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NEWSLETTER April 1979

SUNDAY SERVICES

April 1 Dr. Foote
April 8 Lay Service
April 15 Easter - Dr. Meserve
April 22 Dr. Meserve
April 29 Dr. Cynthia J. Edson

Membership / Lay Service

The lay service on April 8 is being planned by Jackie Hilton and Nancy Guy. It will consist of a conversation on Unitarian Universalism by members and friends of the church. Afterward, new members will be welcomed into the church. Those who plan to join at this time should notify Dr. Meserve or Chris Benedum, chair of the Membership committee. Dr. Meserve will be glad to talk with any who may be considering membership.

Guest Minister

On April 29, Dr. Cynthia J. Edson of the Bangor Unitarian Church will preach on "Thomas Starr King and the Development of Unitarianism in the West." Dr. Meserve will be preaching at the Bangor church.

STRING QUARTET TO PLAY

On Sunday, April 29, at 3 pm, the Bangor String Quartet will present the final concert of our winter season. Posters will be available at church on the 15th, to be distributed in the area.

The music committee also plans to have special music for the service Easter morning.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Apr. 4 Business meeting; bring a most cherished treasure. Hostesses: Jean Beal and Alice McCarthy
Apr. 11 Maybasket meeting, home of Gail Strout. Bring your own lunch, beverage provided
Apr. 18 Enterprise luncheon Dorothy Noe & Ruth Royal
Apr. 25 Silent Auction - bring a friend. Hostesses: Marguerite Copp and Leona Royal

The Alliance will be selling Easter and May baskets at the Maine Coast Mall from 10 to 4:30 on April 6, 7, 13, and 14.

SEXTONS DUTIES

Apr. 1 Bill & Julie Bromley
Apr. 8 Phil & Nancy Guy
Apr 15 & 22 Eleanor Carlson & Ade Conroy

"KING TUT" ON APRIL 25

There will be a special "King Tut" slide program at the church on Wed April 25, 7:30 pm. Joy Mayo brought back slides and a taped narration from Seattle, where she saw the exhibit last fall. Other related displays and refreshments are also planned. This will be a benefit for the church, so come and bring a friend!



NESTLE BOYCOTT

The following information was provided by Eleanor Carlson, from the Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFACT), 1701 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, Minn., 55414.)

The Nestle Company, to increase sales of their powdered baby formula, is using high pressure sales tactics and giving free samples to new mothers in Africa, Asia, and South America. Once their breast milk has dried up the mothers then must use formula.

But the water is often contaminated, sterilization and refrigeration are next to impossible, and the high cost of the formula causes them to stretch it by overdilution. The result is widespread infant malnutrition and diarrhea, often ending in death, retardation or permanent weakness.

Will you boycott the following Nestle products, and tell your friends and procer why:

Tasters Choice, Nescafe, DeCaf
Surprise Coffee, Pero, Nestea
QUIK, Choco-Chill, CRUNCH
Sooptime, Swiss Knight cheese
Maggi, Libby, Crosse & Blackwell,
and Stouffer products & chains
Barringer Bros. & Los Hermandos
wines
Deer Park Mountain Spring Water
Dancome & L'oreal cosmetics

Also, donations to INFACT (address above) are welcomed, along with names and addresses of others who might be interested in this effort. And write to Mr. David Guerrant, President, The Nestle Company, Inc., 100 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, N.Y. 10605, and to M. Arthur Furer, Managing Director, Nestle S. A., Vevey, Switzerland (31¢ postage) to tell them you've joined the boycott, too, until they stop exploiting third world babies.

TRUSTEE NEWS

The trustees will meet again on Wed, April 11, 7 pm at the church. They are thinking of arranging a public address system from the pulpit, with speakers in the auditorium and also the church school room. Does anyone know what became of the microphone and amplifier we used to have at the old church?

AUTHOR:

"Beyond the Springs: Cordelia Stanwood of Birdsacre," written by Chandler Richmond - a member of this church, has recently been published by the Latona Press, Lachins. Chandler is curator of the Stanwood Museum and Birdsacre Sanctuary here in Ellsworth, which was the home of naturalist, author, and photographer Cordelia Stanwood (1865-1958).

DO YOU AGREE?

The discussion group, at their March meeting, chose the following as the ten events of the past 135 years most crucial to mankind and recorded history:

1. Wright brothers, aviation
2. Emancipation Proclamation
3. Einstein, relativity
4. Louis Pasteur, bacteria/disease
5. World Wars I and II
6. The Communist Manifesto
7. Hiroshima
8. DeForest, amplification by vacuum tube
9. The Holocaust
10. Supreme Court, integration "54" ("The Economist," a British weekly newsmagazine, had at the top of their list "change in the position and status of women.")

The next meeting of the discussion group will be Tuesday, April 3, at 7:45 pm at the Peases', 318 East Main Street, Ellsworth. The topic will be the work and religious views of Einstein, and will be led by Jack Bromley and Eleanor Carlson. If you are interested, please come.

COMING SOON

A directory of members and friends of the church is being printed up by the membership committee, headed by Chris Benedum. It will be available soon, at the church, or write Chris at 1 Westcott Avenue, Bar Harbor 04609.

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Our annual meeting will be held on Wed, May 2, with the parish supper at 6:30, followed by the meeting and election of officers. Augusta Bromley and Phyllis Canfield are in charge of planning the supper.

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Save May 9, 8 pm, for a special program on China - details next month

Chauvinist's Progress

Nicholas Chauvin, as is well known to all, was an old soldier and an overenthusiastic admirer of Napoleon Bonaparte. In fact, so enthusiastic was he that his name became associated with any kind of intense overenthusiasm. But especially chauvinism has been associated with patriotism or with devotion to a cause; and in our own day chauvinism has been applied to those males who have shown themselves to be overenthusiastic supporters of the male sex against the female sex. Many years ago, at the start of the present wave of activity on behalf of equal rights for women, I received the degree of MCP (Male Chauvinist Pig). It was conferred on me by a number of my female friends. When I asked if it was honorary, they said not at all. It was richly deserved and well earned. Since that time I have been taking an intense course in consciousness raising, looking toward the advance degree of CR2 (Consciousness Raised Enough). As my education has continued, I have made periodic reports on my progress. They usually come in the spring when, as the poet said, "A young man's fancy . . ." But you all know about that. Anyway, here we are with the spring 1979 report.

I have, of course, taken a strong position about the Ayatollah Khomeini. Having overthrown the Shah, the army, and one government in Iran, he has now taken on the female establishment by demanding that they all wear traditional Moslem dress. He should know better. This kind of approach is both unjust and unenforceable. Nothing makes a powerful figure or a powerful government look more foolish than trying to enforce a law that is unjust and impractical. From which fact I draw the obvious conclusion that if the effort to enforce the inequality of the sexes is foolish, then the equality of the sexes is wise.

Closer to home, I recently got a letter from a fellow minister. He wanted to invite me and the men members of our church to a communion breakfast at his church early on a Sunday morning. After the men have had a sanctified period of worship and communion, they will sit down to a breakfast prepared and served by the ladies (God bless them). I wrote my colleague and thanked him for the invitation, while suggesting that it seemed a bit late for this kind of observance, when the goal we are presumably seeking in the churches and elsewhere is an affectionate and mutually supportive equality between the sexes as they work together at religious and community tasks. I have received no answer.

But it remained for the UUA to provide the real test for this year. We are in the process of publishing a small manual of meditation to be distributed by the UUA through its educational department. The director of this program and the minister to women of our denomination called to say that she felt that we should go through the manual, then in galley proofs, and excise all the sexist language. This means the end of the word "man" as a generic noun and the removal of all those masculine pronouns that have served in the singular for both sexes so many centuries. "What is man (woman) that thou (he/she?) art mindful of him (her) or the son (daughter) of man (woman) that thou visitest him (her)?" "What is a human being that thou art mindful of his/her humanity, or the child of human beings that thou visitest such a one?" You get the idea. When I heard this request, I said, "Do I have to?" "Yes," came the reply. So I swallowed three times, took my typewriter (feminine in both French and German) in hand, and tackled the task. With the aid and encouragement of my favorite female and beloved guru (what is the feminine of guru?) we tackled the job and got it done in four man/woman days (three for her, one for him). The book is to be called The Practical Redicator. Shall we call it The Practical Redirection?

There are those who think we should expurgate sexist language from the hymn book. I admit that maybe we should, but so far as I am concerned, not this year. My consciousness is already raised as high as it will go without causing me or it or both of us to fall flat on our faces.