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A Month of Services in February

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

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICES: February's monthly worship theme is *Identity*.

Sunday, February 5 "Words, Words, Words" Rev. J. Mark Worth, Worship Leader
1st Sunday Potluck after Worship!

In the 1970s Pete Seeger wrote a song with the opening lyric, "Words, words, words, in that old Bible, how much of truth remains?" Sometimes, despite our words, and sometimes because of them, we have trouble communicating with one another. Mark will examine some of the words and metaphors we use in our UU churches, and what they might mean for us today.

Sunday, February 12 Identity: What's in a Name? Carol Rosinski, Worship Associate
& North Ellsworth Small Group Ministry

Sunday, February 19 Lost and Found: Identity
in a Foreign Land Jim Fisher, Worship Associate

Our identity rests on interactions of age-old cultural traditions and this morning's news. Similarly, the quest to find yourself may involve deep reflection amid the jarring experience of immersion in foreign lands. This service will explore the cultural, spiritual and social forces that shape our identity and strategies for resilience in challenging times.

Sunday, February 26 A Divided Life No More Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader
Monthly Guatemala meeting at 3:30 pm in Belfast!

In his book *Let Your Life Speak*, Quaker writer and social justice activist Parker Palmer suggests that we human beings suffer and hurt each other when our inner life and most authentic self is not present in the ways we live in the world. What would it mean to live from a place of hidden wholeness? What's required of us to do this and why does it matter?

**Want to volunteer to help with potluck or coffee hour after services?
Sign the sheet on the entry bulletin board or talk to Jody Murphy
(murphyjodyann@gmail.com). And we thank you very much!!**

Ministry Matters



"When I care to be powerful — to use my strength in the service of my vision — then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."

— Audre Lorde

As I write this newsletter article, I'm still feeling deeply moved by the outpouring of people who were present at the Women's March in Augusta on January 21. I'm grateful I was able to be there for such a powerful, hopeful day. In retrospect, it was just right for me to begin that day in silent meditation with others gathered at the UU Community Church of Augusta. Then to say a few words of prayer on the sidewalk with others before we set out to walk to the State Capitol. I'll never forget glimpsing the stunning sight of hundreds, we know now thousands, of people already assembled, each and every one a bright and smiling presence, young and old, all wanting to show up and stand in solidarity. And the sentiment expressed on my favorite sign spotted that day stays with me: *May your heart break open and never close again to the rest of the world!*

May your heart break open and never close

again to the rest of the world. . . It's a prayer I say to myself and offer to you. It's an intention, a disciplined effort that will cost us something; that will mean we'll have to feel things deeply. It's hard, AND it's a better way to live. And being your minister helps me choose to live this way more of the time, with my heart broken open.

In the coming months, Lane and I will be partnering with lay leaders on your Board of Trustees to engage you, the members and friends of our congregation, in thinking about what our shared purpose is as a church community. We'll do this by facilitating small group gatherings where we'll listen attentively to what you will share about this question: What is your experience of the beating heart (vitality and strength) of our congregation?

With permission, we'll meet with the existing small group ministries, and also offer a number of sessions that anyone can sign up to participate in. I hope you will choose to participate in these conversations and help us see and articulate the strength of who we are as a faith community. Powerful together, our hearts broken open, let us discover the vision we are called to serve.

Yours in shared ministry,
Sara



A Growing Year: The Collaborative Ministry Internship



January was reflection time—not because winter encourages that, but because the Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) and Starr King School for the Ministry demand it halfway through an internship.

Here at the 50-yard line, I'm happy. I have many goals yet to reach, a World Religions course and the fabled survey of social action interests among the Castine, Ellsworth, and Belfast congregations being the two largest ones. Meanwhile, I spend much of my work time in meetings, the thought of which horrifies my husband! My own reaction is one of gladness: Every one of the very many meetings in which I participate is teaching me good and useful things about the processes and presence of ministry. Together, they cover a broad swath of ministerial responsibility. And, besides, I really like all the people involved!

I told those at the January 22nd parish meeting in Ellsworth that I feel like a teabag being steeped in ministerial energies. Sara Hayman gives me supportive, wise, and honest counsel when I have questions and conundrums. Mar-

garet Beckman has shared her process of coming to know the Castine congregation and its staff; it was clear early on that she already loved them, but understanding the complexities of this or any congregation is a longer journey. Deane Perkins has always supported my ministerial formation and considers it full enough at this point that he asked me to be the point person in Belfast for pastoral care, with Revs. Sara and Duncan Newcomer providing backup as appropriate. Our three ministers also have shared with me their monthly meetings with northern Maine UU ministers, a wonderful collection of stout souls, and I've really appreciated being witness to the ecumenical cooperation and support evident at meetings of the Belfast ministerium. I have so many bright lights along my path!

This period of reflection also has prompted a realization that my heart is shifting—becoming more spacious and capable of holding pain and life complexities, even as my joy and peace grow. Bless you for becoming teaching congregations and so allowing all of this to happen in little more than four months. I'm eager to see where the second half of this internship will take me!

With love,
Lane

The News from the Peace and Social Action Committee



We're seeking cookies (including gluten-free) and healthy

snacks (fruit, cheese, etc.) for our Cookie Ministry to the GSTA group at Ellsworth High School! Please label as "cookie ministry" and place in the refrigerator. Cookies can also be stockpiled in the freezer. Delivery day is Wednesday. Thanks so

much for your contributions. They are a meaningful sign of support to the students.

Schedule change for PASA. We have changed our meeting date to the second Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Tidewater Room. The next meeting, however, is an exception and will be on February 15, same time and place.

Religious Education

Winter Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing!

In January the children explored *Prophecy* with help from their guides. On January 1, the last day of Hanukkah, Cecily Judd read *Maccabee, The Story of Hanukkah* by Tilda Balsley. Mary Haynes brought in a menorah, which the children lit, and then led them in creating their own menorah. We also explored *Kindness* with Jody Murphy; *Super Heroes* with Liz True, Molly and Shawn Mercer; *The Light Inside Each of Us* with Cecily Judd and Liz True; and *Taking Action* with Suzanne Aubrey.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our volunteer guides in January and to Lynn Marie Hundhammer and Mikayla True for serving as aides in the classroom.



SAVE THE DATE: Tween Overnight Gathering at UUCE on Saturday, April 1. Details forthcoming.

Parent volunteers are needed for our Annual Sledding Party on February 19, and for Games Sunday on February 26. Please see Anne Ossanna to sign up.

February Religious Education Calendar—Identity

February 5 - *Nothing at All* with Anne Funderburk; Potluck Sunday

February 12 - *Identity* with Jody Murphy

February 19 - Annual Sledding Party at the Black House directly after Time for All Ages;
Drivers needed.

February 26 - Game Day—Parent helpers needed; Guatemala Service Trip

Upcoming Events

An “Indivisible” organizing meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. PASA invites you to get together to plan ways to influence our Members of Congress to act on behalf of things we value: women's rights, health care, climate action, public education, etc. All are welcome.

Mid-Maine UU churches will host a workshop on exploring congregational leadership on Saturday, March 18, 10-3 at UUCE. Karen

Bellavance-Grace of the New England Region UUA will guide lay leaders and professionals in this “deep dive.” See this website for details:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cracking-the-leadership-crisis-deeper-dive-registration-30471978508?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

If interested, you may register with Rev. Sara or Anne Ossanna.

Sankofa Corner



Rev. Silas Wright Sutton: "The Grand Old Man of Lamoine"

Silas Wright Sutton was born on January 20, 1850, in the town of Warwick, Orange County, New York. His father, John Sutton, was a farmer, and his mother, Eleanor Holbert Knapp, bore a total of five children: Sarah, Emma, Alonzo, Silas, and Edwin. After Silas graduated from the Warwick Academy around 1870, he entered Tufts College, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1872 and a Master of Arts degree in 1875, the same year he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Tufts Theological School. He was subsequently ordained into the Universalist ministry at Racine, Wisconsin, on October 25, 1875. After Racine, he also served Universalist churches in Stoughton, WI (1877-1880); Neenah, WI (1880-1884); the "Yorkville Mission" in New York (1885-1886); and Cooperstown, NY (1886-1889). It was in Cooperstown that he married Mrs. Katharine M. (Bell) Paine on October 10, 1888, and in the bargain picked up two stepchildren, George and Margaret Paine.

On April 20, 1889, he began serving Unitarian churches in Brooklyn, CT, and it was during his two-year stint there that his wife Katharine gave birth to their first daughter, Eleanor, on November 26, 1890. In 1892, Silas and Katharine moved their family to the Barnevelt district of Trenton, NY, where he served the Reformed Christian Church (Unitarian) until 1893. Unfortunately, their second daughter, Katharine, who was born on January 11, 1892, died on November 1, 1893. From 1894 to 1901, Silas served as the minister of the First Congregational Unitarian Society in Athol, MA. It was during this time that he lost both of his parents.

On December 20, 1902, Rev. Sutton preached for the first time in Ellsworth. Due to the scarcity of coal to heat the building, services had to be held in the vestry. In addition to his six years of preaching and serving our congregation, he also participated in the "union services" of all the Protestant churches on the first Sunday evening of each month. On occasion, he would do pulpit exchanges with the ministers of other churches, including the churches in East Lamoine, Bar

Harbor, West Gouldsboro, Hancock, Hancock Point, the "Church of Our Father" at Sullivan Harbor, and at the Congregational Church in Ellsworth. Mrs. Sutton also filled the pulpit on occasion. Mr. Sutton was chosen superintendent of the Sunday School, and both he and Mrs. Sutton led teachers' meetings at their home on Friday afternoons.

In the springs of 1903 and 1904, the church presented a series of Lenten talks in the vestry. Rev. Sutton spoke on "Dryden and the Poets of the Restoration" and Mrs. Sutton spoke on "The Religious Ideals of Elizabeth Barrett Browning." Katharine also served as President of the Woman's Alliance, and her daughter, Margaret Paine, served as corresponding secretary of the Alliance.

In 1904, Maine experienced the strongest earthquake ever to hit the state. The quake shattered the foundation of the church, necessitating a tremendous outlay of funds to repair the damage. Mrs. Sutton was deeply involved in raising funds to make repairs to the church and, as recounted by church historian Mary Ann Greely in 1917, "[t]hrough the untiring efforts of Mrs. Sutton, contributions from out-of-town friends and well-wishers were received." Rev. & Mrs. Sutton also donated a beautiful tablet, artistically done by Mrs. Sutton's son, George Paine, in memory of the former workers in the church, and on August 22 of that year, George, who was an accomplished violinist, also participated in a fundraising concert for the church repair fund. The culmination of all of this was the rededication of the church on September 4, 1904, featuring violin performances by George Paine and the participation of several local ministers.

Rev. Sutton initially tendered his resignation in May of 1907, but after a congregational meeting on May 29, he reconsidered and stayed on for a few more months. At a meeting at the church held on October 16, 1907, a resolution was passed stating: "On account of the financial condition and certain disaffections made plain by a canvass of the parish, it is found necessary to close the First Unitarian Church at the expiration of the present year—December twenty-first. While we gratefully

Rev. Silas Wright Sutton, *continued*

acknowledge our indebtedness to Mr. and Mrs. Sutton and profoundly regret the existing situation, it seems the only solution of the grave problem." So on December 22, 1907, the First Unitarian Church of Ellsworth closed for an indefinite period, at which point Rev. Sutton retired from active ministry and took up residency in Ellsworth.

On October 2, 1909, Rev. Sutton traveled to his hometown of Warwick, NY, to officiate at his niece's wedding. A local newspaper described him as from Maine, and noted that while in Warwick he spoke once on the subject of "Prohibition in the State of Maine" at the Reformed Church.

By the time of the 1910 census, we find 60-year-old Silas Sutton and his 55-year-old wife of 21 years, Katharine, living in Ellsworth, Ward 5. In 1914, the whole family settled down into their retirement home in Lamoine. Katharine passed away on March 26, 1921, and by the time of the 1930 census, the family was down to two people, Silas and his 39-year-old daughter, Eleanor, who was his devoted companion towards the end of his life.

Rev. Sutton died on June 8, 1933, in Lamoine and the funeral service was held three days later, on Sunday, June 11, at the East Lamoine church, officiated by Rev. George A. Riley of the Ellsworth Unitarian Church, assisted by Rev. Neal A. Bouceifeld of the Lamoine Community Church.

Burial took place at the East Lamoine cemetery. The next day, Rev. Riley wrote to Dr. Hunt of the American Unitarian Association in Boston about Rev. Sutton's passing. He referred to Rev. Sutton as "a fine spirit and a great soul. In Lamoine the people regarded him very highly and someone down there recently described him to me as 'The Grand Old Man of Lamoine.' I thought it quite a tribute." Two days later, in the *Bangor Daily News* of June 14, 1933, he was described as follows: "Mr. Sutton was a most scholarly man, broad-minded and liberal in his religious views and in

his Christian living. He made a large place for himself in the hearts of the people of Lamoine among whom he had lived so long as neighbor and friend."



The only photo I have been able to find of Rev. Sutton is this one, taken in Lamoine about 1928, in the

company of two of his grand-nephews, the younger of whom, Denton Baird, later became a lieutenant in the Army in World War II.

—UUCE Historian Wayne H. Smith

What's Happening at UUCE? Find it on our online calendar:

<http://uuellsworth.org/about/uuce-calendar/>

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Women's March on Washington (and Augusta and Ellsworth and ...)

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A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
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