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A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

All services at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 4 - Bob Dickens, a member of our congregation. "Quixotism. A Reconsideration of Individualism And Its Role In History"

Sunday, July 11 - Kimberly Ridley, Editor of *Hope* magazine. "Living Inside Hope".

How do we sustain our hope in times of fear? *Hope* magazine editor Kim Ridley will share stories of people working for positive change, and what these stories suggest about how we can all help create a more just, loving, and sustainable world.

Sunday, July 18 - The Rev. Calvin Dame, Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta, Maine. "If Nature Were Our Guide".

As UUs we often cite nature as a source of inspiration or look to nature based religions as a part of our heritage. But when we look straight at it, nature is as much a challenge as a comfort.

Sunday, July 25 - Dr. David Crispin, a member of our congregation. "A Wonderful Death"

COFFEE HOSTS FOR JULY

July 4 (No Potluck) Kay Wilkins, Diana Cate

July 11 Evelyn Foster, Patty Herklotz

July 18 Peggie Geiger, Judy Rothrock

July 25 Carol Mathiesen, Pam Farrar

KATHLEEN'S GOING AWAY PRESENT

In one short week Bruce Thulin raised enough money to purchase a keyboard, a stand, and a carrying bag for Kathy Sikkema's going away present. Congratulations Bruce! The present was given to Kathy on the occasion of her farewell concert with "Generations". Bruce also wanted to get Kathy a small keyboard amplifier which would allow her to play in a larger setting like a Church. Unfortunately, the music stores in this area were out of stock and could not order one in the one week time frame. So, Bruce plans to order an amplifier by mail and give it to Kathy when she returns for a wedding in August.

Bruce writes: "I felt a little uncomfortable that not everyone was contacted about contributing to the gift for Kathleen. This was due to the fact that I had less than a week to raise funds, not that I wanted to leave anyone out. There is still an opportunity to contribute and be part of Kathleen's going away gift. We still need an additional \$100 for the amplifier".

Contributions may be given to Bruce Thulin or Carol Rosinski.

UUCE 2004-2005 Canvass News

You probably remember that last month I reported that we had fallen significantly short of reaching our Canvass goal, so short, in fact, that the Board was facing the task of making some draconian budget cuts, including cutting back our minister, Mark (continued on page 3)

ADULT EDUCATION

The adult education program will offer two courses in the fall.

The Power of Myth

Discussions based on the six-part Public Television (PBS) series, "The Power of Myth", in which Bill Moyers engages noted comparative mythologist Joseph Campbell in a dialogue ranging from ancient Greece to Starwars. The six video sessions are titled: The Hero's Adventure, The Message of the Myth, The First Storytellers, Sacrifice and Bliss, Love and the Goddess, and Masks of Eternity. For each of the six, two-hour sessions, the class will view one of the videos and discuss whatever the video brings to mind. Lance Funderburk will be the discussion leader. Classes will meet on six Sunday afternoons, September 26 - October 31, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Course Fee: \$10.00*

Exploring Paganism

An introduction to earth-centered religions, celebrating the sacred circle of life and living in harmony with the rhythms of nature. With emphasis on choice and personal responsibility, letting go of attachments to dogma; will also include, the earth-centered sacred year and views on Satan, ethics, and magick. Class format will include lectures, discussions, journaling and guided meditations. Leslie Linder, Covenant of UU Pagans, will be the instructor. Classes will meet on six Sunday afternoons, September 26 - October 31, 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Course Fee: \$10.00*

To Register For Courses

The Power of Myth
 Exploring Paganism

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Check course(s) for which you wish to register.

Send your name and address, with payment, to:

The Unitarian Universalist Church

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee will **NOT** meet in July.

New members **Don and Jean Martin** moved to Ellsworth in October, 2002 with their adopted cat Chester. They lived in Boston, and in Houlton and Gardiner, Maine before moving to Pennsylvania where they lived for 38 years. During those years they were members of the Main Line UU church and The Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. They also attended the UU Church of the Cumberland Valley in Boiling Springs where Jean was an interim piano player. Don served the Harrisburg church in many capacities such as member of the board and of the finance committee and chair of the building project and was instrumental in moving the church forward. Don and Jean have two adult children and four grandchildren.

Before retiring in 2002, Jean worked as a counselor in mental health settings and in private and public schools. She is presently working one day a week as a counselor for the Penobscot Elementary School. Her interests are writing, reading, piano, gardening, hiking and kayaking. She enjoys being a member of the Ellsworth Literature Club and she is a new member of the Music Committee for UUCE. Jean is happy to be back in Maine after too many years "away".

Don grew up as a Unitarian in Boston. After moving to PA he was active in politics, served as Democratic committee person and worked on several campaigns for various individuals. As President of the community association, he led a campaign for open space in Radnor Township and was instrumental in getting an ABC (A Better Chance) house established in Wayne. He owned and operated his own graphic art and design supply business for 13 years in central PA. Don retired in 2001 and recently began serving UUCE as treasurer on the board. He hopes to use his experience to help UUCE meet its present financial challenges. Don is an avid Red Sox fan and is happy to be back in New England where he can watch every Red Sox game!

FROM THE BOARD

Patty Holt kindly allowed us to hold the annual Board retreat for outgoing, incoming and continuing Board members on June 5 at her wonderful waterfront cottage, the Brown Elephant. We shared our reasons for belonging to UUCE and the skills, talents, interests and concerns each of us brings to the Board. We joined hands outdoors by the river to share a moment remembering Mary Alice Thurston, whose recent, unexpected death touched us all. The Board is grateful to Sue Clark, retiring Vice President, for agreeing to continue attending Board meetings for a few months and to remain on standby to assist with Board matters when President Tom Martin is unavailable. A Board Liaison to each standing committee was chosen, a tentative calendar was agreed upon for the coming year, and immediate and more long-term goals were discussed. The day was both productive and enjoyable.

At the regular monthly Board Meeting June 10, the Board approved a proposal from the Membership Committee to have a celebration, with cake, after service August 8 and a luncheon, by invitation, in honor of long-time (> 20 year) members of UUCE.

It has been proposed that the Caring Committee, now a subcommittee of the Committee on Ministry, should instead be an independent standing committee. As establishing a new standing committee requires a change in the UUCE By-laws, it must be voted upon by the church membership. This vote will take place at the August parish meeting.

Toby Manring, elected to the Board in May, unfortunately is unable to serve due to a scheduling conflict. The Board therefore requests nominations and/or volunteers to fill the vacancy.

In case you haven't noticed, the kitchen's all spiffed up, thanks to Diana Cate, and is now equipped with a frost-free refrigerator donated by Kathleen Ikema. Also thanks to Diana, who got the service

man to come not once, but twice, and stayed late, there is no longer a worrisome smell of gas. Thanks also to Jim Fisher, who began wiring the community room for sound, and to Jon Thomas, who completed the project; now parents who must leave the sanctuary with young children and the folks setting up for coffee hour can enjoy the entire service.

Saving the best for last, the Board extends sincere thanks to Kay Wilkins for her extraordinary effort in securing new and supplementary pledges to make up the \$14,000 budget shortfall that threatened to force the UUCE to decide between reducing our minister to half-time and eliminating several essential positions, including that of RE Director. Because of Kay's endeavor, the Board was able to present a budget, which was approved at the June 10 parish meeting, that although "bare-bones," includes keeping Mark at 3/4 time and continuing essential services. (Helen Kazura suggested at the parish meeting that each member try to contribute an additional \$65 to cover the UUCE's "fair share" contribution to the UUA. How about it, folks?)

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

The Landscaping Committee needs **HELP!** weeding and watering this summer, beginning **NOW**. Contact Margery Forbes (374-2068).

CANVASS NEWS (from p. 1)

Worth's, services. I am relieved to report that you came through! Twenty-eight people increased their pledges or made new pledges. As I am sure you will read in another report in this issue of NUUS, the Board was able to craft a bare-bones budget which will not impact our personnel levels. However, here's what that budget still won't do – and it really bothers me.

For the second year in a row we are not able to pay the UUA and Northeast District our Fair Share, which is \$65.00 per member. Several people have (continued on p. 5)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THANKS

Thanks to all those children and adults who participated in our program this past year and helped with our annual RE Recognition/Flower Communion service, which was held on June 6th. It takes "many" people to work with our children and support them in learning the principles of our church. The following is a list of children and adults participating this year. (Please forgive me if I have mistakenly omitted any names).

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Jared Hansen, Alex Hill, Dylan Brann, Joel O'Brien, Erik Hill, Emma Rieman, Grace Clayton

Graduating seniors who have attended our church:
Alex Hill, Aubrey Smith, Chris Buckminster

Adult leaders and participants: Bob Dickens, Sue Aripotch, Davis Taylor, Anne Ossanna, Sally Bell, John Fink, Tom Stipe, Mickey Worth, Wayne Smith

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

Joseph Ossanna, Keith Fisher, Greg Fisher, Joshua Ray-Walsh, David O'Brien, Ellie Howell, Katie Herklotz, Cordelia Ray-Walsh, Glenn Manring

Graduating from eighth grade: Keith Fisher, Joseph Ossanna, Joshua Ray-Walsh

Adult leaders and participants: Carol Rosinski, Anne Ossanna, Kay Wilkins, Gail Horton, Beverly Richards-Smith, Bryce Smith, Martha Dickinson, Dake Collins, Tom Martin, Jane Thomas, Cathy Burdette

AGES 8-11

Elliot Ossanna, Holly Thulin, Clora Manring, Maya Bustard, Steven Belt, Peter Howell, Vincent Ossanna, Maria Burdette, Nathan Genrich

Teachers and assistants: Sue Clark, Helen Kazura, Kay Hansen, Jim Fisher, Gail Horton, Dake Collins, Sally Bell, Susan Walsh, Bruce Thulin, Jennifer Emrich Shanks, Pam Person, Carol Mathieson, Margery Forbes

AGES 5-6

Mairi Manring, Emma Burdette, Susan Bell, Zachary Genrich, Iris Aripotch, Joy Taylor Cartwright, Lily Case, Mae McCloskey

Teachers and assistants: Toby Manring, Cathy Burdette, Peggy Geiger, Fran Stehman, Sue Aripotch, Martha Bell, Chris Burdette, Dylan Brann, Glenn Manring, Clora Manring, Doni Whitehead, Jessica Genrich, Donna Madonna

NURSERY/CHILDCARE

Henry Debeck, Loren Genrich, Jonathan Genrich, Jonah Diaz, Max Shanks, Mack McCloskey, Ian Howell, Duncan Howell

Teachers and helpers: Alex Hill, Emma Rieman, Grace Clayton, Dylan Brann, Jared Hansen, Erik Hill

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Doni Whitehead (Chair), Mark Worth, Ruth Eveland, Carol Rosinski, Kevin Debeck, Kay Hansen

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

During the summer months, childcare will be provided every Sunday for young children, ages 4 and under. There will be activities for older children—only on Sundays that an adult has volunteered to provide supervision. JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH WILL NOT HAVE A PROGRAM DURING CHURCH TIME. See Kay Hansen or Carol Rosinski if you can supervise activities for 40 minutes on a Sunday during the summer; we especially need help in July. It is church policy that children are not to be left unsupervised in the church.

THEME FOR NEXT YEAR'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The theme for next year's religious education program is "World Religions." We are now looking for curricula, resources, teachers and people with ideas to help develop the program. Contact Kay Hansen or Doni Whitehead if you would be willing to help

LOAVES AND FISHES

WANTED: Able bodies with compassionate hearts to assist with operation of Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry during the Month of August. Experience not needed, but is welcomed. Compensation through heart warming contact with fellow beings and the warm satisfaction of having “done good”. The pantry is open three mornings each week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. That makes 13 days to be staffed this August. Four to five volunteers are needed for each day. Here is a list of the tasks volunteers perform:

Tasks to be worked:

- Pickup discarded groceries from Hannaford and Shaws 6:30 to 8:30 A.M.
- Clean, sort, and arrange groceries received 8:00 to 9:00 A.M.
- Stock shelves in the front room (client shopping area) Various - 8 A.M. to Noon
- Check today’s specials!
- Escort and assist clients selecting groceries 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
- Consolidate remaining Shaws and Hannaford groceries for pickup by other pantries and soup kitchens 9:00 to Noon
- Cleanup, sweep floors, garbage to the dumpster 10:00 to Noon
- Repackage various foods delivered in bulk to the Pantry Various as needed
- Breakdown and dispose of corrugated boxes Various as needed

Plan on staying from 8:00 A.M. to noon. There is only a little leeway. When work for the day is done, some volunteers may leave early, but typically we cannot predict when a short day will occur.

Sign up a friend to work with you (with their consent of course). They do not have to be from UUCE. Sign up with your mature teen.

The sign-up sheet is in the church foyer on the Social Action board.

Be a Volunteer! – Claim your space!

We need 4-5 workers each M-W-F.

You are encouraged to sign up for 3-4 different days. That will help attain the needed staffing and will give you the personal opportunity to experience the pantry routine and the need it fulfills.

Questions/Information - Talk to Carl Stehman – 244-4122

Pantry Summary:

The Pantry receives food from Hannaford, Shaws, the USDA, local farmers, individual donations, and low cost food from large pantries.

The Pantry building was built by volunteers on property donated by UUCE.

The Pantry is staffed entirely by volunteers. There are no full-time staff. There is one Manager who spends about 24 hours a week guiding the Pantry. The Pantry is non-profit corporation. The Board of Directors are representatives from 12 churches in the Ellsworth area that have stepped forward to take this responsibility.

Volunteer workers collect the groceries and organize them on shelves so that clients can make a personal selection to their liking if at all possible. Loaves and fishes is open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 AM. to 11 A.M. Food is given to anyone residing in the Ellsworth area who makes a request.

CANVASS NEWS (from p. 3)

given designated funds to pay their Fair Share. My partner Diana and I have already increased our pledge significantly for next year, but we’re planning to increase again to pay our Fair Shares. That is an approach which others may want to consider. We receive many services from UUA and the District and ought to be able to support the greater organizations of which we are proud to be a part. (Continued on p. 6)

CANVASS NEWS (from p. 5)

Another issue with the budget is that for yet one more year we are unable to afford some necessary maintenance and repair to the building, most urgently, the exterior wood trim which is in danger of rotting unless it is sealed and stained. I'm not faulting the Board for not including this repair item and others in the budget; after all, they can't print money!

What follows is a year-to-year analysis of our Canvass efforts which includes some very good news for the future of our church. First, the bad news. Eleven people who pledged last year, pledged less this year. Another eleven people who pledged last year did not pledge this year. However, that number includes two people who died and two others who have moved away. Ready for some good news? Twenty-seven people increased their pledges this year. How about some even better news! UUCE has twenty-one new pledges for 2004-2005. In most cases these are people new to our church, but a few are folks who have returned to giving after not pledging in 2003-2004, or longer. We are growing and attracting people who want to be an active part of the voice of liberal religion in Downeast, Maine.

Those of you who rose to the challenge of closing our budget gap ought to give yourselves a pat on the back. You certainly helped me sleep better! Nevertheless, this is not the time when the Canvass Team can sit back and relax. UUCE still has significant challenges ahead to move beyond the 2004-2005 bare-bones budget. In the next few weeks I will be sending a letter to friends and associate members of the church asking for gifts to support the church. The Board and others are looking at other fund-raising efforts as well.

Do you want to make a pledge, increase your pledge, or make a gift?

Call Kay Wilkins, 667-2901 or Don Martin, 664-0309.

♪...JUST A NOTE...♪

On June 12 when Kathy Sikkema and her group Generations said good-bye to our UUCE congregation, I realized that it was the passing of a very significant era in the history of our church. Kathy has graced us with her music, her voice, and her smiles, and well as her many other talents for so long, we all wonder how we'll ever make do without her. But as she embarks on many a new adventure in RV-Land, let us all wish her well and let us strive to continue the cause of beautiful music in our congregation.

As I humbly try to fill her shoes, I realize that my feet are too big. With the help and guidance of the many musicians in our congregation, I hope that I'll be able to avoid tripping and stumbling too often. I look forward to the continuing music from the choir under the able direction of Irving Forbes, to the solos, duets, and other musical performances of the individual members of the congregation, to the occasional guest musicians, to the performances of our sign language choir "Signs of Harmony," and to the countless other musical offerings from all of you. Please don't hide your talents under a bushel basket. Let your musical light shine and let us make a joyful noise.

I look forward to hearing from you with any ideas that you may have on how to make our congregation one that welcomes all kinds of musical offerings. My virtual door is open: wayne@mrlanguage.com and you can call me at: 667-9482.

Musically yours,
- Wayne Smith

ADULT EDUCATION--CONT'D FROM p. 2

The registration fee does not include the cost of books. Students can purchase *Paganism: an Introduction to Earth-Centered Religions*, by Joyce Higginbotham and River Higginbotham, \$10.47, or *The Power of Myth*, by Joseph Campbell and Bill Moyers, \$13.95.

July 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 6:00 - 9:00 AA	3
4 10:30 Worship Service	5 7:30 Survivors Group	6 8:00-12:00 PATT	7 6:30 Craft Group 6:30 Men's Groups	8 7:00 Board Meeting	9 6:00 Small Group Ministries 6:00 - 9:00 AA	10
11 10:30 Worship Service Hungry Sunday	12 5:30 Casey Family 7:30 Survivors Group	13 8:00-12:00 PATT	14 6:30 Craft Group 6:30 Men's Groups	15 7:00 Downeast Audobon	16 6:00 - :00 AA	17
18 10:30 Worship Service	19 6:00 Violin Concert 7:30 Survivors Group	20 8:00-12:00 PATT	21 6:30 Craft Group 6:30 Men's Groups	22	23 6:00 Small Group Ministries 6:00 - 9:00 AA	24
25 10:30 Worship Service	26 5:30 Casey Family 7:30 Survivors Group	27 Yard sale setup 8:00-12:00 PATT	28 Yard sale setup 6:30 Craft Group 6:30 Men's Groups	29 Yard sale setup	30 Yard Sale 6:00 - 9:00 AA	31 Yard Sale (with cleanup)

To reserve space at the church, contact **Sue Clark** at 244-3051 or P.O. Box 1342, Ellsworth, ME 04605-134

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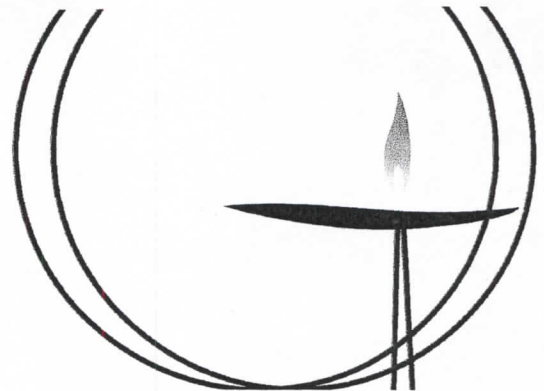
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