

UNITARIAN CHURCH

ELLSWORTH, MAINE
Sundays 10:30 am
Phone: 667-4393



DR. HARRY C. WESERVE, Minister
Box 1086 Southwest Harbor, Me.
Phone: 244-7124

NEWSLETTER August 1973

Look to this day! For it is life, the very life of life.
In its brief course lie all the verities and realities
of your existence:

The bliss of growth,
The glory of action,
The splendor of beauty;

For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today, well lived,

makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day.

Attributed to Kalidasa

BENEFIT CONCERT AUG. 27

On Sunday, August 27, 3 p.m. at the church, a group of talented musicians will present a benefit concert for the land loan fund. They are: Kristin Lindley, violin; John Beard, viola; Barbara Marlow, cello; Karen McCann, double bass; and Masanobu Ikemiya, piano and flute. We are most grateful that they are willing to do this for us.

Tickets will be sold at Alexander's Pharmacy, Ellsworth; Sherman's Bookstore, Bar Harbor; and Merrill and Hinckley, Blue Hill, and may also be purchased from members of the music committee. They are \$3 for adults and one dollar for children. Posters will be given out after church on August 13, to be placed in area stores. Volunteers to help with the distribution of posters should contact Helen Silver.

SUNDAY SERVICES

- | | |
|---------|--|
| Aug. 6 | The Rev. Robert Wolf,
Portland |
| Aug. 13 | The Rev. Denis Noonan, III
Castine |
| Aug. 20 | The Rev. Cynthia Edson,
Bangor |
| Aug. 27 | The Rev. William C. Saunders,
Brunswick |

Special music each Sunday is arranged by Eleanor Carlson. Donations to offset the expenses are appreciated - there is a basket in the vestibule, on the table.

SECTIONS DUTIES

- | | |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Aug. 6 & 13 | Leonard & Joy Mayo |
| Aug. 20 & 27 | Gus & Ruby Crews |

* * * *

The deadline for the September newsletter is August 27.

ARTISTS HELP LAND FUND

Eleanor Carlson, of So. Gouldsboro, will be exhibiting paintings and pastels at the Blue Hill Library July 30 to August 4.

She has very kindly agreed to donate the proceeds from the sale of selected matted and unframed prints to the church's land fund, and we appreciate this very much.

* * *

The excellent concert at Walter Nowick's last month was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. We again thank Mr. Nowick for his generosity in arranging this concert to benefit our church land fund.

ALLIANCE NEWS

The Alliance fair last month brought in a total of \$ 435.65! Many thanks to all who contributed to make it such a success. There are no Alliance activities in August.



MISCELLANY

The blue and green design tablecover donated for the flower table is an attractive addition to the church, matching the carpet perfectly

* * *

Ray Royal noticed the church's roadside sign had been taken, July 22nd. The fact was duly reported to the police. A new sign has been planned anyway, but is not yet near completion.

* * *

If you know of someone who might enjoy receiving our newsletter, or if you would prefer we remove your name from our lists, please contact Mrs. Horace Pease, 318 East Main St., Ellsworth, Me. 04605.

LOUIS W. COLLIER

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Louis Collier, who died in his sleep on July 1. Lou had worked enthusiastically for the church, as well as for the theater and arts in the downeast area, and will be greatly missed.

TO CONVENTION

Eddie and Irma Kamps are driving out to attend the Experimental Aircraft Association's week-long convention, to be held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Some 300,000 people attended last year, and displayed all manner of aircraft. Eddie will be glad to report on the event when he returns.

GARNETTS MOVE

An informal potluck supper/goodbye party was held at the church in early July for Terry and Ken Garnett, and their son, David. The state is putting a highway through their North Ellsworth home, so they have moved to East Waterboro (Box 177) where they will own and operate a small grocery store. All our best wishes go with them!

INTEREST CORNER

As president of the Women's Alliance, DOROTHY BERRY feels that is her major activity at present. She was secretary of the church board for four years, and currently handles the applications for rental of the building. (And we apologize for listing her phone number incorrectly in the June news letter. It is 667-5018.)

Dot lived in Stamford, Conn., for twenty years, where she ran a kindergarten, taught school, and then worked in a bank. After moving to Ellsworth, she was also active as a hospital volunteer. Her hobbies are reading biographies and good historical novels, and doing hand work (knitting and crocheting).

Miser

Each day during the time I set aside for meditation I call to mind a group of people who make up my most significant wealth. They are the members of my family, a rather complex and extended one, and my friends. They make up a community spread across the country and in various parts of the world, to which I belong and which belongs to me through ties of memory, shared experiences, love, and mutual concern. They are a diverse group of people, ranging in age from very young children to very old people. Some are blood relations and members of the family. Some are related to me mainly by their relation to somebody close to me, although I value them for themselves. Some are friends whom I see daily or at least quite frequently. Some are friends whom I rarely see, but often think of and remember with love and thankfulness. Almost all I have known quite well at some particular moment in my life and theirs when our paths crossed or moved along parallel lines. The closeness and intimacy one shares with a few people is not always constant. One can be very close to somebody for a relatively brief period, then move apart along separate courses while still retaining something of the warmth and intimacy of the relationship. One can keep some relationships as treasures that one once enjoyed and now recalls with appreciation of what they were and why they had to change.

One helpful and interesting aspect of this counting of one's wealth of human relationships is the realization that nothing stays the same. We cannot expect the love we felt for a child when he was small to remain the same forever now that he has become an adult. The love is as deep, but it is a different kind. When we see old friends whom we have not been close to for years, we find often that while they are still dear they are very different from what we remember. Not only do others change, but we change, too. In spite of change, however, I am more impressed with the fact that where I once found the essence of friendship and mutual concern I still find it, although the form and expression of it may be changed. What attracted us to one another deeply a long time ago is usually still there in the other and in us.

As one ponders the number and variety of the persons one has known and loved, one is impressed with the way in which each one seems to have meant something unique and necessary to one's own life. What seemed like chance or luck at the time now seems as if it were part of some unfolding pattern. Those we have loved have left something of themselves with us, as we have left something of ourselves with them. We and they have been enriched, even when the exchanging was brief and transitory.

I do not speak of the dead. That is a different kind of memory and of wealth. It stands for what was and still yields much of value in memory and reflection. This memory and communion with the living are different. Out of them come messages that keep expectation alive, so that sometimes when a surprising letter or call comes one feels almost ready for it. After all, we were thinking of that person, speaking the name inwardly, only a few hours ago. How nice of that person to reply.

Make light of it if you will. I still think we are surrounded, sustained, and enriched by the presence or even the awareness of the human beings we know and love. They may be distant, but they need not be far away so long as memory and imagination function. It is a good kind of wealth to have and be aware of. Nobody can take it away from you. It is even tax-free. It is the most secure kind of wealth. The important thing is to know you possess it.