

**February 2010**

Dear Friends of the Church of the Redeemer:

As I admire the beauty of yet another new fallen snow in Richmond, Virginia, my thoughts shift to Maine and of the summers that we have experienced together in Sorrento and at The Church of the Redeemer.

**In Memoriam**

Our thoughts, prayers and sympathies are extended to the family of Erik Greenwood, Katherine Welch, and to all families who have recently lost loved ones.

**Church Committee Updates**

The Committee is pleased to report that the Reverends Donald Fishburne and Ted Petterson, along with their families will be sharing their time with us this July and August respectively. We are looking forward to their presence and inspirational services.

With the completion of the final phase of plantings in the Memorial Garden, the working group's focus is shifting to replacing and maintaining the existing plantings and special space. The beautiful Kneeler Poster and Kneeler Note Cards, created by Miranda Hunt Borden, will be available this summer. All money contributed for the poster and note cards will go to the Memorial Garden Fund for its future maintenance.

**Policy and Procedure Information**

In response to questions that arose last year and in an effort to keep you informed and to best serve you, I am including some policy and procedure information that may be useful in the future:

- The Scheduling of Special Services (wedding, christenings, memorial services, funerals or any other private family rite) in the Church is handled by the Church's Special Services Representative. Our current representative is Nancy Marshall. She can be reached @ 207.422.6781. Nancy maintains the Church's calendar for these special services, so it is important that she be made aware of any special service taking place in the Church.
- The placement of a Commemorative Plaque on the walls of the Church must have written approval from the Church Committee. A sketch of the proposed plaque needs to be presented to the Church Committee for its review, recommendations and approval.
- Memorials placed on a mini plaque on the large Memorial Board located on the back wall of the Church are handled by Harry Russhell (patharruss@aol.com). The prerequisite is that the person must have been a worshiper at the Church.

**Giving Back to the Community "Serving others is essential in our walk with Christ"**

**Mission/Outreach** – Through the generosity of our church community, a total of \$8300.00 was gifted to various organizations within the community including: Maine Seacoast Mission Edge Program, Diocese of Maine, Sorrento Scholarship Fund, Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Downeast Horizons, New York Theological Seminary, Hermanos por la Salud, and Maine Community Foundation (Hancock County).

A heartfelt thanks to all who volunteered in 2009 with the various community organizations that serve Sorrento and the surrounding Hancock County area.

For those of you who have volunteered at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry – the Church Committee made the difficult decision not to continue to be responsible for staffing the Pantry in the month of July. We will continue to provide financial support to this very worthy organization and wish the Pantry continued success.

**Volunteer opportunities in our Community in 2010:**

**Faith in Action:** Director – Jo Cooper 207.664.6016. Community based organization that provides transportation, visitation or performs errands for our neighbors in the community who are in need.

**Maine Seacoast Mission**

Edge Program. Contact and additional information will be provided at a later date.

**The Church of the Redeemer Committee Members for 2010**

Thanks to the following individuals for sharing their time and talents as members of the Church Committee.

Lorraine Allen, Chair	Gifford Ewing
Celie Putnam, Secretary	Cathy Lewis
John Collins, Treasurer	Dora Townsend
Bob Marshall, Asst. Treasurer	Sally Fisher
Leslie Palumbo	Alison Clark
Shirley Watson	Christine Wellman
Carnes Weeks	Beverley Wadsworth
David Daniel	Dana Younger
Peter Hunt	Amanda Macaulay
Susan Gristina	

If anyone in our community wishes to lend a helping hand and /or share their talents please let a committee member know. All help is encouraged and appreciated.

**Special Thanks**

A special note of thanks to the following individuals who have helped with various Church activities/functions: Ellen Devine, Alice Wellman, Betsy Conway, Jane Ballard, Thelma White and Miranda Borden.

In closing I join you in looking forward to the summer season and renewing our fellowships in our “special place” of Sorrento.

Warmest Regards,

Lorraine Allen