



# The NUUS

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## A Month of Sundays

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

### **Sunday, May 5.** *The future ... Great Peril & Great Promise*

As we enter May, we rejoice in spring coming to Maine in earnest and yet the future of our good earth comes into question. We face the paradox of becoming more aware of how the condition of our environment impacts life on earth and how our lifestyles impact the condition of our environment. A quote from F. Scott Fitzgerald gives me hope, "The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function."

#### **Biography:**

Rev. Stephens returned to Maine with his wife Alison Stephens this past summer after 23 years. He served our Ellsworth congregation during the 1980s. He has a strong interest in interfaith dialogue having studied with Matthew Fox at the Institute in Culture and Creation Spirituality, in Oakland, CA. and at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Direction, in Bethesda, MD, serving as adjunct staff in their Spiritual Guidance Program for men and women from a variety of faith traditions. Presently Rev. Stephens enjoys staying active guest speaking in numerous Unitarian Universalist Congregations, providing individual Spiritual Direction, officiating at special ceremonies as well as practicing tai chi and meditation. He spends considerable time outdoors, cutting his firewood, taping maple trees, gardening and learning to keep bees. He and Alison have three adult children: Heather, Bronson and Charlotte.

### **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** *Mothering: What Love Really Looks Like Sometimes*

Rev. Sara Huisjen & Molly Mercer, Worship Associate

Mother's Day is more than a day for flowers and pancakes. It's a time to highlight the aspects of motherhood that are not usually visible in the greeting card aisles. It's a call to honor the resiliency of all those who mother.

### **Sunday, May 19.** *.....and Justice for all*

Rev David Hall

The sermon will briefly explore Social Justice with reference to the Civil Rights movement, and Economic Justice with reference to the wide gap between the concentrated wealth of the few at the top and the rest of us, especially those in poverty.

**Biography:**

Rev. David C. Hall is an Ordained United Church of Christ minister since 1960 and has served churches in Connecticut and Maine. Retired in 1997 from the Bath UCC, he has served about 12 churches as an Interim Minister. Rev. Hall was active in the civil Rights Movement in the 60's and the Human Relations Training movement in the 70's, past Moderator of the Maine Conference of the UCC. Currently he is serving on the Commission for Witness Life of the Maine Conference and on the Board of the Haney Fund which awards grants for justice projects.

**Sunday, May 26. *Leaders and Followers: What we want from each other***

Stephen Berger

Using examples from the Civil Rights movement, we ask about different kinds of leaders and of followers. And we ask ourselves what we are and how we respond in different situations.

## **Ministry Matters** by Rev. Sara Huisjen

*This is what life does. It lets you walk up to the store to buy breakfast and the paper, on a stiff knee. It lets you choose the way you have your eggs, your coffee. Then it sits a fisherman down beside you at the counter who says, Last night, the channel was full of starfish. And you wonder, is this a message, finally, or just another day?*

by Eleanor Lerman

I love this quote by Eleanor Lerman and the invitation it extends to each of us to be open and curious about our days, as we try and live with a real sense of wonder and gratitude. What message of hope is life trying to send to you? Who or what, I wonder, will deliver it to your door?

I first heard news of the explosions at the Boston Marathon when I was driving from my house to Brooklin to pick up a van we borrowed for our recent Service Project with youth at Mano en Mano in Millbridge. As I listened to what was unfolding there, I remember feeling sick to my stomach, as if my heart had lodged itself in the back of my throat and would never move again. How is it that we do such terrible things to each other?

Earlier that same day, I'd come home from a 4-day, True Mind/True Heart Intensive at the Whole Health Center in Bar Harbor. My days there were filled with the spaciousness of silence experienced in community, and with meditation and exercises done in dyads that encouraged us to listen more deeply to ourselves and to others. I'd come home feeling more in love with life...opened up, or awakened at my center, wanting to feel it all—the love and joy and sadness that's ever present beneath the surface of things.

And even today, after an incredible week of heartbreaking violence, that's still how I want to feel. Opened up. Awakened. Aware of beauty and kindness and the deep pools of sorrow within. In love with the world. Heartbroken at what can and does happen. And Hopeful still. Present to myself, and to others. Determined to love and act on that love, and to laugh and weep, and be thankful for each day.

*Sara*

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## Lifespan Religious Education

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### Spring Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing!

It is a very exciting time for the children enrolled in RE. As I write this 3 of our teens are preparing to leave tomorrow for a 3 day trip to Milbridge to participate in a cultural exchange at Mano en Mano. Those teens are also planning a yard sale to be held this summer to raise funds for their service trip to Guatemala.

As the warm weather approaches, we will be spending more time outside on Sundays. Parents please have your children wear clothing it is ok to get dirty. As one munchkin once said "We need to wear our dirty clothes to church".

Historically our RE programs have a summer break, giving the teachers and DRE a chance to rest and prepare for the fall session. The past two summers we have had many families visiting so we have offered a structured activity each Sunday during worship service for children 10 and under. The activities, led by volunteers, have worked well for the most part. One disadvantage has been that it is difficult for the younger children to transition to the more structured setting in the fall. This summer we will try something new, a summer camp that will meet weekly on Sundays. HOGWARTS DOWNEAST will use the Harry Potter series to explore our UU Principles. This offering will be fun for our children and adult Harry Potter fans, is "visitor" friendly and a nice introduction to our 2013/2014 curriculum, Tapestry of Faith. More information about HOGWARTS DOWNEAST can be found below.

I will be on vacation May 10<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Sara will be working the Youth Group on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Carol R. will be leading the Jr. Youth group on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please help support the **RE Youth Scholarship Fund** by donating your returnable cans and bottles. An account has been established at the Union River Redemption center. If you are unable to get to the redemption center, Kay Wilkins and Diana Cate will bring your cans and bottles for you if you leave them in a clean bag in the back of their truck.

Finally, parents if you are interested in applying for a UUCE RE Youth Scholarship for your child to attend a UUA approved program, please see me by May 26<sup>th</sup>. Summer camp at Ferry Beach and Goldmine Leadership are UUA approved.

May RE Calendar:

May 5<sup>th</sup>: POTLUCK Sunday – Sr. Youth Group set up at 9:30 am, clean up at noon; Sr. Youth Group Meeting with Rev. Sara and Anne from 1:00 – 3:30, snacks will be provided; Guatemala Service Trip meeting in Bangor from 4:30 – 7:00 pm, dinner will be provided.

May 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: Anne Ossanna is on vacation

May 15<sup>th</sup>: Guatemala Service Trip monthly deposit due to UUC of Belfast.

May 26<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 – 6:00 pm Sr. Youth Group Meeting with Rev. Sara, Bob and Dylan, pizza will be provided.

Woyaya – Anne



## Hogwarts Downeast

School of Witchcraft, Wizardry and UU Principles

On Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hogwarts Downeast will begin our summer session of exploring the UU Principles through the Harry Potter series. All children 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> are invited to bring their imagination, curiosity and magical powers to UUCE. Each week, after Time for All Ages, we will gather in the entrance and walk the nature path to the back of the RE wing. There, we will enter through the hearth with floo powder (bird seed) to Hogwarts Downeast. The wing will be transformed to The Grand Hall, Diagon Alley and the Leaky Cauldron. The children will be read a passage from the Harry Potter series that reflects one of our UU Principles, followed by discussion and an activity. The children will create their own tools: a wand; a cape; a hat; a notebook; a quill; and a bag to keep their tools in. After each session adults are invited to Hogwarts Downeast and join us at the Leaky Cauldron for Butterbeer (root beer floats) and Coffee.

Hogwarts Downeast needs the following donations:

- Material for Capes – solid color, and some plaid (we are Downeast after all)
- Stickers – stars, moons, owls, flowers, peace signs and anything magical looking
- Self-sticking gems
- Fabric paint
- Birdseed
- Ornate Candlestick holders
- Cauldron
- Owls (stuffed, stickers, pictures)
- Someone to sew capes

We also need adults who are Harry Potter fans to come in costume and read a passage from the Harry Potter series. Please see me if you can donate items, would like to be a reader or for any questions.

Lumos, Anne

## Emergency Preparedness Committee

Do you know how to operate a fire extinguisher?

The Emergency Preparedness committee is putting together a class to teach you how to operate a fire extinguisher properly. Do you know how to use a fire blanket to put out a fire on top of the stove? You can learn that as well. So keep a look out for some upcoming classes. These classes will only take about 15 minutes and it could save your life and your property!



## YARD SALE DONATIONS STILL WANTED!

On *Friday & Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>*, UUCE will have an enormous YARD SALE! All money raised will be used to send a delegation of three youth & your minister to Guatemala in July, 2014, as part of an international Service Project with other youth from the Bangor & Belfast UU Churches. While there, we'll volunteer with the SAFE PASSAGES Program, a service organization that provides support & assistance to several children from families that work in the Guatemala City Dump.

We still need your yard sale donations!

Please contact Anne Ossanna, R.E. Coordinator, if you have items you're willing to donate at 565-2057 or [aossanna@aol.com](mailto:aossanna@aol.com). John Fink (667-7186) has agreed to store things at his home in Ellsworth, and youth participants are willing to make arrangements to pick your things up.

Thank you for your support! We are excited to be doing this.

Sincerely,

Lynne Hundhammer, Vincent Ossanna, Avery Garrod,  
Rev. Sara Huisjen & Anne Ossanna, R.E.Coordinator

## From the Board

### UUCE BOT Meeting, April 11, 2013

**Present;** Diana Cate, President; David Wilcock, Vice-President; Karen Volckhausen, Secretary; Don Martin, Treasurer; Trustees- Evelyn Foster, Tom Martin, Cynthia Perkins, Flo Reed; Anne Ossanna, RE Coordinator

#### **Congregational comment:**

None

#### **Executive Committee Report**

The Committee met on April 4 to create the agenda for tonight's meeting. No other issues were discussed.

**RE and Treasurer's report-** see elsewhere in this issue of the NUUS

#### **Minister's Report**

Sara is gone until April 21. Rev. Charles Stephens is covering pastoral emergencies

#### **YMCA rental negotiations update**

The Y staff has not completed the rental agreement draft yet. Things are moving slowly with the construction project so it is not sure when things will happen although it is expected to happen.

We will have some information on the rental for the congregation in the May issue of the NUUS.

The odor in the sanctuary has been investigated. It is not serious. The rug will need to be cleaned and Don is getting estimates. The Y will have carpet cleaned professionally on a monthly basis once they are here.

#### **NNED Congregational Award to Don Martin**

Cynthia read sections of the letter she wrote nominating Don for this award.

We will celebrate Don's award at the May 19 Congregational meeting.

#### **RE Support Task Group Update**

The task force has been renamed to better reflect its mission. They have not met yet but would like some advice about group content.

Suggestions included parents and former RE coordinators. The Task Force would like to come up with action plan by the fall.

Anne has asked for an evaluation. This is part of her credentialing process- she needs 2 evaluations.

### **Fiscal Matters Committee report**

It was a good meeting with some intense discussions.

Business dealt with:

**Working on a balance sheet** –this would be reviewed yearly.

**Unrestricted bequests to church**- this was put off until we have gathered information about how other churches handle this. We decided to form an Endowment task force to gather this information and make a brochure to mail to everyone in the congregation.

**Preparing the budget**- Don made a draft budget which will be the focus of the April 25 budget meeting. He will send it out again before that meeting.

### **Wall Hangings**

The need for having a plan for the hanging of pictures in the Sanctuary and Community Room was discussed.

**Motion was made and seconded that the Aesthetics Committee come up with a policy and bring it to the Board. Motion passed.**

### **Election Committee report**

Candidates

President- David Wilcock

V. President- John Fink

Treasurer- Don Martin

Matt Slater's seat- Peggy Strong

Evelyn and Cynthia's terms are up and they have agreed to run again

### **Looking forward- New Board Activities**

The new Board will have to set the date for a retreat. We will want to book a facilitator soon!

The new Board will make a new covenant; create the 2013/2014 church calendar.

### **Housekeeping**

#### **DATES:**

April 25- Special Board Budget meeting

April 26- Mark Worth's retirement party at the Castine Church.

April 28- Congregational Budget Hearing

May 2- Executive Committee meeting, 10 AM

May 9- Board meeting

May 19- Annual Congregational Meeting

The first 15 minutes of every regular Board meeting is set aside for congregational comment. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Volckhausen, Secretary

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## Report of the Fourteenth Subcommittee on Convening a Discussion Group

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This is how things begin to tilt into change,  
 how coalitions are knit from strands of hair,  
 of barbed wire, twine, knitting wool and gut,  
 how people ease into action arguing each inch,  
 but the tedium of it is watching granite erode.

Let us meet to debate meeting, the day, the time,  
 the length. Let us discuss whether we will sit  
 or stand or hang from the ceiling or take it lying  
 down. Let us argue about the chair and the table and  
 the chairperson and the motion to table the chair.

In the room fog gathers under the ceiling and thickens  
 in every brain. Let us form committees spawning  
 subcommittees all laying little moldy eggs of reports.  
 Under the grey fluorescent sun they will crack  
 to hatch scuttling lizards of more committees.

The Pliocene gathers momentum and fades.  
 the earth tilts on its axis. More and more snows  
 fall each winter and less melt each spring.  
 A new ice age is pressing the glaciers forward  
 over the floor. We watch the wall of ice advance.

We are evolving into molluscs, barnacles  
 clinging to wood and plastic, metal and smoke  
 while the stale and flotsam-laden tide of rhetoric  
 inches up the shingles and dawdles back.  
 This is true virtue: to sit here and stay awake,

to listen, to argue, to wade on through the muck  
 wrestling to some momentary small agreement  
 like a pinhead pearl prized from a dragon-oyster.

I believe in this democracy as I believe  
 there is blood in my veins, but oh, oh, in me

lurks a tyrant with a double-bladed ax who longs  
 to swing it wide and shining, who longs to stand  
 and shriek, **You Shall Do as I Say**, pig-bastards!  
 No more committees but only picnics and orgies  
 and dances. I have spoken. So be it forevermore.

—Marge Piercy, in *Mars and Her Children*

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## Elections Committee and Congregational Meeting

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As you know the Annual Congregational Meeting is happening this month, on May 19<sup>th</sup> after services. A major item on the agenda is the election of officers and trustees for the Board of Trustees, as well as Moderator. The Elections Committee will present a list of candidates for six expiring and vacant Board positions.

The candidates are:

President – David Wilcock

Vice President – John Fink

Treasurer – Don Martin

Trustee – Evelyn Foster

Trustee – Cynthia Perkins

Trustee – Peggy Strong

There is no candidate from our youth for Active Junior Trustee.

Ruth Evelyn agreed to run for Moderator, a new position at UUCE. According to our new by-laws a Moderator shall serve as facilitator at all Parish meetings and be chosen for his/her knowledge of proper meeting processes such as Roberts Rules of Order. She/he serves for two years and is elected at the same time and by the same process as Trustees and Officers.

Our current President, Diana Cate, is resigning a year early, as of the Annual Meeting. The current Vice President, David Wilcock, is running for Board President. John Fink is a candidate for the VP position.

Don Martin, our current Treasurer, and two Trustees, Evelyn Foster and Cynthia Perkins, are eligible to run again for their positions and have chosen to do so. One Trustee seat is vacant. Peggy Strong agreed to run to fill it.

The Elections Committee feels this is a strong slate providing continuity of leadership. It is important to note, however, that nominations may certainly be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting. It would be helpful to send such nominations to a member of the Elections Committee as early as possible.

Elections Committee: Martha Dickinson, Linda Barsanti, and Diana Cate

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## The Peace and Social Action Committee

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### Reminders!!!

The Peace and Social Action Committee's **Annual Retreat** will be held

Sunday, April 28 12:30 PM at Shinbashi Restaurant after the budget hearing!

We welcome any interested folks to join us as we celebrate this year's accomplishments and plan next year's program.

May's potluck on May 5 will be hosted by PASA and will be another **All Maine Foods Potluck**. We are requesting that folks bring dishes comprised of food grown within Maine. It will be challenging given the early season but fun to see what people can come up with. We are hoping that **the second edition of PASA's Resource Guide for Ethical Eating** will be available at that time. If you have any questions or comments, please contact: Karen Volckhausen at 667-9212 or [pkvolckhausen@escrap.com](mailto:pkvolckhausen@escrap.com)

### **Spanish update!**

Thanks to Luz Mary Kogson and Flo Reed we now have Spanish teachers for both a beginners' class and a conversation class for more advanced students. We are working on the starting dates now!

We will continue having a **Spanish table** at monthly potlucks! We would appreciate it if only folks interested in speaking or listening to Spanish would sit in.

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## **Nominations for Charitable Giving Sought**

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The Charitable Giving Committee is soliciting nominations of charities to receive the monies allocated from fundraising events (such as the auction) in FY 2013-14. The deadline for nominations is Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, as we will be voting at the Congregational meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The top voted groups will determine the allocation of funds we raise. This is a chance to help your favorite local non-profit by increasing our awareness of its valuable services, and maybe getting it a donation. Contact Peggy Strong, Karen Volckhausen, Cynthia Perkins, or Rev. Sara with your ideas!!

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## **Spring Quarter Plate-split Recipient**

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The Charitable Giving Task Force met on April 4 to choose the recipient of the next quarter's plate split. The Ellsworth Farmers Market's Double Your Value program was chosen. This program doubles the value of food stamp recipients' benefits. For example, if a person purchased \$10 of food, their food stamp card would only be charged \$5.00. The Double Your Value program would pick up the other \$5.00. For the past three years the Farmers Market received money from Wholesome Wave, a private foundation in Massachusetts, for this purpose. That money is no longer available so the Market is looking for community partners to donate to the fund. This seems like an ideal partnership for us. The Ellsworth Farmers Market is committed to making high quality, fresh, local food available to people who cannot afford it. UUCE is committed to local, healthy foods, our local farms, and relieving hunger in Hancock County.

Dates for this quarter's plate split are: April 28, May 26 and June 30, 2013.

We invite you to nominate recipients at any time for future plate splits. Contact Peggy Strong, Karen Volckhausen, Cynthia Perkins, or Rev. Sara with your ideas!!

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## Treasurer's Corner

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You should have received your third quarter pledge statement. If you did not receive it or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. There are less than three months before June 30<sup>th</sup> which is the end of the 2012-2013 church year. Please make every effort to complete your pledge. If you for any reason find you cannot make the deadline, perhaps other arrangements can be made. Your pledge is only a commitment not a legal document. It is understandable that obligations sometimes change during the year making adjustments necessary. If you have completed your pledge already, we thank you.

As of March.....

**Total income** for March 2013 was only \$4,344.71; this was \$7901.76 less than the total expenses for the month of March which was \$12,246.27. Total income through March is \$96,141.40, 79.02% of the budget which is 4.02% more than the year-to-date percentage of 75%.

**Total expenses** for the same period were \$86,104.94, 69.33% of budget, which is 5.67% less than the year-to-date figure of 75%. We are going to have to monitor things a little more carefully if income continues to be low.

**Pledge income** for March was only \$3,417.00 Total Pledge income through March was \$74,663.00 or 72.63% of budget which is 2.37% less than the year-to-date figure of 75%. This is the first time pledge income fell below the year-to-date figure.

**Plate income** for March was \$641.71, \$281.21 more than last month's total of \$360.50. \$462.00 was removed for the plate split. Total plate income through March was \$4,665.68 or 62.21% of budget, 12.7 less then year-to-date figure of 75%. There were 5 Sundays in March that helped to increase the monthly total.

**Fundraising** remained the same at \$7,999.72 or 114.28% of budget figure of \$7,000.

**Rental income** for the month was \$286.00 for a total through March of \$4093.00 of 68.22% of budget. I still feel confident that we will reach our budget goal of \$6000.

**Total expenses** are continuing to run on an even keel at \$86,104.94 or 69.33% of budget through the month of March.

We must remember that June is our most expensive month with approximately \$7000 in additional expenses. I will be mailing out third quarter pledge statements by the end of this week. I hope this will help with pledge payments improving.

~ Don Martin



## Service of Remembrance for Charlie Bassett

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at UUCE

All are invited to attend a Service of Remembrance planned for Charlie Bassett, a beloved member of our church community who died in November, 2012. With beautiful music, poetry and shared remembrances, we will honor his life here among us.

## Doctrine of Discovery

### Progress Report

On April 2d, on behalf of UUCE, Anne Funderburk submitted a letter to the UUA requesting a seed grant of \$1000 to help fund our congregation's efforts to learn about the Doctrine of Discovery (DoD) which was repudiated by the UUA at General Assembly last summer. For a brief description of DoD, please see the April edition of the NUUS.

The generosity of the Worship Committee will enable us to feature a sermon on DoD by John Dieffenbacher-Krall of Maine's Episcopal Diocese. John, who is the executive director of Maine's Indian Tribal-State Commission (MITSC), was one of the prime movers behind the diocesan repudiation of DoD, which led the Episcopal Church of North America also to repudiate DoD. John will share his sermon with us and make himself available for a Question & Answer session afterwards.

The Adult R. E. Committee has agreed to follow John's sermon with a series of discussion sessions, during which we may learn more about DoD and explore to what extent we have unconsciously internalized aspects of it. We will be able to invite Wabanaki guest speakers who are willing to share with us how DoD negatively impacts their lives today.

Once we have become better informed, PASA has agreed to help us educate our communities about DoD. Rev. Sara has expressed interest in working with the other churches in the Ellsworth cluster to teach their congregations about DoD. This will be an on-going project. We anticipate the help of Maine's Truth and Reconciliation Commission and of the Portagers, an MDI study group founded by the late Prof. Tina Baker and led by Penobscot Tribal Elder and Council member, Donna Loring.

## Goal Achieved!

Congratulations to all for a successful non-perishable food drive for HANCOCK COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES! Our continuing effort through March has helped Loaves and Fishes families through this past cold, wet March and April.

I hope all of you saw the local TV coverage of delivery of goods to the Ellsworth center and the grand count up to and past the goal of over 10,000 items. Our County donated over 12,000 items. As pledged, United Fund matched our food items with \$10,000 for supplies to needy food banks. Thanks to local newspapers I know

that Loaves and Fishes received their share and so did all in Hancock County.  
Sincere thanks to you all from Dartha Reid and Sue Clark- your L & F representatives

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## Adult Religious Education Committee

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Holbrook Williams' presentation on the ideas of Krishnamurti has been postponed from April 28 due to conflict with the congregational meeting. New date is May 26<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday service.

Book Discussion Group: Do you have a book you'd like to see discussed? Let Bob Dickens or Steve Berger know, please.

We are discussing a series on UU history, probably for the fall (Mark Worth has offered to do it), and a series on the Doctrine of Discovery (Anne Funderburk has put in a grant request to UUA for this work).

We would like to do something about comparative religion, but are not clear what would interest you. If you have thoughts, let us know. One possibility would be to ask practitioners of different faiths to come and talk about why they practice it. Another is a possible small group in which people would exchange their views on why they are UUs. Interested?

We are planning a workshop on living wills.

If you have a suggestion or a request for us, please let us know. Next Adult RE meeting will be May 7 at 1 p.m. Steve Berger

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## Update on Hannaford Gift/Debit Sales

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To our returning Summer Residents, please consider supporting the ongoing Hannaford Gift/Debit Card fund raising effort under the umbrella of the Aesthetics Committee. This is a win-win opportunity where Hannaford Corporation gives back 5% of the card sales to our church community. The gift cards can be redeemed (indefinitely) at any Hannaford store or pharmacy.

Since last November we have sold a total of \$30,000 for a 5% profit of \$1,500. Initially we seeded our "business" with \$2,000 which first must be paid back--we are well on the way to doing that. We estimate that by the end of June this will have been accomplished. This fall we plan to approach the UUCE Board of Directors with a proposal to begin to spend our profits on the renovation and beautification projects we outlined for you last year. This is the only way we could see to fund much needed building and beautification projects that go way beyond our budget capabilities. It will take time, but it can be done.

Approximately 45 families have participated at least once by purchasing a card. Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit cards.

If you have not done so, please consider supporting this very easy, worthy fund-raiser by buying a \$50, \$100 or \$200 card to be used at ANY Hannaford grocery store or pharmacy. Your UUCE will benefit greatly by the generosity of the Hannaford Corporation.

See any member of the Aesthetics Committee for more information. One of us will be selling the cards each Sunday during coffee and conversation.

Linda Laing, Chair

--Nancy Avila, Sally Littlefield, Vicki Fox or Evelyn Foster

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	<b>Trustee:</b> Evelyn Foster, to 2013

### Committee and Task Force Chairs

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<b>Choir:</b> Marta Rieman & Haydee Foreman	<b>Potluck:</b> C. J. Lavertu
<b>Elections:</b> Ruth Eveland	<b>Sunday order of service:</b> Send to: <a href="mailto:office@uuellsworth.org">office@uuellsworth.org</a>
<b>Flowers:</b> Aesthetics Committee	<b>Small Group Ministry:</b> Rev. Sara Huisjen
<b>Green Sanctuary:</b> Kay Wilkins	<b>Stewardship:</b> David Wilcock
<b>History Committee:</b> Wayne Smith	<b>Ushers:</b> Jon Thomas
<b>Kitchen:</b> Position open	<b>Web Pages:</b> Peggy Strong
	<b>Worship:</b> Cynthia Perkins

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00 Literacy  6:30 Coyote Group	<b>2</b> <b>10 a.m. ExCom (BR)</b>  12:00 Al-Anon	<b>3</b>  6 pm AA	<b>4</b> 10 am Charlie Bassett's Celebration of Life
<b>5</b> <b>9:00 RE committee</b> <b>9:00 PASA</b> <b>9-1 RE office hours</b> <b>10:30 Worship Service</b> <b>POTLUCK</b>	<b>6</b> 3:00 Violin lessons  7:00 St. Augustine	<b>7</b> 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon <b>1 p.m. Adult RE Mtg.</b> 6:00 Acadia Choral S.	<b>8</b> 9:00 Literacy  6:30 Coyote Group	<b>9</b>  12:00 Al-Anon <b>6:00 UUCE Board Mtg.</b>	<b>10</b>  6pm AA	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>9:00 Adult RE comm.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>HUNGRY SUNDAY</b>	<b>13</b> 3:00 Violin lessons  7:00 St. Augustine	<b>14</b> 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon  6:00 Acadia Choral S.	<b>15</b> 9:00 Literacy  6:30 Coyote Group	<b>16</b> 12:00 Al-Anon	<b>17</b>  6pm AA	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>9-1 RE office hours</b> <b>9:00 PASA</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship Service</b>  <b><u>Annual Congo. Mtg!!</u></b>	<b>20</b> 3:00 Violin lessons  7:00 St. Augustine	<b>21</b> 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon  6:00 Acadia Choral S.	<b>22</b> 9:00 Literacy  4-7:30 Hancock Co. Library Board (Sanctuary) 6:30 Coyote Group	<b>23</b> 12:00 Al-Anon	<b>24</b>  6pm AA	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9-1 RE office hours</b>  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Plate-Split</b> <b>ARE Disc. After service</b>	<b>27</b> 3:00 Violin lessons  7:00 St. Augustine	<b>28</b> 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon  6:00 Acadia Choral S.	<b>29</b> 9:00 Literacy  6:30 Coyote Group	<b>30</b>  6:30 -10 Audubon (Sanctuary)	<b>31</b>  6pm AA 6:30-9 pm Int'l club of Hancock Co.	

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**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.**

