



Dixfield Congregational Church Newsletter

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NEW MEMBERS—PART 2

The May edition of the church newsletter had pictures of seven of the thirteen new members of the Dixfield Congregational Church who were welcomed by the congregation on April 5. The other six new members are Pastor Matt and Kristi Andrews, Jim and Cathy Windover (pictured with their daughter Riley), and Leon and Donna Bucher. It is wonderful to have so many new members!

If anyone else is interested in becoming a member, talk to Pastor Matt or a member of the diaconate.



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May News

There were many activities during the month of May at the Church on the Hill. On May 3, Charlie and Kaeden Swan did a presentation after morning worship about their recent mission trip to the country of Mexico. Their slideshow and stories about the trip were very interesting.

We had our second annual talent show on May 17. There were eleven acts including skits, comedy acts and musical performances. The performers included : Kristi Andrews, Pastor Matt Andrews, Mary Dailey, Dianna Dority, Adrian Knowles, Devin Knowles, Ethan Knowles, Nikki Knowles, Isaiah Lovelace, Eileen McCullough, Deb Morang, John Morang, Dinah Morris, Johnnie Morris, Peggy Morse, Ralph Sherrick, Danielle Williams, and Reggie Wing. The Christian Education committee had challenged the other committees to participate in the talent show. All the committees had planned to have an act, but due to illnesses and other unforeseen circumstances, two committees had to bow out. The talent show was recorded so if anyone would like a copy of it, talk to Mary Dailey.

The annual spring fling was held on Saturday, May 23. As part of the spring fling, a cornhole tournament was held in the church parking lot. A delicious buffet breakfast was served to many people. Bag lunches were available later in the day as well. Spring fling attendees could shop for attic treasures, jewelry, and baked goods; buy raffle tickets for summer themed prizes and sign up for the \$50.00 door prize. Many people from the church helped with the spring fling and enjoyed a morning of fellowship while raising money for the church. It was a fun and profitable day.



Spring fling breakfast cooks included: John Morang, Pastor Matt Andrews, Steve Karlgren, Reggie Wing, Dexter Berry, and Andy Irish.

Bible Study on The Lord's Prayer

The latest Bible study explored and discussed the Lord's Prayer. What the group discovered was that most churches pray this during the service, usually aloud. This is a group prayer, not an individual one, although a single person might change a few words here and there to personalize the prayer.

The prayer was a response from Jesus when he was asked about praying. The prayer appears in the New Testament in two slightly different versions:

Matthew 6:9-13: The longer version, featuring the concluding "doxology" (For thine is the kingdom...).

Luke 11:1-4: A shorter, slightly more concise version given by Jesus when his disciples specifically asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray".

The discussions were lively and respectable. I was proud that my son Shawn wanted to be involved. Children ask a lot of questions and Shawn was no exception! The group was patient and helped with the answers to his questions. One question Shawn asked was how come people don't do what God tells us to do? (Good question!) I answered "Why don't you and Ian do what you are told to do?"

The entire group agreed God is in charge and we need to go to Him for guidance, advice, and protection. We also need to recite the prayer with reverence and feeling, and not a dull monotone. Recite the prayer and not just say the words!

- Ralph Sherrick



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Special Music in May and June at the Church on the Hill

Kristi Andrews' mother, Adele Creasey, visited Maine for the first time. While she was here, she played the organ during morning worship on two Sundays. Everyone enjoyed listening to her play.

Two coffee houses took place this spring. Byron Glaus performed at a coffee house in the fellowship hall on May 2. He enjoys doing this as he grew up in the church. Peter Koch performed at a coffee house on June 13. He has entertained for us many times. There are more coffee houses lined up for the fall. These are always fun evenings with good music and delicious desserts.



Pastor Matt and Kristi with Adele Creasey



Peter and Laura Koch

Third Grade Bible Presentation and Graduation Sunday



Two young ladies of our church were honored in June. On June 7, Layla Boutin was recognized as a Dirigo High School graduate. On June 14, Chloe Hutchinson was given a Bible as she finished third grade at Dirigo Elementary School.



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Hello everyone!

It's me, Christopher Cricket from the choir loft! My favorite week of the summer



happened recently—Vacation Bible School! I love feeling all the energy, hearing all the cool VBS songs, learning the Bible points and Bible verses each day, and of course meeting the Bible buddies. This year VBS was set in the rain forest and I felt like I was living in a rainforest. There were decorations everywhere on the chancel. There was even a tree house! Each morning Dinah would welcome the kids and sing songs with them and talk about God. The kids usually listened quietly, but they sure got loud whenever they heard the Bible point. Then they would all yell, "Wow God!" It didn't take long for me to figure out that if I heard the Bible point, I should put my feet over my ears!

After the opening, the kids headed off to fun activities like crafts, games, Bible story, and "Sticky Scripture". "Sticky Scripture" took place in the sanctuary so I have first-hand knowledge of that one. The kids watched a video and pretended to be exploring the rain forest with the Bible buddy of the day while learning more about the Bible verse.

One of my favorite parts of VBS was when Dr. Flutterby came to talk with Dinah each morning. He was searching for a rare butterfly and had lots of misadventures. Dinah always had words of wisdom for him from God's word.

The five days of VBS went by really quickly. I truly enjoyed having the young people in the sanctuary with me each morning. I also had great fun each afternoon exploring the rain forest and going out to the annex to look for

left over snacks. I'm looking forward to next year already!

Until next time,

Christopher Cricket



Dinah Morris with Dr. Flutterby



Bible Buddy Howler in the Treehouse

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