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can accomplish just about anything.

--Howard Glefke, reporting on the  
building of the storage shed



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THE NUUS      Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth      SEPTEMBER 1989  
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WORSHIP SERVICES: SUNDAY 10:30am  
R.E. CLASSES will begin after Parents Meeting on Sept. 17  
Child Care provided on Sept. 10 and 17  
OCTOBER NUUS DEADLINE--Sept. 17  
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**THOSE IN NEED OF OUR HEALING AND LOVING THOUGHTS**

ELEANOR CARLSON was admitted to the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital on August 15 for care and tests. We hope she'll be much improved by the time this edition of the NUUS is delivered, but her church friends may want to check to see if she is still a patient and offer their healing thoughts by phone or brief visit.      --Ethel Schwalbe

Our board will be setting up a committee to carry on Charles' good work visiting with ill and bereaved members and friends of the church. The editor would like to make a special plea for people to keep the NUUS informed about those who need to be comforted.

**A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE:** This is an important year for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth. Charles Stephens has left his service as minister after a number of years in that role. This means that the responsibility for an increased share of operating our church and its programs will fall directly upon us. Our search committee has been formed and is actively working to find our next minister. In the meantime the rest of us will have to put together a budget for the coming year, conduct a pledge campaign, plan programs and activities, and participate in services.

We are fortunate in that we will have the assistance of Kathleen Allan\*, Blaine Hartford\*\* and Harry Meserve\*\*\* over the course of the year, but we will need members of the Congregation to volunteer to fill out other Sundays.

I am looking forward to the year, and am eagerly anticipating the culmination of the year, when the search committee will have completed its task and we will be welcoming our new minister.

--Douglas Houck\*\*\*\*

\*KATHLEEN ALLEN, now a substance abuse counselor in Bangor, will be welcomed back as our speaker on the first Sunday of every month. She will be appearing before the UUA Fellowship Committee in September, and if approved (how could they not?) would like to have her Ordination Service at our church on Nov. 5th!

\*\*REV. BLAINE HARTFORD will be our speaker every second Sunday. When he was minister at the Canton, NY UU Church, Ross and Caroline Keller were in his congregation. Later, in Williamsville, NY, he was Doug Houck's minister! Now living in Cape Elizabeth, he works in Organizational Development for the UUA, as well as other corporations.

\*\*\*DR. HARRY MESERVE, our faithful Minister Emeritus, will occupy our pulpit the third Sunday each month, except for a couple of winter months when he and Kay will head south.

\*\*\*\*DOUG HOUCK has a new address and phone info: His mailing address is P.O. Box 5209, Ellsworth, 04605; phone number at home is 667-6625, at work, 667-2021. Please make these changes in your directory.

*(By the way, these astericks (\*...\*\*\*\*) do not constitute a rating system. The above mentioned people all merit Four Stars!)*

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 Carol and Howard Glefke, Printing- & Mailing, this  
*issue.*

**WANTED**

SOMEONE TO CHAIR OUR  
 ANNUAL "SERVICES AUCTION"-  
 Of utmost importance since we  
 didn't have our Summer Yard Sale  
 to bolster the fund-raising  
 portion of our annual budget!  
 See Carol Glefke or Doug Houck.

Also needed: someone to replace **Nancy Guy** who has been carrying out our mailing duties with great efficiency, but her new teaching position will take her in a direction opposite to Ellsworth from Blue Hill. For information on this key task, speak to the Glefkes.

**CHURCH BOARD MEETING-** Wednesday Evening, September 6, at 7 pm.

**MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE OFF TO A GREAT START**

Janet Quirk, who was elected chairman of the Search Committee, tells us that there have been three meetings thus far, alternating between Ellsworth and Castine. They have been making excellent progress, and questionnaires will be going out to both congregations in September. Janet is really pleased with the marvelous cooperation between the representatives of our two churches. Members from Ellsworth are Barb Donovan, John Edwards, Carol Glefke, Bob Hunter and Janet Quirk. From Castine are Marjorie Babcock, Bob Dick, Gregory Dunham and Joyce Rosinski.

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE** has been meeting through the summer. Tentative curriculums have been identified. However, because of a need for more information on children planning to attend this fall, and the shortage of teachers, it has been decided not to start classes until we can hold a **meeting with all parents on Sept. 17**, right after the Sunday service. Child care will be offered on Sunday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 17, during the regular service.

At this time there is also a need for regular care for infants throughout the year. During the last few years we have been very fortunate to have a regular member volunteer for the majority of the Sunday services. This is no longer the case, and input from parents of very young children would be appreciated so that a satisfactory solution can be found.

We hope to see everyone in the fall! --Anne Dickens

**TOUGH TALK FROM OUR TREASURER-** Reimbursements to our church for UUA/NED (Unitarian Universalist Association/ Northeast District [Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia]) annual membership assessments have been quite slow coming in, and I wanted to take a moment to remind you and also explain the process.

Each church is assessed \$20 by UUA and \$4 by NED per member. Our church has already paid \$2,300 to UUA and \$460 to NED. Last fall our budget committee decided to ask as many people as possible to reimburse our treasury for that amount. It was voted on, and approved, at our fall parish meeting to handle this matter this way. This amount is over and above your yearly pledge.

Please make your reimbursement as soon as possible to our church (do not pay directly to UUA or NED!). --Carol Glefke, Treasurer

**SUBJECTS FOR SENIORS-** sponsored by M.C.M. Hospital and Eastern Area Agency on Aging; Wednesday, September 13, 1 pm, at the Meals For Me Site. Topic: "Substitute Decision Making" (Living Wills, Power of Attorney & Durable Power of Attorney)

**GERTRUDE MASON'S LEGACY-** Gertrude valued the experience of being a part of our church community very highly, and as concrete evidence of that feeling, she left over \$10,200 to the church. Our treasurer has put this into a Certificate of Deposit, from which the interest will provide very welcome help to the church's finances. This is one of many reasons to remember Gertrude with gratitude for having known her.

**WOMEN'S ALLIANCE** will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 2 pm. Virginia Suyama has graciously offered to have the September Alliance meeting at her home, at 58 West Main St., Ellsworth. We'll meet for socializing and an informal program devoted to Mary Anne Greeley, who once lived in the Suyama's house. Mrs. Greeley (a granddaughter of Col. Black of "Black House" fame) was an early Ellsworth Unitarian and one of the founders of the Ellsworth Literary Society, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. Co-hostess will be Ethel Schwalbe. All women of the church are invited to attend. --Ethel Schwalbe

**JOIN THE CHOIR!** The first rehearsal of the new church year will be held on Sept. 24 at 9:30 am, with the first performance on Oct. 1. Our schedule of "Last Sunday" rehearsal and "First Sunday" rehearsal and performance will continue unless otherwise announced. We welcome anyone desiring to sing with us.--C. Glefke for I&M Forbes.

**STORAGE SHED NEARS COMPLETION-** If you have had a chance to look behind the church, you were pleasantly surprised to see our newly erected storage building. It is almost complete, needing only the rest of the shingles put on, door hardware, and some paint and stain applied.

Boggy Brook was unable to do the construction so Bob Hunter took hold of the reins and led the project from start to finish. Bob was the foreman of a crew of helpers which included Bill MacMichael, Irving Forbes, John Edwards, Linda Polley, Gerald Polley, Fred Snyder, Carol Glefke and Howard Glefke. Our summer members Martha and Art Brieger are our shingle installers. We are extremely grateful to such super people for lending a hand and getting the project accomplished.

To everyone who made contributions for the materials, we say thank you! Without those contributions, we would still be TALKING about the shed, not USING it.

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE! When we UU's work together, we can accomplish just about anything. --Howard Glefke

#### ALL IN THE FAMILY

**Such modest people!** We had to read *Viewpoints* (the NED newsletter) to learn that **Kathleen Allan** and **Severn Towl** both graduated summa cum laude from Bangor Theological Seminary! Severn was co-winner of an award for highest grade point average. A number of us enjoyed her beautiful ordination ceremony on June 18th in the colorful Sangerville Universalist Church. That same week, Severn successfully candidated to be minister of the Waterville UU church, where we wish her a happy tenure. For more good news about Kathleen, see page 1.

**Still more news of summer successes:** ++*The Memory Quilt*, by Elizabeth McKey Hulbert (Bettsy Marler to us), tells a wonderful story, with perfect illustrations. It's in area bookstores, or can be ordered from Windswept House Publishers, Mt. Desert. ++The night we attended Ade' Conroy's June production of *The Mousetrap*, the audience was filled with UU's (and others) who enjoyed the performance thoroughly. Doug Houck was outstanding- full of surprises!

**Speaking of summer surprises-**That's what the Thurstons felt while white-water rafting on the West Branch of the Penobscot; **Mary Alice** and almost everybody else flew out going over a 12 foot drop; only **Richard** and the guide stayed in the raft. (We have it on video!)

The BDN tells us that **Barb Donovan**, as president of the **Maine Transit Association**, recently told a federal transportation task force of the acute transportation needs of many of Maine's rural residents.

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SEPTEMBER 1989 CALENDAR

- Sun. 3 10:30am WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH!  
No R.E. Classes or Child Care today. (*see p. 2*)  
"CAN TWO WALK TOGETHER EXCEPT THEY BE  
AGREED?"; KATHLEEN ALLAN speaking. "Conrad  
Wright's recent article, 'Walking Together', in the  
*U.U. World*, prompts me to begin the new church  
year by exploring that which binds us, that which  
we agree on. In all our diversity, where is our  
consensus, where are our boundaries? Timely  
questions for our world, our church, our personal  
religious questing."
- Wed. 6 7 pm Church Board meeting
- Sun. 10 10:30am No R.E. Classes- Child Care provided  
REV. BLAINE HARTFORD speaking (*see p. 1*)
- Wed. 13 2 pm WOMEN'S ALLIANCE meets at Virginia Suyama's  
home, 58 West Main St, Ellsworth (large yellow  
house, with lots of windows, black shutters, semi-  
circular drive in front). Note later time. (*see p. 3*)
- Sun. 17  
10:30am No R.E. Classes- Child Care Provided  
REV. DR. HARRY MESERVE speaking  
after church MEETING OF ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN R.E.  
(*see p. 2*)
- Sun. 24 9:30am CHOIR REHEARSAL, all welcome (*see p. 3*)  
Watch for announcement concerning R.E. Classes  
10:30am REV. GLENN TURNER, NED District Minister, speaking

**AVAILABLE AT CHURCH:** ++In our library, a copy of *State of the World, 1989*, a Worldwatch Institute Report on Progress Toward a Sustainable Society, provided by Ethel Schwalbe. ++*Grantslines*, the Annual Newsletter of the U.U. Denominational Grants Panel, "designed for those who have a great idea but need funding to get it off the ground". ++Information about the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, our outstanding "non-profit, international organization working in the U.S. and 17 other countries to support self-help development projects, improve human rights, provide emergency relief and promote peace." ++*Viewpoints*, the NED Newsletter.

**FROM THE SUBLIME TO THE RIDICULOUS? (We love them both)**

++From Rev. Ruppert Lovely (suggested by Carol Glefke): "Some say that UU's can believe anything they want to. This is not true. UU's don't believe that they want to believe, they believe what they must believe. Those who believe what they want to believe are those who believe in miracles, virgin births and bodily resurrections."

++The person who submitted the following (for our "short folks, and the tall ones can groan in unison") has asked that her name be withheld "to avoid persecution" (but here's a hint: she will be our speaker the first Sunday of each month) Q: What do you get when you cross an elephant with peanut butter? A: Either peanut butter that never forgets or an elephant that sticks to the roof of your mouth.