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A Month of Services in May

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

MAY WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday, May 1 We're Better Together! Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader
UUQ Singing and 1st Sunday Potluck! Stefanie Alley, Worship Associate

UUCE is made stronger and brighter by your generosity and presence. This service will celebrate the gifts of your generosity and the saving power of weaving our lives together in this growing and evolving faith community.

Sunday, May 8 FLOWER COMMUNION SUNDAY: The Gift of Blossoming Rev. Sara Hayman

We will celebrate our annual Flower Communion Service early this year! Please bring a flower from your garden or yard to share. Together, we'll create a beautiful bouquet and exchange flowers in honor of the many ways we seek to nurture and inspire each other, young and old alike, to blossom.

Sunday, May 15 The Rich Get Richer Kay Wilkins, Worship Leader with
UUCE Budget Hearing following service Peace and Social Action Committee Members

Our Congregational Study Action Issue, "Escalating Inequality," challenges us to consider this moral problem. PASA believes our combined efforts to make the world more fair and humane can accomplish more than any one of us working alone. As Unitarian Universalists, we set priorities for our social justice efforts by investing in key issues that exemplify our commitments to justice, equity and compassion.

Sunday, May 22 Celebrating Long-Haul People Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader
UUCE Choir sings! Annual Parish Meeting after church Amy Fiorilli, Worship Associate

Our worship theme this month is **INCARNATION: the practice of being alive**. In this service, with singing and stories, we'll honor many of the gifts people share at UUCE and consider this question: How does being a part of this faith community bring *you* to life?

Sunday, May 29 Lay-led worship service by Bob Dickens & others

Remembering service members who died in service to our country and honoring their support from families and friends.

Ministry Matters

There's a Buddhist saying I've been thinking about lately. I can't remember exactly how it goes, but it's something like "your thoughts and the things you pay most attention to become the reality you live." My experience tells me this is true. And because it's true, I'm making more of an effort these days to pay attention to moments at church that move me, that open me up, that make me feel like what we do and aspire to create here truly matters in people's lives.



Like the time last month when I was sitting in the Belfast sanctuary at a Guatemala Service Project Meeting and one of our Bangor teens answered the question, "How is your spirit?" (a part of checking in) by saying that he feels "lit up" when he's with that group...how sincerely he said it, how evident it was on his face in that moment that he *meant* it, that his church community mattered to him.

Like the Tuesday evening two weeks ago when I sat in a circle and listened to six different people from our Ellsworth and Belfast congregations share aloud their first writing assignments, a part of the work they're doing in a "finding the sermon within" class we're offering. Each person who spoke shared their own particular truth with a sincere courage and humility, with a willingness to be vulnerable and reveal themselves and something that really matters in this life right now.

Like the time at last month's Board Meeting when each person in turn spoke honestly and intimately to the question, "Why are you a part of UUCE and church leadership?". No one's voice or perspective was exactly like another's, and people's different styles and personalities and passions were revealed, and it was moving to hear (and see again so clearly) *why* such good people show up and give themselves to the work of building and nurturing our church community.

When, I wonder, do you feel moved when you're at UUCE?

What moments or conversations or classes or services or groups help inspire and fill you up?

What difference is it making (what difference *could* it make?!) to be part of this church community?

Yours, in shared ministry,

Sara

Keep Up To Date!

Are you receiving UUCE's weekly electronic newsletter? We want to make sure everyone who wants to read the *latest UUCE news* is receiving our weekly e-news bulletin. We send it out every Wednesday via MailChimp and have heard that some people may not be finding it in their inbox. Look in your All Mail, Junk, and Spam folders if you think you have not been receiving it.

Questions? Please contact Eileen at 667-4393 or office@uuellsworth.org with your questions, to get on the mailing list, or to update your email address. Thanks!

From the Board of Trustees



A Reflection on Five Years on the Board of Trustees by David Wilcock, outgoing President of the Board

In a few weeks I will come to the end of my tenure as President of the UUCE Board of Trustees. I have been on the Board for five years: my first as a member, my second as Vice-President to President Diana Cate, then my final three years as President. I have had to look back through some of my computer files to make sure I was remembering these five years correctly! Lots of water has flowed under the bridge! Having done so, I feel ready to offer a few words of thanks and reflection.

First, I have been honored to serve on the Board during an important period of change and consolidation for the church as Reverend Sara became settled as our full-time Minister and last fall was finally formally installed by the UUA. Sara has been an inspiration to me as she has to so many others in our spiritual service community. In addition, I'd like to thank those who have served as fellow officers (Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and members of the Board and our three administrators Caitlin, Alison, and Eileen) for their patience and hard work during my Board tenure.

Second, what lessons do I have to share? Here are a few ideas. Since we are the Board of a spiritual community that covenants "to affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large" (our 5th UU principle), this, along with the first principle (of respecting "the inherent worth and dignity of every person"), pushes us to operate by a "large consensus" rather than strict majority rule or the top-down style that I occasionally felt forced to use in my former professional life as an economic development project manager. This means we listen respectfully to all who want to voice an opinion and we operate a bit slower since we want to bring along the "large majority" in our decision making. However, being democratic doesn't mean paralysis—we sometimes have to gently insist on the carefully thought-out will of the majority over the views of a few proponents of the opposing view. That's what we have done in the last three years and I am proud of what we have accomplished together for UUCE.

Another lesson on working in the "volunteer, non-profit spiritual world" is that, over time, you get out of it, in terms of psychic rewards, in equal or greater proportion to what you put into it. For example, the upgrade to the community room that we recently completed took over two years from initial conception and approval by the Board (as the most costly part of a package of upgrades and repairs) to finished project, but the labor and effort involved in this improvement to our "spiritual home" was finally quite rewarding.

Recently, in an on-line conference call with one of our UU New England District staff members, a group of Board members and Sara talked about three types of conversations that can occur among Board members charged with leading their congregations: (1) "Maintenance conversations" that concentrate on keeping the "ship afloat and steaming ahead," paying the bills, etc.; (2) "Preferential conversations" about where we would like to go as a functioning institution; and (3) "Missional conversations" about what it is that drew you to your church and what will keep you coming back in the future. While we have engaged in all three types of conversations in our board work, much of what we do in our meetings is, of necessity, more in routine "minding the store" maintenance and preference conversations. As members of UUCE committees and the Board, we should periodically devote more time and energy to "going a bit deeper" and reflecting on our

mission as members of a spiritual community, and on how that can enrich our membership and participation over time.

Serving on the Board or on key committees of the “UUCE family” is one of the best ways of coming to understand the inner working of this voluntary community. That understanding leads to being in a position to help maintain its vibrant presence in Downeast Maine. Don’t be shy. . .take the plunge and enjoy the rewards of active participation.

Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

There are three positions to be filled on the Board of Trustees starting in June, with elections taking place at the congregational meeting in May (there WERE four, but the secretary’s position has been filled!). The vice-president and two trustee positions are available to be filled. Who will fill them??? Perhaps this is the opportunity you have been waiting for!

Are you interested in serving our congregation in collaborative leadership as we move forward as a vibrant church in Hancock County and to support Sara’s ministry?

There are basic qualifications that need to be met. You must have been a member for at least one year, have made a recorded financial contribution, and have served on a committee. Prospective candidates can be nominated by another member (with permission) or may self-nominate. Please let a member of the Elections Committee know of your interest. Members are Karen Volckhausen, Bob Dickens, and Helen Kazura.

Thank you!

General Assembly 2016



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 shapes our faith.

GA 2016 will be held June 22-26 in Columbus, Ohio. The theme this year is: Heartland—Where Faith Connects. Registration has begun. We do hope many of you will decide to join us in Columbus, Ohio, for GA 2016.

Money Matters

I want to tell you about a very nice thing that happened recently. UUCE received a gift of \$1,000 from the estate of Peter Rees, who died last December at 82. Peter is well remembered as an advocate for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people. I feel his gift is his way of reminding us to continue the work. It is an honor for UUCE to be so remembered.



Thinking about Peter, who was not a member of this church, reminded me of another friend of UUCE, Sturgis Haskins, who left us \$12,000 a few years ago. I believe he also saw us as an organization which will always support LGBTQ people. Part of Sturgis's money was used to renovate the Community Room, along with the thoughtful bequests of members Richard Thurston and Judy Rothrock. Before them, my own father-in-law, Harry Strong, remembered us in his will. And, of course, the largest gift that I know of came from Ethel Schwalbe.

You and I can become one of this group of givers some day. I look forward to reading the new Planned Giving brochure from the Fiscal Matters Committee for information on how to make that happen.

Bequests help grow our investment fund and accomplish big projects. Pledges provide for our day-to-day needs. Third-quarter pledge statements (through March 31, 2016) went out recently. If you did not receive your statement or would like to talk about your pledge, please contact me. You have until June 30, 2016, to complete your pledge.

Money is essential to the vitality of our church; your giving matters.

Yours in service,
Peggy Strong, Treasurer, (207) 266-3006, goodnuff@escrap.com

Lifespan Religious Education



Spring Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing!

April was a rich and full month for the children. Our Whales began the month helping the Green Team build compost bins, and then four of our tweens, Michael Arruda, and I headed over to Rockland for our annual overnight gathering with children from the Bangor, Castine, Belfast, and Rockland congregations. We had a blast! All the children participated in the multigenerational worship service honoring Earth and sang a special song at the block party.

The younger children explored the theme of Pilgrimage: The Practice of Journeying. Their lessons took them to Africa, Wales, Canada, South America, and the road not traveled. A heartfelt THANK YOU to our volunteer guides: Amy Fiorilli, Cecily Judd, Suzanne Aubrey, Jody Murphy, and Bill Clark. Also, thank you to Eryn, Mikayla, and Nolan for helping with the younger children.

Thank you all for donating your cans and bottles to the Youth Scholarship Fund. In April we raised over \$50.00. CLYNK bags and stickers are available every Sunday.

Registration for the Multigenerational Retreat at Ferry Beach has begun. A \$25.00 per person/non-refundable deposit is required when you register. The deposit will be applied to your balance. There are limited partial scholarships available; please see Anne Ossanna or Rev. Sara if you are in need of assistance.

Hogwarts Downeast School of Witchcraft, Wizardry, and UU Promises will be in session this summer. Visiting professors are needed each Sunday; sign-up begins on May 22.

I will be out of state from May 7-10. During this time I am available by email at aossanna@aol.com or by phone at (207) 479-6338.

May RE Calendar

Theme—Incarnation: The Practice of Becoming Alive

May 1: Seals/Dolphins with Amy Fiorilli and Cecily Judd; Whales with Jody Murphy and Anne Ossanna will be at the Morgan Bay Zendo. We will leave UUCE at 9:30 a.m. and return at 1:30 p.m.

May 7: Anne is on vacation.

May 8: Flower Communion Multigenerational Worship Service—All children will remain in the sanctuary.

May 10: Anne returns from vacation.

May 15: Seals/Dolphins with Anne Ossanna and TBA (2 parent volunteers needed); Whales with Jody Murphy and Bill Clark—Debrief Morgan Bay Zendo and begin Building Bridges—Judaism block.

May 22: All teachers and children practice for RE Sunday.

May 28: Senior Youth Overnight Service Project at UU Church of Houlton, ME.

Political and Social Action (PASA)

Acadia Centennial

Our beloved Acadia National Park will be 100 years old this year, and Friends of Acadia is leading a year-long celebration of this big event. Friends of Acadia has invited organizations, individuals, and businesses to become Centennial Partners, and so far 300 have applied and been accepted, including UUCE. Our plan is to have a service dedicated to Acadia National Park in conjunction with our 7th principle. Amy Fiorilli will conduct this service on June 19, which is also Father's Day. There will be activities leading up to this service. See her should you wish to know more about our own celebration. To learn more about how to become a Centennial Partner and/or to see the schedule of events, visit the website www.AcadiaCentennial2016.org. It will be an exciting year!

Martha Dickinson marthad@awi.net 667-5863

NEWS from Your Collaborative Ministry Team

The Collaborative Ministry Team of the Ellsworth, Belfast, and Castine UU churches had its monthly meeting on April 12 in Ellsworth and advanced plans for wonderful events and ideas for the three-church community we are creating.

Multisite Ministerial Internship:

As of the date of our meeting, we learned that the multisite ministerial internship we had applied for had been approved by the UUA. The same week of our meeting, Lane Fisher, the candidate for the internship, was notified of the approval of this internship as part of her progress to becoming an ordained minister. Lane was guest worship leader on April 17, and was introduced to the congregation as our new intern. The announcement was met with warm applause from the congregation. Lane, who will likely be formally introduced to the three churches at the June 12th worship service, will begin her full-time position on Sept. 1. The internship will be supported by a grant from the UUA and by the three churches Lane will serve. CMT representatives of each congregation reported that at congregational conversations held in the last month, there was enthusiasm for the idea of the internship and of being teaching congregations. We on the CMT are so proud that we have been able to create this unique and pioneering type of internship for Lane and for our churches!

NOTE: Lane will be supervised by a team of persons representing each congregation. PLEASE get in touch with your representatives to the CMT if you are interested in being considered for serving on this important team that will help Lane get the greatest benefit from her internship!

June 12th Multi-church Worship Service: SAVE THE DATE!!

Plans for the multi-church worship service are firming up rapidly! By the time the *NUUS* comes to you in May, the service will be just over a MONTH away—June 12 at 10:30 a.m. [*location may be moved to Castine Commons*]. We KNOW you will not want to miss the exciting event. The Bangor congregation asked to be included and will be joining us in ukulele music, singing and enjoying our guest speaker, the Reverend Al Boyce, as well as our (soon, we hope, to be) THREE ministers—one from each of our collaborative group's churches. There will be a pick-up choir, children's choir and a picnic-social event afterwards. We are expecting as many as 200 attendees!! More details will be distributed electronically and in hard copy by June 1. Keep watching for more exciting developments and ways YOU can help!!

Shared Pulpit Class:

The Shared Pulpit class, which is shaping lay leaders to be competent sermon writers and leaders of worship services, is well underway. This is the first collaborative instructional effort of the CMT. Revs. Deane Perkins of Belfast and Sara Hayman of Ellsworth are leading the class of 6 people—four from UUCE and two from Belfast—as they study the curriculum by the Rev. Erika Hewitt and begin to grapple with the art of writing and delivering a GOOD sermon. In the spirit of sharing all things, the class has met twice at UUCE and will meet once more in Ellsworth and then three times in Belfast. Castine is quite preoccupied with finalizing its ministerial search and chose not to have a representative in the class at this time, but the class will be repeated in the future.

Ferry Beach Retreat – October

Registration has started for the delightful Ferry Beach three-church retreat that will occur at the end of October. Each church has someone registering people. Be sure to get your registration and small deposit in to be sure you get a room at the UU retreat site in Scarborough! The planning group will be soliciting ideas for the retreat from each congregation as well.

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As we move forward with these events and endeavors, the CMT is increasingly energized by the realization that our vision of the whole being greater than the three parts is coming to fruition. Ideas for collaboration and creation are popping up like mushrooms at our meetings! We will keep you abreast of these ideas as they begin to take shape. Keep watching this space, and PLEASE talk to YOUR congregation's representatives if you have ideas or questions.

The representatives are:

Ellsworth: Rev. Sara Hayman, Robin Lovrien, and Mary Haynes; Belfast: Rev. Deane Perkins, Karen Wigglesworth, and Judith Grace; Castine: Collin Powell, Leslie Fairbanks, and Rev. Charles Stephens.

Seasoned Souls

The Adult Religious Exploration committee is developing a Seasoned Souls group at UUCE.

The group, which is growing out of the recent Spirituality and Aging group led by Amy Fiorilli, will be modeled after similar groups at the Augusta and Belfast churches. The discussion topics will focus on issues pertaining to aging as seen through the lens of spirituality. The facilitation of the sessions will be rotated among the group members.

The meetings will start on May 13, and will be held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 10:00–noon at UUCE. The group will run for six meetings, and may be continue after that, according to the preference of the participants.

There is a limit of 12 participants in a group. If we have more than 12 people who want to participate we'll do a second group.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Haynes. Registration can be done either through Mary or Eileen Mielenhausen (office@uuellsworth.org).

Come and Blossom in a UUCE Small Group Ministry!

You have probably heard of the UUCE Small Group Ministry (SGM) program. SGMs are circles of up to ten members who meet at least once a month in a comfortable, tolerant, trusting environment to reflect together on life experiences and topics of shared interest, to listen without judgment, and to build connections with one another.

The goals within each group are personal spiritual growth and strong bonds of friendship and support for each other; this in turn leads to a strengthening of our larger congregation and of our faith. Our UUCE has a number of enthusiastic and enduring Small Group Ministries at present, and we hope to refresh some and add other new groups to serve our growing congregation.

Currently, there are SGMs meeting biweekly or monthly in the Bar Harbor, Brooklin-Blue Hill, Ellsworth, and North Ellsworth areas. In an effort to expand and revitalize our SGM program at UUCE, we have now created an SGM Core Group that is working with Rev. Sara and leaders from the existing groups to compare practices and identify what makes these circles successful and satisfying, to train more facilitators, and to use what we learn to create new SGMs in our area that can provide the best possible experience for members looking to join. If you're new to the UUCE congregation or a long-time member who would like an opportunity to connect more closely and to "let your light shine" in a small spiritual discussion group, here's your chance! In June we will be starting six-week introductory "Touchstone Circles." A trained facilitator will lead groups of 8-10 people interested in sharing thoughtful, in-depth discussion of ideas and experiences. At the end of six meetings, a new permanent Small Group Ministry can then form, with its own regular members, facilitator or facilitators, and schedule.

If you think you might like to join one of these Touchstone Circles to see what it's all about, or if you already know and would like to ask about joining an established group in your area, please contact Cynthia Perkins (csp41@myfairpoint.net) or Rev. Sara Hayman (sara@uuellsworth.org).

Touchstone Small Group Ministry



PLANS FOR A TOUCHSTONE SMALL GROUP MINISTRY OFFERING IN BLUE HILL BEGINNING IN MAY!

6 Wednesday evenings from 5-7 pm
at Haydee Foreman's home in Blue Hill
May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1 & 22
Facilitated by Rev. Sara Hayman

LISTENING to each other is a foundational principle of Small Group Ministry.

BUILDING COMMUNITY (that's affirming and supportive) among people connected to UUCE is the other main intention in offering this kind of program.

Touchstone is a time-limited (6-week) SGM offering that gives participants a chance to explore five topics related to spiritual and/or personal growth that are of interest to them. At the first session, folks introduce ourselves, create a covenant (the guidelines we'll follow when together as part of creating a safe, welcoming space), and then generate topic ideas and select the ones they'll explore. Readings, quotes, and questions are shared in advance of each gathering to help stimulate thinking about the topic.

As a general rule, it's best if folks can plan to make ALL six sessions, acknowledging that that's not always possible. There's room for **up to ten people participate**. In years past, folks who've participated in a Touchstone SGM program have sometimes gone on to set up a longer-term SGM circle that meets once a

month.

Please let Rev. Sara know ASAP if you're interested in signing up for this Touchstone SGM program. She's also happy to answer any questions you may have. You can email her at sara@uuellsworth.org, or call or text her at 207-610-2872.

The Green Team

The Green Team of UUCE, in partnership with the Peace and Social Action Committee, will be offering a curriculum entitled "Our Place in the Web of Life" for five consecutive weeks in May. This highly engaging class invites participants to look deeply at how the consequences of their actions on people and the environment ripple out from their neighborhoods across the United States and the world. Film, music, research, mapping, ethical reflection, meditations, and ritual will all be used to help us discuss what it means to be faithfully and justly part of an inter-connected community of life. This class is an important part of our process toward Green Sanctuary certification for UUCE and an excellent way to involve congregational input in this process.

Class schedule:

- Session 1 - Gratitude for Our Place in the World
- Session 2 - Mindfulness and the "Stuff of Life"
- Session 3 - Mapping Congregational Impact
- Session 4 - Ethical Reflections on Our Place in the Web of Life
- Session 5 - Lessons Learned, Next Steps, and Evaluation



Tentative dates are Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, from 5-7 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

We invite you to sign up and join us in grappling with these issues. The last session includes an action plan which will help inform our environmental justice action plan required for certification. Sign-up sheets will be available. For more information speak with Shawn or Molly Mercer, or Karen Volckhausen. The class will be limited to 15 participants. This curriculum is sponsored by the UU Ministry for the Earth.



PLEASE SHARE YOUR ART WITH US!

UUCE invites artistic members and friends to display their work on the walls of our newly refinished community room! If you have a collection of paintings, drawings, photographs, or other hanging art work that you would like to show, just see any member of the Aesthetics Committee for information and an application. A new policy outlining the procedures and conditions has been approved by the Board of Trustees and is available in the UUCE Office.

We're eager to see your work brightening our space!



Contact Chair Linda Laing, Nancy Avila, Evelyn Foster,
Amy Thompson, Vicki Fox, Sally Littlefield, or Margaret Thurston.

YRUU* Local Service Project and Overnight Adventure at UU Church in Houlton, Maine Saturday, May 28-Sunday, May 29 Leaving from Bangor UU Church at 7 am!

Youth Group members in the Ellsworth, Belfast, Castine, Bangor, Rockland, and Augusta churches are invited to participate in a local (to Maine) Service Project and Overnight Adventure at the Houlton UU Church on the last weekend of May.



When we're there, we'll volunteer at the local food pantry and help paint the outside trim of this historic church, which is on a national registry.

Youth group members and ministers Sara Hayman and Deane Perkins (and other adult chaperones as needed) will stay overnight at the Houlton UU Church. On Saturday night, folks will enjoy hearing a band in the church's fabulous CUP CAFÉ, a fancy cafe in their basement. On Sunday morning, we'll worship with the Houlton UU congregation and plan to be back in Bangor in late afternoon for parents to pick people up (exact time yet to be determined).

Youth who participate will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, clothes to paint in, clothes for church, snacks and some spending money. We will also need parents' written permission on file for youth to be able to participate.

Please email Rev. Sara at sara@uuellsworth.org, or call/text her at (207-610-2872) with any questions and/or to sign up to do this. [**YRUU stands for Young Religious Unitarian Universalists*]

Plan Now for All-Church Retreat at Ferry Beach

Our third Ferry Beach weekend is planned for October 28-30. This promises to be even more fun and very special. This year we have invited the churches from Belfast and Castine to join us (we have reserved the whole place for our three churches).

Register during coffee hour from now to June 26. A non-refundable deposit is due at registration and will be applied to the balance. All fees must be paid in full by July 31. There will be a limited number of partial scholarships to assist with the cost. Please see Anne Ossanna, registrar, for questions.

\$175 per adult 18+ (includes shared dorm room, housekeeping fee, and six meals).

\$225 per adult 18+ (handicapped assessible room) with six meals. Children under age 5 FREE.

Campsites are \$32 for the weekend (maximum of five persons per site)

Meal option for campers (children under 5 eat free): Age 5-12.....\$50 per child Age 13 +.....\$75 per camper

Sankofa Corner

by UUCE Historian Wayne H. Smith



The Voice of HAL

No, I don't mean the computer from *2001: A Space Odyssey*. I'm talking about the History, Archives, and Library Committee at UUCE. After several months of floating and hiding out in bathroom closets, the HAL Committee is gradually moving into a more permanent—yet still shared—space next door to Anne Ossanna's office at the end of the RE Wing. As of the end of April, the room is now also home to UUCE's music collection where it is being organized and will eventually be placed into a database for easier retrieval when we need just the right piece for a Sunday service or special event. The room is immediately adjacent to the Archives closet between Anne's office and the HAL room. I will be donating two items to the room: (1) one of my own MacBooks to be used to store our digital archives and (2) an inkjet printer that I purchased at one of our yard sales.

At the right time, we're also hoping to add a work desk to the room and we're hoping that someone might donate one to the cause, preferably one with drawers that could be filled with supplies. It doesn't have to be beautiful, just functional.

The one thing that won't be housed in this room will be UUCE's Library collection. I have already created a digital catalogue of all of our holdings, and at the right time, the current Library shelves will be moved and placed against the side wall of the Board Room for easy access by all members of the congregation.

As I enter retirement, I'm looking forward to making use of this space to work on preparing a history of our church and its members. As time goes by, I'll be asking each of you to make contributions to this history: sharing stories, photographs, clippings, audio and video recordings, and adding other artifacts to our collection.

Remember: today's activities are tomorrow's history!

Thank You

Lance & Anne Funderburk wish to express their immense gratitude to all members of UUCE who have helped them through the aftermath of Anne's shoulder surgery. You provided delectable dinners, tons of transportation, continued care, comfort and compassion for our diminished capacities during the long recovery. That's why we see you as our Family of Choice. Many thanks and much love. *Anne & Lance*

Advertising Opportunities—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 formalized a policy for members and friends of UUCE to advertise in the weekly email and the monthly NUUS. We are experimenting with these guidelines as of January 2016, and after a trial period 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.

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

FROZEN VEGGIE CSA

Mix and Match in One Pound Increments

50# for \$200 ~ 30# for \$120 ~ #20 for \$80

All vegetables are Certified Organic and grown at Old Ackley Farm.

Preparation will be done at Old Ackley Farm by Colleen.

Completely frozen veggies, in new Ziploc bags, will be delivered/available for pick-up once a month through the summer.

Each delivery will come with a small box of fresh veggies and herbs!

Email for a complete vegetable list and have your questions answered!

colleenprentiss@gmail.com

Old Ackley Farm, North Blue Hill

374-5919

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 POTLUCK 10:30 am Worship Service w/Rev. Sara Hayman 9-1 RE office hours	2 12:30-1:30 pm Rental (TD) 6-7:30 p.m. URU (D) 7 pm DE-NVC (TD) 7 pm St. As (Seals)	3 11-12:30 Exec. Comm. (TD) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 6:30-8:30 pm Shared Pulpit (D) 7-9 pm Acadia Choral (S)	4 1-6 pm Violin (D) 7 p.m. Coyote Group (TD)	5 11:15-12:15 Violin (D) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 6-9 pm DEA (S)	6 1:30-5:30 Violin (P) 8:30 am-3 pm DEA (S) 6:00 pm AA (CR)	7
8 HUNGRY SUNDAY 10:30 am Worship Service w/Rev. Sara Hayman 9-1 RE office hours 12 pm PASA	9 7 pm St. As (Seals)	10 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 5-6 pm Ferry Beach planning (TD) 7-9 pm Acadia Choral (S)	11 1-6 p.m. Violin (D) 7-9 pm Trad. Music (S) 7 pm Coyote Group (TD)	12 11:15-12:15 Violin (D) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 6-8 pm Board mtg (BR) 6-8 pm LifeVantage (S)	13 1:30-5:30 Violin (P) 11-1 WA (TD) 6:00 pm AA (CR)	14 5-9 pm Single Women (CR)
15 10:30 am Worship Service 9-1 RE office hours	16 6-7:30 pm URU (D) 7 pm DE-NVC (TD) 7 pm St. As (Seals)	17 9:30-11 CMT (BR) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 4:30-6 pm Vendor (TD) 6-8 pm LifeVantage (S) 7-9 pm Acadia Choral (S)	18 1-6 p.m. Violin (D) 5-7 pm SGM (BR) 7 pm Coyote Group (TD)	19 11:15-12:15 Violin (D) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 5-7 pm CoM (BR) 6-9 pm DEA (S)	20 1:30-5:30 Violin (P) 6:00 pm AA (CR)	21
22 PLATE SPLIT 10:30 am Worship Service w/Rev. Sara Hayman ANNUAL CONG. MTG. 9-1 RE office hours	23 7 pm St. As (Seals)	24 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 7-9 pm Acadia Choral (S)	25 1-6 pm Violin (D) 2-4 pm SGM (TD) 6-8 pm LifeVantage (S) 7 pm Coyote Group (TD)	26 11:15-12:15 Violin (D) 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 6-8 pm LifeVantage (S)	27 1:30-5:30 Violin (P) 6:00 pm AA (S)	28
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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.