

Unitarian Universalist Church
Greater Ellsworth Downeast Area
First Unitarian Society Newsletter

Sunday services
10:30 A.M.

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January services:

January 5 Dr. Meserve
January 12 Dr. Foote

January 19 Dr. Meserve
January 26 Dr. Meserve

Informal coffee hour follows the service. There are limited facilities for the care of children during the service.

Church news items:

Women's Alliance

Jan. 8 Business Meeting at the home of Mrs Gail Strout 96 Church street.
Jan. 15-22-29 Open.

Discussion Group

Jan. 9 Mr John Bromley will be the guest speaker
Jan. 23 Open

The Every Member Canvass appeal was well received with many pledges increased, more people pledging and many outside contributions. The Every Member Canvass Committee with Louis Collier at its head is to be congratulated for the time and effort that they spent in this rewarding project.

From the Music Committee

On Sunday afternoon, January 26th at 3:30 P.M. we are to have a joint recital here in the church for the benefit of the piano fund. Ginia Davis Wexler, soprano, and Masanobu Ikemiya, pianist, are to be our soloists. We are counting on the members and friends of the church, not only to attend and enjoy a wonderful afternoon, but to spread the word to their friends.

From the President of the Trustees

The Church is in the process of acquiring a grand piano! As you know, a Piano Fund was started this fall for the purpose of replacing the old upright which has been found impossible to keep in tune. Now suddenly, an opportunity has come up which the Music Committee and the Officers and Trustees feel is such that it most certainly should be favorably acted upon.

The piano, which is presently in a Northeast Harbor home, is in excellent condition. It has been inspected by various members of our congregation
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who are musically knowledgeable and by our good friend Mike Ibemiya, and all pronounce it to be an exceptionally fine musical instrument. They are unanimous that the opportunity to acquire it at a price of \$800 plus moving expense is a bargain that must not be passed up.

Accordingly, the Piano Fund (which presently is approaching \$200) is being used as a down payment to bind the bargain. A campaign is being started to raise the remaining funds. It is not the intent to use regular church operating funds for the piano purchase (plenty of use for them elsewhere), but rather it is hoped that special gifts from within the congregation, and from fund-raising projects as may be appropriate, will generate the remaining moneys with minimum delay.

Can you help? Either idea-wise or contribution-wise?

New Members

Sunday, January 19th during the church service, there will be a simple ceremony in welcoming new members to the church.

In Remembrance

Our sincere sympathy to Mrs Catherine Skolfield at the loss of her mother, Mrs Embert Osgood. Mrs Osgood was a loyal and devoted Unitarian for many years.

From the Minister

We thank you for all the warm expressions of holiday goodwill that came to us in one way or another. We have had a happy Christmas and look forward to an interesting and useful 1975. We wish the same to all of you.

Several people have suggested that it would be interesting to have a greater chance for interaction between minister and members of the congregation. With this thought in mind, I am planning to hold several sessions after church based on Dr. Thomas Harris's book, I'm OK--You're OK: A Practical Guide to Transactional Analysis. Of all the various forms of popular therapy and self-development that have appeared in recent years, it seems to me that transactional analysis is one of the soundest and best. May and I are not experts in the field, but only learners. My suggestion is that those who are interested join with us in the learning process. Bring a sandwich to church with you. There will be hot coffee there. We will plan to start the discussions as soon as possible after the service and end them no later than one o'clock. The dates I have in mind are January 19, February 9, March 2 and 16. The book should be read before the discussions. It is available in paperback.