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SUNDAY SERVICES

Nov 6 Dr. Arthur Foote
Nov 13 Gordon Ramsdell
Nov 20 Dr. Arthur Foote
Nov 27 Rev. Curtis Beach, Blue Hill

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Nov 2 Business meeting; home of
Marguerite Copp
Nov 9 Christmas Sale at church

SEXTONS

Nov 6 & 13 Bob & Dot Noe
Nov 20 & 27 Louis & Joanne Collier

CONCERT NOV. 13

Our first concert this season will be Sunday, Nov. 13, at 3 p.m. We are pleased to again have as artists Dorothy Rice, harpsichord; Kristin Lindley, violin; and Masanobu (Mike) Ikemiya, flute and piano. In addition, Mrs. Rice will play special music at the morning service on that day.

CONSTITUTION

There will be a meeting of anyone interested in considering revising or rewriting our constitution, on Wed. Nov 30, 7:30 pm at the church. Joy Mayo and Theresa Garnett are in charge. This is only for discussion and is open to all. A final recommendation will be brought before the congregation at a much later date.

DISCUSSION

"Is the Kennedy assassination relevant today?" is the discussion topic for Nov. 20, since two days later will be the 14th anniversary of that event. Theresa Garnett has just returned from Washington, D.C. where she and Rep. Cohen, (who arranged the interview) spoke to Patricia Orr, staff member of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. Terry felt it was quite a productive meeting, and will gladly give details during the discussion.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Treasurer Stan Richmond reports that 29 pledges have been received for a total of \$6400 (Oct '77-'78). There are about 17 yet to come in. If you have not yet sent in YOUR pledge, you may use the form on p2. Please do so promptly, so Jack Bromley, finance chairman, will not have to mobilize his canvassers to make calls. And remember, give as generously as possible - it's your church that benefits.



HOLIDAY MUSIC

If you would enjoy singing some special Christmas carols with us at the Dec. 18 service, please speak to Eleanor Carlson. She is going to distribute music, and will later hold a few rehearsals for this one occasion. Everyone is welcome!

DISTRICT MEETING

Revival - UU Style, the 16th Annual Northeast District Meeting in Portland, Oct. 14-15, offered many attractions to your lay delegates, Marion Richmond and Joy Mayo.

From the hospitality hour, dinner, and keynote address by Dr. Paul N. Carnes (recently elected president of the UUA) Friday evening, through Saturday's worship service, three seminars, and "mini mall," not a minute was wasted.

"Developing Your Potential," led by Rev. Vernon L. Curry, explored ways of creating a good public image, becoming a positive influence in one's community, using the media effectively, attracting new members, developing strong lay leadership, and a self-help church evaluation method.

They came home enthused with the many new ideas and resource materials gathered from other UU's around the district. They met old friends and made new, and wish more of our society could have attended. Next year, let's plan to send a larger delegation!

PEOPLE

Our church school program is under way now, and R.E. chairman Deborah Cravey is fortunate to have the assistance of two able young ladies, Mary Ellen Bromley and Elizabeth Cravey. A big "THANK YOU" to all!

Helen Silver attended the installation service for the Rev. Cynthia J. Edson at the Bangor Unitarian Church on Oct. 23.

We regret that the page from Dr. Meserve did not reach us in time last month to be included in the newsletter. Therefore, this month you will find two letters from Chicago.

PARISH MEETING

At the September parish meeting, a progress report for the planning and development committee was given by Betsey Roy. It was felt that both a building addition and purchase of adjacent land were equally important. Committee work was unavoidably delayed this summer, but is beginning to move now.

Dot Noe and Helen Pease were appointed as membership chairmen, but help is still needed on the building and grounds committee.

Other matters - pledges, music, church school, constitution, etc. have been reported elsewhere.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The trustees will meet on Wed. Nov. 9, 7 pm at the church. Anyone may attend who is interested.

INTEREST CORNER

PHYLLIS CANFIELD would be delighted to give anyone details about the Peace Corps, and she knows whereof she speaks. She served in Central America, then helped with a training program for Peace Corps volunteers at the University of California. She also spent a year as a volunteer teacher at the Redbird Mission in Appalachia.

All this occurred after a full career in education, primarily in music, Latin, and English. Phyllis was also dean of girls at the New London, Conn., High School. She now lives at 35 Beals Avenue, Ellsworth, and continues to be active in local affairs. Call her at 667-5875 for more information on the Peace Corps



ANNUAL PLEDGE * * YEAR 1977-78

(Please send to Treasurer, Stan Richmond)

As my (our) part in helping to defray the operating expenses of the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth, I (we) intend to contribute to the Church as indicated below. If circumstances make it impossible to complete this pledge I (we) will so notify the church's Treasurer.

Weekly \$_____, or Monthly \$_____, or Annually \$_____, or \$_____ (specify) Signature _____

The Spire and the Weather Vane

From the windows of our apartment on the third floor of Channing House at Meadville/Lombard, we can see the tops of trees, the roofs of many university buildings, the massive towers of some of the nearby chapels and churches, and, just across the busy corner from us, the spire of the First Unitarian Church of Chicago. It is a fine Gothic revival building, erected in 1897. The architect was Dennison Hull of Chicago. Under the guidance of the then minister, Von Ogden Vogt, Hull combined the basic features of vertical Gothic form with symbols representing the arts, industry, sciences, and ethical values of modern western civilization. The total impression is good. One feels that one is in a real church, but not a church filled with antiquities. Instead, it is a church filled with the spirit of our own time and its needs for survival, human fulfillment, and peace.

But it is the spire that we like best. It is tall, graceful, well-proportioned. In a community of many buildings that strive to be impressive, the spire is so. It reaches for the sky in a sure, sharp point, and at the very top is a weather vane. We are "weather people" in the sense that we like to know what is going on up there, what is likely to be going on tonight and tomorrow, and which way the wind is blowing, a condition that has a lot to do with the first two questions. So several times each day we study the sky and the spire of First Church.

People have many theories about church spires. Some say they are phallic symbols. Others say they are signs of conspicuous consumption, pretentious and useless adornments. I think they stand for the reaching out of the human mind and spirit toward truth and beauty as yet unrealized. But spires are also useful. On the coast a church spire is a landmark for the sailor, and it does not matter what church or denomination it is. On land, in a strange city, we find that the First Church spire will suddenly appear and show us the location of where we are living, dispelling that lost feeling that comes when you do not know your immediate surroundings.

Also, and perhaps most important, the spire and its weather vane show us which way East is. Before too long we expect that with a favoring westerly we shall be heading in that direction. Meanwhile we send our warm good wishes to all.

H.C.M.

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