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A Month of Sundays

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

June 6. *Flower Communion*

Join us as we come together to celebrate our transition to summer through the beautiful living metaphor of the flower!

Tom Grogan, DREE

Potluck

June 13. *GLBT Pride*

Dawn Fortune.

June 20. The service will be lead by Sara Huisjen

June 27. TBA

[If anyone has **ideas or suggestions for guest speakers** over the summer, please get in touch with Dawn Fortune at bbginanp@roadrunner.com.]

Drumming Circle

Next month we will be drumming in East Blue Hill with other drummers to celebrate the solstice together and join in another 8,000 drums event. Eileen Mielenhausen will be coordinating, so look for further information to be forwarded as her plans come into greater focus.

Remember to put June 20th on your calendar, and to note that the time will be a bit different:

12:00 -2:00 p.m.

Ellsworth area drummers are welcome to meet up at the Ellsworth UU at 11:30 a.m. to carpool to the gathering spot.

Anne N. Ossanna

Answer the Phone!

Just a reminder. If you are socializing with friends before church in the foyer or hall, and the phone rings, please answer it. It could be an important message for someone or a newcomer asking for directions to UUCE. Please don't let it just ring until the answering machine kicks in.

Thanks.

Lifespan Religious Education & Exploration

It's hard to believe that it's June already, wow! I want to offer my sincere appreciation for the wonderful way that you have all made me feel at home and truly a part of this community. Thanks especially to those who helped out in April so that I could visit my family in Central New York State and to help my mom move to a new apartment.

Beginning on June 16th I will be serving as the chaplain at Ferry Beach, a UU camp and conference center in Saco Maine. This is a summer position and I look forward to returning to you in the fall. I hope many of you will choose to come down to visit me and take the opportunity to get to know Ferry Beach if you don't already know it. I haven't quite decided how but I do plan on keeping connected with you over the summer, possibly through a blog that I will set-up. I'll let you know through our weekly E-news once I have set that up.

In the meantime we will be approaching many of you to ask if you might be willing to deepen your relationship with our children and youth by teaching (facilitating) one of our children or youth groups for a period of time beginning next fall. Please don't wait to be asked. Our children and youth are very aware of their lack of connection to our adults and would love to get to know you better. Spending time with them for a few Sunday mornings during the year is a great way that you can let them know you want to be a part of their lives within this community.

TidBits

I enjoyed attending our District's Spring Conference in New Hampshire and was lucky enough to spend quite a bit of time with the Northern New England Religious Education consultant. It was wonderful to meet Religious Education directors from around our district!

Our Adult RE Committee has met and drafted a fall schedule, more news about that soon.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or would just like to say "Hi!" I hope you will get in touch with me. I am in the office, unless I have a

scheduled meeting, from 12:00PM to 4:00PM every Wednesday and Friday until June 11th. I am more than happy to meet at other times by appointment or by telephone. My home number is 990-2612. I will leave a note on the white board on the RE office door if I know that I will be out of the office for a planned meeting.

June 2010 Adult Education Offerings

All will be held at UUCE on Sundays from Noon - 1:30 PM, except potluck Sundays

June 13th - The Powers that Be - Theology for a New Millennium - by Walter Wink

1st of 2 sessions - Book Discussion Facilitators: Sara Huisjen & Jon Thomas

June 20th - The Powers that Be - Theology for a New Millennium - by Walter Wink

2nd of 2 sessions - Book Discussion Facilitators: Sara Huisjen & Jon Thomas

Intergenerational Services

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Events

June 6th RE Advisory Team meeting, 12:00PM

Tom Grogan, DREE



Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

Well, it is almost June. In the middle of this month I will be putting up the sign-up poster for our August stint of working at the Pantry every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during that month. That is 13 mornings from 8 a.m. to at the latest 11 a.m. We need 4 people for each of those days. That is 52 people slots that need to be filled. It is rewarding work (fun too) and our greatest social action commitment of the year. So get out your calendars and think about what day or days you can help out. Obviously we need some people to work more than one day to get the job done. Last year I didn't have to twist a single person's arm, and we had most of the slots filled before August 1. If you have any questions please talk with me on a Sunday morning, or call me at 244-3520.

Thanks, Judy Rothrock, Food Pantry Coordinator

A Word from your Flower Coordinator

I want to thank all of you for the beautiful flowers you have been bringing to services this spring. As flower coordinator, it is helpful to me to know they are coming so please give me a call or send an e-mail ahead of time if you think of it. Also, I am looking for volunteers I could call to bring flowers if I am not able to attend a service or have a shortage in my own garden. Please e-mail me at pkvolckhausen@escrap.com if you want to be on that list. And thanks again. It gives me the greatest of pleasure to coordinate the alter flowers for UUCE.

Karen Volckhausen

Community Connections

Karen Brammer, our UUA Northern New England small church consultant has just spent three very full days with us. At her meeting with the Board she shared the following reading.

“Hope is a dimension of the soul....An orientation of the spirit, an orientation of the heart. It transcends the world that is immediately experienced and is anchored somewhere beyond its horizons...It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how its turns out.”

Vaclav Havel

Joey Ossanna is home from college (happy Anne)---wonder who might be our next returning college student, perhaps Keith Fisher. It will be wonderful seeing them again.

Eileen Brennen, her daughter Bronwen Kaldro, and Lance Funderburk have been meeting weekly to play their recorders.

Sally Bell's and John Fink's daughter Dr. Katherine Connor is soon to visit. John says in order to “molest their barn”. I think he means to help clear out stuff, lots of stuff.

Evelyn Foster hosted 14 prom goers for a pre-prom dinner and some of their parents too. One of these was her granddaughter. Hope we get to see some pictures of the festivities.

Pam Farrar's son Evan is getting married on July 1. Congratulations!

It is wonderful having Doug and Candace Bird back with us on Sunday mornings.

Landscape Update

Matt Slater and I spent a happy Saturday, the 15th, digging many holes for the astillbie and crane's bill geraniums. Plus Matt took down some hanging branches and used his weed wacker, skillfully avoiding flowering ground cover.

Thanks to the UU friends who said they would be able to water during the week. I'll be checking out equipment some more as it was a surprise that the soaker hose for the front of the church had a huge split. I'll put on an end stopper as well as try to attach a new threaded end to the green hose. Spring time chores. And the new wing does of course have a water nozzle. Thank you David Towle for the foresight of keeping the well attached for watering. Note: Don't drink from the hose!

Spring Clean Up Outside: Saturday, June 5th, 9:30 to 2 pm, unless it pours. Rain date 6/19.

During the summer and fall as the beds die back we will use the gifted funds put aside last fall for dried cow manure and mixtures so that ground cover vinca minor/perriwinkle will go in. In the fall we would be delighted with "friendship plants" such as violets, lily of the valley, violas if you care to add to the ground cover. I love Kally's sweet woodruf.

"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience."
R. W. Emerson

Sue Clark, head digger and fellow gardeners:
Charles Bassett, Kay Wilkins, Matt Slater, Mike Tansey -Great little lilac (Miss Kim) and advisor:
Evelyn Foster

Worship Committee News

Worship is what sets a church apart from any other charitable or altruistic organization. Worship feeds our souls. It allows us reflection, contemplation and inspiration. What we do on Sunday mornings in each other's company is a sacred and magnificent act. With this in mind, I have been recruiting members to serve on the worship committee. In this time of transition, it is especially important that we have ministry and worship on Sunday mornings and not a series of academic lectures. It is also important to make sure that our worship experience is of a top-notch quality and does not devolve into a series of well-intended but amateur attempts. Worship is serious business. We must care for each other, treat each other with respect and dignity and with gentle hands and kind hearts. We must work together to make sure our worship experience is all that it can be and that it meets the needs of the people in the congregation while adhering to our principles.

The worship Committee has a large task ahead of it. I expect we will meet before the end of this month to discuss some standards for worship and to make plans to educate ourselves and schedule speakers through the summer months. It is my goal to have the fall schedule settled before mid-summer. I think our committee has good people who can make that happen.

Please bear with us as we grow into this task and this role. We know that there will be a learning curve and that we will not be perfect every time. If we ask for help with specific tasks, please consider saying yes. Together we can make sure our worship experience is the best it can be.

Thank you.
Dawn

Notes from the Leadership Development Committee

Hi there--all members and friends—Zoe Weil's service (May 16) inspired us to dream of ways of being useful and giving of our creativity and talents. At this time of year we hope everyone will reflect on the tasks that need to be done and the talents you might donate to the life of UUCE.

The Leadership Development Committee has the responsibility of oversight of all volunteer work that goes toward the functioning of our community. We are beginning a new church year having just elected new officers and board members. This is an excellent time to get on a new committee or make plans to volunteer for some task that you see that needs to be done. Maybe you need to rest and be nurtured this year. Maybe you are doing work that interests you and want to stay on the committee that you are on. Please let someone on the LDC know what you are thinking.

There are some specific opportunities for service in several areas. How can you help?

Landscaping—watering the gardens, planting, general clearing and cleanup

Small crew to setup and cleanup for monthly pot luck. This involves no more than two hours a month and gets easier as you learn the ropes!

Coffee hour---eight people to take a turn at overseeing coffee hour on a regular basis. The directions are clear and easy. Two people make this a one hour commitment once a month.

Care committee—this is a very rewarding experience and involves writing cards, visiting and often taking food or flowers to those in need. This committee has special importance in the absence of a regular minister. It is functioning well at this point but needs a coordinator.

Membership----this is the first face of the congregation to newcomers. The membership committee encourages hospitality, provides and trains greeters for weekly services, produces the church directory and offers membership to UU's new to our area and newcomers to the UU faith.

Worship committee members---this committee obtains lay and professional leaders, plans,

coordinates and attends to the general atmosphere of all aspects of our worship services..

Stewardship—this is a task force which will plan and organize our planned giving for the fiscal year. Our congregation relies on the effectiveness of this committee to provide for the financial needs of the church.

If you have been looking around and see something that needs to be done make a call or just do it. The rewards are amazing. After all we are all part of this extended church family and we make it what it is. Our church will be as well ordered, as happy, as well cared for and function just to the extent that we all get in and do what needs to be done.

As you read this and see one of the listed jobs please go the next step and call someone on the Committee on Leadership to ask questions or volunteer. You will be referred to some very grateful person who will help you. Giving of yourself makes you forget your own troubles and connects you to others in a very useful way. Together we make this church what it is! Yes, we do!

Committee on Leadership:

Marta Rieman 667-7584

Diana Cate 667-2901

Bill/Sue Clark (244-3051)

Don Martin (664-0309)

Evelyn Foster (667-5998)



Peace and Social Action Committee News

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The **Restorative Justice Project (RJP)** is expanding to Hancock and Washington Counties. The mission of the Restorative Justice Project is “to bring about a cultural shift in the way that the community, law enforcement, and the justice system work together to address crime and punishment”. Their primary activity locally is currently the mentoring of men released from the Waldo County Jail into their re-entry program in Hancock and Washington counties. A volunteer mentoring training program will begin in Ellsworth on June 1, 2010. For more information, see www.rjpmidcoast.org or phone the Restorative Justice Project at (207) 338-2742.

Lynne Hutchinson, volunteer coordinator of the Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast described the work of RJP at the May 16 meeting of the Peace and Social Action Committee (PASA). Any UUCEE who would like to participate in the RJP work, please contact Lynne directly at 338-2742 and/or let us in PASA know, especially Mike Tansy.

Volunteers for Hancock Jail Residents (VHJR) has been doing similar work in Hancock County since its founding in 2001 by Judy Garvey. They are also looking for volunteers and engage in a variety of projects with both men and women in the Hancock County jail system. See <http://www.jailvolunteers.org/> or contact them at 207-374-3608 or bluehillme@roadrunner.com.

Thank you.

- Martha Dickinson for PASA, marthad@zwi.net

MORE PASA NEWS

Everybody Eats has ongoing need for new volunteers. EE has been feeding 75 to 100 people every Monday for about a year. There are two shifts for volunteers: 11 am to 3 pm for the cooking and setup crews, and 3 pm to 7 pm for the serving and cleanup crew. We need head chefs as well as potato peelers and dish washers. It's lots of fun with a wonderful bunch of volunteers and friendly and appreciative eaters. The whole community is welcome to eat, without questions. Meals are currently served 3 pm to 6 pm, so drop by any time, and eat and meet the crew. Donations are always welcome but not required. For more information, see <http://everybodyeats4free.blogspot.com/> or contact the

volunteer coordinator, Marian Wells, at sagegirlmsw@aol.com.

Green Burials were discussed briefly at the May meeting of PASA. The committee felt that we should have a program soon – either a worship service, if the presenter can do that, or an afternoon program. The presenter would be Eva Thompson of Camden, who is a UU and is soon to be ordained as an interfaith minister. She has given both worship services and workshops. For more information, see <http://fcamaine.net/> and please let us know if you are interested.

The **next meeting** of the Peace and Social Action Committee is Sunday, **June 27**, at 9 AM in the RE wing. Please let us know your concerns and passions, and attend if you can.

- Martha Dickinson, for PASA

A Note from Anne Funderburk

As Unitarian Universalists, we tend to be independent thinkers, not often given to complete agreement on the various thorny issues which confront us. This occasionally leads to argument and even dissension within our congregation. But there is one characteristic which holds us together more strongly than disagreement can ever divide us. That is our devotion to caring for members of our church who are in need. Lance and I experienced this passion for personal ministry over the past few weeks, when we were both so sick that neither of us could care for the other. At first I was scared, but almost immediately the members of our UU family of choice swung into action. You brought cooked meals, did our marketing, helped with laundry, even organized our trash in time for Thursday pick-up. You sent cheerful cards, beautiful flowers, and called us for updates. We felt loved and cared for beyond our wildest dreams.

Let us use this tremendous compassion for one another to lead us out of the recent storms which have rocked our congregation. Let us remember to apply our Seven Principles in all our affairs. We are good at talking the talk; now let us walk the walk.

With heartfelt gratitude for your loving care, Anne S. Funderburk

From the Care Corner

Bob Dickens has a new granddaughter, Niamh. Niamh is the sister of Nolan. .

Peg Walker is improving, and is working on speech therapy.

BJ MacMichael's daughter and son are spending time with her. Her son is in the military and will soon be shipped out.

Jim Walker is back in the hospital with congestive heart failure.

Anne Funderburk shared her deep appreciation of food, cards and general caring of this congregation during her recent illness and Lance's post-operative recovery.

Suzanne Forest came through back surgery well, but has developed pneumonia in both lungs. She is home, but would like a phone call before any visits since she tires easily and needs lots of rest.

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Annual Parish Meeting

Our annual parish meeting was held Sunday, May 16 with 44 out of 80 members in attendance.

Ruth Eveland reported on the ministerial transition being planned which will include a session with Karen Brammer next week after church and a series of congregational conversations this summer and fall.

Dawn Fortune, chair of the Worship Committee, is forming her committee which will meet by the end of the month with the goal of filling the pulpit for the summer. She will be asking people from the congregation for help with various tasks.

The results of the election for 2010/2011 Board officers and members are:

President – Diana Cate

Vice President – Beth Allen

Secretary – Karen Volckhausen

Treasurer – Don Martin

Trustee – Cynthia Perkins

Trustee – Jen Ryan

Don Martin reported that there is a short fall of approximately \$5000 this year. He will be sending out pledge statements soon and asking people for additional donations.

The 2010/2011 budget was reviewed followed by discussion. Some of the highlights of the discussion were: approving the budget today vs. waiting a month; hiring a minister vs. meeting with each other first and working internally; decreasing staff hours vs. not given the staff's vital role; concern about replacing the furnace. The budget passed 30 to 7.

Ruth reminded people that she has a hymnal in which she would like everyone to mark their favorite hymns and readings. It will eventually be the property of the church.

Sue Clark is looking for volunteers to help water plants over the summer. Please get in touch with her if you are interested.

Dorothy Jordan will be chairman for shortfall fundraising. She has several ideas and would love some help.

Diana Cate made a motion to thank Ruth for her devoted service to the board and the church. This passed with a standing ovation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Message from the President

What's Next

We are a warm, caring community. Through sickness and in times of death we take care of each other. We are good people who love and value our UUCE community. Now we have some work to do. Our worship services have been well attended and people seem engaged and ready to go. Where we go, and how, is the question.

The first issue we need to address is communication. And by we, I mean all of us – the congregation and the Board of Trustees. We have, in the past, often swept things under the rug rather than engaging in honest and direct discourse. The Board was guilty of this, especially in matters involving the minister, in an effort to preserve confidentiality and in hope of a better future.

Productive communication is a tricky thing. First it has to be done in a respectful way, acknowledging the humanity and feelings of all involved. It has to be sustained long enough to reach an agreed upon goal. It has to be honest.

The Board will soon have a plan to facilitate small group discussions. We want to hear from you, and want you to hear from us. This is a two way street. And of course I am always open to speak with you in person or by phone.

The next important issue is worship. To sustain good services without a minister, week after week, is a very challenging job. The Worship Committee will be asking for your help. I know we are up to the job. Dawn Fortune and her committee will do their very best to provide meaningful services.

In the future the Board wishes to continue down the path that Ruth Eveland set for us. This includes wrestling with the questions, “Who are we”? What are we called to do? Who will we serve? What will that service look like? How will we be with each other? How will we present ourselves in the larger community?”

The Board created portfolio clusters: Stewardship, Community Building, and Outreach. The Board

members of each “cluster” were charged with developing concepts that could be implemented by the church as a whole. For more information please refer to the Message from the President in the April 2010 NUUS.

Eventually we plan to have a vision and a mission that we will ask the congregation to work with for a year. It can be refined as needed, but hopefully we will finally be going down the path to be the Beacon of Liberal Religion in Downeast Maine.

In service,
Diana J. Cate
President of the Board of Trustees

Membership Committee Notes

The directory is being revised and will be going to the printer in June.

Correct names addresses, phones and emails help us to stay in touch with each other.

Look for the draft in the community room after the service or call Judy Rothrock 244-3520

If you are new to the church and want to be in the directory please let us know. Directories come out once a year so it is important to make appropriate changes and additions now.

New members will be welcomed into the fellowship in July. . Classes will be held for those new to UU in June. Transferring members may join by arrangement. If you are interested in joining the church or have questions please call Evelyn Foster (667-5998) or Judy Rothrock (244-3520).



From the Board

BOT meeting May 13, 2010 with the following present: Ruth Eveland, President; Diana Cate, Vice-President; Tom Martin, Treasurer; Karen Volckhausen, Secretary; Eileen Brennan, Cynthia Perkins, Judy Rothrock, Anne Ossanna, John Fink, Tom Grogan, DLRE&E; Karen Brammer, small church consultant from NNED

Housekeeping issues

The annual parish meeting agenda was set: elections, treasurer's report, approval of the budget, plan for congregational processing over the minister's resignation and report from Worship Committee.

The board appointed Anne Ossanna as board liaison to Dawn Fortune of the Worship Committee. The need to fill the pulpit and the weekly duties necessary to get ready for the service are daunting. So far Dawn has been working alone. We will support her in forming a committee. Anne will suggest to her that she hold some type of forum for input from the congregation about the kind of services they want.

Announcements and short questions

Leela's name is still on the sign. Don will talk to David Towle about removing it.

Treasurer's report

See Treasurer's Corner

DLRE&E's report

A successful pizza and movie night was held on April 16. There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm. Tom attended the NNED meeting in New Hampshire with his daughter, Kaleigh, Diana Cate and Karen Volckhausen. The sessions on RE were excellent.

There will be an Advisory Committee meeting on June 6.

The rest of the meeting was spent in executive session with Karen Brammer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Volckhausen, Secretary

Treasurer's Corner

We are completing our Pledge Drive for the 2010 – 2011 church year. I am projecting the total to be \$73,000 in pledges. This is the lowest amount in five years. Last year's total was \$90,000 in pledges. Several things have contributed to this decline. Membership is down to only 79 with only 72 pledging units. The biggest problem is that for the present canvass, we did not have a stewardship committee. We need to start now to find a chairperson and committee members for next year to start working on a plan to rebuild this effort. If we want professional ministry, we are going to have to display our willingness to support it financially, not just by a few but by everyone.

I am still projecting a deficit of \$5,000 for the month of June. Several of you have come forward with extra contributions towards eliminating the deficit. Please consider making an extra donation towards this year's expenses. It is important that we complete this church year in the black. It would be helpful if you have a balance due on your pledge to complete your promise.

For those who missed the May 16th congregational meeting, here is a report on our endowment with the Maine Community Foundation as of March 31, 2010. On January 1, 2009, our investment had fallen to \$129,294. By the end of December we had rebounded to \$153,749 which is a \$24,455 gain. By the end of March, 2010, we had improved to \$157,949 which is a \$4,200 gain. We had to withdraw \$7,500 for the stove hood. Due to the present financial climate, it is George Marcus' opinion that we cannot assume our investments will continue going up at this rate. It still is not bad for a conservative investment.

I apologize for not sending out your third quarter pledge statements as promised. We had a computer crash and it took time to reconstruct everything. By now you should have received your statement through the end of April. Please review it carefully. If you have any questions, please call me.

This is a challenging time for the church. We need to get a firm handle on our finances and decide what course we will take in the future as a congregation. I am confident that we will rise to the occasion as we have done in the past and make our church a stronger and better community. We can do this with everyone's commitment to contribute in whatever way they can. We are still accepting additions to pledges for next year. If you would like to increase your pledge for next year, I will be most happy to make that change for you.

Don Martin
Treasurer

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 Little Acorn 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon	2 8:00 Little Acorn 6:00 Celtic musicians 6:30 Coyote Group	3 12:00 Al-Anon	4 7:00 Little Acorn 6:00 AA	5 1:30 Violin recital
6 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Potluck	7 8:00 Little Acorn 3:00 Violin lessons	8 8:00 Little Acorn 8:00 Hospice mtg. 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon	9 8:00 Little Acorn 1:00 Violin recital 6:00 Celtic musicians 6:30 Coyote Group	10 12:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Board Meeting	11 6:00 AA	12 8:45 a.m. Violin lessons 9:00 DTA workshop 12 p.m. LINK arts celebration
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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.**

