

THE METHODIST MESSENGER

G R A N T M E M O R I A L
U N I T E D M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Our Church Staff:

Pastor —
Rev. Nicholas Perez

Administrative Assistant -
Melissa Dyer

Organist—
Dan Ladner

Sexton—
Dave Blanchard

PRAYER LIST:

Our service men and women and their families
Our nation's leaders
Our brothers & sisters in Israel & Palestine
All Caregivers
All Immigrants & those protesting
Border Patrol & Customs
Rhiauna Davenport
Lee Mathis
Lola Johnson
Bea Giberson
Chaplain David Dyrenforth
Susan Clark
Joyce Bither
Brenda Donovan
Ken Griffin
Paul Brabant
Jarrod Walton & family
Susan Rosengrant
Eva Shay
Michael Turner
Beth Birmingham
Carol W's sister, Tamara
All immigrants & those protesting
The Family & Friends of Penny Kern
The Family & Friends of Andrew Cross
Paul Chamberland
All 2026 Graduates

Thank you for helping us
keep our prayer list
updated!

Pastor's Page

Dear Grant Memorial Faith Family,

On May 24, we celebrated the birthday of the church where the Spirit descended suddenly on the disciples on Pentecost. The story of Pentecost teaches us that without the Holy Spirit, there can be no church. This is because the Holy Spirit is the presence and power of God among us and within us. The Spirit illuminates our understanding of God's good purposes for us, for our community, and for our congregation, and it is the spirit who gifts us with the strength necessary to accomplish the divine will. The Spirit enlightens and empowers God's people to embody the Gospel in our daily lives.



The early Christians had no money. There were not many of them. They had no cultural cachet. How did the Christian movement not fade into obscurity? What the early Christians did have was the Holy Spirit. And because they placed their trust in the wisdom and emboldening of the Spirit rather than their common sense and their own abilities, the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was carried to every corner of the known world.

Are we a church who is trusting in the enlightenment and empowerment of the Spirit? Or are we trusting in our own strength and savvy? Are we continually seeking guidance from the Spirit, or do we think we know well enough where we are going and how to get there? For the Spirit-led and Spirit-filled person and the Spirit-led and Spirit-filled church, all things are possible!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Nicholas

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 5—Aaron Buzza, Vicki McCurry
- 6—Logan Embelton
- 7—Karen Dyer, Chase Guerrette
- 9—Erin Hews Barry
- 11—Benjamin Hunter
- 15—Elizabeth Dyer
- 21—Ryan Clairmont
- 22—Dan & Cathy Hotham, Rev. Pat Thompson
- 23—Roger & Anne Dicker, Ken & Lois Griffin, Tammy Walton
- 25—Mark & Luanne Hovey
- 26—Bob & Mary Alice Boulier
- 28—Jonathan & Nancy Sisson
- 30—Jolayne Mathers



Please let us know if you have one to add!

2026 Graduates



Mia Isabella Arcott—Graduating from Maine Connections Academy; Mia plans to attend the University of Maine at Farmington to major in Elementary Education. Mia is the daughter of Brynn & Eric Bowyer and the granddaughter of Bob & Vicki McCurry

Hunter Kimball Bond—Graduating from the University of Massachusetts Bridgewater with a degree in Graphic Design. Hunter is the son of Elizabeth & Bradley Bond and the grandson of Dick & Carolyn Kimball.

Nicholas Paul Lavigne—Graduating from Presque Isle High School; Nicholas plans to attend the University of Maine at Orono to major in Mechanical Engineering. Nicholas is the son of Wes & Kim Lavigne and the grandson of Steve & Pam Lord.

Our congratulations and best wishes to all 2026 Graduates!

TRASH AND TREASURE SALE



Saturday, June 6th, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(GMUMC Fellowship Hall)

Your trash could be someone else's treasure!

We are welcoming items in reasonable, clean condition (***NO clothing, please!***); items may be brought in the week of the sale.

If you have any questions, or would like to help out, please contact Gayle Hoffses or Carole Wilson.

Thank you for your support!

MISSIONS & SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

*Thought for the Day:
With an open spirit, I will look for someone who needs my loving care today.*

We are still collecting suitcases, duffel bags and large backpacks—new or slightly used—for Sabrina's Suitcases, a charity organization that supports children in the Maine foster care system. The suitcases, bags & backpacks will go to DHS for children who are being removed from their home, so they do not have to put their belongings in garbage bags. Bags can be brought to the church. Toiletries & personal care items are also welcome donations!

(For more information:
www.sabrinainillustrated.com)

Tammy Walton,
Missions & Social Concerns Committee Chair

