

Unitarian Universalist Church
Greater Ellsworth Downeast Area
First Unitarian Society Newsletter
March 1975

Sunday services
10:30 A.M.

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March services:

March 2 Dr. Meserve
March 9 Dr. Meserve
March 16 Dr. Meserve

March 23 Dr. Foote
March 30 Dr. Meserve

Church news items:

Women's Alliance

March 5 - Business meeting at the home of Dorothy Berry. Ingrid Luck will talk about her trip to Germany.

March 12, 19, 26 - Maybasket meetings at the church.

Discussion Group

March 6 - Ingrid Luck, guest speaker - "Bits of our earth," Part I.
March 20 - Estelle Smith, guest speaker - "Bits of our earth," Part II.

The Music Committee is delighted to announce that on March 16 we are to have another recital which bids fair to be quite as enjoyable as the last one. Yuko Washio, violinist, whom many of us remember, will come to us from New York, where she gave a most successful concert this past month. She will be accompanied by Mike Ikemiya.

The church was very fortunate to sell the little reed organ used during our services at Odd Fellows Hall for \$100.

Note of appreciation: To the Shepard Hardware Store, for the loan of one of the collection baskets used at the January concert.

From the Minister"

The discussions of Dr. Harris's book, I'm OK - You're OK, will continue on March 2 and 9. Bring a sandwich; coffee will be available. The meetings will begin promptly at 11:45 and end promptly at 1:00 P.M. On March 2 we will deal with chapters 8, 9, and 10.

You can always reach me by telephone at my home number, but please don't call after 9:30 P.M. We find we have become "early people."

Everybody should look at the map of Hancock County which Stan Richmond has placed in the church foyer. The colored pins stand for members and friends of our church. The map gives an idea of how widely we are spread. We are more of a regional church than a local community church. Ellsworth is our center, but our radius is quite large. If you do not have a pin on Stan's map, let him know, and he will be glad to insert one.

It is the season of Lent, and our Christian neighbors are observing it in various ways. In all of our minds there lurks the bothersome question, "Are we (Unitarian Universalists) Christians or not?" The answer, I think, is not so difficult. If we use "Christian" in the traditional, theological, and creedal sense, we are not. If we use "Christian" in the ethical and cultural sense, we are as much a part of Christian culture as anybody else, and we are trying to conduct our lives with respect for the ethical teachings of Jesus. Anyway, there is no reason to feel defensive about it. A notable Hindu (Gandhi) once remarked, "Jesus is ideal and wonderful, but you Christians are not like him." To be a Christian in the best sense is to live our lives with something of the courage, the trust, and the love with which Jesus lived his.