

Unitarian Universalist Church
Greater Ellsworth Downeast Area
First Unitarian Society Newsletter
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Sunday services
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March services

March 7 Dr. Meserve
March 14 Dr. Meserve

March 21 Dr. Meserve
March 28 A service of Music
and Dance arranged and nar-
rated by Adrienne Conroy

Church News Items

In the absence of both our ministers on March 28, and by special request, Adrienne Hillhouse Conroy will repeat her service of May 26, 1974 on the dance in Worship, which traces religious dancing throughout history and which will include a revivification of the ancient, mystical drama-dance Ritual of Initiation, the Apocraphal "Hymn of Jesus". Assisting Mrs. Conroy will be Mrs. Kathy Sikima, singer-composer who devised music especially for this poetic rite and who will again sing and accompany the dialogue on the harpoxex. Also assisting will be Ms. Janice Lahti of Bar Harbor who has specialized in contemporary dance in worship and frequently brings this form of devotion to her own church, St Saviour's Episcopal church.

The Religious Education meeting (which was to be held Feb. 9 and was cancelled because of the weather) will be held Tuesday, March 2, 7:30 P.M. at the church. Please come and bring your thoughts and/or ques-

At the February Trustees Meeting it was voted to have a Yard Sale on the church grounds in August to raise money for our church budget. Please keep this in mind and save any usable articles you no longer have any use for, such as furniture, rugs, bedding, new or almost new clothing and any indoor or outdoor articles. More as to exact date and other details in a future Newsletter.

In the January Newsletter we asked if any member had a carpet sweeper they would like to donate to the church. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. John Bromley we now have one.

Sexton Duties for March: March 7 & 14 Helen Silver & family.
March 21 & 28 Ruth & Ray Royal

Music Committee:

Sunday March 7, 3:00 P.M. a Concert at the Church - a joint cello and piano recital. Details in February Newsletter as well as in Ellsworth American and the Bangor Daily News.

Women's Alliance

March 3 Business Meeting at the church, 2:00 P.M. Alice McCarthy--Hostess.

March 10-17-24 Tentative Maybasket Meetings.

From the minister:

It is only March, and already I can detect in myself a certain weariness with the bicentennial theme. I had planned to maintain a discreet silence until July 4th; but if I hold on that long, I may become quite intemperate. And I want to be sure to give our nation its due. As I watch this year unfold, I cannot but recall Thomas Jefferson's comment on the events of his time, "I tremble for my country when I remember that God is just."

The hucksters are having a field day or year. Parker Pen will sell you for \$100 a pen with a plastic-enclosed wood chip from Independence Hall. The folks who brought us English Leather Cologne are now offering American Leather Cologne. There is a "Spirit of Seventy-Six" catalogue of erotic paraphernalia. You can buy 22-carat gold bicentennial plate for only \$5000. The Tattoo Club of America has a special \$50 bicentennial tattoo, and an American eagle. A California plumbing company offers a red, white, and blue 1,500-gallon septic tank. There are many more such inanities. We do not need enemies from outside to destroy us. Our own imaginative and redblooded business men are doing quite well by themselves, not only in the retail trade but the corporate boardrooms, too. It seems one can buy ambassadors, governments, tycoons, officials, and even a prince or two, if you have the price and know what to do. Meantime we have a whole circus troop of candidates for president. Ford only knows, or does he, what will come of that. All things considered, we are lucky to have lasted this long in our bicentennial year, and for the rest of it we must trust the deep, silent good sense of the American people. As Sandburg said, "This old anvil laughs at many broken hammers."

Seriously, however, we should be thinking about how we can bring our country into the realities of the world as it is. How can the richest country in the world care for its endangered land, water, and sky? How can we care for our poor, our sick, our old people, our unemployed, and our underprivileged of every race? How can we win a place as the bearer of peace and concern for humane values among the peoples of the earth? How can we rediscover and apply to new conditions the liberties our forefathers won and cherished? How can we begin our third century cleansed of mediocrity and foolish reliance on impotent military power, and intensely alive to our responsibility for our own future and the worlds? Nobody thanks or praises you for being powerful and rich. Your rewards, if any, must come from your own conscience. It is time we discovered that conscience.