



The NUUS

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth
121 Bucksport Rd., Ellsworth, ME 04605

(207) 667-4393

www.uuellsworth.org

Volume 44

No. 4

April 2012

A Month of Sundays

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

Sunday, April 1. Stewardship Sunday: *We Are the Ones...*

Rev. Sara Huisjen & UUCE Members & Friends

This Sunday Service—full of music, singing, stories & poetry—will officially kick off this year's annual Stewardship Campaign. We hope you will join us as we joyfully consider together the value of living generous lives and nurturing our beloved faith community.

Sunday, April 8. Easter Sunday: *The Promise of Resurrection in Our Lives*

Rev. Sara Huisjen

On this Easter Sunday, in most Christian churches around the world, people celebrate the bodily resurrection of Jesus as Christ. How do we, 21st century Unitarian Universalists, enter into this story? Where does resurrection happen in our lives & the world?

Sunday, April 15. TBA

Sunday, April 22. Modified Quaker Service

Marta Rieman

Sunday, April 29. The UU Seventh Principle

Anne Funderburk

Ministry Matters by Rev. Sara Huisjen

The crocuses are up in the yard and the green noses of daffodils have emerged, threatening to burst into their yellow splendor any second now. The ground is thawed and most gardeners I know are thinking about seeds and grand plans for all they'll grow. Even in spite of the mud and concerns I have that the weather's too nice, too soon, there's still a welcome hopefulness in this season, a felt-sense of relief in me for knowing again that winter is over and spring time is coming.

I hope you will join us on the first Sunday in April (yes, April Fool's Day, I know!) as we will kick off this year's annual Stewardship Campaign with a great worship service. This is the time in the life of our congregation when we pledge our financial support for the coming church year (July, 2012 – June, 2013). As your new minister, I am encouraged & inspired by all that we can and are doing together. We have every reason to be hopeful, and to continue believing that our generous gifts of time, energy & money are making UUCE the vibrant & alive community that it is. Thank you for your continued support...*We are the ones we've been waiting for...*

After months of planning & preparation, it's almost time for the **New Orleans Service Trip** to begin! Thanks to the generosity of many of you and folks from the other two churches sending youth, we have raised just over \$12,000 which is enough to cover *all* of our expenses. Maria Burdette, Vincent Ossanna & I will work hard in New Orleans and come back ready & willing to share our experiences with you. While we're there (April 14th-21st), we'll be posting pictures on our UUCE Facebook group page, and writing in a blog that folks back home will be able to read on-line. Sometime in late May or early June, we'll be leading a worship service about our experience at UUCE, as well as the Bangor & Belfast churches. THANK YOU again for helping to make all of this possible!

May this season inspire hope & gladness in each of you, too.

Yours in ministry together,

Sara

Monthly Book Discussion Group

This month's Book Discussion Group will be held on two Thursdays, April 12 & 26 from 12-1:30 p.m. at the church. The book we'll read is a *hold-over* from our February discussion groups—**A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century**, by John Buehrens & Rebecca Ann Parker, two leading progressive theologians. On April 12, we'll discuss the Introduction & Chapters 1 & 2, and on April 26, we'll discuss Chapters 3 & 4. We plan to continue reading this book into May and hope to offer an Adult Religious Education Class on it sometime over the summer months.

All are invited to come and join in the conversation. Please contact Rev. Sara Huisjen for more information at sara@uuellsworth.org.

Books can be purchased on line though Beacon Press:

ISBN #: 978-0-8070-7738-2

Hope to see you there!

The WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS NEW MEMBERS, LAY LED SERVICE TOPICS AND LEADERS, AND COMMENTS ON OUR SERVICES OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

Please speak to Cynthia Perkins, Stephen Berger, Cecily Judd and/or Rev Sara if you have an interest in any of these three vital topics.

What R UU Doing?

Stephen Berger will be playing Tevye in the Acadia Community Theater production of *Fiddler on the Roof* at MDI High School, April 13-15.

[Editor's Note: "What R UU Doing?" is a new addition to the newsletter. If you have been/are being/are soon to be involved in any way with any activity in the church's regional community and would like to go public with the congregation, please send us a note. You will never find publicity at a better price!]

Message from the President

UNITARIANS AND THE ROTARY

We are Unitarian Universalists. Fine. So what does that mean? Are we just another bunch of congenial people who try to do good things in the world? I have, for a long time, searched for an answer to why we call ourselves a church, and how are we different from, say, the Rotary.

Now the Rotary is a really good organization. In case you did not know, they have a mission statement and a code of conduct worthy of imitation. Their core goals include encouraging ideals of service, exhibiting high ethical standards, and advancing international understanding, goodwill, and peace. They support the UN, try to eradicate polio, send aid to a Turkey earthquake fund, and have an ongoing Disaster and Relief Recovery Fund that recently assisted victims of flooding in Thailand.

Their code of conduct includes valuing integrity in all behaviors and activities, using their experience and talents to serve in Rotary, being fair in all dealings with others, and treating people with the respect due to them as fellow human beings.

Not bad, eh?

The web site of the Ellsworth chapter has a lot to say about attendance, community service, committees, finding and keeping members, encouraging leadership, and fund raising activities.

Sounds very familiar, doesn't it. So how are we different? What makes us a church, not just another civic organization? I have only a partial answer for myself.

Some of it is obvious. We have a minister who cares about our spiritual, emotional, and physical wellbeing. We have ceremonies to mark life passages: birth, marriage, and death; or in Unitarian-speak: acknowledgement of children, life partnership commitments, and memorial services. We have classes for children to introduce spirituality and to reinforce teachings about morality and ethics.

I couldn't begin to list all the things that we, as a whole, do not have, starting with a set of firm beliefs. We do not talk about sin or salvation. We do not baptize or speak of confession.

Many of us describe ourselves as "spiritual," a noun with as many definitions as church members. Some of us eschew even that description. We do have a Sunday ritual - the morning service followed by coffee.

Peggy Strong recently attended the UU Church in Lakeland, Florida. She wrote that on their Facebook page they state, "The Bedrock of Our Faith is an Unshakeable belief that Your Guess is as good as Mine."

We are not undergirded by a creed, which makes it hard to answer our friends who ask, "So, what do you believe?" The answer is *covenant*, a word hard to explain and a bit embarrassing to describe.

I believe we are a covenanted church. Covenant comes from Latin for "come together." It means (in UU'ese) a solemn agreement or a promise from the heart.

I can only tell you what it means to me, now, personally. It means I work from an assumption that I like you and you like me. I keep my heart open to you.

I assume from the 'git go' that you, and all members of UUCE, have, in word and deed, the best interest at heart for UUCE. It means when I hear harsh words in a committee meeting, or any gathering, that I will question what I hear, first, to make sure I do understand. And if harsh words were meant, I, and hopefully others, will speak up and facilitate discussion to heal the breach.

This last example presumes that all parties to an exchange are present. The very hardest communication to bring back into covenant is when party A is critical of party B and tells party C, but not B. This is really hard. The only action I could take, as far as I know, is to convene a group with A and B present and have a form of group intervention.

We are a covenanted church. We need to stay in covenant. We need to work at it, when necessary. This is the glue that holds us together, not a creed. This is what makes us different from the Rotary.

Rev. Sara, Eileen Brennan, Cynthia Perkins, Matt Slater, and I are attending a weekend District workshop on covenant in late March. Don't be surprised if have more to say about covenant in the next NUUS.

In ministry,
Diana Cate

Lifespan Religious Education

Spring Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing!

The younger children have been busy making their own chalice and preparing for a play we hope to perform in June. If anyone would like to help with the set and costumes, please contact Anne Ossanna. Senior Youth Group members Maria Burdette and Vincent Ossanna will be heading to New Orleans with Rev. Sara during their spring break week as part of a delegation of UU youths helping to rebuild the city.

We are looking for teachers for the 2012/2013 church year, if you are interested in volunteering please see Anne Ossanna or a member of the Religious Education Committee. Committee members are: Bill Clark, Carol Rosinski, Becka Gagne and Dugald Kell.

RE Calendar:

March 25th - NOLA Meeting UU Church of Belfast 5:00 - 7:00 pm

April 8th - Religious Education Committee Meeting - directly after worship service

April 14th - 21st - NOLA Service Trip

April 24th - Mid Maine RE Cluster Meeting - UUCE 10:00 am - noon

Adult Religious Education

Spring is officially here with warmer and longer days. The Adult RE Committee hopes the nice weather will entice you to come out on Wednesdays for Meditation and stay out longer on Sunday to join us after the worship service for the viewing of the awareness raising movie "The Story of Stuff".

"The Story of Stuff"

A movie presented by Pam Person, Sunday, April 29, 11:50 AM in the Board Room

A brief (22 minutes) humorous way to learn about our "Stuff" - Where it comes from and where it goes and the environmental impact. This offering will be only a half hour so that those wishing to attend the EMMAUS Annual Spring Fest Concert and Auction Fundraiser will be able to do so (See PASA entry for details).

Meditation Group

Every Wednesday, 2:00 – 3:00 PM in the Justice Room

All are welcome to attend this on-going meditation group. You don't need to register or commit to attend every session to participate. Drop ins are most welcome! If you have any questions please contact Janice, jronco2@gmail.com.

From the Board

UUCE BOT Meeting

March 8, 2012

Present:

Diana Kate, President; Cynthia Perkins, Vice-President; Karen Volckhausen, Secretary; Don Martin, Treasurer; Trustees- David Wilcock, Matt Slater, Eileen Brennan; Rev. Sara Huisjen

Board vacancies

Flo Reed and Evelyn Foster have agreed to fill the slots vacated by Pam and Jenn.
Motion to accept them as new Board members passed unanimously.

Board priorities for UUCE's budget

The Board discussed priorities to consider for the next budget.

Treasurer's report

See the Treasurer's Corner.

RE Coordinator's report

See RE section in this issue of the NUUS

Executive Committee report

Board covenant, filling Board vacancies, closet space needs, update of non-budgeted fundraising policy were all items discussed at the meeting on February 28.

Building Committee report

Don reviewed all the many improvements made to the church building this fiscal year.

Painting of Community room

The money has been raised and this will be started soon.

PASA

Motion passed approving the sharing of a table at the HOPE Fair on April 21 by UUCE and the Bangor UU Church.

PASA is currently reviewing the Doctrine of Discovery and will present a report at the next Board meeting.

Inquiry from Ellsworth Farmers Market

The market is looking at Ellsworth sites, including UUCE, for a space to have a monthly winter farmers market. Board approval is not needed as this would be a rental but the Board expressed support.

Housekeeping

Revision of the non-budgeted fundraising policy was reviewed. A motion passed unanimously to accept it.

Next Board meeting date has been changed from April 12 to April 5 at 6 PM.

The first 15 minutes is reserved for congregational comment. All are welcome!

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Volckhausen, Secretary

Stewardship Thoughts

This year as we launch our UUCE Stewardship Campaign we need to look back at what the success of last year's campaign brought us: a three quarter time professional minister, Rev. Sara Huisjen, who has excited us and motivated us; a busy year full of workshops, book discussion groups, a meditation circle, six new members, a positive and growing Religious Education program, inspirational Sunday services and more. Rev Sara has been available when members and friends of the congregation needed her ministry.

Now it is time for us to raise funds so we can continue to support what we have accomplished this year and for the challenge of "dreaming on".

The results of this year's campaign will determine if we are going to be able to support professional ministry, make improvements to our facility, and pay the day to day operation of our church.

I believe our investment in ministry has helped our congregation become more dedicated and active than ever before. With your commitment there is no dream that we have that we can't make a reality.

Whether you pledge a small amount or a large amount, if you can find a way to increase your pledge, it will help us to continue the success we have had and to "Dream On" into the future.

It is now time for all of us to decide. Your decision will determine what the next step will be for our congregation. Will we make our dreams a reality? Together I think we can do it!

Don Martin
Stewardship Coordinator

Treasurer's Corner

Total income for February 2012 was \$6,636.78. This was \$2,950.11 less than the total expenses for the month of February, which were \$9,586.89. The difference was covered by pre-paid pledges and other income.

Pledge income for February was \$5,440.33, giving us a total of \$69,798.61, which is 6.83% above where we should be at the end of February. This is a little lower than last month which was 9.44% above where we should have been at that time.

Plate income is at \$4,981.07, which is 4.41% below the 66.67% of the year to date. This is a slight decrease over last month, which was only 3.58% below the year to date percentage.

Rental income is at \$4,199.00 or 83.99% of budget, which is 17.33% more than the year-to-date percentage of 66.67%. Rental income continues to be strong.

Fundraising is still in an excellent position. With funds raised in March by the Music Committee we have exceeded our budget goal of \$7,000.

Expenses are continuing to run low at \$66,307.32 or 10.54% below the year-to-date percentage of 66.67%. I am projecting approximately \$50,000 in expenses over the next 4 months.

Pledge income will continue to be low over the next 4 months. We have collected \$69,798 in pledges of the \$94,960 budgeted, leaving only \$25,162 to be received. I am projecting a shortfall of \$5,000 in pledge income.

I am still confident that our finances for the year will end positively. Keep up the good work.

Don Martin
Treasurer

Reflections from the Committee on Ministry

CoM Conversation

Your Committee on Ministry has been working primarily on its portion of the evaluation of our minister, Sara Huisjen, in her quest for Final Fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association. We fully expect she will achieve this and will receive her acknowledgement at the General Assembly this June.

We also have taken time to serve as a sounding board for Sara, as she reflected on how she had dealt with several questions. We are not a replacement for the denominational support she receives from her professional peers, but since we know the lay of the land we can help guide her path.

We also stand ready to serve the congregation in the same manner. We are not counselors, but we can help if you have questions or concerns about our work together. Please remember that we are all in ministry with each other. The CoM is a concentrated element of it and is here to work with you as well.

Yours in ministry,
Ruth Eveland,
Chair

POTLUCK NOTE FROM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

On Sunday, May 6, there will be a Congregational Budget Hearing immediately after the service. Since this is a Potluck Sunday, which is also a very important activity in our church, we are asking that people bring easy to eat and handle foods, snacks and sweets, and NO hot foods or foods which require serving utensils, etc. By bringing simple foods, we can get our food and coffee and go immediately back to the sanctuary for the Budget hearing. Cleanup will also be no hassle with this procedure.

If this is a successful plan to eat and meet simultaneously, we will continue this practice on any first Sunday which includes a Congregational meeting.

As always, your comments will be appreciated.



Nuts and Bolts and Tidbits

from Cynthia Perkins

Reminder: On the last Sundays in March, April and May, the plate offerings of cash and any specifically designated checks will be split between UUCE and GLSEN (an organization of young people supporting gays, lesbians and transgendered people). This plate-sharing is an extension of UUCE's community service activities. Any additional "extra" cash in your pocket on those Sundays will be put to good use within the church and the community.

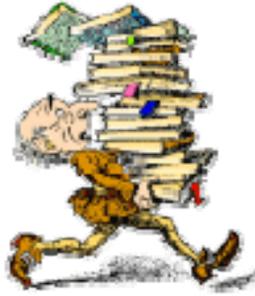
Since 2007 UUCE has had a policy stating that any personal or Committee fundraising activities must be approved by the Board before the activities are undertaken. The policy has been revised and simplified, but does ask for a rationale for the fundraising and an explanation of why it should not be postponed until it can be included in the next budget cycle. All funds will flow through a designated UUCE budget and be disbursed as needed for the activity. Please check in with the Board if you or your Committee, as the NOLA (New Orleans trip) group did, for special fundraising needs.

Another Reminder: Sunday announcements are for events occurring on that Sunday or for very special events occurring during that week. Please have those announcements on the lectern by 10:15 each Sunday.

The Wednesday UUCE Activities Report and the Insert in the Sunday bulletin have been very successful in getting the word out re the many and various activities happening related to UUCE and our members. We encourage you to send your activity and meeting schedules to Caitlin by Wednesday morning and indicate whether your item should be in both Wed and Sun announcements or just one of them. Email Caitlin at office@uuellsworth.org, or if necessary, call 667 4393.

We ask you to be mindful that Joys and Sorrows is a time for brief reflections on the personal life of our congregation, and should not be used as a time for announcements or political activities or endorsements.

In our continuing commitment to live in right covenant with each other and to be our best selves in every situation, four members of the Board of Trustees (Diana, Cynthia, Eileen and Matt, as well as Sara) attended (plan to attend, at this writing), a UU District Workshop at Saco-Biddeford UU Church Mar 23-24: Heart of the Matter: Living our Covenant of Right Relations, and Heart of the Covenant: Developing and Living the Covenant. More on this later...



Food for Thought

by Bob Dickens

#

Stories

When we read Buehrens' and Parker's *A House for Hope* in Sara's book group, I found myself saying that what the book needed was to tell stories, rather than talk about stories. Stephen asked me to say more about stories, and I said there are two things about stories: 1. Stories don't have to be true, but they have to tell the truth; 2. Stories are an excellent way to teach (particularly, about values).

Some examples:

In a version of the Oneida (Haudenosaunee) creation story, a pregnant woman from the Sky World was pushed towards the water below by a jealous husband. She was saved by the water animals below by a giant turtle which they summoned and whose shell became the earth. The story is probably untrue, but it makes points about human jealousy and beneficent nature that probably tell the truth.

The story of Rosa Parks refusing to give up her seat on a bus as more (white) people got on the bus because she was "tired" has some appeal..., but she was not just tired. She had also been the secretary to the state NAACP chairman. And she was aware that the NAACP, and others, were actively seeking a person to make this sort of stand. She was consciously active in the beginnings of a movement that was prepared to organize the black community around her refusal and was able to do so immediately. The story as a story of one, isolated, tired woman has some emotional appeal but the story as one about a woman who was part of a burgeoning civil rights movement is closer to the truth and tells some of the truth about social movements.

Stories are effective and fun when used to teach. They can be modified to tell important things about values without beating people over the head. At least in most Native traditions a slight modification of a story to make a different point is honored as long as the story continues to tell the truth. Both teacher and student can play with the story so as to better understand the values implied.

Beeman Logan (a traditional Seneca Chief) once told me he thought Unitarians made too little use of stories. I hope we can remedy that. What stories do you tell? What stories do you think we should tell?

Political and Social Action (PASA)

UUCE Supports Downeast GLSEN

With the “Cookie Ministry” under Anne Ossanna’s leadership and now sharing the collection plate encouraged by Evelyn Foster, UUCE’s support of GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network) is making a difference in the school climate, safety, ability to learn, and happiness throughout Downeast Maine. In February, GLSEN sponsored a Valentine Dance for gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans teens and their straight allies. Though our first dance two years ago was in Ellsworth, we held this dance in Belfast because there is an active group in Rockland called “Out As I Want to Be” and a new Gay Straight Alliance at Camden High School. We wanted particularly to welcome the new Camden HS group who had worked hard for several years to win administrative support to start their group. We paid for a school bus to bring this group to the dance. They were so delighted to be included that they wanted to be the group who decorated for the dance. They arrived early and joyfully festooned Waterfall Arts. Soon other groups of students and their advisors from MDI and Ellsworth and more schools arrived. We had between 40 and 50 in attendance, having a wonderful time, dancing, eating, playing games and getting acquainted.

In May we’re planning a gathering at University of Maine, Orono where we hope teens from our outreach project to Aroostook and Piscataquis counties will join with groups from the rest of our region. Jamie Nabozny, who won a landmark case in 1996 when he sued his high school after years of bullying will be our speaker.

Downeast GLSEN is so grateful for the way UUCE truly is “Standing On the Side of Love.”

Kay Wilkins, Chair, Downeast GLSEN

Immigration as a Moral Issue, the Congregational Study/Action issue for 2010-2014

PASA is presenting a series of six Adult Education workshops leading up to Justice General Assembly in June. The over-arching goal is for each of us to determine, using UU principles and values, what would be a just and humane immigration policy.

The fifth session is:

Sunday, April 15, from 12:00 – 1:30, Who Benefits From a Broken System?

Led by Karen Volckhausen and Kay Wilkins. The objectives of this class are:

- Understanding how immigration does not necessarily hurt U. S. workers.
- Understanding how corporations benefit from cheap labor.

There are several important handouts to be read before the class. Two of the most important have to do with the effect of our “free trade” policies and the profitability of prisons. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you were not able to be at the first four sessions. Please contact Kay Wilkins, kwilkins@alumnet.simmons.edu, or 664-3070, as soon as possible to sign up and receive the readings. An excellent resource on this topic is the Interfaith Immigration Coalition of which the UUA is a member. <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/>

Personnel

Contact Information

Minister Rev. Sara Hayman Huisjen: 610-2872 (cell) Huisjen@gmail.com	Religious Education Coordinator Anne Ossanna: 565-2057 anne@uuellsworth.org
Church Office (M, W, F, 1:00-5:00 P.M.) Caitlin Tunney: 667-4393 caitlin@uuellsworth.org	Music Director Wayne Smith: 667-9482 wayne@mrlanguage.com
President of the Board Diana Cate: 664-3010 president@uuellsworth.org	Newsletter Editor Lance Funderburk: 276-3301 lfunderburk@roadrunner.com [Submit articles by the 15 th of each month]

Board of Trustees

President: Diana Cate, 664-3010 djcate35@gmail.com	Vice President: Cynthia Perkins
Treasurer: Don Martin	Secretary: Karen Volckhausen
Trustee: Eileen Brennan, to 2012	Trustee: John Fink, to 2012
Trustee: Flo Reed, to 2013	Trustee: David Wilcock, to 2013
Trustee: Matt Slater, to 2014	Trustee: Evelyn Foster, to 2014

Committee and Task Force Chairs

Aesthetics: Linda Laing	Leadership Development: Marta Rieman
Art in the Sanctuary: Jude Lamb	Library: Paul Reid
Adult Education: Stephen Berger & Janice Ronco	Lobster Bake: Bettie Massie
Auction: Peggy Strong	Membership: Peggy Strong
Budget and Finance: Don Martin	Committee on Ministry: Ruth Eveland
Building Maintenance: Don Martin	Music: Haydee Forman
By laws: John Fink	Peace and Social Action: Karen Volckhausen
Coffee Hour: Bill Clark	Potluck: Carol Mathiesen
Caring Committee: Suzanne Forest	Procedures: Pam Person
Choir: Marta Rieman & Haydee Foreman	Stewardship: Don Martin
Elections: Anne Ossanna	Swap Shop: Nancy Avila
Flowers: Nancy Avila	Sunday order of service: Send to: office@uuellsworth.org
Green Sanctuary: Kay Wilkins	Small Group Ministry: Rev. Sara Huisjen
History Committee: Wayne Smith	Ushers: Jon Thomas
Kitchen: Anne Funderburk	Web Pages: Caitlin Tunney at church office
Landscaping: Sue Clark	Worship: Cynthia Perkins
Loaves and Fishes: Sue Clark	

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00-1:00 RE office hours 10:30 Worship Service POTLUCK 11:45 By Laws Committee	2	3 10:00 PATT Playgroup 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 Acadia Choral	4 10:00 Downeast Sr. Coll.	5 10:00 Downeast Sr Coll 10:00 Membership 12:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Board Meeting 6:30 Music Committee	6 6:00 AA	7
8 9:00-1:00 RE office hours 10:30 Worship Service	9 2:00 By Laws 3:00 Violin Lessons 7:00 St. Augustine 7:00 Non-violent Communication	10 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon 12:00 Tidewater NVC 6:00 Acadia Choral	11 10:00 Downeast Sr. Coll. 2:00 Meditation 6:30 Coyote Group 6:30 Comm. on Min.	12 10:00 Downeast Sr. Coll. 12:00 Al-Anon 12:00 Book Group	13 6:00 AA	14
15 9:00-1:00 RE office hours 9:00 RE committee 10:30 Worship Service HUNGRY SUNDAY 11:50 PASA	16 3:00 Violin Lessons 7:00 St. Augustine	17 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Acadia Choral	18 10:00 Downeast Sr. Coll. 2:00 Meditation 6:30 Coyote Group	19 10:00 Downeast Sr. Coll. 12:00 Al-Anon 7:00 Downeast Audubon	20 6:00 AA	21
22 9:00-1:00 RE office hours 9:00 PASA 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 2:00 DSC rehearsal	23 3:00 Violin Lessons 7:00 St. Augustine 7:00 Non-violent Communication	24 10:00 PATT playgroup 10:00 RE Cluster 12:00 Al-Anon 12:00 Tidewater NVC 5:30 Worship Comm. 6:00 Acadia Choral	25 12:00 LDC 2:00 Meditation 6:30 Coyote Group	26 10:00 Downeast Sr. Coll. 12:00 Al-Anon 12:00 Book Group	27 6:00 AA	28 4:00 Midwives/Maine
29 9:00-1:00 RE office hours 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:50 Adult RE 3:00 DSC concert	30 3:00 Violin Lessons 7:00 St. Augustine					

To reserve space at the UUCE, Email: office@uuellsworth.org ; phone: 207-667-4393. Leave a message and someone from the church will contact you. Or you can reach us by mail – Calendar Person, UUCE, 121 Bucksport Rd. Ellsworth, ME 04605

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth
121 Bucksport Road
Ellsworth, ME 04605

Non-Profit Organization
U.S Postage Paid
Permit Number 93
Ellsworth, ME 04605

The NUUS

April 2012

The NUUS

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth

April 2012

Vol. 44, No. 4

We covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every human being;

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

**Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual
growth in our congregations;**

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

**The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
within our congregation and in society at large;**

**The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice
for all;**

**Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which
we are a part.**

