

UNITARIAN CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER June 1977

ALLIANCE SALE

The Women's Alliance will hold a home cooked food and candy sale at the Ellsworth Mall, Friday, June 17, at 10 a.m. It will be greatly appreciated if the church ladies not associated with the Alliance contributed toward this sale. Money raised will go toward the building fund.

DISCUSSION GROUP

"The Education System" (and its effect on the family) will be the topic for the discussion group June 19. This is a continuation of last month's topic of "Family." All are welcome to join in, right after church.

SUMMER SERVICES

This summer we are privileged to have the following guest ministers:

July 3 Rev. Cynthia J. Edson
July 10 Rev. Rhys Williams
July 17 Rev. Richard Hasty
July 24 Dr. Malcolm R. Sutherland
July 31 Rev. Ralph N. Helverson
Aug. 7 Dr. Harry C. Meserve
Aug. 14 Dr. Wallace W. Robbins
Aug. 21 Rev. William C. Saunders
Aug. 28 Rev. Scott W. Alexander

Special music for these services is being arranged by Eleanor Carlson, chairman of the music committee. Anyone willing to serve coffee for one service is asked to sign up in the church kitchen.

SUNDAY SERVICES

June 5 Dr. Meserve
June 12 Dr. Meserve
June 19 Dr. Foote
June 26 Dr. Meserve

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Fri. June 17 - Food and candy sale
Ellsworth Mall

SEXTON'S DUTIES

June 5 Julie & Bill Bromley
June 12 & 19 Ingrid & Julius Luck
June 26 Chris & Eric Benedum

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ANNUAL MEETING

As usual, the Alliance arranged the delicious supper preceding our annual meeting. Attendance was very good for both events.

A motion, tabled until fall, was made by Gordon Ramsdell to have the trustees build the building addition AND buy the land. New president Eric Benedum is appointing a "planning and development" committee to make recommendations on these courses of action. Incidentally, Eric's phone number is 667-8526, and his address is P.O. Box 221, Ellsworth, if anyone wants to contact him.

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Many thanks to retiring president Stan Richmond, and especial thanks to Ray Royal for his years of dedicated service as treasurer.

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Please give new names for our mailing list to Helen Pease (667-4454).

LEGISLATION

The Business Legislation Committee of the Maine Legislature, after defeating two so-called "funeral bills," is considering a revised third bill (LD 1771) which has the support of both the Memorial Society AND the funeral directors.

This new bill safeguards the public by requiring a doctor's examination of a body when someone other than a funeral director arranges the final disposition. It also prevents obstruction of acceptance of properly certified bodies by crematories or cemeteries when the authorized deliverer is not a funeral director.

A note from our District Minister urges us to support this bill, and to so tell our legislators, soon.

TRUSTEE NOTES

Richard and/or Joan Beal, from Homestead, in East Sullivan, plan to attend the UUA General Assembly June 20-26 in Ithaca, N.Y., as delegates from our church.

Consideration is being given to recovering the large chairs at the front of the church.

The trustees will meet at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, the next meeting will be at the church on June 8.

ADVERTISEMENTS

For the past six months, we have placed a weekly ad in the Ellsworth American classified section. This was an attempt to briefly explain how the Unitarian church is different from other churches. We would like very much to hear if anyone outside the church became interested, through these ads.

Funds were contributed by the following persons: Dorothy Berry, Jack Bromley, Lou Collier, Ed Kamps, Ingrid Luck, Ray Royal, Helen Silver, and Lewis Smith.

CHURCH OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN
1977 - 1978

President - Eric Benedum
Vice-president - Theresa Garnett
Secretary - Dorothy Berry
Treasurer - Stanley Richmond
Trustees - Lester Wass, Joy Mayo, Helen Silver, Lewis Smith, Jack Bromley, Edward Kamps.
Historian - Phyllis Canfield
Director of Relig. Ed. - Deborah Cravey
Newsletter - Helen Silver
Music Committee - Eleanor Carlson
Flower Committee - Joy Mayo



A letter to the Editor:

To the "Anyone Can Play" department re HCM's May newsletter paragraph on the California State Court of Appeals: "IF freedom is to be real" shouldn't the Reverend Sun Myng Moon apply it, too? AHConroy

NOTICES

The minister is available for appointments either at the church or at your home. All you have to do is telephone him at 244-7124.

Copies of Taking Down the Defenses, by Arthur Foote, are available at the church at \$3.95 a copy.

The news deadline for the July issue is June 19.

INTEREST CORNER

This month we asked JACK BROMLEY for a list of his interests - and decided we'd never have room if we tried to list them all!! Art, chess, crosswords, fishing, cooking, gardening, French Gothic cathedrals, sports, Scrabble, travel, discussions- the list goes on. So regardless of YOUR interests, Jack would be delighted to chat with you about them.

FROM THE MINISTER

The Long, Cool Spring

Each year there is a day when it all seems to happen very fast and spring has definitely arrived. By our little cove that day came to us on May 17. The shad began to bloom. The apple trees began to fill out. The peas seemed to grow two or three inches between sunrise and sunset. The grass leaped up. The little birds ate two big feeders-full of seed. After all, they need a lot of sustenance for their singing, love-making, and nest-building. People smiled at each other and said, "Isn't it a lovely day?" As if that were a surprise and a discovery nobody had ever made before. I checked in my journal to see when the great day came last year. It was May 15. Interesting that the seasons as a whole do not vary so much. There are minor changes, of course, but there is a basic dependability about spring that we may dare to trust.

This year we have had a number of springs to enjoy. We found spring in North Carolina in late March. We saw Jake, my robin, who spends his winters down south, stops with our friends in North Carolina, and is now here. We saw the forsythia in bloom and tulips and daffodils. Then we went on to Washington where we saw a most unusual sight - the cherry blossoms in bloom at the time of the Cherry Blossom Festival. Jake was there, too. We had a lovely sail on Chesapeake Bay with a friend who keeps his boat at Annapolis, and it was so warm that we were comfortable without jackets.

Then we came home to Maine to see the start of spring here. The ice broke up in our cove and went out on a cold northwest wind. Jake arrived from his travels through North Carolina and the nation's capital to take up residence in our meadow. In mid-April I turned over the soil in the garden, finding it pretty wet and frosty, but still full of possibility for the future.

At this point we were off again for a brief trip to New York and New Jersey, both in the midst of spring - forsythia, tulips, hyacinths, blossoming fruit trees all over again. We had a wonderful walk through Central Park one warm afternoon. It did not seem to justify its reputation as a place of crime and violence. People were watching the animals in the zoo, and the animals were watching them. Other people were playing baseball, tennis, shuffleboard, and quiet games like chess and checkers. Others were jogging or riding horseback or just walking, as we were. We saw a man meditating on a boulder and several pairs of lovers doing what lovers like to do in spring. How could anybody think or do evil on such an afternoon.

Then we came home to Maine in May. By now spring is over in all those places we visited. But it is in full bloom here. Indeed, the best is yet to be. I know that many places are more lush, more fertile, more showy than our cool New England coast. But all things considered, I'll take it as it is. I like the long, cool spring and the time to savor it.

H.C. H.