

RELIGION

Methodist parish to remember 1996 fire

PRESQUE ISLE STAR HERALD

PRESQUE ISLE — Tuesday, Jan. 19, marked the actual 20-year anniversary of a devastating fire that destroyed the Grant Memorial United Methodist Church. To mark the occasion, members held a candlelight vigil at the site of the former worship facility on Epworth Street in Presque Isle.

The congregation will hold a banquet at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the new church on Fleetwood Street, where members will look back to the time before the fire. There will be speakers from the Epworth Street era, as well as talks by Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar and District Superintendent Pat MacHugh.

The church will have a remembrance service led by Bishop Devedahr at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24.

“There are many people in our congregation that still mourn the loss of the Epworth Street building. The service will include a time of healing. Our focus is on the resiliency of a congregation that continued to meet and continued the ministries of the church, not missing even one Sunday during the two years they were without a facility,” the Rev. Christopher Dare said.



SCOTT MITCHELL JOHNSON | STAR-HERALD

An arsonist struck the Grant Memorial United Methodist Church in Presque Isle in the early hours of Jan. 19, 1996. A candlelight vigil will mark the anniversary on Saturday.

“The focus is also on our community that came together to encourage and support our congregation, who provided places to meet and worship and who helped make our new facility possible. This is not a story about a fire. This is a story about the church continuing to be the church in spite of tragedy,” he added.

Century of love, service honoring Harold Bragg

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BANGOR — When you come to worship at Grace United Methodist Church, you will be warmly greeted at the sanctuary door by Harold Bragg. He has been greeting all who enter with a big smile and hugs for as long as anyone can remember.

On Jan. 10, Harold Bragg celebrated his 100th birthday with his family and his Grace UMC friends at the church. He was honored during worship with a tribute from his lifelong friend Anna McCloskey, describing his faithfulness and service to God through his church, city and country.

He has been an active member of Grace UMC for most of his life, serving in many different roles: greeter, usher, elevator operator, acolyte, gardener, trustee, bell ringer and all-around handyman. He

always has been willing to help out with any ministry need: giving people rides to church, picking up and delivering food for those in need.

Bragg is a graduate of Bangor High School, Class of 1933, and has served the Bangor community as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and Eastern Maine Medical Center. For nearly 30 years, he greeted and assisted patients at Eastern Maine Medical Center, logging 10,718 hours of service. Most of these years he volunteered with his wife, Trudy. After Trudy passed away, he continued to serve at the hospital until he was 98 years old. Bragg also served his country in World War II.

The birthday celebration continued with a potluck luncheon, cake and greetings from family, friends and admirers. Bangor City Councilor Joe Baldacci presented Bragg with a plaque in honor of his life of service to others.

Things to Do Religion

BANGOR — Bangor Community Chorus welcomes singers to participate in this nonaudition, diverse chorus, which rehearses weekly, 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, First United Methodist Church, 703 Essex St. Winter seasonal program will be “Under Winter Moon.” Stacy George, 333-0980 or sgeo8@roadrunner.com.

BANGOR — Sermon “Judith Sargent Murray: A Pioneer Advocate of Equality and Universalism” by the Rev. Arthur Vaeni, Sunday, Jan. 24, Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor, 120 Park St. 947-7009 or UUBangor.org.

BANGOR — Kids Bible Club, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays, Glad Tidings Church, 1033 Broadway. For kindergartners through eighth-graders. Choose from sports or crafts, followed by Bible time and a light meal. 947-0324, ext. 15, or Facebook.com/GTCBangor.

BELFAST — Belfast Area Friends Meeting, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), silent, unprogrammed meeting for worship, 11 a.m. Sundays, The Lounge at First Baptist Church, 95 High St. Take the path through the Peace Garden to enter the Friends’ worship space. Handicapped accessible. Child care available. 338-3080 or 930-3518.

BELFAST — Special 12-step ecumenical worship service, 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church, 100 Court St. All welcome, especially members of AA, AI-Anon, NA, their families and friends.

BUCKSPORT — Public dinner and movie, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Bucksport United Methodist Church, 71 Franklin St. Reservation-only dinner features roast turkey or roast beef, homemade rolls, baked potato, green beans, carrots, and dessert for \$10 per person. Movie “One Hit From Home” upstairs after dinner. 469-3622.

CASTINE — Epiphany 3 and Holy Eucharist with

the Rev. Emily Blair Stribling, celebrant and preacher, 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Trinity Episcopal Church, 150 Perkins St. Refreshments. Church school, 9 a.m. second and fourth Sundays.

CASTINE — Sermon “On Becoming an Ally” by the Rev. Sara Hayman, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine Meeting House. 326-9083, minister@uucastine.org or office@uucastine.org.

CASTINE — Sermon “Good News, Good Ways” by the Rev. Tim Hall, 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine, 68 Main St. Refreshments. 326-9486 or tcpcoc.org.

DEXTER — Kids Bible Club for children in kindergarten-grade five, 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, New Hope Baptist Church, 130 Spring St. 924-7419 or NHBCDexter Facebook page.

DEXTER — Coffee fellowship, 8 a.m.; prayer in pastor’s office, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship services, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wired Youth Fellowship for grades six-12, 5:30 p.m. Sundays, New Hope Baptist Church, 130 Spring St. Prayer meetings, 6 p.m. Wednesdays; Ladies Bible Study on “The Fruit of the Spirit,” 10 a.m.; special Sunday school class for couples who have children or plan to have children, focusing on marriage. Food pantry distribution, 8:15-9:15 a.m. first and third Saturdays each month. NewHopeDexter.org, NHBCDexter Facebook page or 924-7419.

DOVER-FOXCROFT — Singalong program led by Lew Dow and the YesterYear Music Makers called “The Minstrel Show,” 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church, 156 East Main St. Refreshments served. Donations appreciated. 876-8013 or lld@myfairpoint.net.

ELLSWORTH — Saturday sanctuary sessions explore faith, religion and spirituality, 4:30-6:30

p.m. second and fourth Saturdays, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 175 Downeast Highway. Supper is potluck with theme, topic and menu posted on StAndrewME.org and Facebook usually Wednesday before. No alcohol or tobacco. 667-7641.

HOWLAND — Exodus Bible study, 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays; \$4 lunch, 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays; worship, 9-10 a.m. Sundays, Howland United Methodist Church, 23 Coffin St. 862-4281.

LEWISTON — Bishop Robert P. Deeley will celebrate a special Mass to close the Year of Consecrated Life in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, lower chapel of the Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, 122 Ash St. With the theme “Wake Up the World,” the Year of Consecrated Life began on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29, 2014, and will conclude on Feb. 2, World Day of Consecrated Life.

NEW GLOUCESTER — Special concert by Castlebey in celebration of the Celtic cross holiday, Imbolc, which is halfway between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Village Coffeehouse of New Gloucester, 10 Gloucester Hill Road. 926-3260 or www.villagecoffeehouse.org.

OLD TOWN — Free community supper, 5-6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Old Town United Methodist Church, 729 Stillwater Ave. Spaghetti, salad, rolls, brownies and ice cream. No reservation required.

PORTLAND — The Revs. Ed Clifford and Emile Dube, priests of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, will lead a Pilgrimage to Ireland May 31-June 10. Stops will include Dublin, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, Galway and Belfast, Knock Shrine, the Cliffs of Moher, St. Brigid’s Well and more. Space is limited. Teena at Dube Travel, 800-879-3823 or tdick@dubetravel.com.

ROCKLAND — Snow Day Camp, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway. For ele-

mentary children ages 5-10 on days school is cancelled because of snow. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks. Organized activities. Deposit of \$15 per child to reserve space, and \$15 per child per snow day. If there are no snow days, the deposit will be returned. Limited to 30. 370-7887 or uursnow-daycamp@uurockland.org.

ROCKLAND — Public supper and game night, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway. Supper featuring homemade soups, stews, chowders and chili, along with green salad, bread and desserts; vegan and vegetarian options, 5-6:30 p.m. Adults \$7; under age 12 \$4; families \$20. Board and card games, 6 p.m.; instructors available. Cribbage, Scrabble, Garden Scrabble Loteria (Mexican Bingo), Othello. 594-8750.

ROCKLAND — The fifth Share the Love Community Auction Saturday, Feb. 6, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 11 White St. Silent auction, 5-6:30 p.m. Live auction with Bruce Gamage, auctioneer, 6:45 p.m. More than \$15,000 in goods and services donated. Funds raised benefit Knox County Health Clinic, Knox County Homeless Coalition, New Hope for Women and the Camden Christian Food Pantry. www.stpetersrockland.org.

SEARSPORT — First Congregational Church is selling a collection of recipes from 1600s to today, including history, stories and original photographs, \$20 each. Free ebook editions with each purchase. Pick up a copy of the book at Hamilton Marine, Colonial Gables, Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce, Searsport Antique Mall, Safe Harbor Church events and at the church, 8 Church St. Will ship for an additional \$6 per book. Mail check or money orders to Jessica Hall, Searsport First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 261, Searsport 04974.

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✠ 8AM - Holy Family, Old Town
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