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A Month of Services in December

(All Sunday morning services at 10:30 a.m.)

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, December 6

Hope as Magic

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

1st Sunday Potluck & Giving Tree Sunday

Molly Mercer, Worship Associate

This month's worship theme is *MAGIC: the practice of nurturing wonder*. On this Sunday, when Hanukkah begins, we'll hear the story *Herschel & the Hanukkah Goblins* by Eric A. Kimmel and consider together how and where hope lives in us this holiday season.

Sunday, December 13 Holy, Sacred, Divine... Think, Believe, and Know: The magic of words and the way we use them

Decorating the HOLIDAY TREE in the sanctuary after the Service

Amy Fiorilli, Worship Leader

Amy Fiorilli will lead this service and explore the importance of recognizing what is most important to each of us and how that gets expressed in diverse and varied ways. The magic of belonging to the Unitarian Universalist faith community is inherent in the many paths we walk to get here and in the many ways we understand our place in this world. This time of year is full of wonder, ritual, celebration and sadness. This service will encourage thought about our way of defining what matters most in the lives we live.

Sunday, December 20

Bring Back the Sun!

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

UUCE CHOIR will sing!

What is the light inside us? How do we bring it back when we've lost it? On this Winter Solstice Sunday, with singing and story-telling we will celebrate the many ways we can each choose to help in times of darkness to bring back the light.

Sunday, December 27

A Multigenerational Worship Service

Anne Ossanna, R.E. Coordinator

This past month, our children and youth have been learning about Kwanzaa. At this worship service, they look forward to sharing some of what they've learned.

SPECIAL DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES:

Saturday, December 19 at 1 p.m.

*A Spark from Another: **BLUE HOLIDAY SERVICE***

Rev. Sara Hayman

The holiday season is seldom easy for people who are grieving the loss of loved ones, lonely, or struggling with an illness. With music, poetry and the ritual lighting of candles, this intimate, simple service will make room for people to gather in a supportive and uplifting way. Come as you are, and take refuge in this season in the gentle embrace of fellowship with others.

SPECIAL DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES (cont.)

Thursday, December 24 at 7 p.m.
 UUCE CHOIR & UUQ will sing!

At the Cradle of the Child: A Christmas Eve Service

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

With the singing of beloved carols and readings, with candlelight and silence, at this Christmas Eve Service we will recall together the hope and mystery at the heart of this holy season. All are welcome!

Ministry Matters

It will be a different kind of Christmas Day for me this year. For the past nine years, Christmas Day has always involved hosting an Open House in the old farmhouse in Brooksville where Dan and I lived. He'd always cook lots of good food. We'd hang a big Advent Wreath from the ceiling in the living room where the fireplace would be roaring. The woodstove in the sauna in the backyard would be roaring, too, ready to welcome anyone wanting and needing to be warmed up that day. Most years, someone among us would read aloud Dylan Thomas's *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, and all afternoon, often well into the evening, neighbors, and friends, and any "lost lambs" who'd found their way to our home would visit, and eat, and laugh, and enjoy getting to know each other better. It was a beautiful tradition and always felt just right to me, the way Christmas is supposed to be lived and celebrated and I will miss it, and already do.

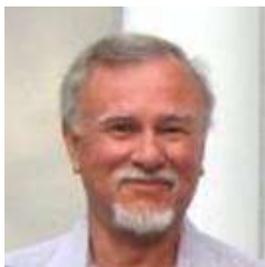


And life, we each know from our own tender experiences, does usher in changes. And a question becomes, "What will we do this year?" How will we make room (in ourselves and our homes) for the love and light and warmth of *this* holiday season to live in us again?

And so I say to myself, as much as to you, may the gifts you choose to give this year be the lasting kind—a listening presence where loneliness lives; a forgiving, flexible heart where love and trust can slowly take root again; or, perhaps a place at your own table, where the bounty of friendship and love might help bring each of us back to light.

Yours in ministry together, *Sara*

From the Board of Trustees



The Board of Trustees met on November 11, 2015. During this meeting we were able to formally introduce ourselves to our new church administrator, Eileen Mielenhausen. We had an opportunity to share in conversation and to get to know one another a little better. Eileen comes to us well qualified and full of energy. We are pleased to welcome her to UUCE and look forward to working with her in the coming weeks and months.

There was some follow-up discussion regarding the decision to offer members and friends the opportunity to place ads within the weekly and monthly newsletters for Goods and Services and Outside Events. Our treasurer, Peggy Strong, is currently working on crafting an announcement to further explain this new church service. Please stay tuned for instructions on how and when to submit any ads or event announcements you would like to share with the congregation.

The UUCE Board of Trustees is looking forward to participating in the Acadia National Park centennial celebration taking place in Maine all throughout the coming year. Amy Fiorilli agreed to be the point person to liaison with Betty Massie regarding our commitment as a centennial partner. Our hope is to create activities and opportunities for inspiration and sharing around the importance of Acadia NP in our collective lives. We will keep the congregation informed as we move forward with plans. Please let Amy know if you have interest or ideas related to the planning of a service or event in honor of the national treasure we are so blessed to have in our very own backyard.

Thank you all for your commitment to the health and vitality of our church community.

Amy Fiorilli, Board Secretary



Lifespan Religious Education



Holiday Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing!

November has been a busy and fun-filled month. The children have settled very well into their classes and truly enjoy being together. Through story, movement, song and artistic expression, the Seal/Dolphin class explored Kinship: the practice of belonging and caring for each other. Our Tween Class continued with Building Bridges, exploring Christianity and preparing for the first church visit. We ended the month with our first Faith in Action project that focused on Kwanzaa. We are very grateful to our volunteer teachers: Amy Fiorilli, Beth Allen, Suzanne Aubrey, Cecily Judd, Bill Clark, Jenn Ryan and Jody Murphy. We also thank Mikayla and Eryn for providing Nursery coverage and classroom assistance and to Liz True and her Faith in Action volunteers.

December will be a rich and full month. The younger children will explore Magic: the practice of nurturing wonder. The Tweens will have their first church visit and practice for their part in a Multigenerational Worship Service. Parents please pay close attention to details provided below.

Seal/Dolphin Class: There will be two opportunities in December for our children to be part of the worship service, December 13 as part of the Time for All Ages and December 27 during the Multigenerational Worship Service. On December 6 our children will learn a song they will share on December 13. For the December 13th service, our children are invited and encouraged to dress in a costume that is meaningful to their understanding of the holiday season. Our children will also have a role in the December 27th Multigenerational Worship Service, sharing what they explored in their recent Faith in Action project on Kwanzaa.

On Sunday, December 20, our children will be exploring the magic of Yule. It would be very appropriate for children to be dressed in something yellow if possible. Please DO NOT make a special purchase. If you have extra yellow clothing or material to share, that would be great. We are creative; an adult yellow shirt makes a great children's gown and an oversized yellow tee-shirt works well for a head wrap.

Whale/Tween Class: Our children will have their first Building Bridges church visit on December 6 at Saint Dunstan's Church of Ellsworth. Please have children in clean clothing (jeans are fine, but should not be torn) at 9:30 am in the UUCE parking lot. Teachers will carpool the children and be with them during worship service and meeting with the Saint Dunstan's religious leaders. We anticipate they will be back to UUCE between 11:45 and 12:15.

On December 13 children will spend their classroom time rehearsing their part of the December 27th Multigenerational Worship Service.

Tweens are invited and encouraged to meet at UUCE on December 24 at 2:00 pm to create a magical spiral in the RE Wing for all to experience after our Christmas Eve Multigenerational Worship Service.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

On December 12 the UU Church of Belfast will be hosting a Winter Solstice Celebration from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Blue Goose Event Center on Rt. 1. The cost of this family friendly event is \$10.00/adult, \$5.00/children, \$25.00/family and FREE for children 5 and under.

We will be decorating the Sanctuary tree on December 13 after coffee hour; all are welcome.

Our Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:00 pm. This is a multigenerational service; all are welcome.

WISH LIST: Adults to volunteer to staff the nursery if there are infants/toddlers in attendance; yellow clothing for the Seal/Dolphin December 20th Yuletide festivities; greens for our December 24th spiral.



Religious Education December Calendar

December 6: Nursery with Cecily Judd; Seal/Dolphin with Amy Fiorilli and Suzanne Aubrey – The Magic of Music; Whale with Bill Clark, Jenn Ryan and Jody Murphy – Saint Dunstan's Church of Ellsworth visit (meet at UUCE at 9:30 am); Potluck Sunday.

December 12: UU Belfast Winter Solstice Celebration at Blue Goose Event Center from 4:00-7:00 pm.

December 13: Nursery with Mikayla True; Seal/Dolphin with Beth Allen and Cecily Judd – An introduction to the most sacred symbols of this time of year for some of the World's Religions and the magic and wonder of their stories – children are invited to dress in a costume that is meaningful to their understanding of the holiday season; Whales with teachers, Anne and Liz, as we talk about recent church visit and prepare for Dec. 27th worship service; All are invited to help decorate the sanctuary tree after Coffee Hour.

December 20: Nursery with Eryn Boucher; Seal/Dolphin with Anne Ossanna and Nathalie Arruda – The Magic of Yule – children are invited to dress in yellow clothing as we celebrate the return of light; Guatemala Service Trip Meeting at UU Belfast.

December 24: Tweens and helpers will meet at 2:00 pm to create a magical spiral for all to enjoy after the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Multigenerational Service.

December 27: Multigenerational Worship Service – All will remain in the sanctuary as we worship together.

Woyaya – Anne

Money Matters

A special THANK YOU to Margaret Thurston and Mary Haynes for leading us in another successful Goods and Services Auction. And THANKS, as well, to those who donated items and dinners and other events and services, and those who worked to set up, to cook and bake, to serve and to clean up!

The auction is a big piece of our revenue pie. I rest easier knowing the auction met our goal for fundraising for the church and that we can also give to THAW, Loaves and Fishes, and the Emmaus Center.

Monthly Treasurer's Reports are posted to the Community Room bulletin board by the second Thursday of the following month. Look for November's report soon.

In gratitude,
Peggy Strong, Treasurer



Political and Social Action (PASA)

***The Penobscot:
Ancestral River, Contested Territory***

A new documentary film, followed by dialogue with
Sherri Mitchell

Penobscot Indigenous Rights Attorney

Friday, December 4, 7 pm
Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth
121 Bucksport Road, Ellsworth

Sponsored by Peace and Social Action Committee of UUCE and
Community Union of Ellsworth and Hancock County



In 2012, the state of Maine declared that the Penobscot Indian reservation, which includes more than 200 islands in the Penobscot River, does *not* include any portion of the water. In *Penobscot Nation v. Mills*, the tribe argues that this amounts to territorial theft by the state. Spanning from the 1700's to the present-day legal battle, this documentary illustrates the Penobscots' long environmental stewardship and their fight to retain their territory and treaty-reserved, sustenance fishing rights for future generations.

(For more information: www.sunlightmediacollective.org or 667-5863)

Guest at Your Table is underway!!

Boxes and envelopes are available in the Community Room and can be returned anytime to the church office. You can also give online. Gifts of \$125.00 or more will be matched. Be sure to indicate UUCE as the congregation so we get credited. Please give generously to support the critical work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. The campaign will end on January 10.



Ellsworth Farmers Market Is Back!

The Ellsworth Farmers Market has returned to the Community Room for their winter market. The schedule is:

- December 5, 12, 19
- No market in January or February
- March 19
- April 2, 16

Hours are 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Come visit and see what the market has to offer!!

Climate Change Update

Climate change is upon us and we all need to find ways to address it. One way is to keep informed on the issue. To that end, we expect to obtain the new DVD based upon Naomi Klein's excellent book: *This Changes Everything, Capitalism vs. The Climate*. Linda Laing has two books to lend, if you've not read it and wish to do so. It is now available in paperback. We plan a viewing of the DVD and a book discussion in January. Meanwhile, you might tune in to the 350.org, or email libby.norton@gmail.com for local updates and activities in the Bangor area. Things are happening world-wide and we are preparing to do our part.

Join the Global Movement for Climate Justice

Starting the weekend of November 28th, people everywhere are coming together for two weeks of action calling for climate justice and an end to carbon pollution. There are going to be thousands of events around the world, timed to call attention to the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Paris November 30 through December 11.

On December 1, members and friends of 350.org will gather in Pickering Square in Bangor at noon to greet the Community Connector Buses as they arrive and hand out Climate Hero badges and proclamations to bus riders as they depart and board the buses. A few members of the Bangor band will play a song to greet them. They plan to be there until 12:45 pm in order to catch two rounds of buses, which come in and depart every half hour.

Tentative plans are being made for a rally/vigil in Ellsworth on Saturday, December 12 for a climate rally celebrating solar power and calling for government action to end carbon pollution.

For more information on the movement for climate justice, see <http://globalclimatemarch.org/en/>

Membership Committee

Directory Corrections

If you have additions or corrections or updates for the new bright green directory, would you please email the information to suzanneaubrey57@gmail.com. In a month or so, I will print off a "Corrections Sheet" that folks can tack into the directory or use to make the corrections in their directories as they choose. Thank you for helping with this effort to update the directory. Thank you to Evelyn and Alison for your work on the UUCE Directory.

Peace...Suzanne Aubrey, Chair

From the Collaborative Ministry Team (CMT) of the Ellsworth, Belfast, and Castine Churches

The Collaborative Ministry Team (CMT) of the Belfast, Ellsworth, and Castine UU churches had its inaugural meeting on Friday, Dec., 20 at the Ellsworth Church. Besides two lay representatives from each church, the Reverends Deane Perkins and Sara Hayman and Rev. Emeritus Charles Stephens are part of the team. A larger task force, which included more people from the respective churches, had been meeting since summer to discern interest and intention among the three churches to collaborate and possibly begin to combine resources, both human and other. The task force, with the able guidance of Joe Sullivan, of the NNE District Office of UUA, decided interest was strong enough to proceed, and the CMT was formed to take more concrete steps to find ways for the three churches to cooperate and collaborate. The idea of shared ministry was originally conceived of as a way for Revs. Perkins and Hayman and an intern to cover responsibilities and share resources of the three churches since Castine has not had a full-time minister for a time. However, Castine has decided to continue its search for a full-time minister, so the focus of the group is now on sharing activities and ideas and collaborating on interests where possible. It has been noted by many in these groups that the prospect of established collaboration among the three congregations would likely appeal to a ministerial candidate very much, and the group is hopeful that Castine will be fortunate in its search.

At today's meeting, a covenant was proposed and will be approved at the next meeting after a few tweaks to the first draft. The covenant acknowledges the varied histories and cultures of the three churches and assures the three congregations and their representatives that the interests of the individual churches are the first priority of the CMT as a whole. (The covenant, once approved, will be published here for all the congregations to see.) The group also accepted the following mission statement:

Our mission as the Collaborative Ministry Team of Belfast, Castine and Ellsworth is to utilize and leverage the collective skills, resources and cultures of our three congregations to explore, inspire, enhance, and expand ministry within and among our congregations and out into our neighborhoods, our region and the world.

The CMT was given a charge from the Task Force to take action or to explore several ideas for collaboration, the first of which is to find out what would be necessary for the three churches to have a ministerial intern for the 2016-17 church year. Discussion during the meeting included creative ways to fund an intern. Rev. Perkins noted that for an intern, the prospect of a three-church collaboration would be very appealing, as it would provide the intern with a much broader experience in many aspects of being a parish minister. Concrete steps to further the goal of having an intern for the three churches will be taken before our next meeting.

Keeping each other informed emerged as another priority for the CMT. As soon as possible, there will be communication through existing channels (such as this one) about events taking place at the three churches so that all three congregations will know about them. Finding ways to use technology to make this happen will be a focus for a couple of the CMT members.

One other idea for collaboration and inter-church activity that is already on the schedule is a retreat at Ferry Beach at the end of October in fall 2016. Ellsworth had its second retreat at Ferry Beach this fall. Both times, other churches were there. For the fall 2016 retreat, Ferry Beach will be reserved for our three congregations to enjoy a joint retreat and deepen our friendships and knowledge of each other. More information on the retreat will be shared with all the churches in the coming months.

Other ideas in the works are ideas for shared offerings in adult RE, collaboration and cooperation on social justice issues, and an all-church worship service. Details will be shared with you, the three congregations, as the ideas take form.

We welcome and encourage questions, ideas and discussion from all. Please feel free to contact your church's CMT representatives:

Ellsworth: Mary Susan Haynes, Robin Lovrien, & Rev. Sara Hayman

Belfast: Sarah Nicholson, Judith Grace, & Rev. Deane Perkins

Castine: Leslie Fran Bos, Colin Powell, & Rev. Emeritus Charles Stephens.

—Robin H. Lovrien

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." —Anne Frank

Saint Nicholas Day ~ December 6



Nicholas was born during the third century in what is now the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents died while he was still young. Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man, and became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Children around the world know and love St. Nicholas—for he brings gifts and treats. Nicholas gave in secret, alert to others' needs, and expecting nothing for himself in return. It is this selfless generosity which seeks only the good of the other that made Nicholas' gifts the gifts of a Saint. Where St. Nicholas is prominent, his day, not Christmas, is the primary gift-giving day. More info can be found at stnicholascenter.org.

—Colleen Prentiss

Welcome to Our New Administrator!



Eileen Mielenhausen is delighted to serve the UUCE community as its new Administrator. After spending six months this year driving across country visiting family, friends and spiritual places, she is back on the beautiful Blue Hill Peninsula re-connecting with community, offering Reiki & sound healing, life coaching, and drumming to individuals and groups.

In 2003, Eileen founded Healing & Expressive Arts Retreats of Maine and started coordinating retreats and workshop programs in her free time, which she continues to do. Her new part-time business is BeamingLight Coaching, Reiki, and Sound Healing.

Recognizing the power of the drum for healing, she has coordinated numerous *8,000 Sacred Drums* ceremonies on the coast of Maine since 2008. Eileen has also led drum workshops/sound circles/meditations for addiction recovery groups in Maine and Florida, for churches and libraries, for adult ed programs, at women's wellness events and holistic fairs, for cancer survivors, for incarcerated women at Kennebec County Correctional Facility, for Hancock County hospice caregivers, for children in Castine, and for seniors in nursing homes and independent living facilities, among others.

Eileen has worked for many nonprofits during her career, including Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Sustainable Harvest International, Blue Hill Co-op, Family Violence Project, Holocaust Human Rights Center of Maine, and Literacy Volunteers of America-Maine. She looks forward to bringing her skills and experience to serve the UUCE congregation.

With a B.A. in English and an M.A. in Literature, she has worked with hundreds of students as a jr/sr high school English teacher in Minnesota, graduate assistant writing instructor and tutor in New Jersey, academic librarian and adult ed instructor/administrator in Maine. In her leisure time, Eileen enjoys singing, dancing, drumming, chanting, hiking, biking, swimming, writing poetry, photography, yoga, food, films, music, books, building community, and making new friends! Please stop by the office to introduce yourself to her.

"All the religions are just different cuisines of the Mother's cooking." — Andrew Harvey

Sankofa Corner

by UUCE Historian Wayne H. Smith

Gleanings from the history of the UUCE choir

It is difficult to know the entire history of the choir from its beginning as the choir of the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth up to its present incarnation as the UUCE choir. That there must have been a choir as early as 1867 is evident from the fact that the choir sang at the dedication of the new church building in August of 1867. The choir also sang at the dedication of the vestry in 1875. That



it was still around twelve years later is evident from the following article taken from the Sept. 16, 1887 edition of the *Bangor Daily Whig and Courier*:

On Thursday evening last as the Unitarian choir, at Ellsworth, were leaving the church after rehearsal, it happened that four of them were standing together on the top step of the awkward plank stairs leading from the church door down to the sidewalk, when the step gave way under their feet and they fell a distance of eight or ten feet to the ground. They found themselves imprisoned and were obliged to knock a hole in the side of the stairway in order to get out. They all escaped with but slight bruises, though it was really wonderful that they were not seriously hurt.

That the choir continued into the early 20th century is evident from the occasional program squeezed between pages of the old volumes of the FUSE historical records.

Several sources indicate that by the time of the move from the old church building to our current premises, there wasn't much of a choir presence. In recent interviews with both Margery Forbes and Kathleen Sikkema, two women intimately associated with the UUCE music scene from about 1987 to 2010, I learned that there was no formal choir at the end of the 1980s, and probably not for several years or even decades preceding that. The organist throughout the 1970s and 1980s was Clover Morrison, but she apparently never organized a singing group at the church. Details are sketchy, but it appears that Kathleen tried to put together a special choir for a Christmas service sometime around 1990, but Kathleen reported that she ran into resistance to the idea of a permanent choir, saying that she kept hearing "not here, not here." Nevertheless, we have photographic evidence that the predecessor of our current choir had formed by the early 1990s under the direction of Margery's husband, Irving Forbes, former director of music at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH. Among the members of the choir at that time were: Irving & Margery Forbes, John & Evangeline Bicknell, Howard & Carol Glefke, Mary Alice Thurston, Pam & Phil Person, and occasionally Mickey Worth.

By the time I first began attending UUCE in 1994, I found a choir that performed about once a month, practicing for about 30-40 minutes before the church services on Sunday morning. True to his professional background, Irving chose a lot of sophisticated music for four parts, SATB, and in spite of the ability level of the members of the choir, he was able to pull off some surprising results.

After Irving's passing, David Towle took up the baton of the UUCE choir, and was able to create some very impressive music, raising the bar on our accomplishments. After David's far-too-early death a few years ago, the choir continued on first under the direction of Marta Rieman, then under Haydée Foreman. In addition we have maintained David's creation of the small singing group, the UUQ, which performs on an occasional basis.

Dear UUCE Members and Friends,



I have had a great time being your office administrator these past 3 years. How helpful and giving of your time and insight to make my job go smoothly. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Happily, I am not disappearing, as my husband Charles and I recently became members of UUCE. I look forward to building a different relationship with you in the future. I leave knowing you are in good hands with Eileen Mielenhausen, our new administrator.

Alison Stephens

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