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A Month of Services in February

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

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, February 7 Being Now: Transformation through Acceptance, Curiosity & Whimsy
POTLUCK SUNDAY! UUCE Choir Sings! Molly Mercer, Worship Leader with UUCE Friends

Letting Go: *The Practice of Holding Life Lightly* is our theme for the month of February. February is the perfect month to bridge the introspective work of winter with the tease of play that spring winds bring. Most years, on the farm, the sap flow starts toward the end of February. By mid-February we are cleaning buckets and inspecting equipment, preparing for the musical dripping. Just simply, in the moment, winter lets go. Maybe the outside seems cold, frozen, unchanging, relentless—but, indeed, winter is loosening the grip, flow is starting, and one of the most magical transformations is beginning to take place.

This service will come together with many voices. You will hear words that reflect upon attachment, acceptance, lightening up, and becoming. Through personal story, sage advice, song, and poetry, we will explore some of the unique paths that guide us through our lives. Let us consider together the path that allows for the wisdom and wonder in the moment, free of deep attachments or driving passions, but rich with joy and accumulated wisdom. Please join us!

Sunday, February 14 Rev. Charles Stephens, UUCE Minister Emeritus, will lead the worship service!

Sunday, February 21 Tom Grogan, from the UU Society of Bangor, will be our Guest Worship Leader!

Several years ago, Tom Grogan served as our part-time DRE at UUCE. This Sunday, we look forward to welcoming him back to lead our worship service. Tom lives in Bangor with his wife LyAnn. They are active members of their home congregation, the UU Society of Bangor.

Sunday, February 28 *A Vast Radiance...* Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

What does it mean to hold life lightly? How do we loosen our tight grip on life when we're anxious or overwhelmed? How does any of this help us live with a renewed sense of reverence and appreciation for all that is? This service will explore these questions and encourage each us to consider the value of having a discipline contemplative spiritual practice.

Ministry Matters

This new year of 2016 is well underway, and winter has just barely arrived (and we wonder if it will arrive for real at some point?), and life and ministry in our congregation continues to feel vital and exciting to me. For my column this month, I want to share a few observations about what I'm seeing happen here as people invest themselves more and more in bringing our UU faith and church community to life.



Thanks to the leadership of Shawn (Chair) and Molly Mercer, a new GREEN TEAM is formed, bringing people together to work toward becoming a UUA certified Green Sanctuary Church. I look forward to celebrating their accomplishments in helping us become a more environmentally engaged congregation!

In mid-January, members of the Collaborative Ministry Team (CMT) met at our church to continue conversation about how best to encourage the Ellsworth, Belfast and Castine UU congregations to be working together more of the time. Out of that discussion, a few exciting possibilities and prospects have emerged: The CMT has asked the Board leaders of our respective churches to support the creation of a full-time Collaborative Ministerial Internship position for the 2016/17 church year (40 hours a week for 9 months from September 2016—June 2017). Each of our boards endorsed this idea and the CMT has submitted an application to the UUA for a matching grant to fund this new position. It's exciting to think that our churches will be a part of creating and offering a dynamic internship site for a seminarian and UU minister in training! We promise to keep you posted. (See the CMT article that Robin wrote in this month's NUUS.)

On Sunday, June 12 on the lawn of Fort Knox in Prospect (located at the approximate geographic center of our churches), our three churches will hold a joint worship service to celebrate our faith and burgeoning church collaboration with robust music, singing and a special guest worship leader. A small group of folks from each of our churches will be working together to plan for this first-ever joint worship service. Save the date on your calendars now! It will be wonderful gathering!

Lastly, for the first time ever, this February 1-21 I will be taking a three-week winter break (part vacation, part study leave). I'm excited to have this time to read and write and plan for the rest of the year ahead and to cross-country ski (or walk in the woods if there's no snow!) and visit with friends near and far. I'm grateful to be able to do this and I already look forward to returning to you with renewed enthusiasm and inspiration for worship and our many ministries together.

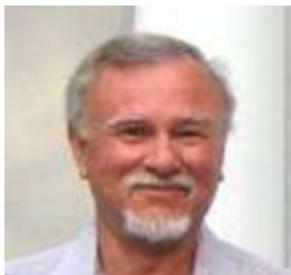
It continues to be an honor to be your minister. Be well and I'll see you again on February 22!

Yours in shared ministry,
Sara

Annual Ferry Beach Retreat

Mark your calendars—Our annual Ferry Beach Retreat is scheduled for October 28-30. We will be sharing the weekend with folk from the UU churches in Castine and Belfast. Watch the NUUS for plans. Registration begins in April.

From the Board of Trustees



Highlights from the January Board of Trustees Meeting

Regarding the main items of business, the Board, on January 14, 2016:

- Had an extensive discussion of current and future fundraising activities. Rev. Sara reviewed the results of the pre-Christmas “cookie-walk” which earned \$800 for UUCE. All agreed that this had been a good initiative and had potential to be expanded in coming years. Other ideas that were discussed for future consideration were: a book sale, a winter music event, a “basket raffle,” having a food booth at the Common Ground Fair or other summertime event (a volunteer committee has been formed to explore this option);
- Approved two new fundraisers that will be explained and kicked-off at the January Parish meeting:
 - A “pass-through” button to Amazon will be added to a “shopping section” of the UUCE website. By using it, members will be able to generate “shared marketing rebates” to UUCE that range from 4 to 10 % (averaging 5 %) when they make purchases on Amazon. In essence, this will be like 5% rebates we get from the use of Hannaford gift cards.
 - Congregation members and friends will be asked to make a “lucky leap year” extra financial contribution to UUCE in any multiple of 2/29 that fits their budget: \$2.29; \$22.90; \$229.00, etc.
- Approved UUCE joining a “**three church shared ministry**” effort with Castine and Belfast to share the costs of supporting a shared ministerial intern whose work would serve the three churches. In addition members of the Castine and Belfast churches will be invited to join us at the next Ferry Beach retreat. Also, the three churches are planning a joint Sunday service on June 12 in the Bucksport area;
- Discussed different aspects of the revived **Green Sanctuary Certification** effort that is being led by Shawn and Molly Mercer. Details of what this effort will include will be discussed at the coming congregational meeting;
- Discussed a first draft policy authorizing the Aesthetics Committee to establish procedures for approving the hanging of art work on the walls of our church building, especially the community room. This effort was tabled pending the development of more specific implementation procedures; and
- Finally the agenda for a lively and interesting January Parish meeting was discussed. Come to the meeting on January 31 after service and see what has been prepared for you!

The State of the UU Church of Ellsworth: January, 2016 Views of David Wilcock, President of the UUCE Board of Trustees

In four months you will elect a new President of the Board of Trustees. I have had the honor of serving as President for the past three years and being a member of the Board (and “Diana Cate trainee”) for several years before that. Since I soon will be giving up this leadership responsibility, I wish to again share with you a few of my thoughts on the “state of our church” as we begin 2016. As I said last year at this time, in a few summary words, **UUCE is strong and growing**. Here are a few of the reasons why I think so:

- **We are spiritually strong** (and for four strong reasons!): (1) UUCE is blessed to have the spiritual leadership of Reverend Sara Hayman, who was finally installed as our “called minister” in an amazing ceremony on September 20, 2015. (2) This was followed about a month later by our designation of two former called ministers, the much-admired Reverends Charles Stephens and Mark Worth, to serve UUCE as Ministers Emeritus. (3) Under Sara’s influence, Amy Fiorilli has also felt the gravitational pull of ministry and has begun her the-

ological studies at the Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago and will be playing an increasingly active role in UUCE's spiritual life. (4) Finally there are also discussions underway with the UU churches in Belfast and Castine to have the three churches jointly sponsor a UU ministerial trainee.

- **We are financially sound:** This area of church life is one where we (like many smaller churches) struggle the most. On the positive side, we have an excellent church building and grounds with no debt, a small investment/endowment fund, and we pay all our bills on time. We have had sufficient money through generous pledges and a growing fundraising program to be able to pay Sara and our part time staff members correctly by UU norms (we would like to do more!), while continuing to exceed UUA guidelines for local charitable giving in our community. Financial issues for 2016 are possible divestment of fossil fuel companies from our MCF savings fund and exploring new forms of fundraising with the wider community.
- **We continue to have strong Religious Education programs for Children and Adults:** We have growing numbers of children who are eager to participate in our Sunday classes and other activities thanks to the strong efforts of the RE Coordinator, the RE Committee and our many volunteer teachers. The second UUCE spiritual retreat to Ferry Beach was a great success and will be repeated again in 2016.
- **Membership in our liberal religious community is growing, as are “social justice opportunities”:** With those who joined in late 2015, we now have 111 members! We continue to provide our members and friends with opportunities to live out our UU principles through our Peace and Social Action (PASA) programs on income and wealth inequality, climate change, electoral reform, rights for Native American peoples, insured health care for all, and participation in the Maine UU Social Action Network (MUUSAN). We are looking forward to continuing to work on these issues in 2016.
- **We are taking greater care of our church infrastructure:** I was very pleased that we completed our community room upgrade in the fall, two years after the Board gave its initial approval to the plan! Peggy Strong and Amy Thompson deserve special credit for finding low-cost solutions to other infrastructure problems (leaking skylights and filling in potholes in our parking lot) and the formation of a new Property Maintenance committee has been most helpful. Now on to a new front door and other worthy projects!

Clearly not everything at UUCE is perfect; our evolving religious community is a work in progress. The Board of Trustees welcomes your ideas and suggestions. We welcome even more your participation in church committees, the Board, and other volunteer organized and led activities. This is your church...be active and make it what you want it to be in 2016 and beyond.

Note to the reader: These personal views on the state of our church will also be distributed at the Parish meeting on Sunday, January 31.

Amy Fiorilli, Board Secretary



Lifespan Religious Education



Winter Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing!

We had a great January, full of fun and meaningful lessons. Our theme for January was Courage—The Practice of Saying Yes. Through story, song, conversation and activities, our youngest children explored having courage to do new things, courage to stand up for what you believe in, courage during hard times, and finding courage together. We also had our 2nd Faith in Action Sunday. On Martin Luther King Sunday our children learned about the brave children who participated in the Children's Crusade in Birmingham, Alabama and explored current issues that are important to them. We made posters and ended the lesson with a peaceful march during coffee hour waving our signs and chanting "Yes We Can." Our Tweens continued with their Building Bridges lessons and had their second church visit, this time to the Rock Church in Bangor. Many thanks to our January volunteer guides: Amy Fiorilli, Beth Allen, Suzanne Aubrey, Cecily Judd, Jody Murphy, Liz True, Molly and Shawn Mercer. Also a big **Thank You** to Eryn, Mikayla, Nolan and Fiona for your help in the nursery and classroom.

Our theme for February is Letting Go—The Practice of Holding Life Lightly. We also will have our Annual Sledding Party. We give our volunteer guides two weeks off in February, so I will be looking for many parent volunteers on February 14 and 21. Below you will find our February Calendar.

Parents: Registration for summer camp at Ferry Beach is now open. We again have limited scholarships available to help with the cost of camp. Please see Anne Ossanna if you would like to apply for a scholarship, which Ferry Beach often will match.

Please remember to bring your returnable cans and bottles to Hannaford in Ellsworth to benefit our Youth Scholarship Fund. You may get green bags and stickers from Anne each Sunday. You can also bring your returnables to UUCE and Anne will return them for you.

Woyaya—*Anne*

February Religious Education Calendar

February 7: Seal/Dolphin with Amy Fiorilli and Beth Allen; Whales with Jody Murphy and Bill Clark—Building Bridges UU Lesson 1.

February 14: All Children Sledding at Black House—Parent Chaperones Needed. Inclement weather date—February 21.

February 21: All Children Game Sunday—Parent Chaperones Needed.

February 28: Seal/Dolphin with Suzanne Aubrey and Cecily Judd; Whales with Jody Murphy and Bill Clark—Building Bridges UU Lesson 2.

General Assembly 2016 INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. It is a time when thousands of UUs gather to worship, sing, witness, attend meaningful workshops and lectures, and conduct business that shape our faith.

GA 2016 will be held June 22-26 in Columbus, Ohio. The theme this year is: Heartland—Where Faith Connects. Registration begins March 1.

There will be two INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS in February. The first will be held on February 7 during potluck in the Board Room. Anne Ossanna, Evelyn Foster and Robin Lovrien will be available to answer your questions, share their experience of attending GA, and provide information about registration, scholarships, volunteering, housing and transportation.



The second meeting will be held on February 28 directly after worship service. This meeting will be more of a planning meeting before registration opens on March 1. Rev. Sara will be facilitating this meeting as we discuss willingness to share rooms, carpooling (for those opting to drive) and last minute concerns.

We do hope many of you will attend these meetings and decide to join us in Columbus, Ohio for GA 2016.

Political and Social Action (PASA)

PASA would like to thank all the people from UUCE who contributed to Guest at Your Table. The program brought in over \$475 so far which does not include the on-line donations. The UUSC will send the final total and we will pass the information on to you. Such generosity from UUCE is one of the best ways for us to honor the work of UUSC on their 75th anniversary.

Cynthia Phinney, President of the Maine AFL-CIO, gave a very interesting presentation on the Trans Pacific Partnership on January 3. This included the fielding of questions and passing around a petition to our congressional delegation urging them to vote no. PASA also is urging anyone who opposes this trade treaty to contact your representative and senator by phone, email, or snail mail. The congress is divided on this issue and our voices will matter!

Capitalism for the Many, Not the Few

a Book Discussion

On Wednesday, February 24, from 5 to 7 pm, the League of Women Voters Downeast is hosting a book discussion of Robert Reich's new book, *Saving Capitalism*. According to the publisher, Reich "shows that we must choose not between a free market and 'big' government but between a market organized for broadly based prosperity and one designed to deliver the most gains to the top. Ever the pragmatist, ever the

optimist, Reich sees hope for reversing our slide toward inequality and diminished opportunity." Anyone interested may read Joseph Stiglitz's *Rewriting the Rules of the American Economy* instead or in addition to Reich's book. PASA, our Peace and Social Action Committee, thought some UUs would like to participate in this book group because it is clearly related to our UUA-led study of Increasing Inequality. All are welcome. The group will meet at Ann Luther's home in Trenton. RSVP or get directions at downteast@lwvme.org or phone Martha at 667-5863.

Staying Connected with UUCE Members and Friends Who Have Moved (or Are Moving!)

This year, we've seen a few beloved couples at UUCE make plans to move away to be closer to family. We wish them well and also miss them!

George & Paula Marcus moved from Birch Bay in Hulls Cove to Montpelier, VT this past December. They now live in a retirement community 10 minutes from one son & daughter-in-law and are enjoying getting to know folks at the UU Church in Montpelier. George & Paula would love to hear from you and know if you're in their area in VT to be able to make plans to visit. Their contact info (published with their permission) is as follows:

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 Phone: 802-225-6565

David & Karen Wilcock, beloved and still active members in our church community, have set up a winter home in a retirement community in Falmouth, ME. We are grateful they aren't gone for good, and that they still plan to spend summers in their beautiful home in Corea. David has reassured folks on the Board that UUCE is (and will continue to be) his home church and we are all grateful to know that's true! He continues to serve our congregation well as Board President until his term ends in May. Should you need to reach David or Karen while they're in Falmouth, their landline there is 207-781-5456. David's cell phone number is 201-745-6950.

On Sunday, January 24 following the Worship Service, we had a reception to thank and honor **Don & Jean Martin** in anticipation of their upcoming move back to Harrisburg, PA to be closer to family. Like George & Paula, Don & Jean will be moving into a retirement community there and living close to their son, Ken, and his family. It's likely that the Martins will leave ME sometime in February, but much depends on making all the necessary arrangements to facilitate this move. Please wish them well when you see them and let them know they'll be missed. Once we have a new address for them, we'll be passing it along.

If you are aware of other changes in peoples' living arrangements, please be sure to share them with Rev. Sara (sara@uuellsworth.org or 207-610-2872) and/or Co-Chairs of the UUCE Care Committee Margaret Thurston (mhthurs@gmail.com) or Cecily Judd (207-422-9003).



Late Winter 2016 Touchstone Small Group Ministry Offering at UUCE

Time: 6 Wednesday evenings at UUCE, from 6:30-8:30pm

Dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 13

Facilitator: Rev. Sara Hayman

Pre-Registration is required.

To register call (667-4393) or email (office@uuellsworth.org).

8-12 people can participate.

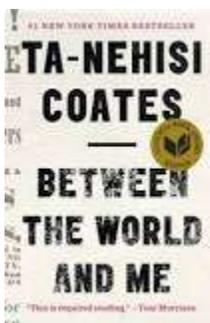
Minimum of 6 people must be registered for Late Winter Touchstone SGM

Program to run. Attendance at *all* sessions is strongly encouraged.

Have you ever noticed someone interesting at coffee hour and wanted to have a real conversation? Have you taken a class with someone and wished you could get to know them and their beliefs better? This 6-week Touchstone SGM Program is a place to get closer to people you already know, and get acquainted with others.

Rev. Sara will facilitate these structured, 2-hour gatherings where people will have the chance to listen deeply to each other while exploring ideas and topics of interest. There's no homework, just an invitation to share in ways immediate, spontaneous and real.

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



A Book Discussion Group with Rev. Sara
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
 (ISBN #978-0-8129-9354-7, \$24.00)

3 Tuesday afternoons, 1-2:30 pm in March:
 3/1, 3/8, and 3/15

Sara has read this book (twice now!) and would like to discuss it with people from church. Coates writes this memoir in the form of a letter to his 15-year-old son which provides an intimate glimpse into his experience of growing up black in the United States in inner city Baltimore.

Lost Name Tags

The Membership Committee has cleaned up the board that displays our nametags. There are tags missing for at least 45 persons. If you have a tag at home and return it to the board — thank you. We will soon make new name tags to replace those that are missing.

Please read in preparation for the first group on 3/1, and please register in advance to participate by emailing or calling our Church Administrator, Eileen at office@uuellsworth.org or 667-4393.

Ellsworth Farmers Market at UUCE

The Ellsworth Farmers Market has the following winter/spring schedule:

March 19, April 2 and 16

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

Sankofa Corner

by UUCE Historian Wayne H. Smith

Transitions: Contention and Division

by UUCE Historian Wayne H. Smith



By the 1950s, the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth, in the large ark of a building that used to sit on the corner of Main St. and Oak St. (where the S. K. Whiting Park is located now) was falling apart. Mary Beal White, a former Sunday School student at the church, told me in a 2007 interview that during her last year of Sunday School, the students weren't allowed to go into the classroom as it was feared they would go through the floor. Actually, the entire lower part of the building had been condemned, so there was no way to hold church suppers to raise money to do any repairs.

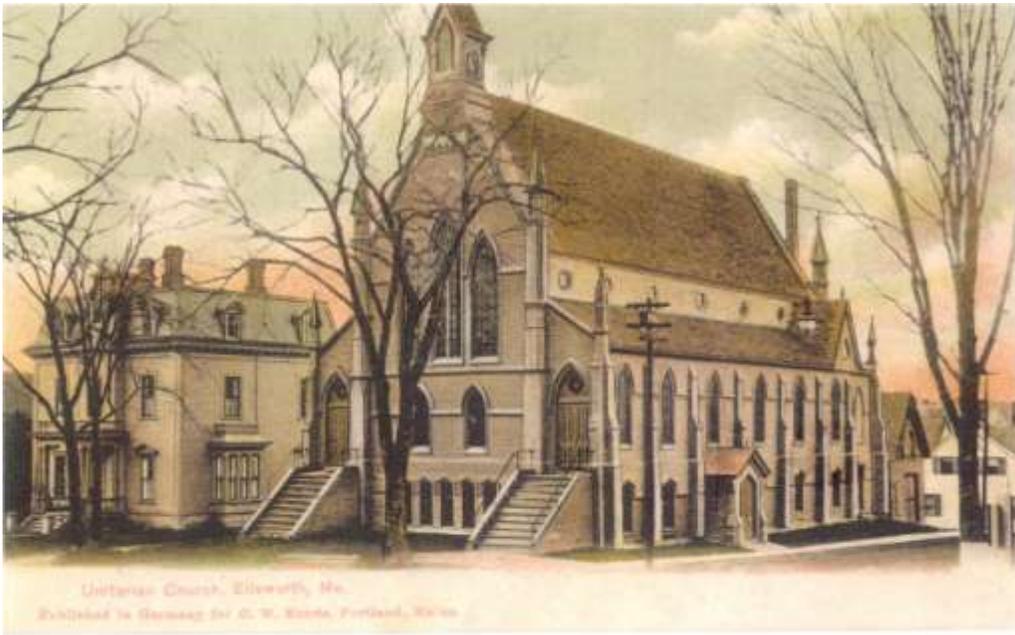


A perhaps bigger issue leading to the demise of the old church was dwindling attendance. The only kids in the Sunday School at the time were Mary, her brother, and her cousin. Her mother, Shirley Carlisle Beal, was the youngest woman at the church, and she wasn't even a Unitarian. The older members couldn't do anything to save the church, and they were dying off. There were only one or two young families in the whole church, and there just wasn't enough money to support the church. Some say that there were maybe five supporting members in the church, and that if any two of them had died, the rest of them would have given up. Mary explained to me that for most of the people at the time it

wasn't a question of tearing down one church and building another one. They were tearing down the church that their families had gone to for ages. It had "died," and it couldn't be "rebuilt." Many of the material artifacts of the church were "parceled out" when the church was torn down, and this wasn't considered irreverent. It was considered an act of love. Everyone wanted to keep as much of the church as they could. Many people, some of them unknown, still have parts of the old church. Mary and her mother showed me some old May baskets that the Women's Alliance had made years ago. She also showed me a "kneeler" or footstool that her grandmother had done needlepoint on.

Helen Silver, who was instrumental in starting the RE program, donated another footstool back to the church about twenty years ago. Phil Elkin once pointed out to me some old windows in his former house on the Mountain Road in Blue Hill that originally came from the old church building.

There were certainly differences of opinion in attitudes about moving to a new church. Those who saw the church as "dead" were in opposition to a largely younger group who wanted to see a new church constructed, and in addition to this older vs. younger dichotomy in viewpoints, there was also a Vietnam issue involved.



It was largely the younger group that supported building UUCE and they tended to be very anti-Vietnam and anti-war, whereas many of the older group weren't. Some of the elders eventually left and went off to the Congregational church. Later on, people didn't like to talk much about these disagreements. Bob Dickens once asked Dot Noe about this contention but Dot would just offer her favorite response: "I don't remember." Ann Black also refused to talk about it, and except to attend a friend's memorial service, never set foot in the new UUCE church building. Whenever another of the "old-timers," a Mr. Smith, disagreed with how things were going in the planning for the new church, he'd say: "That's it, I'm withdrawing all my money" and would no longer give to support the church. The treasurer at the time knew, of course, who was keeping up with their pledges and once, during a meeting to decide if they were going to go ahead and build the new church, Mr. Smith stood up and said that he would vote against it. Then the Treasurer pulled out his records and said something like: "Well, it looks like you won't be voting for anything. According to my records, you haven't made a recorded contribution" and Mr. Smith just sort of sputtered off. This was not a rule that was invoked very often, but the incident was indicative of the level of negativity that was around at the time.

Discussion about the need for building a new church had gone on for well over ten years. As early as 1957, a meeting had been held to look into the matter of building a new church and selling the old one, but it was not until fourteen years later, in January of 1971, that it was finally voted to sell the old church to some realtors from Gardiner, Maine. Rev. Richard B. Gibbs served as our minister throughout this whole transition. He had been specially sent by the UUA to oversee the move from the old church to the new church. The old church was torn down beginning in July of 1971, and for two years we met at the Oddfellows Hall while the construction was being carried out. The contention didn't end there. The Building Committee had decided on an out-of-the-way one-story church in the woods, and the reaction of the older members was: "What the hell kind of church is that?" That led to increased animosity and anger between the older people and the young upstarts. "How dare they come in and try to rebuild a church that was so wonderful and so sacred?" The younger people were regarded as "a bunch of hippies." It was very sad for the older people to have that building taken down.



Ministers attending the dedication of the new Unitarian Church in Ellsworth, Me. were, from left, standing, Rhys Williams, Harry C. Meserve, Richard D. Gibbs, Frank O. Holmes; seated, Arthur Hover, Gordon Svoboda, Irving A. Stevens, Arthur Foote and Robert Storer.

Nevertheless, in October 1972, the groundbreaking ceremony for our new church was held, with over thirty members present. On a Sunday in June of 1973, the first church service in the new location was held, and on Sunday, July 1, the new church building was dedicated. Among those taking part in the service were ministers from several UU churches and a local minister representing the clergy from Ellsworth. Officers and committee members from our church, the chairman of the Ellsworth City Council, and two talented musicians also attended.

Very few people from the old church continued at the new church. There was almost a feeling of animosity among the members of the former church. Dot Noe was one of the few who attended church in both buildings, her husband Bob

Noe having served as a student minister at the old church in the mid-1950s.

NEWS from your CMT (Collaborative Ministry Team)

At the January meeting of the CMT, attended by representatives of Belfast, Castine and Ellsworth UU churches, we confirmed that we want to apply to UUA for a ministerial intern for 2016-17, that would be supported by and serve all three churches. Mary Haynes, Robin Lovrien and Rev. Sara Hayman, of the Ellsworth team, agreed to complete the application within the month of January. We, the CMT, are optimistic that the three-church collaboration, with its range of ministerial, congregational and historical styles, will be highly appealing to UUA in considering placing an intern.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Plans are continuing for an all-church worship service at Fort Knox, complete with pick-up choir, flower communion and a special guest speaker (yet to be identified), all to happen on **JUNE 12**.

The Ferry Beach retreat at the end of October will be a three-church gathering as well. Anne Ossana, the RE Coordinator at Ellsworth, is organizing this and will be helping Castine and Belfast to get people registered. You won't want to miss this fun opportunity to be with your own folk as well as the larger community at the beautiful Ferry Beach facility.

Plans are also afoot for an adult RE offering to persons of all three churches on world religions. Stay tuned for details.

Robin Lovrien

Representative from Ellsworth to the CMT

Notice of Changes in Waste Removal

We are grateful to the Board of Directors at Loaves and Fishes for their invitation to use their metal containers for our trash removal. All trash must be bagged and should not contain recyclables. Our wooden container is beyond repair and will soon be removed from the parking lot.

All broken down recyclable cardboard will be collected for disposal each Sunday by Nancy Avila. Thank you, Nancy for this generous service.

Anne Ossanna will pass out green bags and tags during coffee hours that you can take home for your disposable bottles. These can now be taken to Hannaford to collect funds that will be available for RE scholarships to Ferry Beach and other special activities.

A New Advertising Opportunity – Promote Yourself or Your Cause

Recently the office has had a number of requests to use the church news venues for personal ads. In response, the Board of Trustees has discussed the issue and formalized a policy for members and friends of UUCE to advertise in the weekly email and the monthly NUUS. We will experiment with these guidelines starting in January 2016, and after three months we will evaluate how well the policy is working.

There will be two ad categories:

- **GOODS & SERVICES:** for advertising your own business or something you have for sale.
- **COMMUNITY EVENTS:** for promoting entertainment or political events you support or may be participating in. Please use this venue in lieu of "Joys and Sorrows" for such events.

How it works:

- Your advertisement should be concise (limit: 50 words).
- Provide a short description of what you are selling, or give the nature, date and place of the outside event, and a link to a website or contact phone or email. Your business card will be accepted, but no posters or flyers.
- Deadlines for submission to the church administrator are:
 - Weekly email--Wednesdays at 12 pm
 - The NUUS--8 days before the start of the following month
- All ads will be vetted by Rev. Sara Hayman.
- You may advertise as often as you wish, but please use discretion. The Board will reserve the right to limit frequency if the ad section becomes so large that printing multiple copies is not feasible.
- There is no fee, but a gratuity for a successful ad would not be refused (we are a church after all).

As members of UUCE, our sense of being a close-knit community is growing, and our sense of church as separate from the rest of our life is lessening. The Board decided it is appropriate to give space for sharing our other passions with each other, as they often reflect how we live our UU values.

Questions or comments? Contact Peggy Strong, other Board members or Rev. Sara.

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| Auction: Margaret Thurston | |
| Fiscal Matters: David Wilcock | Lobster Bake: Anne Ossanna |
| Property Management & Maintenance: Amy Thompson | Membership: Suzanne Aubrey |
| Coffee Hour: VACANT | Committee on Ministry: Marta Rieman |
| Caring Committee: Cecily Judd | Peace and Social Action (PASA): Karen Volckhausen |
| Charitable Giving: Sara | Safety: Helen Kazura |
| Choir: Haydee Foreman | Sunday order of service: Send to: office@uuellsworth.org |
| Ferry Beach Retreats: Evelyn Foster | Small Group Ministry: Rev. Sara Hayman |
| Flowers: Bronwen Kaldro | Stewardship: Stephanie Alley, Margarita Marnik |
| Green Sanctuary: Kay Wilkins, Shawn and Molly Mercer | Ushers: Jon Thomas |
| History/Archives/Library: Wayne Smith | Wayside Pulpit: Mac MacDonald |
| Landscaping: Vicki Fox, Amy Thompson | Web Pages: Brook Minner |
| Loaves and Fishes: Sue Clark, Nina Turner, Dartha Reid | Yard Sale: Beth Allen |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 9:30-11:30 Writing group (BR) 6-7:30 pm URU (S) 7pm St. A's (Seals) | 2 11-12:30 Exec Cmt. (TD) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 7-9 Acadia Choral (S) | 3 1-6 Violin (D) 7 pm Coyote Group (D) | 4 11:15-12:15 Violin (D) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) | 5 10-12 Spiritual Aging (D) 1:30-5:30 Violin (P) 6:00 AA 6:30-9 Intl Club (S) | 6 9:30-2:30 LifeVantage (S) 10-1 NE Guild (BR) |
| 7 POTLUCK 10:30 am Worship Service 9-1 RE office hours | 8 7 DE-NVC (TD) 7pm St. A's (Seals) | 9 9:30-11:30 Writing group (BR) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 7-9 Acadia Choral (S) | 10 1-6 Violin (D) 7-9 pm Trad. Music (S) 7 pm Coyote Group (D) | 11 11:15-12:15 Violin (D) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 6-8 Board mtg. (BR) | 12 1:30-5:30 Violin (P) 6:00 AA | 13 |
| 14 HUNGRY SUNDAY 10:30 am Worship Service 9-1 RE office hours | 15 6-7:30 pm URU (S) 7 pm St. A's (Seals) | 16 9:30-11:30 Writing group (BR) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 7-9 Acadia Choral (S) | 17 1-6 Violin (D) 5-7 SGM (BR) 7 pm Coyote Group (D) | 18 11:15-12:15 Violin (D) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) | 19 10-12 Spiritual Aging (D) 1:30-5:30 Violin (P) 6:00 AA | 20 |
| 21 10:30 am Worship Service 9-1 RE office hours | 22 7 DE-NVC (TD) 7:00 St. A's (Seals) | 23 9:30-11:30 Writing (BR) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 2-4 Spiritual Dir. (TD) 6-7:30 Allies (BR) 7-9 Acadia Choral (S) | 24 1-6 Violin (D) 6:30-8:30 LBH (BR) 7 pm Coyote Group (D) | 25 11:15-12:15 Violin (D) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) | 26 1:30-5:30 Violin (P) 6:00 AA | 27 12-5 pm Ceremony & Celebration (S, CR) |
| 28 PLATE SPLIT 10:30 am Worship Service w/Rev. Sara Hayman 9-1 RE office hours | 29 7:00 St. A's (Seals) | | Please remember to clean up after your group, turn heat down, shut off lights, turn off copier, etc. Thank you!! | |  | |

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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.