

# THE METHODIST MESSENGER

GRANT MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 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  
Jarrod Walton & family  
Beth Birmingham  
Carol W's sister,  
Tamara  
Travis Barry  
The Family & Friends of  
Sally McIntyre  
NEAC  
Mike Bragdon  
Lona Cyr  
The Family & Friends of  
Brian Lamont  
Stewart Libby  
**Thank you for helping  
us keep our prayer list  
updated!**

**Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2, NIV)**

Dear Grant Memorial Faith Family,

Abraham providing shade and refreshment to three unexpected visitors who in turn announce the joyous news that his wife Sarah will give birth to a child in her old age. Jesus including the poor and marginalized at the table of fellowship. The early church's embrace of the Gentiles as fully God's people. These are a few examples of a theme which is prominent throughout the Old and New Testaments: God's gracious welcome toward all people.

Beginning the week of Labor Day, I will lead a 4-week Bible study which will explore what it looks like for the church today to embody distinctively Christian welcome and hospitality toward our neighbors. During our visioning process, we have found that we are a congregation who is already doing this well. It is my hope that this study will help us deepen our commitment to and strive for greater excellence in living out this Christian practice, especially during a time when so many in our community, nation, and world feel left out and left behind. There will be two opportunities each week for you to participate in this study: (1) Wednesdays at 1:00pm at the Daggett's home (130 Barton Street, Presque Isle) OR (2) Sundays at 9:15am before worship.

In Christ's love,

*Rev. Nicholas Perez*

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Grant Memorial's Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir plan to start rehearsals on **Thursday, September 17** (Bells at 6pm; Choir at 7pm).  
*New Members welcome!*

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### September

7 – Philip Boulier  
13 – Dave Adams  
24 – Patrick Blackstone  
26 – Karen Duncan  
27 – Beverly Butt

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE  
A BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY TO  
ADD!**

## THANK YOU!

A special ***THANK YOU*** to all those who filled in for me in the office while I was out for a few weeks last month: Judy Bouchard, Gayle Hoffses, Carol MacPherson, Debbie Rooney, Pam Lord, Pam Palm, Sue Goulet, Charlene Buzza, and Carole Wilson.

Praise God that my daughter and grandson are now home—happy & healthy. He is a blessing to our family!

*Melissa*

## PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITY



A very talented artist and photographer, Sandy Pethick, will be offering photography classes at the home of Jeanne Daggett, starting on September 14th and running through October 26th, at 1:00 p.m.

Sandy has been an art teacher for more than 40 years, and will be teaching those attending how to use your smartphone to capture those moments of beauty that we

all encounter as we walk along a trail, sit on a bench in the park, look up at a cloud formation, or record a family gathering. Sandy will offer advice on texture, color, format, lines, shape, balance, and much more. You will see the world in a whole new way.

These classes are open to everyone. This is a ministry for Sandy, who is offering her time & talent, but there may be a modest cost for supplies. Please speak to Jeanne Daggett if you have any questions and let her know if you would like to join the class.