

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings!

Are you salty? Yes, you are!

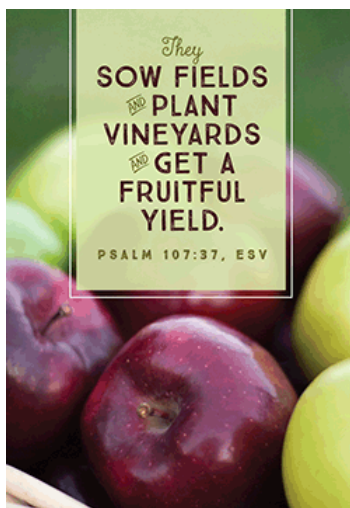
I made my annual trip to the hardware store yesterday to pick-up numerous bags of rock salt in preparation of our icy-snowy season ahead of us. Our driveway is slanted; there's a fairly long stretch of deck and driveway for my dear mother to traverse, so I like to make sure there are no slippery spots—thus, the reason for loading-up on rock salt.

From Matthew 5:13 we find a bit about salt: *"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot."* I chuckle at the second sentence, because that's exactly why I buy rock salt, to be able to throw it out on the ground to walk on—providing safe passage for folks when treacherous footing is around us.

In these words, salt is understood to be a seasoning, in this case—a Godly seasoning. We are invited to bring God's seasoning, presence, grace, mercy, peace into our world. If we lose our saltiness/seasoning, we are diminished as God's "flavoring" to those in our company.

So back to the question: Are you salty? Hope so! We need more holy seasoning to influence the flavor of the world around us. And, being salt...more specifically, *rock salt* to those around us aids in providing safe passage to folks around us as we navigate those slick spots in life that cause us to slip and slide off the path.

May your Thanksgiving be blessed---pass the salt! 😊





Youth Outing

Sunday, October 6th Pastor Steve joined with youth from the Bangor First and Corinth UMC churches for an afternoon of fun as they tested their orientation skills against the challenges of the corn maze. After working up an appetite all dined on pizza and soft drinks.

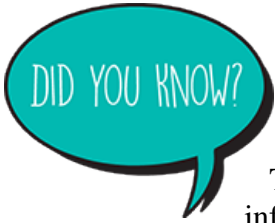


Corn stalk "toes" roots.

"How do these corn stalks stay standing?" was a question posed by one of our youth as they walked through the maze. You don't really appreciate corn stalks until you stand next to one. The stalks were well above 7 feet tall, many weighted with numerous ears of corn. Indeed, how do these stalks of corn remain standing, especially when a stiff wind blows? It's all about the roots.

"Hey! They look like toes!" More questions from a youth who noticed the roots of a corn stalk. They do kind of look like skinny toes, (see photo) don't they? But they are more than just toes, they are an important part of a root system that digs deep into the dirt to provide strength and stability to the stalks.

Pastor Steve capitalized on the inquiry as an opportune biblical teaching moment to remind the youth of the importance to send your spiritual roots in Christ down deep for strong and steady growth, as a believer and disciple.



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For November the requested item is: laundry detergent.

Thank you for your continued, generous participation and support.



Please be in prayer for the following: the lives and livelihood of so many impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, God's continued protection on the nation of Israel, Ruth Robbins surgery recovery, Sherwood Megquier health & strength, Craig McCorrison eyesight, Pastor Steve's mother-in-law, the moral and spiritual health of our nation, Heather Cox (health miracle).



Meals for Friends

Mark your calendars! – Seniors 55+ are invited to gather for a community luncheon Monday, November 4th and Monday, Nov. 18th at 12noon at the Corinth United Methodist Church. Call 207-285-3557 to make your reservation between **9:30-10:30am** on that date. (No calls before 9:30am, please). A modest donation of \$3.00 is suggested.

REMINDERS: Take-out order are available. Menus are subject to change. During the winter months the luncheons could be cancelled due to inclement weather.



Anniversary

- 6 Beverly Kelly
- 13 Nathan Chandler
- 19 Jessica Dunton
- 26 Margaret Berry

- 8 Neil & Lois Crane

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