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Sunday, September 9, 2018 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** HGW Kids (resumes Sept. 9)
- 11:00 am** Worship Celebration

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

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

New worship series begins today | 9 am + 11 am

Who is my neighbor? And how do I love them? Jesus cared deeply about these questions and focused his time, energy, and teaching around answering them. He slowed down for children, went out of his way to touch lepers, engaged with those who were religiously and culturally different, elevated women, and showed honor to those who had been pushed to the margins. He ate with tax collectors and political rebels, religious people and prostitutes, sinners and saints, rich and poor. In short, he loved his neighbors and called his followers to do the same. During this series, we'll explore how to follow his example. Invite a friend to join you next Sunday!

HopeGateWay Kids

Sundays at 10:15 am | Rms 3-4

The fun begins again! All kids, grades K-5, are invited for engaging, multi-sensory explorations of the Bible and concepts of faith through storytelling, art, and creative activities. HGW Kids meets in rooms 3-4 in the back hallway, between our two worship gatherings. Invite your friends!

What Next, HopeGateWay?

Have you attended a #WhatNextHGW group yet? If not, we still hope you will, as part of our process to envision the next few years for the HopeGateWay community. Everyone is invited to share their responses to just five questions that will help in planning the identity and future of HGW's ministry and mission. There are groups on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 9:30 am; next Sunday, Sept. 16 at 10:30 am & 12:30 pm; and Sunday, Sept. 23 at 10:30 am — sign up today! Questions? Contact Margaret Menger: margaret.menger@gmail.com.

Financial Giving Updates available today

We are grateful to all who support the ministry and mission of the HopeGateWay community through your financial giving. This morning we have financial giving updates, including all gifts received through August 31, for you to pick up. Please review your statement, and contact Financial Secretary Ali Lovejoy (alilovejoy326@gmail.com) with any questions.

HopeGateWay Fall Retreat 2018 | For the Long Haul: Spiritual Practices for Sacred Resistance

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

A weekend of community, creativity, outdoor activities, good food, laughter, worship, and spiritual renewal, Friday evening through mid-day Saturday! This year's retreat leader is Ben Yosua-Davis. Cost is \$150 per person; \$50 children ages 3-12; under age 3 free. Family rates can be negotiated. Registration & payment (or 4-month payment plan, \$37.50 per month) due by September 23. Cost includes two nights' accommodations and four meals. The weekend includes plenty of free time for walking trails, pool, hot tub, fitness room, hiking, tennis, horseshoes, playground, art, games, and more! Childcare will be provided during parts of Saturday.

How to Be a Successful Tenant

Thursday, September 13 | 1:00 – 3:30 pm | Hope House

Supporting Immigrant Tenants (SIT) presents this workshop for immigrants interested in learning about tenant and landlord rights in Maine. It is a required workshop for those wishing to apply for a SIT security deposit loan. Hope House is located at 14 Sherman Street, Portland. Register: sit@prosperityme.org

First Youth Group gathering of the fall!

Next Sunday, September 16 | 2 – 4 pm | HopeGateWay

Youth grades 7-12 from HopeGateWay and three neighboring churches will gather for lively games, fun snacks, and more! Interested youth are invited at 1:30 to participate in a planning session for future gatherings. Katie Holicky, youth leader, can be reached at katie@hopegateway.com

LGBTQ Group

Thursday, September 20 | 7pm | HopeGateWay

This new group, meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm, provides an inclusive and friendly space 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. FMI, email Hayli: haylihukinney@gmail.com

Volunteer Housing Coach training

Saturday, September 22 | 10 am – 12:30 pm | HGW

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. This training is for those interested in serving as a housing coach. FMI: please contact Sue: suerudalevige@gmail.com

HopeGateWay Community Conversation

Sunday, September 23 | 12:30 pm

Following worship, all who are interested are invited to stay for our quarterly Community Conversation led by our Leadership Team. This Community Conversation will focus on HopeGateWay's finances. Everyone is invited to participate!

Confirmation – invitation to a spiritual journey for youth Sunday, September 23 | 4 – 6 pm | Woodfords Church
 Once again, we're teaming up with Woodfords Congregational Church to offer Confirmation for youth grades 7 and up. Learn, grow, ask questions, make new friends, enjoy overnight retreats, and have fun while exploring the Christian faith. Youth planning to participate in Confirmation should plan to attend this first session. Questions? Contact Allen.

Apple-Picking and Apple Crisp Potluck Sunday, September 30 | 2 pm
 A HopeGateWay autumn tradition! We'll meet at 2 pm, carpool to a Maine orchard, pick apples, and then gather at the Smarts' home in North Yarmouth for a potluck dinner and apple crisp making. Mark your calendar, and plan to join us for a fun afternoon! All ages are welcome!

New Bible Study on the book of James Tuesdays, starting October 2 | 6:30 pm | HGW Kids Rm
 Charity Harmon will be leading a six-week study on the book of James – a book full of practical wisdom about living a life of faith. Join with others for this opportunity to deeply reflect on this sacred text and hopefully internalize its message. Sign up today! For more information: charity.harmon26@gmail.com

Family Promise fundraiser: Pints & Pillowcases Wednesday, October 10 | 5 – 8 pm | Liquid Riot
 Come enjoy a pint while you stuff a pillowcase with personal care items for families experiencing homelessness. Your ticket (\$40 individual; \$75 double; \$200 for 6) includes one pint and snacks. Tickets online: greaterportlandfamilypromise.org. Liquid Riot is located at 250 Commercial Street, Portland.

“Celebrating Home”: a benefit for Hope Acts Thursday, October 18 | 6 pm | Woodfords Club
 Please mark your calendar for this year's Hope Acts benefit. All are invited to join in this evening of celebration, including a silent auction, delicious food, lively music, and more! Come celebrate the work of Hope Acts and lend your support! Learn more and purchase tickets at www.hopeacts.org

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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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, use code: 1101*

Prayer and Care

Nathan Ndayiziga – grieving the loss of his sister Edith
 Robin Jellis – as she begins her studies at CHIME
 Students and teachers beginning a new school year
 Supreme Court confirmation process
 Our country, during a period of polarization and turmoil
 Roland Oligny – Jean Oligny-Warrow's dad – health concerns
 Bill Bruce – recovering from quadruple bypass surgery
 Asherah Cinnamon – recovering from a broken foot
 Shantia Wright-Gray's cousin, John – awaiting liver transplant
 Cassie & Steve Moon's friend, Stu – health concerns
 Immigrant families – especially children separated from parents
 Kelly Frey – Patsy Frey-Davis' mother – leukemia treatments
 Emile Uwimana – complications with diabetes
 Our Muslim sisters & brothers experiencing persecution
 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
 Fred & Irma Baker – health concerns
 Teresa Lefebvre – health concerns
 Shasta Beane – living with Parkinson's Disease
 Our planet Earth – the devastation of climate change
 All immigrants, including refugees and asylum seekers
 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
 Peace in Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, and Angola

Hospitality	
Sept. 9	Eileen Purdy, Matt Frey-Davis, Stephanie Cooke
Sept. 16	~ open ~ can you help?
Offering Counters	
Sept. 9	Beth Turnidge & Odette Nyirabahire
Sept. 16	Annika Smart & Don Rudalevige



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.