

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn – *To God Be the Glory*

Scripture prayer: Psalm 10:1-4, 17-18

Sermon – *Praying*

Concerns and Celebrations

Memorial Moment

Hymn – *Amazing Grace*

Offering/Offertory Prayer

Special Music

Benediction

Hymn of Parting – *God Be With You*

Organ Postlude

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Guest Minister – Rev. Judy Braun, member of Acton Congregational Church

Organist – Sharon Michaud

Violin Soloist – Samuel Martelle
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**The Elder Grey Meeting House is entered upon
The National Register of Historic Places**

The Elder Grey Meeting House



Photo by Kathy Carr

1806 - 2024

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the ninety-eighth annual Pilgrimage Service at the Elder Grey Meeting House Chadbourne Ridge Road North Waterborough, Maine

Sunday, August 4, 2024
At 2:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served following the service for an hour of sociability and renewal of old acquaintances.

There is a hand rail at the Meeting House steps.

GPS

Our physical address is 346 Chadbourne Ridge Road. Beware of an approach from Route 117 in Hollis or Limington. The lady giving directions does not know that this road hasn't been used as a throughway for about 50 years.

2023-2024 Elder Grey Meeting House-Cemetery Association Officers

President..... Becky Hutchinson Joyce

First Vice-President.....Lesley Ortiz

Second Vice-President.....Vacant

Secretary.....Deborah Downs

Treasurer/Clerk.....Linda Hanscom

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Bill Butterfield
Margaret Downs
Stacey Gray
Lee Robator

Authorized Agent and Custodian of the CemeteryJon Gale

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting will be held at the Meeting House following the service and refreshments. All those interested are welcome and are encouraged to stay and attend.

The Elder Grey Meeting House-Cemetery Association is a 501(c)(3) organization. Please specify whether any donation is intended for the meeting house or the cemetery.

BYOC

Those of you who find the 1806 pew seats a bit unyielding are invited to bring a cushion.



Guest Minister

When it was necessary for Rev. Judy Braun to apologetically bow out last year, we were pleased that she agreed to speak to us this year instead.

Rev. Judy retired from her position as a CAT scan technologist at Maine Medical Center in 2012 and that September was ordained as Assistant Pastor/teacher to the Congregational Church in Cumberland, Maine. She served there for six years developing a ministry of artists in the congregation. She also led a weekly Bible study for a group of approximately eight people as well as a ministry to the local assisted living facility in Yarmouth. From 2016 to 2021, she was a hospice chaplain for Northern Light Home Health and Hospice, serving the area south of Portland.

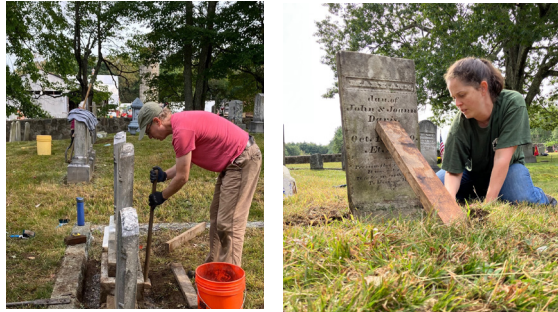
Having grown up in Wadsworth, Ohio, she traveled with her military husband, eventually coming to Portland. She lived in Windham for over forty years where she raised two children. She has three grandchildren in Massachusetts. Besides writing her personal memoir, she is currently serving the Inn at Village Square in Gorham as a group spiritual leader. She is a Master level Reiki practitioner and loves to garden at her home in Alfred where she lives with her dog, Panda.

Cemetery Happenings

On a sunny Saturday morning this past September, seven enthusiastic volunteers met at the Elder Grey Cemetery and worked for three hours washing, resetting, and mending or cleaning fourteen gravestones, under the tutelage of art teacher and grave-

stone repair expert Jess Davis of Brownfield, Maine.

This was the third such workshop and has become an annual event, as it offers an excellent opportunity to



learn new or hone old skills, enjoy a crisp Maine fall day, and, most importantly, accomplish needed repair and preservation of the old gravestones.

Projects like this one are now possible because of the creation and maintenance of the Elder Grey Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. Established in 2013, the Fund is available for projects over and above routine grounds upkeep. A recent example would be the repair of a crumbling section, and then a damaged portion, of the old stonewall. Our second Fund Appeal last fall and winter added a little over \$14,000 in contributions to the Fund, aided by 45 Friends of Elder Grey and an anonymous donor match of \$5,000. The Cemetery Fund is invested within the Maine Community Foundation's Asset Stewardship Program.

And a final note: The old and rotting wooden sign was removed last winter and replaced with an exact replica, metal rather than wood for greater durability. This project was underwritten by Becky Joyce and Debby Downs.

