

Updates on the 2021 Workcamp and The Heart of Maine Resource Center

It has been a joy and a pleasure serving at First Baptist for more than 8 years now. I especially appreciate how I am allowed to engage fully with the community! A few projects that I have been working on have really begun to take shape. The first is the our second free home repair Group Workcamp that will happen again this summer in Dexter and the surrounding towns. Because of COVID we did not know if it would even be possible. We are excited that we are able to do it again, however, because of COVID it will look much different than 2019. We will only have a fraction of the number of volunteers as last time which means only a small portion of the homes will be chosen. While this is disappointing in some aspects I am excited that we will now offer it again for next year. Those who applied this year but did not get chosen, will need not reapply for next summer and will be on the top of the list.

The other project I have been working on as well is a new non-profit that is name The Heart of Maine Resource Center. This is a place that will house a food bank, (we currently are having monthly food distributions), be the co-sponsor of future workcamps and have connections to any available resources in the Penobscot and Piscataquis region. We have been donated a building downtown that we hope to begin working on in the near future. A law firm in Portland is doing all our paper work pro bono too! We currently have a wonderful board of directors as well. They are Fred and Carol Sherburne, Lindy Gokas, Steve and Sheila Heneise and our town Manager, Trampas King.

Please pray that we can continue to move forward with both of these projects move forward smoothly and that funding will also continue. We are praying that we will be able to secure some grants for these projects and we should know if we received a couple of large ones in the coming weeks.

All of this is done to spread the love of God to all those we come in contact with so that they too may come to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



BIRTHDAYS

March 1 - Laurel Bermudez 7 Free St., Dexter, ME 04930

March 4 - Julie Saunders 155 Sunken Bridge Rd., Corinna, ME 04928

March 5 - Dylan Phillips 57 Pleasant St., Dexter, ME 04930

March 8 - Fthan Doherty

March 8 - Ethan Doherty 104 Fern Rd., Dexter, ME 04930

March 8 - Cole Doherty 104 Fern Rd., Dexter, ME 04930

March 11 - Laura Gordon Lancaster Bible College 901 Eden Rd., Stop#496 Lancaster, PA 17601

March 19 - Joyce Austin 68 High St., Dexter, ME 04930

March 27 - Gerrard Rudmin 31 Beech St., Dexter, ME 04930



ANNIVERSARY

March 4
Dottie and Jay Brennan
77 Court St., Dover Foxcroft, ME 04426



Our prayers go out to
Pastor Jay and Dottie at the
death of her dad,
Miles McSweeney, in Florida.
Continue, please, to pray for
Dottie as she and her sister take
care of the many details that go
with the passing of a loved one

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS VIRTUAL EVENT

Please mark your calendars for March 5 at 6:00 PM to share in this important inspiring event! You can access it at home... Andrew will send the link... or you can join us in the Fellowship Hall to view it on the large screen (wear your mask!). The event features 3 speakers who were imprisoned for their faith, plus a panel for discussion and the Christian singer, Natalie Grant. It will last until 9:30 but you are free to come and go as you desire. We ALL need to be aware of the struggles around the world for so many believers in Jesus. Our prayers are so needed.

THE GOATS ARRIVED!

How delightful to see pictures that Anne Clemmer, our missionary in Goma, Congo, sent us of the women smiling with their new goats! Our offerings from FBC allowed them to purchase 40 goats. Thank you all!! The needs there are massive, living in huts on the lava flows. We might not be thrilled if we had a goat delivered to us here in the USA, but this little gift can be bred eventually and in the meantime provide milk and the ladies can make cheese to sell. Pray for help and success as the project continues.

YOUTH ROOM IS FINISHED

Be sure to check out the new youth room on the lower level of the Fellowship Hall. What a great job Andrew has completed...new walls, ceiling, flooring and painting which is now an inviting and useful space. More projects are lined up by our ambitious pastor!

LIBRARY NEWS

Many new volumes have been added to the already terrific collection of books in our library. Be sure to check it out. Just a simple sign-out is requested with the volumes returned in a timely manner.

VACCINE NEWS

We are excited as so many of our seniors are now receiving the vaccine to prevent the spread of covid. We surely hope that before long we will be able to resume more fellowship opportunities at the church. This has been a long year and we have missed seeing everyone. But God has been so faithful to us and we have had our needs met. Continue to pray for our nation and for the families who have suffered losing loved ones.

