

# UNITARIAN CHURCH

ELLSWORTH, MAINE  
Sundays 10:30 am  
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N E W S L E T T E R  
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Lose this day loitering, 'twill  
be the same old story.  
Tomorrow and the next, more  
dilatatory.  
Much indecision brings its own  
delays.  
And days are lost, lamenting over  
lost days.  
Are you in earnest? Sieze this  
very minute.  
What you can do - or think you  
can - begin it!  
Boldness has genius, power and  
magic in it!  
Only engage, and the mind grows  
heated!  
Begin it, - and the work will  
be completed.

Goethe

## CHURCH TO BUY LAND

The above poem was our inspiration  
this month!

When the trustees held their regular January meeting, they suddenly found a chain of events had begun which culminated in the congregation voting, on January 29, to purchase the oft-discussed lot of land adjacent to the church.

The trustees learned, on Jan. 11, that the land would definitely be sold very soon. It has been five years since our lot was bought, and now the remaining parcel can be cut into three lots without going through the planning board.

An informal agreement was arranged  
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## SUNDAY SERVICES

Feb 5 Dr. Harry C. Meserve  
Feb 12 Dr. Arthur Foote  
Feb 19 Dr. Harry C. Meserve  
Feb 26 Dr. Harry C. Meserve

## SEXTON'S DUTIES

Feb 5 Bob & Thurley Royal  
Feb 12 & 19 Philip & Doris Seal  
Feb 26 Mar 5 Fred & Eleanor Shea

## FEBRUARY MEETINGS

The Women's Alliance will meet Wed, Feb. 1 for a business meeting. The hostess will be Mrs. Dorothy Berry. The rest of the month, members will be working on Maybaskets at their homes.

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The next regular meeting of the board of trustees is on Wed. Feb. 8, 7 pm. at the church.

The discussion group meets again Thursday night, Feb. 23. At this time a "leftover supper" is planned starting at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come and bring some food.

The discussion afterward will focus on what is thought, consciousness, instinct, etc.- that is, how does a person differ from an amoeba? Do you agree with "I think, therefore I am"? This group meets on every fourth Thursday night. All are welcomed.

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with the seller (no money involved) to give the church until Jan. 31 to decide on this matter. After considerable discussion, the trustees formally voted to recommend the congregation purchase the lot for the price asked, \$16,500, plus fees.

A special mailing was sent to all members and regular contributors, notifying them of the meeting to be held after church on the 29<sup>th</sup>. (According to the present constitution, "all members.... pewholders, and regular contributors" may vote).

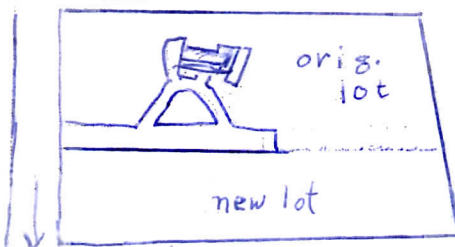
On that Sunday, 45 people met to further discuss the situation, with president Eric Benedum presiding. The feeling seemed to be that the land should be purchased, in order to preserve and protect our natural surroundings, and to ensure future generations the space and control needed.

Treasurer Stan Richmond gave an estimate that our expenses would increase by around \$2,000 a year, assuming a ten year loan. This would include making up for interest lost when capital funds were used for the down payment. However, none of the money designated for the church building fund will be touched.

BUT... anyone able to contribute cash right away is urged to do so, because this can reduce the amount the church must borrow, and therefore reduce the total amount of interest we will pay. Call Stan Richmond immediately (667-8932).

When the vote was counted, it was 38 yes, 6 no, and one abstention. The church will now own the entire area as shown on this map.

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INTRODUCTION TO UNITARIAN  
UNIVERSALISM

During February and March, Dr. Meserve will be dealing in his sermons with an approach to Unitarian Universalist religion based not so much upon beliefs in the formal sense as practices and ways of life in the realistic sense. In a very basic way, our convictions about the meaning of life emerge from our experiences with the perils and opportunities of life itself, our own life as we live it from day to day and year to year.

There will be a chance for discussion and questions on the issues raised in these sermons. If you have friends or relatives who are asking you what Unitarian Universalism is, the next few weeks might be a good time to suggest that they "come and see." Not that they will find out all the answers, but they may discover some of the questions.

CONCERT NEWS

Our second winter concert will Walter Nowick and Deborah Moskowitz pianists, was a tremendous success as usual with a large crowd attending.

Please note, that the next concert, originally scheduled for March, has been rescheduled for April 30. At that time, Barbara Mallow and Masanobu (Mike) Ikemiya will play the cello and piano, respectively.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

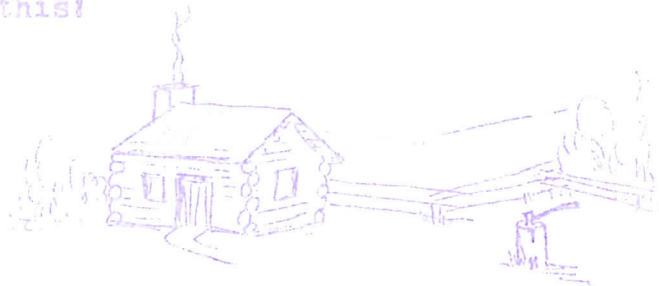
Also, at the Jan. 29 meeting, Joy Mayo and Terry Garnett passed out copies of the proposed revision of our constitution, so members might study it before voting on it at our May meeting. Joy deserves thanks for mimeoing the many pages involved, and both put in long hours preparing the revision.

FROM THE UUA

UUA President Paul N. Carnes has announced that on Dec. 19 the UUA Board of Trustees approved a citation honoring Anwar Sadat for his peace initiatives in the Middle East. Tribute was also paid to Prime Minister Begin of Israel for his immediate and positive response. A copy of the citation is on our bulletin board.

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This year, the UUA General Assembly will be held in Boston on June 20-25. Mark your calendar now, and perhaps a group of us can attend. It will never come any nearer than this!



Dr. Foote's sermon on February 12 (Abraham Lincoln's real birthday) will deal with Lincoln's thought and character.

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Many thanks to the Kamps who have again donated materials for use in the church school. This time it is a collection of twenty hard-bound books printed by the National Geographic Society, titled "Books for Young Explorers." These are full of beautiful color pictures, and even have a teachers' guide with them. This generous donation is much appreciated.

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If you can plan to fix coffee after the service some Sunday please sign up on the list in the kitchen.

PEOPLE

Dr. Meserve is in Ellsworth at least one day each week and can arrange to see church people either at their homes or by appointment at the church office. In case of need he can be reached at his home in Southwest Harbor, 244-7124.

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We wish a rapid recovery to Horace Pease, who underwent surgery to receive a pacemaker last week. He is at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor.

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Eddie and Irma Kamps youngest daughter, Gretchen McKay, will be married on Feb. 18 at King's Chapel in Boston, to the Rev. Timothy Ashton of the Unitarian Church in Brockton, Mass. Gretchen has been quite active in the Unitarian Universalist denomination, and presently works for the UU Service Committee at 25 Beacon Street. All our best wishes to the whole family!

INTEREST CORNER

Our religious education chairman, DEBORAH CRAVEY, is not new to this field. She held a similar position at the First Unitarian Church of Louisville, Ky. and also in Brunswick, Maine.

Deborah lists her interests as gardening, reading, and cross-country skiing, and also belongs to the American Association of University Women. The Craveys live in Lamoine with children Tyler, 10, and Elizabeth, 14. Deborah works in the Ellsworth office of her ophthalmologist husband, Dr. Madison Cravey.

We are fortunate to have her organizing our church school activities for us!