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## A Month of Services in July

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

### JULY WORSHIP SERVICES:

**Sunday, July 3**      Heart Land: Where Faith Connects      Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Potluck!**      & UUCE General Assembly Attendees

Each year our UU denomination meets for its General Assembly. This year, five of us from UUCE gathered in Columbus, OH for worship, plenary, workshops, public witness and fellowship with 4,000 other UUs. At this service, we'll share some of what we learned and experienced, particularly as we engaged this year's theme of reaching out in love to work with others to engage in social justice work.

**Sunday, July 10**      Life is full of beauty. Notice it.      Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
**Congregational Conversation after worship w/ Rev. Sara!**      Eileen Brennan, Worship Associate

"Beauty without purpose is beauty without virtue. But all beautiful things, inherently, have this function—to excite the viewer toward sublime thought. Glory to the world, that good teacher." —Mary Oliver, *Evidence*

Our monthly worship theme is BEAUTY: *the practice of beholding*. What does beauty teach us? In a world rife with suffering and struggle, where do we find and nurture beauty within and without and to what end or purpose?

**Sunday, July 17**      *Beauty Above Me* A Worship Service with Hawk Henries

UUCE is honored to welcome Hawk Henries into our sanctuary and pulpit to share his wisdom through the stories and music he makes.

Hawk Henries is a beloved and respected neighbor in our larger community and a member of the Chaubunagungamaug band of Nipmuck, a people indigenous to what is now southern New England. He has been composing original flute music and making flutes using only hand tools and fire for over twenty 25 years and is committed to music as a traditional art form and as a vehicle for building bridges of communication and mutual respect.

**Sunday, July 24**      *...something will sprout within you...*      Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
**UUCE Choir sings!**

When has beauty helped to repair your heart? When we feel broken, depressed, lost—often times beauty can

break through to us and catch our attention—reminding us that there is more to this life than the pain we are feeling. This service will invite you think about these questions: when has beauty caught your attention and brought you back to life? When has noticing or creating or participating in beauty helped to repair your heart?

**Sunday, July 31**      The God of Becoming: Exploring our lives within the theology of process  
Amy Fiorilli, Worship Leader

What is God? How can we understand evil, salvation and redemption as real and applicable to our lives in this moment? In this service we will explore the basic tenets of process theology, personal transformation and the power of relationality. Bring your open hearts and sharp minds to a topic of deep spirituality as we explore one of many ways to interpret the meaning of our lives and our relationship to great mystery.

## Ministry Matters

I left early in the morning on Monday, June 20 for Ministry Days and our denomination's annual UU General Assembly in Columbus, OH, and I returned a week later to summer having arrived here in full force! What a glorious time of year this is.

I am grateful that four others from UUCE were also at General Assembly this year: Anne Ossanna (R.E. Coordinator), Robin Lovrien (Board President), Diana Cate and Kay Wilkins (long time active lay leaders). In addition to being in lively plenary sessions, worship services, the Ware Lecture and any number of workshops, we made time to gather with other UUs from Maine—Kent Price and Colin Powell from the Castine congregation, Chris Goosman, singer extraordinaire from the Belfast congregation, Trudy Ferland who works closely with MUUSAN, our UU State Advocacy Network, and the Rev. Mark Worth, one of our very own Minister Emeritus who will be spending much of the summer in Maine before returning to his second year of Interim Ministry with the Harvard, MA UU congregation. It was wonderful to be in community with these folks, and with the other 4,000 or so UUs from around the county (and the world) who were there. I'm particularly excited about the deepening connections we're making with members of our local UU sibling congregations here in Maine. Don't forget that we welcome Lane Fisher, our new Collaborative Ministry Intern, into our midst on Sunday, September 4!



Although some UU congregations (and ministers!) traditionally take much of the summer off, that is certainly not the case here at UUCE. Instead, there's lots on the calendar that I hope you're aware of and will choose to participate in:

Our **UUCE Yard Sale** (and **Eggroll Sale**) will happen on Saturday, July 9 from 8 am-2 pm at the church. If you have items you'd still like to donate and have us pick up, please be in touch with Beth Pepper via email at [eapepper1@aol.com](mailto:eapepper1@aol.com) or phone at 757-746-7874.

On Sunday, July 24 at 2 pm, all are invited to gather for an **All Church Picnic & Swimming** at the Lamoine Beach. Bring your lawn chair, sunglasses and corn-tossing game and come join in the fun!

Beginning in August, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, our congregation will volunteer and staff the **Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry**. Nina Turner will continue to be our volunteer coordinator and cheerleader, helping us do our part to support this needed local food pantry. I, for one, look forward to doing my part, and hope you'll consider volunteering too. For more info (or to sign up), please contact Nina Turner at 537-2224.

On Saturday, August 6 at 5 pm on the lawn of Cynthia Perkins' beautiful home on Taunton Bay in Sullivan, we'll have our annual **Lobster Bake Fundraiser**. As always, there will be delicious food, live music (dancing if you will!) and conversation with friends, all to benefit the church. Please contact Anne Ossanna for more information at [aossanna@whcacap.org](mailto:aossanna@whcacap.org) or 565-2057.

All are welcome to join in on two **Afternoon Hikes** on Sundays, August 28 and September 18 at 2 pm (weather depending). More information will be published in the weekly email notices and Sunday morning bulletins.

My thanks to all of you who make our UU community come to life! May we each find time to soak in the beauty of this season and enjoy the gift of family and friends visiting.

Yours, in shared ministry, *Sara*

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## Notes from the President of the Board of Trustees

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June was a busy month for board and church business! We had our first meeting of the new Board of Trustees on June 9 (summary below) and then held our annual board retreat on Saturday, June 18 at the oceanside camp of board member Mary Haynes. At the retreat, facilitator Donna Dolham, sent to us by the Northern New England District Office of the UUA, BOT members and Rev. Sara participated in activities to help us get to know each other, explore our leadership styles, and clarify our own roles on the board. We then began to define our intentions for the board and the church and completed most of the work of formulating a vision statement. It was inspiring to spend the day with nine other dedicated and visionary members of the board. I anticipate a busy and fruitful year together!

On June 19, the congregation held a special meeting to approve use of funds for paving the parking lot and to approve the loan of funds for Peggy Strong and her team for equipment and supplies to get the Strong Brothers Eggroll endeavor under way. The Eggroll team will repay the loan from profits from sales at the Common Ground Fair. The paving funding will come partially from a bequest from member John Fink's late father-in-law and partially from funds raised in an intensive capital campaign. The congregation approved using one half (\$15,000) of the bequest for one half of our share of the paving cost (total just under \$43,000, of which The Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry will assume just over \$12,000), as well as the requested loan for the eggroll launch.

As noted elsewhere in the *NUUS*, the capital campaign has rapidly reached its goal, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of many of you and the incredible hard work of David Wilcock, Peggy Strong, Mary Haynes, Kay Wilkins, and other members of the Fiscal Matters Committee. Paving should happen sometime in late July. If you haven't already donated to this much-appreciated effort to make our grounds so much nicer, please do. Forms are available at the church and through the office.

The Eggroll team will be doing a trial run at the church YARD SALE on Saturday, July 9, so be prepared to shop and have a snack!

And lastly, by the time the *NUUS* comes out, RE Coordinator Anne Ossanna, Kay Wilkins, Diana Kate, and I (Robin Lovrien), plus Rev. Sara, will have returned from a wonderfully inspiring General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. The theme of the conference was “Heartland: Where Faiths Connect,” and has had a heavy emphasis on interfaith work for social justice. In addition, the three candidates for president of UUA were present for attendees to consider. The election will be in 2017. Our thoughts and “take-aways” will be shared at the July 3rd church service.

Here is a summary of the June BOT meeting from our new Secretary, Michael Arruda:

With the new board members in place (see new roster below), this was our first, and very productive, meeting. Our first undertaking was a visit from Anne Ossanna, who had a request for permission to undertake a fundraising project with the RE children. With Anne’s guidance, our youth will be collecting their change and making donations out of their own pockets to start a funding campaign through the Kiva project, whose mission is “to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty.” With Kiva’s 98% repayment rate, our youth will be able to continue funding for years to come. The board happily approved Anne’s request.

There is so much going on with fundraising for our church these days. From the Strong Eggrolls to the Open Mic to the generous donation of a vehicle to the congregation, there are many ways we as a community are making our little piece of the earth better every day. And speaking of fundraising, treasurer Peggy Strong reported that the Auction earnings of \$2500 were used for donations to the following local charities: Loaves and Fishes—\$1800, Emmaus Center—\$200, and THAW Fund—\$500.

Peggy noted that as the fiscal year comes to an end, we are on point to use 100% of our allotted budget. This is something that has taken discipline, difficult conversations, and the hard work of all those involved in the decision-making process. At this point, please remember how important fulfilling your pledge is. If something has come up and you cannot complete your pledge, or if you are not sure if you still owe, please get in touch with Evelyn Foster, Peggy Strong, or Eileen Mielenhausen (in the office). Peggy also reported that the transfer of our Maine Community Foundation (MCF) money into the sustainable and green-minded fund has begun.

Finally, the Fiscal Matters Committee (FMC) recommended that we pave the driveway. Loaves and Fishes received a monetary gift to cover the cost of paving their portion of the parking lot in the near future. Happily, UUCE also received a monetary gift from member John Fink’s late father-in-law. These developments, coupled with the current low cost of asphalt, help bring the cost of our share of the paving to where, after years of planning, it is now the perfect time to finish this project. The board approved the FMC’s recommendation and noted the FMC’s request for a special congregational meeting to approve use of funds for half of the church’s share of the paving (the rest to be raised through a capital campaign). The board was also notified that Peggy will ask to borrow funds to purchase equipment to get the eggroll undertaking started. Because both requests involve amounts greater than \$5000, these requests will both be considered at a special congregational meeting requested by the FMC for June 19 following the service.

As you can see our new board got right to work. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving the congregation this year and in the years to come! *Robin Lovrien*



Here is the current roster of the board:

Rev. Sara Hayman  
 Robin Lovrien (President)  
 Mack MacDonald (Vice-President)  
 Peggy Strong (Treasurer)  
 Michael Arruda (Secretary)  
 Eryn Boucher (Youth Member)  
 Evelyn Foster (Trustee)  
 Shawn Mercer (Trustee)  
 Margaret Thurston (Trustee)  
 Mary Haynes (Trustee)  
 Tom Martin (Trustee)  
 Jody Murphy (Trustee)

*General Assembly 2016 attendees, l. to r.: Anne Ossanna, Robin Lovrien, Diana Cate (seated), Kay Wilkins, Rev. Sara.*

## Money Matters

Summer is here! I, for one, would love a break from volunteering, a vacation from church (aside from Sunday services). But the bills continue to come in and “we need to make hay while the sun shines” to be ready for heating and plowing season. And because of that, many of us are working hard to be ready for the Yard Sale/Eggroll Stand, on Saturday, July 9 at 8 a.m.



Recently, Helen Kazura, Margaret Thurston, Mack MacDonald, and Mary Haynes stepped up and spent 3-4 hours each, sorting, cleaning, and painting food stand equipment. Previously, Lori Johnson and Sara Hayman washed the inside and outside of our recently purchased trailer. Not only did we accomplish a lot, we had a good time, and I felt supported and hopeful that we will meet our goal of making eggrolls on July 9. Stop by to taste our product and roll a few yourself!

The pressure of a stagnating economy, the high costs of education and health care—all these and other stressors are affecting our members’ ability to commit to pledge as much as it takes to run a church each year. The Fiscal Matters Committee recognizes that we need to find more sources of “outside money” to balance the budget. We are looking to increase rentals—and especially fundraising. The food booth is a way to put ourselves out there to 60,000 fairgoers at MOFGA’s Common Ground Fair every year! It is a long-range plan for more financial ease. It will build community. I promise you, we’ll laugh together while working hard. Please join us for a four-hour shift (or two) at Common Ground (Friday to Sunday, September 23, 24, 25), or on the Thursday before or Monday after the fair. Contact Mary Haynes (266-2207) soon to schedule the most convenient shift for you. Thank you.

Your giving, both of time and money, matters more than you may know. “We are ever bound in community.”

Yours in service,

Peggy Strong, Treasurer, (207) 266-3006, [goodnuff@escrap.com](mailto:goodnuff@escrap.com)

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## Lifespan Religious Education

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Summer Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing.

June has flown by, between our Religious Education Multigenerational Worship Service, our Multi-Church Worship Service in Castine and Children's Chapel, preparation for Hogwarts Downeast School of Witchcraft, Wizardry and UU Promises, and General Assembly, it has been a full month. A heartfelt THANK YOU to Eryn Boucher, Liz True, and Nathalie Arruda for your assistance in Religious Education in June.

I am excited to share with you a Global Social Action Project that our children will be doing this next year during some of their Faith in Action Sundays. This project has been endorsed by the Religious Education, Green Team and PASA committees at UUCE, and our Board of Trustees approved the project and fundraising plan during their June Board meeting. The Green Team and PASA will be our partners in **CHANGE FOR GOOD** Kiva project. Kiva is

a non-profit organization that is a clearinghouse for world citizens to provide interest-free microloans in the amount of \$25 to other world citizens who are seeking to better their lives by starting/expanding their business, furthering their education, and improving their living conditions. Kiva currently has a 98% repayment record on the loans they facilitate. During the month of July, the children will be encouraged to bring in a portion of money they received from their allowance, the tooth fairy, a job, etc. Each Sunday we will collect their change and keep it in a mason jar. The monthly theme for August is Generosity, and during the August 7<sup>th</sup> Time for All Ages, a special collection will be taken by the children asking you to match their contributions collected in July. Please note: this collection is separate and will not replace our weekly offering. So, parents, please encourage your children to be generous with their coins and bring them to church each Sunday in July. Adults, start saving your coins for the special collection on August 7. Our goal is to raise \$100 and provide four microloans through Kiva with members of the Green Team and PASA guiding us during our Fall Faith in Action Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience faith in action, public witness, and collectively how together we can be generous and **CHANGE FOR GOOD**.

Hogwarts Downeast School of Witchcraft, Wizardry and UU Promises is in session. Visiting Professors are lined up through August, with two slots still needed in August for Assistant Professors. Please see me if you are interested in guiding our children as they explore our UU Promises through the first three books of the Harry Potter series.

I hope you all will be at Lamoine Beach after church on July 24 for our All-Church Picnic. The beach and water are rocky, so beach shoes are suggested. This is more of a potluck than "bring your own lunch." There are grills, bathrooms, and ample parking. Hope to see you there. I'm bringing burgers and homemade coleslaw.

As we look into the fall and next year, I am really looking forward to the lessons for our children, and the diverse skills of those who are willing to be their guides. We are looking for mentors for our Coming of Age children, guides for our younger ones, and Nursery volunteers for our wee ones.

Finally, as you know, I will be returning from General Assembly on June 27, and will be with family on Monhegan Island July 4-7. Email and cell phone reception on Monhegan are spotty. *Woyaya - Anne*

## JULY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

**July 3:** Hogwarts Downeast—Sorting Ceremony with Mack MacDonald and Kathy Button—Each Person Is Important; Change for Good collection in RE; Potluck Sunday.

**July 10:** Hogwarts Downeast—Fire and Ice Charms with Lisa and Pepper—Be Kind in All You Do; Change for Good collection in RE.

**July 17:** Hogwarts Downeast—Defense Against the Dark Arts with Helen Kazura and Cecily Judd—We Are Free to Learn Together; Change for Good collection in RE.

**July 24:** Hogwarts Downeast—OWL Posts with Robin Lovrien and Anne Ossanna—Be Kind in All You Do; Change for Good collection; Multigenerational Church Picnic at Lamoine Beach.

**July 31:** Hogwarts Downeast—Quidditch with Michael and Nathalie Arruda—We Are Free to Search for What Is True; Change for Good collection in RE.

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## From the Fiscal Matters Committee (FMC)

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As I end my four-year tenure as the first and, so far, only chair of the FMC with its current mandate, I want to express my thanks to my fellow committee members. In the past few months we have had a busy time as we shifted our church endowment fund to the “fossil-free, socially responsible fund” at the Maine Community Foundation, and faced a challenging stewardship campaign for FY 16-17. I would also like to pass on these messages to the congregation:

**1. A Huge Thank You** to members and friends of UUCE who donated very generously to our recent successful Parking Lot Capital Campaign! We quickly reached our initial target of \$15,000 to match the amount approved by the Board to be used from the Bell bequest to cover our share of paving costs, in partnership with our dear friends at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Any additional contributions that come in to the campaign in the next few weeks will go to various small maintenance and improvement projects around the church and help start a maintenance reserve fund.

**2. Need Volunteers for the FMC:** The committee has been meeting about once a quarter on a routine basis over the past four years, but sometimes more often during the spring run-up to the stewardship campaign and the approval of the annual budget during May. The committee needs a new chair and is always looking for interested “finance volunteers,” since I will no longer be in the area all year long. Someone with some background in budgeting and a good ability to use spreadsheets would be most welcome as a candidate to be chair. If interested in considering this important volunteer position, as committee member or chair, see Treasurer Peggy Strong, who will be acting chair and calling meetings until a new chair is found.

Thank you,  
*David Wilcock*

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## Committee on Ministry

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The Committee on Ministry has three missions:

1. With the minister, we work to maintain and improve the quality of ministry within the Congregation.

We observe all aspects of UUCE ministry. As needed, we assist with problem solving and crisis management.

2. We serve as a resource and support for our minister.

We meet regularly with Sara to deliberate on her ministry, our congregation's ministry, and our overall community.

We are free to examine all aspects of her ministry in ways that help her to continue her development, have a high level of job satisfaction, and do her very best for herself and all of us. We serve as her sounding board and give our opinions and advice.

3. We serve as a communications channel between congregation and minister.

We keep the pulse of the congregation—your opinions and concerns about church issues. We hope you feel comfortable approaching us with anything having to do with the well-being of our church as we minister with one another.

And we work with Sara, our Board of Trustees, and our congregation to better our church as a "Beacon of Liberal Religion."

Members of the Committee on Ministry are:

Chair, Bill Clark, Eileen Brennan, Jenn Ryan, Karen Volckhausen



## *LOBSTER BAKE!*



Please join us for a casually elegant evening on the Downeast Coast of Maine for a traditional Maine Lobster Dinner on Saturday, August 6 at Cynthia Perkins' home in Sullivan. Lobster, corn, potatoes, homemade coleslaw, pasta salad, blueberry cake, fruit with appetizers, and libations are on the menu, along with live music. 55 tickets will be sold in July for \$55 each for our beloved UUCE.

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## Peace and Social Action (PASA)

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Jointly with the Green Team, PASA presents:

### Our Place in the Web of Life: An Introduction to Environmental Justice



This course curriculum consists of five units, each of which takes about two hours to complete. Designed using the best practices of “transformative learning,” the curriculum promotes a type of learning that is not just about acquiring new knowledge, but has the potential to shift the way people think, act and feel. It invites analysis and emotional and spiritual reflection. It poses ethical questions and requires participants to move beyond simply acquiring more information toward wrestling deeply with considerations of real impact and congregational accountability. For example, in one unit we will be mapping all the people, plants, and animals near and far that are touched by our actions as a congregation. We will also examine some of the environmental, economic, and social injustices we are a part of, and perhaps some of the justice-making we are or could be a part of.

The dates are the following Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.:

October 25, November 1, 15, 22, December 6

To sign up, please contact one of the facilitators: Nathalie Arruda, Karen Volckhausen, or Kay Wilkins.

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## UUCE Yard Sale

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The yard sale is less than two weeks away: Saturday, July 9!

WE NEED STUFF! There's still time to gather up your stuff that's just collecting dust in your home and we'll find it a happy new home! Those clothes that "shrank" over the winter? We'll take 'em! Those kitchen gadgets that just never quite worked like you thought they would? We'll take 'em! As a matter of fact, we'll take anything you've got (except old tube TVs), as long as it's clean and in working order.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Start signing up for two-hour shifts:

- Wednesday, July 6, evening (move the stuff from storage places in Ellsworth to UUCE)
- Thursday & Friday, July 7-8, all day (sort, display, and price all the stuff)
- Saturday, July 9, all day (sell the stuff and take leftover stuff to Goodwill)

Thank you!

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## Plan Now for the All-Church Retreat at Ferry Beach

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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. 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 accessible 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

**NOTE:** We are extending our registration for our Fall Multi-church Ferry Beach Retreat into July. There is still plenty of time to sign up.

There will be motel rooms available for anyone who might prefer them. Please so indicate when you sign up.

**\*\*Anyone interested in working on the program for the retreat is invited to the planning meeting to be held at UUCE at 5:00 p.m. on August 9.**

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## *Sankofa Corner*

*by UUCE Historian Wayne H. Smith*



### How to Be Remembered over the Next 200 Years

One of the frustrations that I've personally encountered as I pore through the UUCE archives is wondering: "Who were these people? What did they do? What drew them to the Unitarian Society of Ellsworth?" Of course, with a lot of work and patience, it is possible to cull some modicum of information about many of these individuals. Googling their names helps; doing research in the Ellsworth Public Library is also helpful; and in many situations I can learn a lot about their families by using my [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) subscription. That's sort of the nature of research, especially historical research. Check out every possible source of information, read and digest each artifact found, and do a lot of sleuthing and pondering.

Well, what about our current generation? What are we leaving behind that will help the members of UUCE in the year 2116 and beyond to understand who we were, what we did, and what drew us to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth? If the only records that the members of the church in 2116 can find are the old membership book and a bunch of names appearing in church bulletins and old orders of service, they won't be able to learn much about us. To help remedy the situation, I've started gathering together all the newspaper articles that I can find about UUCE members and their accomplishments, ranging from Charles Bassett's planting of the daffodils beside the Sanctuary, to the political work being carried out by Pam Person, to the outstanding accomplishments by our young people in the areas of theatre, sports, and academics. Over the years I've interviewed a number of UUCE members, including Dot Noé, Helen Boucek, Margery Forbes, and several of our ministers including Sara, Mark, Charles, and even the minister of the Unitarian Society of Ellsworth from 1956-1958, Rev. Walter F. Smith, now living in upstate New York. Each of these interviews has provided me with a snapshot of the lives and surroundings of each of these people. On occasion I'll run across personal letters sent by members to the Board thanking them for assistance they've offered, pointing out how something might be done better, or just keeping in touch after they've moved away. Photographs taken over the years are especially treasured, as through them we can get to know these former members and ministers personally.

So what am I hinting at? Well, maybe it's time for each of us to sit down and write a brief autobiography or at least a letter to those members from the year 2116 telling them who we are, what we do, and why we became involved with UUCE. Make it more interesting by including photos and newspaper articles. I promise that when the year 2116 arrives, members of UUCE will be able to look through the individual file folders, photographs, and other documents (both on paper and in digital format), and find out all about you, provided you actually sit down and share the information.

As I have said many times, "Our actions today are tomorrow's history."

## EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY: Nurturing Our Soul's Health

A Spiritual Deepening Class with Rev. Sara Hayman  
 Five Thursday Evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m. at UUCE  
 beginning July 21  
 and continuing on July 28, August 4, 18 and 25.

- Room for up to 12 people to participate.
- Registration is required by Thursday, July 7.
- Attendance at all five sessions is strongly encouraged.
- There will be some reading and writing assignments.



Rev. Sara looks forward to facilitating this class at UUCE that will provide ample and varied opportunities for participants to reflect on their spiritual journeys. Inspired in large part by Krista Tippet's new book, *Becoming Wise*, this class will be an interactive, conversation-based gathering that asks participants to reflect on their spiritual journeys.

For more information and to register contact Sara ([sara@uuellsworth.org](mailto:sara@uuellsworth.org) or 610-2872) or Eileen, Church Administrator ([office@uuellsworth.org](mailto:office@uuellsworth.org) or 667-4393).

## UUCE Candle Light Vigil for Orlando

On Monday, June 13, UUCE opened its doors to hold a Candle Vigil for Orlando, one of several such vigils organized across the state in the wake of the killing of 49 people at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, early Sunday morning.

Seventy-five people showed up—at least half of them from outside our congregation—needing and looking for a place of love and affirming community strong enough to hold their sadness and grief. Following the vigil service, we took a picture with our Standing on the Side of Love banner by our Wayside Pulpit and newly installed rainbow flag.



This picture was published in the *Ellsworth American* paper. At my request, church member Lisa Williams created a beautiful postcard that people were invited to use to send notes of encouragement and love to LGBTQ youth and the owners of the Pulse Night Club in Orlando, or our legislators re: gun control. Amy Thompson and Anne Ossanna helped us to re-purpose our beautiful weaving from the joint worship service in Castine to hold our prayers and affirmations while standing in solidarity with the LGBTQ community.

I want to thank everyone who helped get the word out and made this vigil happen. I am proud to be your minister. Together, I know we'll continue to find ways to embody love and witness and strength for the necessary work ahead.

Love, Sara

### Keep Up to Date on UUCE News!!

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 first if you think you have not been receiving the weekly news.

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

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## Advertising Opportunities—Promote Yourself or Your Cause

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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 are 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.

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### SERVICES

#### **New Day Housekeeping**

New UUCE member Julie Connell offers residence cleaning service with a conscious caring attitude. Call 266-2482 or email [julieconnell326@gmail.com](mailto:julieconnell326@gmail.com).

#### **BeamingLight Reiki and Sound Healing**

Experience relaxation and release in a 90-minute energy session with Eileen Mielenhausen in the privacy of your own home—or at a local studio space. Call/text (207) 441-2785, email [eileen.mielenhausen@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.mielenhausen@gmail.com), or visit [beaminglightcoaching.com](http://beaminglightcoaching.com) for more info.

### FOR SALE

- Peg Walker's old farmhouse at 30 Bert Gray Road, Sullivan. Well-maintained farmhouse, circa 1840's-1870's, with addition in 1990. Lots of renovations, large master bedroom, beautiful pine flooring, built-in garage, new Rinnai water heater, screened-in porch. Less than 1/4 mile from Route 1. Nicely wooded lot. Come take a look! Call Mark Ross at Realty of Maine, 266-6324.
  - 5 HP Mercury outboard motor, like new, used less than 30 hours. It was used as an auxiliary on a sailboat. It has been flushed and stored inside for winters. \$500 or best offer. Contact Neil Conary, 422-8251, or Susanne Forest, [susf458@gmail.com](mailto:susf458@gmail.com).
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The Property Maintenance and Management Committee appreciates that our members are aware of and reporting problems that they see around our church. We respectfully request that folks use the forms found next to the hallway mailboxes to let us know about specific problems or items that need to be addressed. This request is being made in order to ensure that issues are handled by the appropriate people, and will help us with documentation and follow through.

Please refrain from contacting individual committee members with these concerns, unless of course it is an emergency. We appreciate and wish to recognize all of the many volunteer hours folks have given to our buildings and grounds. Thank you!     Respectfully, the PM&M Committee

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## Personnel

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<b>Loaves and Fishes:</b> Sue Clark, Nina Turner, Dartha Reid	<b>Yard Sale:</b> Beth Pepper & Beth Allen

# July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:00 pm AA (CR)	2
3 <b>POTLUCK</b> 10:30 am Worship Service w/Rev. Sara Hayman	4 <b>HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!</b> <i>Church Office closed for the holiday</i>	5 11-12:30 Exec. Comm. (TD) 12:00 Al-Anon (S)	6 Yard Sale prep/storage 7 pm Coyote Group (TD)	7 12:00 Al-Anon (P) Yard Sale sort/price	8 10-12 Seasoned Souls (P or TD) Yard Sale set up 6:00 pm AA (P)	9 <b>UUCE Yard Sale 8 am-2 pm</b> 5-9 pm Single Women (CR)
10 10:30 am Worship Service w/Rev. Sara Hayman 9-1 RE office hours 12 pm PASA	11 <b>PAVING PROJECT (tentative)*</b> 7 pm St. A's (Seals)	12 12:00 Al-Anon (S) <b>PAVING PROJECT (tentative)*</b>	13 <b>PAVING PROJECT (tentative)*</b> 7-9 pm Trad. Music (S) 7 pm Coyote Group (TD)	14 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 6-8 pm Board mtg (BR)	15 6:00 pm AA (CR)	16 <b>6 pm UUCE Open Mic Night (S)</b>
17 10:30 am Worship Service 9-1 RE office hours	18 7 pm DE-NVC (TD) 7 pm St. A's (Seals)	19 12:00 Al-Anon (S)	20 5-7 pm SGM (BR) 7 pm Coyote Group (TD)	21 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 6:30-8:30 ES (D)	22 10-12 Seasoned Souls (S) 6:00 pm AA (S)	23
24 <b>PLATE SPLIT</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9-1 RE office hours	25 7 pm St. A's (Seals)	26 12:00 Al-Anon (S)	27 2-4 pm SGM (TD) 2-4 pm SGM (BR) 6-9 pm DEA (S) 7 pm Coyote Group (TD)	28 12:00 Al-Anon (S) 6:30-8:30 ES (D)	29	30
31 10:30 am Worship Service 9-1 RE office hours				<b>*If the PAVING PROJECT begins on the 11<sup>th</sup>, the church will be closed those 3 days.</b>		

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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.