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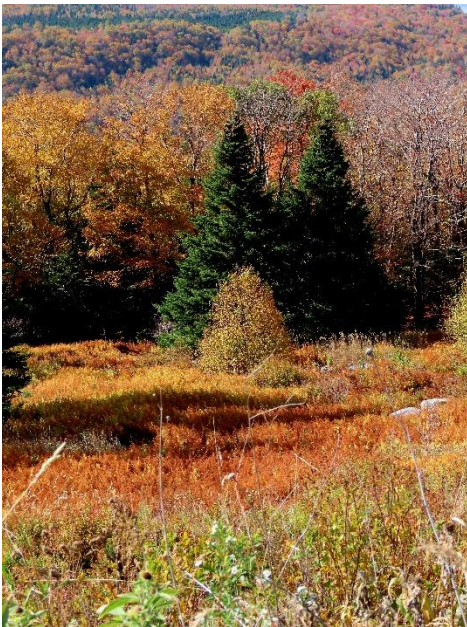
Dear Ones,

I was supposed to be at a Clergy Day in Damariscotta on Tuesday. However, on Monday I conceded that the virus I brought home from New York was still lingering, and it would be unwise both to expose it to others and to be exposed to whatever they might be carrying while my immune system was still trying to recover. I decided it would probably be best for me to just take a day to rest.

I woke up after the best sleep I had had in weeks, and decided around lunchtime to go for a foliage drive. It was a beautiful day and it turns out I would have been stuck in a house without power all afternoon had I stayed home!

I know the leaves are beginning to drop, but I do encourage you to take some time this weekend to enjoy what is left of the color. It turned out to be quite lovely!

In the meantime....*keep the faith*,
Nancy+



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 * Psalm: 66:1-11 * 2nd Timothy 2:8-15 * Luke 17:11-19

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Doug Wall 10/12 * Janet Harvey 10/12 * Linda Giarla 10/13

CREATION CARE TIPS

Power at our fingertips... most of the time.

Every Tuesday at about 2:06 PM, our generator chugs on, starting up for its weekly twelve minute test and battery charge. So two days ago, when the electricity went out due to a blown transformer, we didn't know

it. We knew something was wrong when we couldn't use the internet. Then our generator didn't shut down at the usual time, and Bruce received two texts, one from our power company and one from our cable company. Finally we knew it wasn't just us, and we began to relax.

We decided (wrongly) that the outage must be fairly local, so we left home on our planned afternoon trip to pay taxes and buy a few groceries. No stores on Main Street had lights. We heard the generators running at the bank. The town office was open, but not doing business without computer access. But surely the grocery store would still be up and running... Well, sorta kinda. In the specialty cheese and produce sections, gray window shades were pulled down in front of the multi-level refrigerated open shelves. The deli section had heavy plastic sheeting over any open shelving that was refrigerated. The lobsters weren't in their tank. The meat department looked much the same as the produce and cheese sections. Yellow caution tape sealed off the refrigerated bins that displayed the meats on sale. The frozen foods aisles were closed to shoppers, blocked by shopping carts.

As we picked up the last of the shelf-stable items on our list, the announcement was made that all sections of the store would now be reopened. I headed over to the meat section to select the pork chops we'll be cooking tonight. A man was pulling up the gray shades. As he finished and headed for the heavy plastic sheeting over the processed meats, I asked him if the shades were pulled down every night, thinking that it would be a great way to reduce energy costs. And yes, the store does close the cold sections every night! It reduces the wear and tear on their cooling units, saves them money, and allows them to boast about their green initiatives.

I never noticed the shades before. Next time I'm in another grocery store, I'll sneak a peek at the tops of the refrigerated shelving. Seeing the rolled-up curtains will make me happy.

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, our families, friends, homes ... and electricity. Amen.

– Patty Watts, Christ Church Earth Keeper

Hurt not the earth—neither the sea—nor the trees. Revelation 7:3

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

SUN:	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Eucharist
WED:	9:00 AM	Eucharist/Bible Study
THU:	9:00 AM	Christ Church Book Group/Zoom
	7:15 PM	Zoom Compline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Sunday, November 2 We will remember those who have died in the past year. Please provide in writing the names you would like included on All Saints Sunday.

Christmas Cantata First Congregational Church, South Paris, is inviting anyone interested to participate in a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 14, at 2:00 PM. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays at 4:00 PM.

Diocesan Convention October 25 in Bangor. This year's delegates are Jason Long and Patty Watts.

November Coffee Hour We currently have two Sundays still open for coffee hour hosts in November. If you are able to take one of them, please contact Liz. Otherwise, we will have two pot luck coffee hours that month.

For ongoing and up-to-date information about diocesan activities and news, as well as news from other congregations, sign up for **the DioLog**. <https://episcopalmaine.org/newsletter/>

MINISTRIES LIST

	<u>This week:</u>	<u>Next week:</u>
Lector 1:	Rosemary Laban	Allison Long
Psalmist:	Tom Knight	Bella Long
Lector 2:	Jason Long	Fran Martin
Acolyte:	Michelle Christoph	Patty Watts
Euch. Minister:	Jim Christoph	Peter Bickford
Shepherd:	Jason Long	David Mering
Usher:	David Mering	Mary Bickford
Altar Guild:	Patty Watts	Jan & Doug Wall
Coffee Hour:	Rosemary Laban	Allison & Jason Long
Counter:	Tom Knight	David Mering
Closer:	Tom Knight	David Mering