ministry of Dr. Cutler, the last minister of First Church. The parsonage was built c. 1893. Previous to this, one assumes, ministers provided their own housing and transportation.

With these and perhaps other troubles and triumphs, Pomroy's ministry was by all accounts a good and competent one and spiritually rich. This last is, perhaps, the most important measure. During his pastorate five hundred ninety-four people united with First Church. He led some "protracted meetings" or revivals which, according to Crosby, were characterized by "definite and systematic presentation of religious doctrine". [p. 5] For the last ten years of his ministry the average membership was about three hundred forty.

In 1846-47, Mr. Pomroy took an 18 month Sabbatical. He traveled in the Holy Land, Europe and Asia. During his absence in 1845-46, Professor Shepard of the Seminary (and founder of Third or Central Church) supplied the pulpit. In 1848, Pomroy requested a local ecclesiastical council to "advise in the matter" of his resignation. He left First Church to become Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, a position he would hold until 1859. On October 15, 1848 he preached his farewell sermon, ending his 23 year tenure. [See *An Historical Sketch, Articles of Faith, Covenant, and catalogue of the First Congregational Church of Bangor, ME. from 1811 to 1856*, Bangor: Printed by Samuel S. Smith, 1856] James Crosby, though young at the time, remembered Pomroy's farewell. There was a "crowded house". "The church—particularly the First Church—was a conspicuous entity in the community, and Dr. Pomroy's personality was not one to diminish the attention drawn to the occasion . . . At the last communion before his removal from Bangor ten persons came into the Church by profession of faith." [p. 7] Pomroy died in Sunderland, Massachusetts, March 17, 1869.

Dr. Pomroy served First Church long and with distinction. His departure was hard. The church declared a season (two or three days) of fasting and prayer in reference to the "low state of religion and our destitute condition without a minister". [Crosby, p. 8] During this interim, Professor Daniel Talcott Smith of the Seminary (he later changed his name to Daniel Smith Talcott) supplied the pulpit.

The committee appointed to find a new minister moved quickly. By May 1849 they had invited George B. Little of the senior class of Andover Seminary to preach. One parishioner who met Little on the evening of his arrival said, simply, "He will do". [Crosby, p. 8] Little, born in Castine, was likely known to people in Bangor. He was called as Minister on Monday, May 28, but not ordained until October 11<sup>th</sup>. He also needed a few months leave of absence for health reasons. His health remained fragile. Crosby says that his "vigor of mind, speech, countenance, and manner, might suggest vigorous health as well. But it was here that he failed, and in 1857 accepted an invitation to West Newton, Mass., a field of labor which seemed less laborious and, he hoped, favorable to the restoration and establishment of his health. But he died in 1860." [p. 9] Mr. Little's pastorate was short by standards of the day and certainly in comparison to the 23 years of Dr. Pomroy and the 14 of Mr. Loomis. By what followed, however, Little's stay was long! As Crosby put it, "More than one-third of the time for twenty-nine years [following Little] the office [of minister] was to be vacant, while the remainder of that period included the ministry of five pastors.

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The Rev. Edward W. Gilman (later Dr. Gilman) succeeded Mr. Little in January of 1859 and remained for just over four years. “It is doubtful,” writes Crosby, “if he ever gained the enthusiastic regard of our people.” However that may be, Gilman had gifts, though perhaps not pastoral gifts. He later became Secretary of the American Bible Society. In Bangor he did preserve “specimen sermons” of his three predecessors and he saw to a revision of the roll of the church that had “never been touched before”. In spite of whatever troubles Gilman had with the people of First Church, he led them during a major remodeling of the meetinghouse. It was a remarkable project. Plans for the work were well under way before Gilman was installed in January 1859.

On February 8<sup>th</sup> that year, the church voted to “proceed to adopt such measures as are best calculated to effect and complete such alterations and improvements in and upon our church edifice as are contemplated in the plans of H. Graves of Boston, or nearly so. *Provided* that no expense shall be incurred in the enterprise beyond the amount of voluntary subscriptions raised for the purpose.” About \$12,000 was raised by subscription. A building committee of twenty-two was appointed.

Like most building projects there were over-runs. The \$12,000 was short by \$7,000. That debt was secured at 8% interest, “the extra two per cent being secured by notes with ten individual indorsers.” [Crosby, p. 37] The debt was finally paid by a special “subscription” in 1863.

See what happened to the building [below]. The entrance, once on French Street, was now on



Broadway. One entered through doors at the base of a great tower that was surmounted by a wooden spire reaching up 187 feet. The side walls, parts of the end walls, and the foundations of the 1830 brick meetinghouse were kept standing. The vestry level had a large meeting room, a small library and a Pastor’s Study. Upstairs, the pulpit platform was at the French Street end of the building, opposite the new entrance. The minister had private platform access, and the organ was located behind the platform. The windows were rounded instead of pointed as before. There were one hundred fifty-six pews “of the circular form”. [Crosby, p. 38]

During this major remodeling and “turning” of the building, the church also acquired a lot of land abutting York Street. In time, the parsonage would be built there.

The meetinghouse—Mr. Crosby a bit carelessly calls it “the church”—was rededicated in the first week of 1860. This is the building which, with some major and some minor alterations, would stand until the great Bangor Fire of 1911.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

* Wednesday— Sunday, October 12-16	YARDSALE	TBA
*Monday, October 24	ORIENTAL JADE	4 -8:00 p.m.
*Sunday, November 6	TEAM BUILDING	5-6:30 pm (supper)
Sunday, November 20	PAGEANT ASSIGNMENTS PAGEANT REHEARSALS	11:30-12:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 27		11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 4 & 11		11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 18		6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Friday, December 23		10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 24	(only if needed)	10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 24	PAGEANT	6:00 p.m.
*Sunday, January 8	TEAM BUILDING	6-8 p.m.
*Saturday, January 21	ANNUAL MEETING PREP	9 a.m.
*Sunday January 22	ANNUAL MEETING OF ALL SOULS CHURCH	
*Wednesday— Saturday, February 8-11	FIRST CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG PRODUCTION	
*Wednesday, February 22	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	7:00 p.m.
*Wednesday— Saturday, March 7-10	SECOND CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG PRODUCTION	
*Saturday, March 31	Lobster Stew (snow date on April 1)	
*Thursday- Friday April 5-6	PASSION VIGIL	5:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 29	CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.
*Saturday, May 5 or Sunday, May 6	LABOR FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR	
*Sunday, May 20	Team Building	6-8 p.m.
*Sunday, June 17	Eastport commissioning Departure for Eastport projects following worship.	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 24	Return from Eastport	after 2:00 p.m.

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### **Weekly Gardening**

All Souls Gardeners continue to gather on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 to tend the gardens.

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments at 9:30.

### **Calendar for the remainder of 2011**

**Wednesday October 19** - Spring bulb delivery

**Wednesday October 26** - Garden cleanup and bulb planting - 8:30 to 10 am

**Wednesday November 2** - Card making workshop - 9 am until work is done

**Saturday November 12** - Garden Shoppe open at Church Bazaar

**Thursday December 1** - Holiday Coffee for All Souls family and friends - 9:30-11:30 am



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