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A Month of Services in July

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

Sunday, July 5 *This is what life does...*

Rev. Sara Huisjen, Worship Leader

This month's worship theme is *PLAY: the practice of celebrating life*. When was the last time you did something, or made something, or played a game simply for the sake of having fun & enjoying life? Does "play" have a place in your life? Do you think it should? How, if at all, does playing help to replenish your sense of vitality and soulfulness? Come consider these questions as we challenge each other to live our lives with a more rooted sense of wonder and joy.

Sunday, July 12 *The thing is to love life...*

Rev. Sara Huisjen, Worship Leader

UUUCE Choir will sing!

When times are tough, what is it that helps you to recover or remember (literally piece back together) a sense of gratitude about life? How is the transformative work of grieving and letting go so often a means by which to come back around to revering life and living more fully in it?

Sunday, July 19

Rev. Allen Meyers, UCC Minister & Guest Worship Leader

"Play is the serious business of childhood" (Piaget). Some musings about play in our lives, and the loss of playfulness as "adult" responsibilities begin to define who we are or who we think we are supposed to be. I invite you to think about your own sense of play, and how it might be different from recreation, and how it might be the same.

Sunday, July 26

Shake It Off Rev. Erika Hewitt, Guest Worship Leader

Please join us for a Multi-generation, All Church Picnic at Lamoine Beach at 1pm

How do we let go of what no longer serves us, or what gets in the way of our wholeness and well-being? When something or someone in our life isn't serving us, how do we hold on to ourselves, and our relationships without going crazy?

Rev. Erika Hewitt divides her ministry between the Midcoast UU Fellowship in Damariscotta; the Unitarian Universalist Association's Worship Web (uua.org/worship), and a whole lotta beautiful Maine weddings.

Ministry Matters



On Sunday June 21st, the day of the Summer Solstice and Father's Day, we began our worship service together at UUCE by lighting a candle in honor of the nine people killed at the Emanuel AMC Church in Charleston, SC. Every day since this tragic shooting—what was a racially motivated act of domestic terrorism—I've begun my day by saying the names of these people out loud, people who were ministers, and sons, and fathers, and daughters, and mothers; people beloved by their families *and* their entire faith community. For the next several weeks, I'll *keep* doing this, keep saying their names out loud, one small act and discipline to keep calling me *back* to engagement with what happened there, as overwhelming as it can be.

And *after* church on that same Sunday, 15 or so people gathered for an hour-long conversation in the sanctuary (all were invited to attend). We came together to talk about this senseless tragedy and to begin to ask ourselves how *we*, as individuals and members & friends of our UU faith community in Ellsworth, ME, want and *need* to respond: What is our place in doing racial justice work? Who are local allies we might reach out to and work with? What footholds into action can we come up with now and engage in as early expressions of our commitment to be *doing* this work? What's our longer term vision for engagement? Where do we begin with trying to untangle the intersecting justice issues of gun violence and racism? How can we begin having *hard* and *uncomfortable* but necessary conversations about power & privilege as a part of seeing more clearly what our *own* work is to do?

It's clear that there are no easy, comfortable answers. And still, I'm grateful this difficult conversation is underway, what I hope & trust will be the first of many in the weeks and months to come. I'm grateful that folks planning to attend vigils this week have agreed to share their experiences with us. Please look for their reflections on our UUCE Facebook Group page (email me if you want to added to this group at sara@uuellsworth.org) and in our Wednesday emails sent out to a List serve of members & friends (again, send me your info if you want to be included).

Other folks at the meeting on Sunday agreed to follow up with organizations & groups that might help us arrange for workshops & trainings at UUCE about being allies and better equipped to engage people with whom we disagree. I'm grateful to Beth Allen, UUCE member who works for *Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America*, who is committed to helping us find ways to act, too. I encourage all of us to begin sharing resource (links to articles, videos, and community events) that might help us each better understand the complexities of these issues as we look for ways to act, alone and together. I am grateful for your presence, courage and commitment.

Yours, in shared faith,

Sara

PS I will be on vacation beginning Monday, July 13 for a week, returning to work on Tuesday, July 21st.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – SAVE THIS DATE
WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!
A JOYOUS CELEBRATION!**

We are celebrating the **Installation of The Reverend Sara Huisjen** as our called and settled minister. Service with reception to follow Sunday, September 20, 2015 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth.

PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR - NOW!

Sara had been a valued member of our congregation for more than eight years - first as community minister serving as chaplain for Hospice of Hancock County, then as our contract minister, and NOW as our called and settled minister. We have come to know her and to love her. She brings too many wonderful qualities to list in this space. We are privileged to have her with us on a permanent basis. This is cause for celebration.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - To make this happen, we are forming a committee - volunteers to make the party happen and volunteers to provide home hospitality for guests coming from a distance. Please express your interest via email to Bill Clark - snbclark@roadrunner.com. Thank you.
- Committee on Ministry

From the Board of Trustees



Summary of UUCE Board of Trustees Meeting - June 11, 2015 and update from the Special Parish Meeting held June 14, 2015

The UUCE Office keeps paper copies of BOT minutes, and our monthly newsletter contains a summary of the latest minutes. The Board of Trustees will work on storing minutes online over the course of the next church year.

Fire Safety: At its May meeting, the Board of Trustees heard a report from Don Martin explaining that the Ellsworth Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Marshall stated that sprinklers are not required in the community room. The officials recommended that the church install a new “addressable fire panel” to replace the current panel that is not functioning. The new panel will be monitored electronically 24/7 by the Maine Fire Protection Systems company. New smoke detectors will be installed throughout the entire church building compatible with the new system (wireless in the sanctuary). In addition the company recommended that the fire panel be moved out of the boiler room and into the church office. **At the June 14th Special Parish Meeting** the congregation approved a motion to authorize up to \$10,000 being used from the MCF investment fund to cover the cost of these urgent fire safety upgrades.

Community Room Renovation: An update from the task force working on the community room renovations addressed concerns raised by the congregation at the May 31 2015 Parish Meeting. **At the special Parish Meeting on June 14th** the congregation voted to authorize up to \$15000.00 to be taken from the MCF investment fund for the community room renovation and instructed the task force to make any changes they deemed necessary to complete the project.

The Wayside Pulpit: Don Martin reported that Mac MacDonald has agreed to take over the management of our Wayside Pulpit. THANK YOU MAC!

Fiscal Matters: The treasurer's report was accepted after a review of May's budget statement. We are on track for ending the fiscal year with a small surplus. Peggy Strong will begin a monthly article in the NUUS called "Money Matters" where she discusses relevant financial topics to UUCE. There was also agreement to refer two items to the Fiscal Matters Committee:



1. setting up a planned giving subcommittee, and
2. better defining the operation of our MCF endowment and rules for occasional use for infrastructure upgrades and other urgent expenses.

Amy Fiorilli, Board Secretary

Here is our new board secretary Amy and her daughter Lilliana

Lifespan Religious Education



Summer greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing!

Our 2014-2015 Church School ended June 7th with RE Sunday. The children did a magnificent job performing Kumba, the Boy Afraid to Try. Many thanks to Penelope Houghton and Cecily Judd who provided the colorful costumes and jewelry for the play.

Please join me in a heartfelt THANK YOU to the following Volunteer Teachers who taught this church school year: Beth Allen; Eileen Brennan; Bill Clark; Bob Dickens; Amy Fiorilli; Casey Hanson; Rev Sara; Cecily Judd; Kim LaPlant; Jody Murphy; Carol Rosinski; Jenn Ryan; Liz True; and Lisa Whittemore. Our teachers have spent hours preparing lesson plans and the classrooms for church school. They missed meaningful worship services and provided loving care for the youngest members of our congregation. A huge THANK YOU also to Eryn, Lynne, Mikayla and Vincent for volunteering as Teacher's Assistants.

Much appreciation also goes to the 2014-2015 Religious Education Committee. With the skillful leadership of RE Committee Chair Lisa Whittemore, the committee accomplished much work to position us to expand our RE offerings. Committee Members include: Eileen Brennan; Amy Fiorilli; Evelyn Foster; Casey Hanson; Jody Murphy; Carol Rosinski; Jenn Ryan; Liz True; and Lisa Whittemore.



DR. SUESS THEOLOGY

I am excited about our summer program, which begins July 5th. DR. SUESS THEOLOGY explores our UU values through Dr. Seuss children's books. This curriculum was adapted from Rev. Helen Zidowecki's *Backyard to the Universe, Dr. Seuss and UU's*. **I am looking for volunteers each Sunday to read and lead a discussion or activity.** Please see me if you would like to join us some Sunday in the RE Wing.

On July 11th we will be doing a service project. We will meet at UUCE at 10:00 am and head over to the home of Helen Kazura to stack 2 cords of wood for her. We will be back to UUCE by 1:00 pm. Drivers needed.

I hope all of you can be at Lamoine Beach on Sunday July 26th for our Family and Friends Multigenerational Midsummer Gathering. This will be a potluck, grills are available. It promises to be a fun afternoon of good food, good people and good times.

Woyaya - Anne

July Religious Education Calendar

- ✓ **July 5th:** Dr. SUESS THEOLOGY - Creating stovepipe hats showing Each Person is Important
- ✓ **July 11th:** RE Service Project - Meet at UUCE at 10:00 am to stack wood. Drivers needed.
- ✓ **July 12th:** Dr. SEUSS THEOLOGY - And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street - Everyone is important; church is a place where we learn together.
- ✓ **July 19th:** Dr. SEUSS THEOLOGY - 500 Hats Of Bartholomew Cubbies - We are fair and kind to each other.
- ✓ **July 26th:** Dr. SEUSS THEOLOGY- Butter Battle - We treat people with justice and equality, we help make the world better for everyone. Family and Friends Multigenerational Midsummer Gathering at Lamoine Beach.

Something broken, not working?



Let me know by filling out a Work Order. These are in a folder on the Bulletin Board in the Schwalbe Room (Community Room).

Just give it to Alison or put it in the Building Maintenance slot in the box on the wall opposite the kitchen.

Many thanks.

John Fink

Money Matters



First, thank you the opportunity to serve as Treasurer. This month has been a very busy one in which to take up my new position and I apologize for this abbreviated report.

Thanks to Don Martin's fiscal responsibility for many years we are in a good financial state. I hope I can do as good a job as he has done. Thank you, Don, for your six years of service.

In May we had a positive balance of revenue over expense. At this time of year, when pledges drop off and we have some big expenses, this is a very positive sign. I believe we will end the year with a balance sufficient to balance the FY15/16 budget.

Peggy Strong, Treasurer

Have you been a "visitor" of UUCE?

*Do you find yourself drawn to the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth?*

*Do you feel a connection to our
"Welcoming congregation" and our delightful minister, Sara?*

Have you ever wondered...

"How can I become a part of this wonderful place?"

Well... we invite you to become a member of UUCE!

We will be recognizing new members during our regular service,

July 12th, 2015

Please contact Rev. Sara Huisjen

(207) 610-2872 /sara@uuelsworth.org

Hours: Wed, 10am-2pm or by appointment

JUSTICE FOR THE RIVER

Stand with the Penobscot Nation in Defense of Their River!

A Brief Recent History:

1970s: Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes sue the State of Maine for the theft of aboriginal territory.

1974: Under The Trade and Non-Intercourse Act—a federal law requiring any and all land transactions with an Indian person or tribe be ratified by Congress—it is proven that all land transactions between the State of Maine and Indian Nations were null and void. Nearly two-thirds of the State of Maine—millions of acres of land—still belonged to the Indians!

1980: The federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act, the largest land claim of its kind at that point in time, settles that tribes would receive \$81,500,000—which they have used to buy back a small portion of their original territories. The Act was intended to stop the further taking of Indian Territory and to strengthen tribal sovereignty and tribal-state relations, but instead has been used as a tool by the State to further oppress the tribes. Problems between the state, the tribes, and the interpretation of the law were almost immediate. Since 1980 there have been over a dozen court cases due to conflict in interpretation.

1988: Then-Attorney General James T. Tierney recognizes the Penobscot River as reservation waters, owned by the Penobscot Nation.

2012: In August, 2012, the Penobscot Chief and Council received a letter from Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Commissioner Chandler Woodcock, accompanied by a supporting opinion issued by then-Attorney General William J. Schneider. It was the State's opinion/interpretation that the ancient reservation, which is comprised of more than 200 islands in the Penobscot River, did NOT include the Water!

*The Penobscot people are an **ancient riverine culture that has lived in synergy with the river for thousands of years** before the disruption of European encroachment. Like other indigenous peoples of the Americas who have been subjected to genocide and conquest, **the heritage and culture of the native peoples of Maine need protection and respect, not continued assault.***

The State of Maine needs to stop its ridiculous assertion that the ancient Penobscot Indian Nation does not include its ancestral waterways.

The Penobscots have been guaranteed their right to their lands and sustenance fishing repeatedly in treaties, including the 1775 Treaty of Watertown, which recognized the Penobscots' role in the American Revolution.

An 1831 Supreme Court decision held that Native American tribes retain all their sovereign powers except those specifically taken from them by Congress. The land claims settlement did not specifically take away the River and these rights!

The Penobscot peoples are the best stewards for the River’s health, ensuring that it can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Led by Pierce Atwood attorney Matt Manahan, **these interveners are asking a judge to determine that the Penobscot reservation does not include any portion of the Penobscot River!**

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| The City of Brewer | Lincoln Pulp and Tissue LLC |
| Town of Bucksport | Lincoln Sanitary District, |
| Covanta Maine, LLC, | Town of Mattawamkeag |
| Town of East Millinocket | Town of Millinocket |
| Great Northern Paper Company, LLC, | <i>Town of Orono (withdrew from suit)</i> |
| Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary District | Red Shield Acquisition LLC, |
| Town of Howland | True Textiles, Inc.. |
| Kruger Energy (USA) Inc. | Veazie Sewer District |
| Town of Lincoln | Verso Paper Corp. |

ATTEND public hearings in intervener towns.

WRITE LETTERS to town officials and company leaders.

URGE them to remove their town or organization from the list of interveners!

For more information check:
www.defendingwater.net/maine



Maine Lobster Dinner

Please join us on August 1st at 4:00 pm at Cynthia Perkins home in Sullivan for a casually elegant evening on the beautiful Downeast coast for a traditional Maine Lobster Dinner. Enjoy Maine made appetizers with a libation or two while listening to live music while your dinner is being prepared over an open fire. A hearty meal of Lobster or BBQ Chicken, fresh corn, new potatoes, home-made coleslaw or pasta salad and blueberry cake or fresh fruit will be served. Wine, Maine beer, lemonade and water infused with herbs and fruit will be available. Ticket sales begin on July 5th. Only 55 tickets will be sold at \$55.00 each to benefit our beloved UUCE. Please see Don Martin to purchase your tickets.

Enjoy 3 Sunday Afternoon Hikes w/ Rev. Sara Huisjen



**COME ENJOY THIS GORGEOUS PLACE WHERE WE LIVE!
3 Sunday Afternoon Hikes & Visiting Together with Rev. Sara &
Your UUCE Friends**

Leave together from UUCE or meet at trailheads (and/or other designated spots) at 1pm

Back by popular demand, this summer we're planning more hiking, swimming & picnicking adventures together and we hope you'll join us! For more information, contact Rev. Sara at sara@uuellsworth.org or 667-4393. All are welcome!

FYI, Change in venue for 7/26 Picnic:

July 26th: SWIMMING & PICNIC at Lamoine Beach! Bring your lunch, your bathing suit, games to play on the lawn and plan to enjoy this beautiful beach with picnic tables, grills & convenient, very nearby parking. Families & all generations of people are welcome!

August 9th: SCHOODIC HEAD TRAIL on the Schoodic Peninsula in Winter Harbor! Meet at the picnic table area with your lunch at 1pm and then plan to hike the scenic Schoodic Head Trail. Gorgeous views and granite rock ledges will take your breath away!

September 13th: GREAT HEAD & SAND BEACH in Acadia National Park! Bring your bathing suit, a lawn chair, and your lunch and meet at the beach at 1pm! Folks wanting to hike will venture off to Great Head, while others might choose to soak in the sights and sun from their lawn chairs on the beach.

Adult Religious Education Offerings

Coffee & Conversation: A Discussion of Backpacking with the Saints by Beldon Lane

Sunday, August 2nd from 8 – 9:30am at UUCE

Facilitated by Rev. Sara Huisjen

Book: Backpacking with the Saints: Wilderness Hiking as Spiritual Practice
by Beldon Lane, ISBN#: 9780199927814, \$24.95 (in hardcover)

On Friday, June 26th, I will attend a public teaching day led by Beldon Lane at the Alcyon Center in Seal Cove. (For more information see www.northeastguild.org) At the moment, I'm enjoying his book which provides an intimate glimpse into the author's experience of backpacking alone through the wilderness as a sacred practice. Beldon Lane is a retired Presbyterian minister whose writing reflects on several great spiritual classics from a wide range of faiths. If you're interested, I'd welcome the chance to be in conversation with *you* about this book. Please let me know if you plan to attend via email or phone (sara@uuellsworth.org or 667-4393). I'll gladly send you a few questions for consideration in advance of our conversation. I'll also make sure the coffee is on!



LIVING OUR FAITH: *What does that look like in your life?*

5 Wednesday Evenings, 7/1, 7/8, 7/22, 8/5 & 8/12 from 6:30-8:30pm

Rev. Sara Huisjen, Facilitating

Room for up to 12 people (minimum of 7 for class to run)

Pre-registration required by June 28th to office@uellsworth.org or 667-4393

What does it look like to be living your faith? How do you define & describe your faith?

This discussion based Adult Religious Education class will provide an opportunity for conversation and exploring together the following topics:

- ***Articulating our Faith***

(naming our ethical centers, the guiding principles re: our effort to live faithful lives),

- ***Cultivating Reverence for Life***

(care for the earth & each other, nurturing awe, attention & gratitude in our lives),

- ***On Belonging to Each Other***

(the nature of interdependence, what kinship really is & asks of us)

- ***Strengthening the Muscle of Presence***

(staying present to struggle & injustice, bearing witness, how healing happens)

- ***Being of Good Use in the World***

(responding to injustices, our small efforts & to what end)

Preparation for each class will include brief readings and questions for reflection.

For additional information, please contact Rev. Sara at sara@uellsworth.org or 610-2872.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

The Ellsworth Small Group Ministry wants to help!

The new Small Group Ministry group that meets in Ellsworth is embarking on a ministry project of linking congregants who need rides to church services and other church events with those who would be willing to provide transportation. We have noted that some of our congregants have had to stop driving permanently, or are temporarily unable to do so. Given the long distances that some congregants travel in order to participate in church, we want to do what we can to make sure that everyone who wants to get to events is able to do so.

Please call Cecily Judd at 422-9003 if you need a ride or if you would like to provide transportation for someone.



THIS MONTH!!!!

UUCE Annual Yard Sale: Saturday, July 11

Here's the perfect incentive to do your spring cleaning: you can empty your cupboards and closets of all those things that once were useful but now just clutter up your life - AND you can help our church by donating it to the yard sale.

Everyone can help with the yard sale, either by donating items that are CLEAN and IN GOOD WORKING ORDER and/or volunteering to help collect, sort, set up, price, work the sale itself or deliver anything that didn't sell to Goodwill.

Please bring your items to church and give them to Pepper. If Sundays don't work for you or you need help moving something, **contact Pepper (cell: 757-746-7874, eapepper1@aol.com)** to figure it out. We'll also start signing up volunteers to help on and a few days before July 11.

Mack MacDonald has the sign up lists with time slots.



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July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30-8:30 LOF (D) 7 pm UU Ukulele (P) 7 p.m. Coyote Group (TD)	2 12:00 AI-Anon(s)	3 <u>Office Closed</u> 12:15 – 1:15 CODA(S) 6:00 AA	4
5 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	6 6-8 Watercolor Class(D) 7 DE-NVC (TD) 7pm St.A's (Seals)	7 12:00 AI-Anon	8 12-4:30 Worship Assoc. (D) 6:30-8:30 LOF (D) 7 p.m. Coyote Group(TD) 7pm –Trad Music Jam (BR) Yard Sale Prep	9 12:00 AI-Anon(s) 5:30-8ExpressiveArts (D) Yard Sale Prep	10 Yard Sale Prep Day 6:00 AA	11 <u>YARD SALE</u> 5 – 9 UU Single Women Kit & BR
12 HUNGRY SUNDAY 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/	13 12-7 Violin (P) 7 pm St. A's (seals)	14 12:00 AI-Anon	15 3-7:30pm Violin (Penguin) 5-7 SGM (S) 7 pm Ukulele (CR) 7 p.m. Coyote Group (TD)	16 12:00 AI-Anon(s) 5:30-8ExpressiveArts (D) 6 – 8 Lifevantage(S)	17 12-4:30Violin (D) 6:00 AA	18
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