



ROAD WORK

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METHODIST CHURCH**

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This Week:

Sunday:

- ~Breakfast—9:30 AM
- ~Worship & Sunday School—10 AM
- ~Thanksgiving Meeting—11:30

Monday:

- ~Food Pantry—9 AM

Tuesday:

- ~Prayer Service—6 PM

Wednesday:

- ~Food Pantry—9 AM

Saturday:

- ~Gab 'n Grow—1 PM

Sunday:

- ~Breakfast—9:30 AM
- ~Worship & Sunday School—10 AM
- ~Thanksgiving Meeting—11:30

A Challenge to Observe World AIDS Day

From our Bishop, Rev. Peter Weaver

Is One Dollar enough to help fight the Global AIDS crisis? In the past five years, three Annual Conference resolutions have stated the New England Conference goal for our churches to raise \$1 per member, or approximately \$97,000, by the end of 2008. To encourage churches to fulfill their part, Bishop Peter Weaver has personally challenged every church to support World AIDS Day this December, and to meet that \$1 per member goal before the end of 2008.

The resolutions stated in part:

- We seek to be disciples of the One who came to bring good news to the poor, and who sent his disciples out to witness and to heal;
- Over 40 million persons globally are living with

HIV and AIDS, and 9,000 people die from AIDS every day;

- Every month the death toll from AIDS surpasses the total deaths from the terrible Asian tsunami;
- The HIV pandemic causes 5 million persons to be infected and 3 million lives to be lost each year;
- There are more than 15 million AIDS orphans in Africa alone;
- We affirm that the world's leading governments and the United Nations have contributed significant resources aimed at HIV prevention and treatment.

As of Aug. 31, New England United Methodists have raised \$23,244 toward that goal. More information and resources to



**World Aids Day is observed
December 1. Can we raise
\$150 by then?**

help your local church work toward meeting this important goal are available! World AIDS Day is December 1. For World AIDS Day resources and information, visit www.neumc.org/globalaids.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"The Lord destroys the plans and spoils the schemes of the nations. But what the Lord has planned will stand forever. His thoughts never change."

Psalms 33:10-11 (CEV)

Stewardship Sunday on November 23

What are you passionate about? How can God use your passion to expand His Kingdom? Have you ever considered the possibility?

That's the focus of this year's stewardship campaign. God made us a people of passion, so why not use that passion for God's good purpose. Stewardship is simply an act of recogni-



tion. We respond to God's gracious gifts to us by returning those gifts to Him for his purpose.

God gave us all different gifts and different passions. On November 23, we will all have a chance to respond to God in a passionate yet public way as we recognize those gracious gifts.

So, what are you passionate about? And more importantly, how is God asking you to use it as we all spread the Kingdom of God together?

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Same-sex Marriage Backed by Ministers

From the Bangor Daily News

Religious leaders across the state held news conferences Thursday to urge Mainers to end marriage discrimination against gay and lesbian couples, and called for the state to create same-sex civil marriages. Simultaneous press conferences were held at churches in Bangor, Portland, Auburn and Hancock.

Maine law defines marriage as the union of a man and a woman. The state does not have a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as between a man and a woman as some states do.

Ministers who joined the coalition signed a declaration. They agreed to "commit ourselves to public action, visibility, education, and mutual support in the service of the right and freedom to marry."

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland would oppose efforts to legalize same-sex marriage in Maine, Marc Mutty, director of the Office of Public Affairs, said Thursday after the press conference.

Clergy who appeared at the press conference in Bangor represented the United Church of

Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Church. Both denominations, along with Reform Judaism, allow the blessing of same-sex unions and the ordination of non-celibate gay and lesbian clergy.

The list of clergy who support the coalition, however, includes ministers in the United Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian denominations that continue to debate the issues of gay marriage and the role of gay clergy on national and international levels.

The coalition's announcement came a week after EqualityMaine, a group that has lobbied for decades on civil rights issues, announced it had gathered more than 33,000 names and addresses at the polls on Election Day in support of marriage for same-sex couples. EqualityMaine also has announced on its Web site that with the results of last week's election, there are "pro-equality" majorities in the Maine Senate and House of Representatives. The timing of the ministers' press conferences coincided with the beginning Wednesday of marriages for same-sex couples in Connecticut.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 16—*After Worship*—Church Meeting to plan for Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Delivery.

November 23—Stewardship Sunday—Start thinking about how you will respond to God's call on your life over the next year. Stewardship Sunday is a chance to make a public witness to that call.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Assistance Programs for the Salvation Army—Dates for those applying for assistance this holiday season have been announced. Thanksgiving and Christmas applications will be taken:

November 3, 4, 5—9 AM to Noon

November 3 & 4—1 to 3PM

Christmas applications will be taken:

December 1, 2, 3—9 AM to Noon

December 1 & 2—1 to 3 PM

Thursday, November 27—*4th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Delivery*—Delivery begins at 11AM and dinner will be served at noon.

November 30—1st Sunday of Advent.
The Sunday of LOVE.

December 7—2nd Sunday of Advent.
The Sunday of JOY.

December 14—3rd Sunday of Advent.
The Sunday of HOPE.

December 21—4th Sunday of Advent.
The Sunday of PEACE.

Friday, December 19 at 7:30 PM—*The Love Came Down at Christmastime Tour*—See Jars of Clay, Leeland, Sixpence None the Richer, and Sara Groves at The Colisee in Lewiston.

Wednesday, December 24 at 7PM—*Christmas Eve Service*—Join us for a special time of worship and warmth as we look celebrate the birth of our Lord.

January 2009—*Citizen Police Academy*—The OOB PD is accepting applications now for the second installment of this popular program.