

# UNITARIAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER July 1977

### WELCOME!

We welcome our summer guests- both the first- or one-time visitors, and the "regulars" who have returned to us year after year. Any of you wishing to join our church as an associate member (which does not conflict with regular membership elsewhere) should let us know.

Also, we would be delighted to add new names to our newsletter mailing list. A signup sheet is on the table in the foyer.

### DISCUSSION

The discussion group will continue meeting as usual (after church, the 3rd Sunday each month) during July and August. Visitors are most welcome to join in, and may bring a sandwich to nibble if they want. On July 17 the group will start off with the question "are there any absolutes?"

### SUMMER SALE

The Alliance summer sale will be held at the church on Wed. July 20, 2 p.m. There will be tables for aprons, fancy work, candy, food, white elephants, and refreshments. Contributions from anyone not in the Alliance will be welcomed.

There will not be a public supper this summer. Instead, the Alliance will hold another food sale later on. The one at the Mall in June was a great success.

### SUNDAY MINISTERS & MUSIC

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| July 3  | Rev. Cynthia J. Edson<br>Elizabeth Beatty, organ                           |
| July 10 | Rev. Rhys Williams<br>Georgia Beatty, guitar                               |
| July 17 | Rev. Richard Hasty<br>Mike Ikemiya, piano                                  |
| July 24 | Dr. Malcolm R. Sutherland<br>Thomas Allen, piano                           |
| July 31 | Rev. Ralph N. Helverson<br>Mike Ikemiya, flute<br>Elizabeth Beatty, accom. |

### WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Wed. July 20 - Summer Sale, at the church

### SEXTON'S DUTIES

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| Jul 3 & 10  | George Chalmers and<br>Alice McCarthy |
| Jul 17 & 24 | Horace & Helen Pease                  |
| Jul 31      | Adrienne Conroy and<br>Audrey Moody   |



### VOLUNTEERS?

Greeters are still needed for some of the summer services, to meet newcomers and to acquaint the guest ministers with our church and routine. Also a few more people are needed to serve coffee, which has been generously DONATED by Eleanor Carlson! Check with Terry Garnett to see which Sunday you can help out. (There are only nine in all.)

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The deadline for the August newsletter news will be July 17.

## DR. MESERVE

## COMMITTEES

Dr. and Mrs. Meserve will be at the Meadville / Lombard Theological School at the University of Chicago from mid-September to mid-December, where Dr. Meserve will be a member of the faculty for the fall quarter.

Dr. Meserve will lead a seminar in ministry, as part of the "minister in residence" program. The purpose of the program is to offer students for the Unitarian Universalist ministry, an opportunity to discuss various practical aspects of their profession with experienced ministers.

Dr. Meserve will preach in Ellsworth once during the summer, on August 7, and on September 4 and 11. He will return to the pulpit on December 18. He has received a three-months' leave of absence from the church to permit him to accept this temporary appointment. During his absence, the pulpit will be filled by visiting ministers, by Dr. Foote, and by members of our church.

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Dr. Meserve can be reached during July and August in case of need at his home in Southwest Harbor.

## HELP WANTED

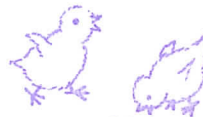
WANTED: Someone willing to babysit the younger children during our summer services. This could even be a paid job for someone available every Sunday morning. The regular members, who did such a superb job during the past year, have earned a vacation (in which to be busier than ever). Call Deborah Cravey (667-9416) if you know of anyone who could do this, for it is a very essential service.

The planning and development committee, headed by Betsey Roy, has as its members Louise Ramsdell, Helen Silver, and Lester Wass. They have begun to research the alternatives facing us with respect to the building, land, and the future of the church.

Members of the music committee for the coming year, as listed by Eleanor Carlson, chairman, are: Gertrude Mason, Phyllis Canfield, Helen Pease, Ingrid Luck, and Doris Seal. Alternates are Ade Conroy and Helen Boucek.

Two more chairmen- finance committee, Jack Bromley, and building & grounds, Horace Pease. Any outside group wishing to rent the church should get an application from either Horace or Bob Royal.

The next trustees meeting will be Wed. July 13, at the church. The new time is seven p.m.



## INTEREST CORNER

Organic gardening, raising chickens (with her own brood hen), and gourmet cooking are a few of the things JOY MAYO enjoys doing. She is interested in "some aspects" of the women's movement, likes books, crossword puzzles and discussions, and occasionally does needlework and watercolor painting.

An interest in antiques has resulted in the Mayos opening a shop at their home in Trenton, "Western Bay Farm Antiques" on Rt 230. Stop and see Joy there, or phone her at 667-8062 if you share any of these interests.

## Whose Victory, Anita?

I have been watching with concern and sadness the struggle between Anita Bryant and her crusaders and the people of Dade County, Florida, over the question of whether or not the county should ban discrimination against homosexuals. Now this particular phase of the struggle is over. According to Newsweek, Anita came home from the electoral wars in her Rolls-Royce to her Biscayne Bay mansion to be met with the sounds of music and dancing as her followers proclaimed their victory to be Jesus' victory and even God's. As Anita put it so eloquently, "Maybe some of you will never get personal glory here on earth. But I know God has prepared a tremendous glory for you in heaven. We're just claiming the victory for God."

What a glorious victory for God and Jesus to be celebrating: the withholding of equal rights to housing and employment from another oppressed minority, the blind and ignorant decision to treat people who are different from the majority as if they are not entitled to ordinary human justice and respect for their own freedom and dignity. I have news for you, Anita, and for all the people whom you mislead with your pious propaganda. God did not win, and Jesus did not win, and Christianity did not win. You and your followers did not win. Nothing won except the same old spirit of bigotry and intolerance that has oppressed aliens and blacks, people of different religious and political views, and women, and the poor, the weak, and the disinherited all over the earth. Nothing won but age-old stupidity and fear that lie at the foundation of all tyranny. You and your people did not win, Anita, because if you use your power and wealth to try to make a society where people you disapprove of are suppressed, the day will come as surely as tomorrow when some of those people will get up off the ground and make a society that bans the rich, or biblical fundamentalists, or orange juice hucksters, or singers. It is not impossible. The power to oppress is always shifting.

The reason we have a free society that permits wide differences of opinion, life style, and religious preference or lack of it, and insists on equality of all before the law is to protect each one of us in his individual life and privacy from foolish or malicious meddling by the people in power. If we don't want injustice done to us, we can't do it to others.

Think about that, Anita. And, by the way, your friend and mine, Jesus, once said, "Judge not, that you be not judged."

H.C.M.