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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 fill out a visitor 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
11:00 am Worship Celebration

Share the love... Invite a friend to join you next Sunday!

Current Worship Series: What Next, HGW?

Worship at 9 am + 11 am

To correspond with our "What Next, HGW?" small groups, this current worship series invites each of us to lean into God's future as we pray, trust, share our hopes and dreams, and embrace God's wisdom and guidance for our life together. Please join us for worship each Sunday at 9 am or 11 am, and invite a friend to come with you next week!

What Next, HopeGateWay?

This summer you'll receive an invitation to join our Leadership Team as – together – we envision the next few years for the HopeGateWay community. Everyone will be invited to join a small gathering to share the answers to just five questions so that we can engage in planning the identity and future of HGW's ministry and mission. We will ask you questions about what it means for HGW in 2018 and in the next few years ahead to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. If you want more information or need to change the session you've been invited to attend, please reach out to Margaret Menger: margaret.menger@gmail.com.

Grab a Wooden Nickel

If you give electronically with a card or a funds transfer, pick up a wooden nickel from the red bowl in the back and drop it in the basket as it comes around, as a symbol of your offering.

HopeGateWay Kids | Now on Summer Break

Our children's ministry, HopeGateWay Kids, is taking a little break for the summer, but the fun will begin again in September, Sundays at 10:15 am. A big thank you to our creative, fun-loving HopeGateWay Kids leaders!

Camp Mechuwana Season continues...

Register your kids for a Summer Camping experience!

Our United Methodist Camp in Winthrop offers outstanding camping opportunities — creative arts, sports, swimming, boating, and a chance to make new friends and encounter God in nature! There's still time to register your kids for a week at camp. Talk with Allen or Sara if a scholarship would be helpful. Learn more: www.mechuwana.org.

Youth Group Marvel Movie Night

Today! | 4-7 pm | Trinity Episcopal Church

All youth going into grades 7-12 are invited for a fun afternoon as we hang out, eat snacks, and watch a Marvel film. Pizza provided; please bring a snack, drink, or dessert to share. Trinity Episcopal Church is located at 580 Forest Avenue.

Greater Portland Family Promise Host Week

Starts today! Sunday, August 5 – Sunday August 12

Starting today, we'll host families experiencing homelessness for the week. To learn how you can serve, contact our Host Coordinators, Cassie Moon (cassiemoon@gmail.com) or Sara Bruce (sasalyn@gmail.com). Whether you provide a hot meal, arrange activities for children, come to share dinner, or stay overnight, you can make a difference in the lives of families who have suffered the ordeal of losing their home.

An Opportunity to Serve: Become a Housing Coach

Monday, Aug. 6 | 6:30-8:30 pm | 307 Cumberland Ave.

Supporting Immigrant Tenants (SIT) offers new immigrants interest-free loans for security deposits. Each borrower is matched with a housing coach as a support and an advocate. Info / register: Sue Rudalevige (suerudalevige@gmail.com).

Bethany Smart to Join HopeGateWay Staff Team

The HopeGateWay Leadership Team is pleased to share that Bethany Smart has been hired to join our staff as our new Administrative & Program Assistant, starting August 13. Bethany will replace Liz Leuthner, who has shared her gifts and time and love in that capacity for the past seven years. We will soon announce details of a gathering to express our gratitude to Liz for her significant contributions to HGW. We look forward to welcoming Bethany in this new role, assisting with many important details of our ministry and mission!

2nd Annual Hope House Picnic

Monday, August 13 | 5:30-8:00 pm | SMCC

Friends and family of House House and the HHELP program are invited to celebrate our wonderful community at a summer picnic! We'll have lawn games, soccer balls, burgers, buns and beverages — in the picnic area at SMCC. Bring a dish to share and a chair, if possible. More info: Carolyn (274-6005).

Guatemala Service Trip: October 27 – November 4

Rev. Mike Davis is co-leading a Service Trip to Guatemala this fall. Interested? The team will work on facilities used to provide medical care and education in remote villages of Guatemala through Salud y Paz. No experience or special skills are necessary — just an open heart and a willingness to do whatever is needed. Cost is \$2,000 per person, which includes airfare, food, housing, transportation within Guatemala, interpreters, etc. To learn more or to inquire about registering, contact Mike Davis: mikebwd@gmail.com.

Youth Group Camping & Hiking Trip

Friday, Aug. 17 – Saturday, Aug. 18 | RSVP by July 31

All youth going into grades 7-12: We're looking forward to a super fun overnight Camping Trip at Camden Hills State Park — leaving Friday at 4 pm, with a day hike on Saturday. More details are available from Katie Holicky, Youth Group Coordinator: katie@hopegateway.com. RSVP by July 31.

New LGBTQ Group

Next gathering: Thursday, August 16 | 7 pm

This new group is for LGBTQ Christians who either affirm their sexuality or are looking to learn more about how to affirm their sexuality while growing in their faith. This is an inclusive and friendly space, now meeting at HopeGateWay on the 3rd Thursday of each month. To learn more and get connected, email Hayli Hu Kinney: haylihukinney@gmail.com

Tour for Trans Allies

Friday, August 24 | 6:30-8:30 pm | HopeGateWay

This workshop will include a presentation on what it means to be an ally to transgender people in Maine, followed by Q&A with a panel of local transgender people and allies about their lives and what it's like to be transgender in rural Maine.

Save the Date: HopeGateWay Fall Retreat

Friday–Sunday, October 5-7 | East Madison, NH

Columbus Day weekend, Friday evening through Sunday mid-day — a weekend of community, creativity, outdoor activities, good food, laughter, worship, and spiritual renewal! This year's retreat leader is Ben Yosua-Davis. Mark your calendar! The HGW Fall Retreat is not to be missed! Lots more details and registration information will be coming soon!

An Opportunity to Serve: Sunday Morning Snacks

Please sign up on the clipboard if you can provide light refreshments, set up coffee and tea, and take care of clean-up one Sunday in the coming weeks.

Ongoing Groups:

- **Shambala Heart of Recovery** Mon., 6:30 pm
- **Women's Conduct / 12 Steps** Tues., 5:45 pm
- **Step Sisters / Women's Big Book** Tues., 7 pm
- **Heart & Silence Contemplation** Wed., 6:15 pm
- **Chapter 2 / AA** Wed., 7 pm
- **Bible Study** Thurs., 10:15-11:30 am // 75 State St.
- **LGBTQ Group** 3rd Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm
- **Ladies Night / CA** Thurs., 7:30 pm
- **Drumming Circle** 1st Fri., 7 pm
- **Late Night Faith / AA** Fri., 9 pm
- **SLAA / Augustine Fellowship (Men)** Sat., 8:30 am
- **Out of the Dark / Candlelight CA** Sat., 6 pm

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Office Hours: Tues-Thurs: 11 am – 3 pm

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Parking at 509 Forest Avenue

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, enter this: 1101*

Prayer and Care

Families & volunteers here for our Family Promise host week
Ophelia Hu Kinney – recovering from a broken foot
Shantia Wright-Gray's cousin, John – awaiting liver transplant
Family & Friends of Christopher Levesque, 31 years old
Cassie & Steve Moon's friend, Stu – health concerns
Cathie Long – gratitude for hopeful medical test results
Immigrant families – especially children separated from parents
Kelly Frey – Patsy Frey-Davis' mother – leukemia treatments
Claudia – Cassie Moon's friend – breast cancer
Emile Uwimana – complications with diabetes
Our Muslim sisters & brothers experiencing persecution
Our country, during a period of polarization and turmoil
The people of Burundi during a time of unrest and violence
The people of Nicaragua during a time of unrest and violence
A just and peaceful path forward for Israel & Palestine
Tim Warrow & Jean Oligny-Warrow – working on new home
Victims of gun violence everywhere
Robin Jellis – for strength and mobility and relief from pain
Greater Portland Family Promise families in transition
Our planet Earth – the devastation of climate change
All immigrants, including refugees and asylum seekers
Dreamers as Congress fails to renew DACA
Families and individuals experiencing homelessness
Our elected leaders – for bold, justice-seeking leadership
All who are transgender – experiencing persecution
Ongoing concern for the future of health care in the U.S.
All who are affected by the disease of addiction
An end to racism, bigotry, and violence – everywhere
All who are looking for employment or housing
Fred & Irma Baker – health concerns
Teresa Lefebvre – health concerns
Shasta Beane – living with Parkinson's Disease
Peace in Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, and Angola

Hospitality

Aug. 5	Wesley By the Sea folks
Aug. 12	Eileen Purdy, Stephanie Cooke, Matt Frey-Davis

Offering Counters

Aug. 5	Pascoal Francisco & Sam Johnson
Aug. 12	Odette Nyirabahire & Beth Turnidge



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.