

Dear Members and Friends of First Church Baldwin UM:

It was the summer before my senior year of High School when my family took a vote on whether or not Mom and Dad should accept the positions of organist and choir director. We decided to become a part of the Baldwin Methodist church family. What a blessed decision that was! We met wonderful people and had great experiences, such as:

Sue sleep walking (giving me quite a scare) the night before she was to give the message at an Easter sunrise service; Being part of starting a "career" young adult group; Singing our hearts and praises out to God with like-minded people who welcomed us warmly and with whom we enjoyed great fellowship; Dot Fetherston being there for me when I needed a Christian friend; Having all five weddings in the beautiful sanctuary; and Rev. Hanson encouraging Dan in his ministry by allowing this Nazarene preacher to preach when we came home for visits. I remember him telling us at our wedding that the funeral fees Dan receives he gets to keep and the fees he gets for performing weddings goes to me, his bride. (That's a good deal, except that he performs more funerals now than weddings!)

Sydney Atkinson and his wife traveled all the way to Milbridge, Maine, to visit us in our first pastorate! What a great couple! Bruce Lister visited us at our pastorate in Farmington Falls, ME, and he and Doris came to Bowdoinham, ME where we've been pastoring for 16 years.

Congratulations on celebrating 200 years as a church who worships and serves God, and enjoys loving and serving each other! (Love your church website!)

Sincerely,

Dan and Kathy (Combs) Joyce