

Unitarian Universalist Church  
Greater Ellsworth Downeast Area  
First Unitarian Society Newsletter  
January 1976

Sunday services  
10:30 A.M.  
Church telephone  
667-4393

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January services:

January 4 Dr. Meserve  
January 11 Dr. Meserve

January 18 Dr. Foote  
January 25 Dr. Meserve

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Church News Items:

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, January 5, at 7:30 P.M. The Kamps have made a contribution of \$15 to the Building Fund. The money was realized through the sale of birdhouses and relishes.

We have found that a carpet sweeper is a handy thing to have in the church. If any member has one that they do not use and would like to donate it to the church, let one of the church officers know.

The church expenses go on week after week. We need pledge payments week after week to meet those expenses. Are your pledge payments up to date?

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Women's Alliance

January 7 Business Meeting at the home of Gail Strout, 96 Church street. January 14-21-28 no meetings are scheduled.

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Music Committee

On Sunday, January 11 at 3:00 P.M. there will be in our church a recital by Peter Greenwood, a young classical guitarist. Mr Greenwood, who lives in Freedom, Maine, is equally at home with sixteenth to twentieth century music. No admission will be charged but donations will be solicited. Following the concert refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

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Sexton's Duties

January 4 Joanne and Stanley Richmond  
January 11 & 18 Leona Royal & Carrie Dunbar  
January 25 & Feb. 1 Ruth & Ray Royal

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From the minister:

A number of people have asked that we have a series of discussion meetings on some subject of general interest, like those held last year on Dr. Harris's book, I'm OK--You're OK. All things considered, it seems to me that the best thing might be to explore our own liberal religious faith. I know of no better way into this subject than George Marshall's book, Challenge of a Liberal Faith. Accordingly, I have ordered ten copies of the book, with the thought that we can start on Sunday, January 4th. The schedule will be like last year's. We shall gather after the church service. Bring your lunch, and in our affirmative faith we shall trust that there will be coffee. The meeting will start about 11:45 and in no case go beyond 1:00 P.M.

One reason for choosing this basic theme for our discussion is my own conviction, confirmed by the opinions of others with whom I have talked, that there is no need to clarify and find articulate expression for our religious values during a historical period when ethical and spiritual values seem threatened by ignorance, indifference, and a tendency to substitute passing enthusiasm for careful thought. Reason and thinking may not explain everything, but we shall get nowhere without them. The deepest feelings, the most authentic intuitions are not contrary to reason and thought but extensions of them into new and unexplored areas of human search. The power of thinking is, as Pascal insisted, man's greatest dignity. Therefore, whatever else we do, we had better learn to think well. All else depends on that.

H.C. M.