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NEWSLETTER
August 1981

"To jaw-jaw is better than to war-war."
Winston Churchill

August 2
minister: Rev. Jack D. Zoerheide, Unitarian Universalist Church, Keene, New Hampshire
sextons: Joanne and Stanley Richmond
coffee: Ethel Schwalbe

August 23
minister: Rev. Robert A. Storer, Unitarian Society (Emeritus), Winchester, Ma.
sextons: Betsy Roy and Ethel Schwalbe
coffee: Ingrid Luck

August 30
minister: Rev. Marilyn Cusick, First Parish, Portland, Me.
sextons: Ruth and Ray Royal
coffee: Joy Mayo

September 6
minister: Dr. Harry G. Meserve, Unitarian Universalist Church (Emeritus), Ellsworth, Me.
sextons: Ruth and Ray Royal
coffee: Deborah and Elizabeth Gravey
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There will be a Governing Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There will be a special meeting of the congregation on Wednesday, August 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Architect David Wilson and members of the building committee will present drawings of the proposed church addition. All members are urged to attend—a vote will be taken for the continued progress of this endeavor.

MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The committee has been following all leads to potential candidates for our ministerial vacancy.

We are arranging interviews with the candidates (two for an interim ministry, one who has not the limit) and will call the possibility to determine of his interest. A retired Universalist who was contacted on the UUA's Dept. for Ministerial and Congregation Services.

Two other persons suggested as possibilities will not be available during the coming year.

WHERE ARE YOU?

If you have changed your name, address or telephone number, get the information to Ethel Schwalbe for the new church directory. Check the old directory to see if what we know about you is really true!!

SUMMER FLOWERS

Flowers from your gardens or otherwise would be appreciated for Sunday Services. Call Dot Noe or Helen Pease.

Ed. Note: The flower arrangements this summer have been so beautiful -- thank you, Dot and Helen.

CALC

Hancock County Chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned are sponsoring county wide Red Cross Blood Drives during August. What better way to commemorate the war deaths of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, August 6-9th, than in celebration of life and the shedding of one's blood for peaceful purposes? Volunteer donors are encouraged to participate from all county-wide church congregations.

The Ellsworth drive will be on Thurs., August 6, 2-6 PM, at the Congregational Church. U-U contacts are Bob Dickens, Joy Mayo, Bob Hilton, and Nancy Guy.

CALC will have its next meeting on Sunday, August 2, 7:00 p.m., at the church.
HELP FOR CHILDREN

To express your concern for CHILD PROTECTION, buy a raffle ticket on a painting donated to raise money for this cause.

Drawing will be at the Blueberry Pancake Breakfast on August 15th. See Louise Tweedie on Sunday or call 667-5129 for a ticket. The picture will be displayed at the church. Thanks for your support.

SUMMER READING

We have a supply of Rev. Ralph Helverson’s book, WHAT MAY WE DEPEND UPON?, on sale at the church, for $2.95 a copy. One dollar from each sale will be graciously returned by Dr. Helverson for our own church building fund.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM BREAKTHROUGH!

After 20 years of work, the U.N. Commission on Human Rights has adopted a Draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief. The Draft Declaration must now be adopted by the General Assembly.


SCANDAL!!

The Committee for Environmental Protection is looking into the housekeeping habits (or lack of) at the Deborah Gravey residence. We support our UU members, but draw the line at Dust Bunnies!

Bring ANOTHER friend to church!!
EXEMPLARY OF THE MONTH

(I have missed Harry's one page comments in our newsletter. I am going to try to make up for some of that with an "Excerpt of the Month." This will be a quotation or series of quotations of a, hopefully, stimulating nature. Suggestions gratefully received.)

Bob Dickens

from: Albert Camus, NEITHER VICTIMS NOR EXECUTIONERS

Modern nations are driven by powerful forces along the roads of power and domination. I will not say that these forces should be furthered or that they should be obstructed. They hardly need our help and, for the moment, they laugh at attempts to hinder them. They will then, continue. But I will ask only this simple question: what if these forces wind up in a dead end, what if that logic of History on which so many now rely turns out to be a willow the wispy? What if, despite two or three world wars, despite the sacrifice of several generations and a whole system of values, our grandchildren—supposing they survive—find themselves no closer to a world society? It may well be that the survivors of such an experience will be too weak to understand their own sufferings. Since these forces are working themselves out and since it is inevitable that they continue to do so, there is no reason why some of us should not take on the job of keeping alive, through the apocalyptic historical vista that stretches before us, a modest thoughtfulness which, without pretending to solve everything, will constantly be prepared to give some human meaning to everyday life. The essential thing is that people should carefully weigh the price they must pay.

To conclude: all I ask is that, in the midst of a murderous age, to reflect on murder and to make a choice. After we distinguish those who accept the consequences of being themselves or the accomplices of murderers, and those who do so with all their force and being. Since this terrible line does actually exist, it will be a gain if it be clearly over the expanse of five continents throughout the coming endless struggle is going to be pursued between violence and deadly persuasion, a struggle in which, granted, the former thousand times the chances of success than that of the latter.

I have always held that, if he who bases his hopes on human sure is a fool, he who gives up in the face of circumstances is a coward. And henceforth, the only honorable course will be to stake everything on a formidable gamble: that words are more powerful than munitions. (1946)