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Upcoming Events & Opportunities to Serve

Welcome to worship at HopeGateWay!

We're so glad you're here today! We'd like to get to know you, so please take a minute to fill out a Welcome card, and join us for conversation, a cup of coffee or tea, and a bite to eat!

Sundays at HopeGateWay

9:00 am Worship Celebration

10:15 am Coffee and conversation

10:15 am HopeGateWay Kids

11:00 am Worship Celebration

Share the joy! Invite a friend to join you next Sunday!

Rise Up!

Worship series for the Easter Season

The hope of Easter continues, because Easter isn't just one special day — it's a season, and it's a way of being in the world. Christ is risen! The question is: Will we rise up, too? In a world of gun violence, bigotry, extreme poverty and obscene wealth, xenophobia, racism and ecological devastation, let's listen for the voice of God calling us to embody the hope of Easter! Plan to join us for worship each Sunday during this series — 9 am or 11 am — and invite a friend!

Happy Mother's Day!

Today, we celebrate with gratitude all who are mothers, or who have been mother figures in our lives. We also honor the experiences of those who've had difficult relationships with their mothers or their children, those who are far from their children or parents, those who wish they could have children, and those who struggle with what it means to be a parent. In the spirit of the original Mother's Day, let's commit ourselves to lives of loving service, faithfulness, peace, and justice.

Today we are celebrating Eva & Jonah Cooke's Baptisms!

Today Eva Luna Congdon Cooke and Jonah Peter Cooke will take vows professing their faith and their commitment to the way of Jesus, and they will receive the sacrament of Baptism. We celebrate with Eva and Jonah, and with parents Peter and Stephanie Cooke. Blessings to the entire Cooke family!

HopeGateWay Kids

Sundays at 10:15 am // Room 3-4

A kids, grades K-5, are invited for engaging, multi-sensory explorations of the Bible and concepts of faith through storytelling, art, and creative activities, Sundays at 10:15 am, in Classroom 3-4 between our two worship gatherings.

The Great Easter Egg Challenge

On Easter Sunday we passed out Easter eggs, each containing a challenge to fulfill by May 26. During the coming weeks, we'll take some time in worship to share stories about our experiences with our Easter Egg Challenges. If you haven't received a challenge, grab one today and get started!

Community Conversation

Next Sunday, May 19 // following 11:00 worship

Next Sunday following the 11:00 worship gathering, starting around 12:30 pm, everyone is invited to stay for a one-hour Community Conversation during which we will continue conversation about our upcoming staff reconfiguration. This Community Conversation next Sunday will provide another opportunity to share questions, concerns, hopes, and dreams and to hear an update from the HGW Leadership Team. Bring a snack food to share, if you'd like. In the meantime, please reach out to Allen or Sara (contact information above) or Martin Turnidge (martin@turnidges.com) with questions.

Coffee Shop Conversations

Anticipating upcoming transitions, Allen and Sara are setting up some drop-in hours in local coffee shops when they will be present to meet with anyone who wants to stop by. This week they'll both be at The Proper Cup (across the street from HGW) on Wednesday, May 15, from 2:30 – 4:00 pm. They are happy to meet by appointment at other times, as well.

Youth Group

Next Sunday, May 19 // 2 – 4 pm // St. Luke's Cathedral

Youth grades 7-12 are invited for games, snacks, and more! Youth who wish to meet to help plan future Youth Group gatherings, please come at 1:30. Enter St. Luke's from the back parking lot at 134 Park Street, Portland. Questions? Contact Katie Holicky: katie@hopegateway.com.

Confirmation Gathering

Next Sunday, May 19 // 4-6 pm // HopeGateWay

It's our final session with this year's amazing Confirmation youth! We'll work on finalizing our Statements of Faith and make plans for Confirmation Sunday, which is coming up on June 2. Confirmation youth, please be sure to attend!

Jesus Built Bridges, Not Walls

Next Sunday, May 19 // 5:30 pm // Casco Bay Bridge

Franklin Graham is coming to our area next Sunday with his "Decision Northeast" tour. Sadly, his message is frequently anti-LGBTQ, anti-Muslim, and anti-immigrant. Let's join with people of faith who stand for a more loving, inclusive, justice-seeking form of Christianity. We'll bear witness on the Casco Bay Bridge, proclaiming that Jesus calls us to build bridges, not walls. Park in the plaza on the South Portland side. Bring signs with messages of love and solidarity, if you'd like.

Pete's 100th Sing-Along Concert

Next Sunday, May 19 // 7 pm // First Parish, Portland

Celebrating the centennial of Pete Seeger's birth, Emma's Revolution, Annie Patterson, and Peter Blood will team up in a sing-along concert to benefit Maine Poor People's Campaign. Suggested donation: \$20 / www.riseupandsing.org/Pete100th. First Parish is located at 425 Congress Street, Portland.

**The Faith Community's Response to the Overdose Crisis
Tuesday, May 21 // 10 am – 3 pm // Auburn**

On average, at least one Mainer dies every day from an overdose. It's time people of faith talked about it. Everyone's invited to this free event – lunch included – where presenters will share about the science of substance use disorder, harm reduction, criminal justice, and public policy. Attendees will also be trained in administering Naloxone and will receive a free kit to keep at their house of worship. Advance registration required: www.mainecouncilofchurches.org. This event is at First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant Street, Auburn.

Centering Prayer Group

Tuesdays // 12:00 – 12:50 pm // HGW Room 5

Jonathan Wright-Gray leads a Tuesday mid-day Centering Prayer group. All are invited to join in the contemplative silence and reflection on a sacred text, listening for God's word for our lives. Newcomers are always welcome.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, June 2 // 10 am // Woodfords UCC

Please note: No worship at HGW on Sunday, June 2

On Sunday, June 2, we will gather with our friends at Woodfords Congregational Church (202 Woodford Street) for a combined 10:00 am worship gathering, during which we will celebrate the Confirmation of youth from the two churches, including five youth from HopeGateWay. Please make note of this on your calendar, and be sure you're part of the celebration, honoring and celebrating our confirmands' commitment and this important step in their faith journey!

Camp Mechuwana // Summer Camping Opportunities

Our United Methodist Camp in Winthrop offers outstanding camping opportunities — creative arts, sports, swimming, boating — and always a chance to make new friends and encounter God in nature! Now is the time to register for camp! Talk with Allen or Sara if scholarship assistance would be helpful. Learn more at www.mechuwana.org.

Ongoing Groups:

- **Shambala Heart of Recovery** / Mondays, 6:30 pm
- **FA / Food Addicts in Recovery** / Tuesdays, 9 am
- **Centering Prayer** / Tuesdays, 12 pm
- **Women's Conduct / 12 Steps** / Tuesdays, 5:45 pm
- **Step Sisters / Women's Big Book** / Tuesdays, 7 pm
- **Tai Chi** / Wednesdays, 9 am
- **Chapter 2 / AA** / Wednesdays, 7 pm
- **Bible Study** / Thursdays, 10:15-11:30 am / 75 State St.
- **Ladies Night / CA** / Thursdays, 7:30 pm
- **Drumming Circle** / 1st Fridays, 7 pm
- **Late Night Faith / AA** / Fridays, 9 pm
- **SLAA / Augustine Fellowship (Men)** / Saturdays, 9 am

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New staff member coming soon!

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am – 2pm

Doing justice • Loving kindness • Walking humbly with God

Parking: Use our underground parking garage.

In addition to street parking, we have use of the underground parking garage, weeknights after 5 pm and weekends. Enter at the access ramp just beyond Portland Ballet / Casco Bay Movers dance studio. At the keypad, use code: 1101*

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Prayer and Care

Eva & Jonah Cooke – celebrating baptisms!
 Allen and Sara and HopeGateWay family – brave transitions
 Courtney Tabor – loss of her aunt, Cindee
 Heather Barry & family – as they grieve Bill Barry's passing
 Bethany Smart's brother, Jeff – leukemia diagnosis
 Evelyn Johnson Moore – upcoming mitral valve surgery
 Shantia Wright-Gray – just completed radiation treatments
 Barbara Kszystyniak – health concerns
 Fred and Irma Baker – health concerns
 Jane Ives – recovering from hip replacement surgery
 Chabad of Poway, CA – recent gun violence and loss of life
 Christian communities in Sri Lanka and all who are grieving
 The people of Christchurch, New Zealand – gun violence
 The United Methodist Church and the LGBTQ community
 Our Confirmation Youth
 All who are searching for housing
 Our planet Earth – the devastation of climate change
 All affected by devastating floods in Mozambique & Zimbabwe
 Margaret Menger's friend, Denise Bruchmiller – cancer-free!
 The people of Venezuela
 Immigrant families – especially children separated from parents
 Our elected leaders – for bold, justice-seeking leadership
 Mike Davis – recovering from surgery
 Robin Jellis as she continues her studies with ChIME
 All immigrants, including refugees and asylum seekers
 Kelly Frey, Patsy's mother, for continued healing
 All who have been affected by gun violence
 Our country, during this time of polarization and turmoil
 Families and individuals experiencing homelessness
 All who are affected by the disease of addiction
 Shantia Wright-Gray's cousin, John – awaiting liver transplant
 Emile Uwimana – complications with diabetes
 Shasta Beane – living with Parkinson's disease
 Peace in Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, and Angola

Hospitality	
May 12	Eileen Purdy, Stephanie Cooke, Matt Frey-Davis
May 19	~ open ~ can you help?
Offering Counters	
May 12	Beth Turnidge & Odette Nyirabahire
May 19	Rick Smart & Mike Henault



HopeGateWay
 an open & affirming community
 Our Reconciling Statement

We worship an inclusive and loving God, who calls all persons into relationship, both with God and with neighbor. In response to this love, demonstrated most perfectly in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as an open and affirming community, welcoming and celebrating people of all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, economic situations, and social statuses.