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A Month of Sundays

(All Sunday morning services at 10:30 a.m.)

Jan. 2. 'Navigating the Winds of Change'

The annual turning of the calendar gives us pause to ponder the deep meaning of endings and beginnings in the continuum of life's journey. Wisdom traditions from around the world counsel us to live in the present, but how do we live in the present while honoring all that has been as well as all that is yet to come? How do we deal with the pains of loss that hold us to the past or the fears and expectations that color our vision of the future? Sonia's talk on 'Navigating the Winds of Change' will look at the fertile ground for sacred self growth available to us when we embrace the challenges of major transitions.

Sonia Turanski, MA, is a former UUCE Director of Religious Exploration and Education. She is now Community Caregiver Advocate at Friendship Cottage, Adult Day Service Center, directed by Anne Ossanna.

Jan. 9. *The Third UU Principle*

"We covenant to promote acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations". Presented by Anne Funderburk, Tom Martin and Jane Thomas, with response and reflection from the congregation.

Jan. 16. Hawk Henries, Native American, flute maker (handmade), composer, multi-instrument player in multiple settings (Pow-Wows, museums, Sullivan Daze, concerts, and on and on). UUCE is fortunate that Hawk's very full schedule will allow

him to lead us in worship with his words and music, which emphasize the sacredness in us all. We will experience music from a variety of flutes and cultures, as well as his stories and humor.

He has represented Native Americans at "Quebec 400", London Mozart Players, New England Foundation for the Arts, American Folk Festival, Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian, New Orleans Jazz Festival, Benefits for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Faith Quilt Project, and travels widely to speak to and play for public school classes. Hawk Henries lives in Sullivan with his wife and daughter.

Toby Manring will be service coordinator and worship associate.

Jan. 23. *Faith Without Doctrine*

Eileen Brennan will share her personal knowledge of her beloved mentor, Sophia Lyon Fahs, (1876 - 1978) a prophetic leader in UU religious education. Fahs pressed for reformation in teaching children in church schools using their first-hand experiences, particularly with nature and science. She was a prolific author and curriculum editor. Her work in creating attractive and progressive "Unitarian Sunday Schools" is often credited with major growth in membership in UU churches in the 1950s and 60s after having been shrinking for years.

We will examine Fahs' life and work, and just as importantly explore what we can offer to today's families seeking, in her own words, "A New Ministry to Children."

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Eileen, a member of UUCE's Board, served as Religious Education Director for 16 years at three large UU churches. She was part of the curriculum team which developed the UUA's first sexuality course for pre-teens.

Eileen Brennan & Kay Wilkins

Jan. 30. A View on Immigration

What generation of your family emigrated to this country? Are any of us actual immigrants? For the vast majority of us it is a matter of when our family emigrated, not if. So, why are we so very concerned about who emigrates to our country now? Let us ponder the issues related to immigration in the 21st century.

Worship Leader: Rev. Becky Gunn, UU Society of Bangor

Announcement Policy Procedures and Changes

At the December Board of Trustees meeting, the following policy was adopted. The primary purpose for changes is to provide a take home list of upcoming activities sponsored by or of interest to UUCE. There are so many good things going on in our church now that we are hearing that it is difficult to keep up with topics and dates. We hope that the paper insert, along with NUUS info and Wednesday Announcements, will keep us all current and **active**.

- 1. Sunday announcements** will be for events occurring on that day only, as a general rule.
- 2. Announcements for the coming week** will be printed on an insert in the OOS. The Board member doing announcements will mention that people can carry the insert home for future reference.
- 3. Announcements for the coming month**, for UUCE NUUS, must be to Lance Funderburk by the 15th of the month prior (i.e. Jan.15 for the February NUUS).
- 4. New announcements for the week** to appear in the Wednesday News email and Sunday OOS Insert must be to Caitlin by Tuesday noon. Please indicate

whether your announcement is for the Wednesday News email, Sunday OOS Insert, or both.

5. A listing of announcements for one month out is appropriate for the Wednesday News email and UUCE NUUS.

6. For events occurring on that day only, Sunday announcements must be on the lectern by 10:15 a.m., either typed or **very clearly** hand printed.

7. All announcements should be as concise as possible while providing all appropriate information: who, what, when, where and why.

8. If you have an announcement which you believe **MUST** be made from the floor, please notify the Board member doing announcements **BEFORE** the service so that you may be called on. Other announcements from the floor will be discouraged and suggested to be included in the Wednesday News email.

9. At the beginning of the Sunday Announcement period (10:25 a.m.), the Board member doing announcements will state that she/he will not be recognizing floor request (unless the situation in #8 has occurred).

Please begin using these procedures now, but no later than the first Sunday in February. As always, any Board member will be glad to hear, and report to the Board, any comments from the membership.

Open Invitation

New members will be welcomed into our church in January. If you are interested in joining this group or have questions about the process please call Evelyn Foster (667-5998) or Judith Rothrock (244-3520).



Message from the President

Looking For a Church

For whatever reasons, in the past few months we have had more than the usual number of visits and inquiries from folks who are looking for a church home. Some people know what they are looking for. The following (slightly edited) letter was sent to the church office in December.

To the UUCE:

My husband and I would like to know a few things about your church.

- 1. Please describe any music and/or singing during your morning service.*
- 2. What opportunities do you offer to minister in the community or support local causes?*
- 3. How does your congregation act toward new members? It's important to me that a congregation recognize and act upon the tenet that new members should be enthusiastically welcomed into the fold. I have gone to two churches where no one said a word to me.*
- 4. What would you say are the top five priorities of your church?*

We welcome a phone call from a pastor or elder or an email. Thank you for your help!!

John and Jane Doe (not their real names, obviously)

My reply:

Dear Jane and John,

Thank you for your interest in our church.

We are, more than any other attribute, a very friendly congregation, with a caring, family atmosphere. We are a small church with about 90 members, plus a few non-member "friends." Our Sunday attendance is between 60 and 70. After losing our minister last spring we have had lay-led services, which have been quite good and well received. We are in a period of discernment about calling a new minister.

We are committed to supporting local causes. A few

years ago we donated part of our land to build the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, which we help staff. We split the proceeds from our annual auction, our major fundraiser, with the THAW Fund, which helps low-income folks with heating bills. Other activities raise money for the Emmaus Homeless Shelter and the Ellsworth Ministers Discretionary Fund. Many individual members are active in other causes, as well. Unitarian Universalist Churches typically support social causes, both local, national, and international.

We enjoy congregational singing and have a professional pianist and two volunteer choir directors. The choir may not be as polished as those in larger churches, but our singers are dedicated, practice weekly, and perform about once every month or so. The quality of the choir varies from passable to surprisingly good. Our pianist is very talented.

The top priority for our church is to support and care for each other in times of need, and to celebrate our good times. A regular part of Sunday service is called Joys and Sorrows. Anyone who wishes may share a personal difficulty or good news.

Another priority is to provide religious education for our children, and for the adults. For instance I am taking an Adult Ed course, at this time, called "Building Your Own Theology."

A major priority for Unitarian churches is to encourage and support individuals in their own spiritual quest. We are not a creedal church, but draw wisdom from the world's religions and from humanist teachings.

I encourage you to visit the Unitarian Universalist Association web site, www.uua.org, and our own site, uuellsworth.org.

Please feel free attend our services. If you are looking for a church home, do visit more than once. I would love to meet you. We always have two people at the entry wearing "Greeter" badges. They will see to it that you have a warm welcome. Also plan to attend Coffee Hour after services. That's when you will have a chance to meet people.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

(signature)

I am grateful for Jane's letter. I'm sure I could have said much more in answer, but perhaps I will have that opportunity later. Her questions made me think about who we are and what we have to offer.

We are a friendly church. I rarely see a new person in coffee hour not talking with a member. Please keep it up. An excellent question to start a conversation is, "What brings you here?" Then listen, meet their gaze and really listen. If you hear something that should be passed along, do so. If you hear something that might make a connection with another member, get them together and make introductions. You know the drill.

Love to all of you and happy New Year.

In ministry,
Diana Cate
President, Board of Trustees

Help Wanted

Searching for Publicity Director for UUCE

Loads of events happen at UUCE. Too often no one in the greater Ellsworth and Hancock County community knows about them.

We need someone who is willing to write up short press releases about our activities and send them electronically to the Ellsworth American, Bangor Daily News, Blue Hill Packet, the MDIslander, the Bar Harbor Times and The Bucksport Enterprise. The same notices can be sent to the Hancock County Community Network email list serve, and posted on our Web site (which automatically posts to our UUCE Facebook Page)

If you can send email you have the technical skills to fill the position. Matt Baya will help you get started.

All of this publicity is at no cost to the church. People need to know that we are the "Beacon of Liberal Religion in Downeast Maine".

Contact Diana Cate for more information.

The Awakened Heart: Living Beyond Addiction

Living Water Spiritual Center, Winslow, Maine

Rev. Karen Lewis Foley

Saturday, January 29, 2011, 9:30-3:30

\$50.00 Noon dinner is included

Registration deadline January 15 207-872-2370 info@retreatinmaine.com

"It is an addiction of the first order that we feel we must always be filling up our spaces," writes Gerald May in his book of the title above. Addiction goes deeper than attachment to substances. In our desire for love, meaning, even the sacred, we are "always...filling up our spaces" only to feel empty. How do we free ourselves to be available for the love that is always available to us? As we explore the meaning of this for our lives, we will practice some exercises May offers. You do *not* need to have read the book!

Rev. Karen Lewis Foley, a Unitarian Universalist minister, offers spiritual direction, retreats, hospice chaplaincy and pastoral care consulting. She has completed programs for spiritual guidance and for retreat and group leadership at the Shalem Institute, where Gerald May was one of her teachers.

Karen also offers "Seeking the Sacred: An Experience with Lectio Divina" at Living Water on Saturday, March 19, 9:30-3:30. Publicity forthcoming.



From the Board

December 2, 2011 BOT Meeting

Present

Board- Diana Cate, Don Martin, Karen Volckhausen, Judy Rothrock, John Fink, Jenn Ryan, Eileen Brennan, Cynthia Perkins
DRLE- Tom Grogan
Congregation- Matt Slater

Congregational Comment

Inspired by the outdoor sanctuary at Ferry Beach, Matt Slater spoke to us about his dream of having one at UUCE in the woods behind the church. A path had previously been cleared in that area about 10 years ago by Sue Clark. He sees two phases: first to clean up the woods around a number of big red oaks to see what it looks like and what type of energy there is in the congregation for this project and second to make it look like a sanctuary. Board consensus was in support of phase one and gave Matt the go ahead to clean up the woods.

Treasurer's Report

See Treasurer's Corner

DRLE Report

See elsewhere in the NUUS.

Announcement Policy/Wednesday

Announcement Format

A new policy was reviewed and approved. See Cynthia Perkin's article for policy detail.

Hiring Policy

A provisional hiring policy developed by Leela Sinha in November, 2009 was reviewed and sent to subcommittee for revision.

Congregation Priority Ad Hoc Committee

Outreach- only one person signed up. Once the work of the other committees is done, there may be more interest in this priority which was fourth on the list.

Finance - Betty Massie, chair. The committee is working on a mission statement.

Professional ministry - Ruth Eveland, chair. Work is progressing

Communications- Pam Person, chair

Name Change from Church to Congregation

Don is investigating what this would cost. Cynthia is forming a committee which will meet in January, report at the January congregational meeting and continue meeting several times after with a recommendation at the May meeting.

Everybody Eats

Several church members have volunteered with Everybody Eats and more have shown interest. We would like to increase church involvement with this project and will be working on this through PASA. A long term outcome could be a weekly meal at UUCE but we are a very long way from accomplishing such a goal.

Board and Committee Pictures

Diana will take responsibility to see that this happens.

Who Does What Document

Tom would like to develop a document which could guide people on such issues as planning an event, getting items on the calendar; things to think about when scheduling a meeting, etc. Diana recommended that Tom work on this with Martha Dickinson as she has some good ideas.

Board Notebook

Diana gave each member of the board a notebook for keeping items of board business to be passed on to a successor. It will include: agenda, minutes, policies and procedures, treasurer's reports and any other pertinent material.

Housekeeping

The ad hoc committees will report at the January meeting.

Next board meeting: January 13, 2011 at 6 PM

The first 15 minutes will be reserved for congregation comment



Nuts and Bolts

Thank You, Merchants!

Our major fund-raiser each year, the October Auction, would not be successful without the many contributions from local merchants. Please make a New Year's resolution to thank the following merchants as you visit shops, service providers, and restaurants in 2011. Let them know you are from UUCE, and how much we appreciate their donations. Each of them received a thank-you letter from the church. However seeing you as a customer helps validate their connection to the good cause we support, the THAW Fund.

We want to have an even more successful event this year. Each year, for the past three years, we have realized higher proceeds than the year before. Let's keep the trend going.

Bar Harbor Merchants

A & B Naturals
Alone Moose
Queen Anne's Flower Shop
Tree of Life Day Spa
Jordan's Restaurant
Acadia Veterinary
Side Street Café
Cadillac Mountain Sports
Clock Maker
Café This Way
Mt Desert Islander
Roberto Hostins Salon
West End Drug
Window Panes
Adelmann's Deli
Bar Harbor Inn
Guinness & Porcelli
Salisbury's Organic Garden Center

Bernard (W. Tremont) Merchant

AC Parsons Landscaping

Bucksport Merchants

True Value Hardware

Rosen's
BookStacks
MacLeod's Restaurant

Ellsworth Merchants

Hannaford, Ellsworth
Kalie Rosborough, Findings Consignment
Mainely Music
J & B Atlantic
The Sand Castle
Merrill Furniture
Hillfire Grill
Mr. Paperback
Hair by Marie
Cadillac Mountain Sports
Union River Galley
Union River Book & Toy
Sugar & Spice
Cleonice
The Maine Grind
Pyramid Studios
The Grand
The Bud Connection
Harmon's Car Wash
Richard Parks Furniture
Riverside Café
The Bancock Restaurant
The Craft Barn
Pat's Pizza
The Grasshopper Shop
Rooster Brother
Ellsworth Builders Supply, Inc

Hancock Merchants

Shirley's Yarns & Crafts
Ruth & Wimpy's
Hilts Landscaping

Islesford Merchant

Kaitlyn Duggan Pottery

Southwest Harbor Merchants

Sea Princess Cruises
McEachern & Hutchins Hardware Store
Islandscaping Garden Center
Westside Florist
Carroll Drug Store
Salty Dog Gallery

Trenton Merchant

Dublin Gardens

Lifespan Religious Education & Exploration

RE Happenings

Pizza and a Movie, Saturday January 8th!

Join us Saturday January 8th at 6PM for Pizza & a Movie! This time, “The U.S. vs. John Lennon” and Matt Slater's homemade pizza!

Young Families Tea

Later this winter we will host a tea for the families of our youngest members, those three and under. I am hoping to touch base with as many as possible so that we can come up with a date that will accommodate as many of families as possible.

Four Year Old & Up RE Class Teachers Write to Parents

The following is excerpted from a recent letter sent to families with children in our 4 and up group:

“...As the end of this year quickly approaches, your team of dedicated religious education teachers wanted to touch base with you, and let you know about our exciting plans for the coming year.

Beginning in January, we will be engaging your children in R.E. by telling & exploring stories that have been collected and published by Sophia Lyon Fahs, a much beloved and respected Unitarian religious educator. Each of these stories will be chosen from one of two anthologies, *Beginnings of Life and Death*, and *Old Tales for a New Day*.

We are inspired by what Fahs herself has to say in the introduction to one of these books, as it offers a glimpse into *her* (and now *our*) intention and hopes for the children she teaches:

These stories represent a variety of cultures and religions as well as a growing and changing scientific point of view. It is hoped that when a child asks questions about beginnings, she will be led on ... until she realizes that humankind through all the ages has been asking the same questions. A sense of communion with the rest of humankind can be established as the child discovers she is one with

the great company who have struggled, have been curious, have wondered, and have sought for understanding. This sense of being related in one's deeper feelings with all humankind can itself be a religious experience.”

Thanks go to Sara Huisjen, Eileen Brennan, Carol Rosinski, Becka Gagne and Anne Ossanna for their dedication in working with our young children.

Guest at Your Table Boxes

Please don't forget that the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, UUSC, provides disaster relief and promotes justice around the world. The UUSC Guest at Your Table project helps to build awareness of and support for the UUSC and its important work. Boxes were distributed in November and are due to be returned by January 9th. Please participate enthusiastically and help make this project a success!

I hold regular office hours on Tuesdays from 10:00AM until 3:00PM. If you have questions or would just like to chat about Religious Education at UUCE I hope you will stop in. I am more than happy to meet at other times by appointment or by telephone. My cell phone number is 207-951-2873. I will leave a note on the white board on the RE office door if I know that I will be out of the office for a planned meeting during my posted office hours. If the weather is at all questionable please call me at my cell number to confirm that I'll be in or to meet with me by phone.

January 8th 6:00PM

Pizza and a Movie, “The U.S. vs. John Lennon”

January 9th

Guest At Your Table boxes due

Adult RE Committee

The Adult RE committee has been busy planning some very exciting and diverse offerings for the Winter Spring Session. Lots needs to be finalized before the schedule is published -- but be thinking that you will have the opportunity to learn about Ethical Eating, Ways to Communicate Better, Taoism, Welcoming Congregation II, total costs of "stuff," more on UUA Principles, how to deal with climate change to name just a few -- and that's in addition to the ongoing Building Your Own Theology. It is fun to have so many folks willing to offer ideas and their time.

The Adult RE Committee will be meeting soon - watch the Wednesday newsletter for exact date and time - we always welcome new members.

Thanks
Pam Person
Chair, Adult Religious Education Committee

January dates

Sunday, Jan. 2 - Potluck

Sunday, Jan. 9 - UUA Principle 3 - Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations - discussion following the worship service on this topic - Anne Funderburk, Jane Thomas and Tom Martin

Tuesday Jan 11 - Building Your Own Theology-noon (closed)

Sunday, Jan. 16 Understanding Taoism - Matt Slater (this precedes a service Sunday evening at UUCE on Taoism)

Tuesday, Jan. 18 - Building Your Own Theology - Noon - closed

Sunday, Jan. 23 - Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 30 - Rethinking Afghanistan - film and discussion to follow - Pam Person

Committee to Study Name Change for UUCE

For a while now, some members have requested that we consider changing the word Church in our name to Congregation or Community. Many of you probably have strong feelings one way or the other, and we want to consider all views very carefully.

The Committee consists of Cynthia Perkins, Paula Marcus, Jon Thomas, Don Martin, Wayne Smith, Jude Lamb, Matt Slater and Martha Dickinson. This is a fairly large committee, but we felt it necessary in order to hear a wide variety of opinions as well as to get a financial and historical perspective.

The process will be to meet in January, and introduce concepts at the January Parish meeting. Then we will meet once or twice more to develop a recommendation to the May Parish meeting, at which time a vote will be taken.

We urge all members to speak to committee members with your opinions, beliefs, views, feelings, etc. This is an important decision which we hope the entire membership will accept once we have voted.



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Mark Your Calendar

Winter and Spring 2011 Congregational Meetings

The Board established dates for our next two Congregational Meetings. Please mark your calendars. Our winter meeting will be January 23, 2011, and the spring one May 22, 2011.

On January 23rd we will hear reports from the four Congregational Priorities groups: Finances, Professional Ministry, Communications, and Outreach to Community. These reports will determine much of our direction for next year, or longer.

Treasurer's Corner

Income for November was \$7,814.53. This was \$1664.58 less than October. This is not bad since October's income included \$3,382.50 from the Auction.

Rental income continues to be running behind at only 19.33% of budget – approximately half of where we need to be. Plate income continues to be positive, running 16.78% ahead of budget.

Expenses are still low at \$5,874.50 for November. We have to keep in mind that expenses will be increasing in December with fuel costs and snow plowing expenses ahead of us. In December we also will be paying \$1,852.98 for parking lot improvements. This will be paid for out of the \$3,397 of UUCE contingency funds in the budget.

We need to keep in mind that our income is at its highest when our expenses are lowest and our income is at its lowest when our expenses are highest. For example, in June we need to budget \$9,000 in additional expenses above our regular expenditures for property insurance, UUA, and District dues.

We will be mailing out second quarter pledge statements this month. This will let you know exactly where you stand. If you have fallen behind, you will have six months to catch up. While you are preparing your income taxes, if you have any questions about how much you have contributed to the church in 2010, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will help you.

Since you may be wondering why this report doesn't cover through December 2010, I will explain. Articles for the NUUS need to be submitted by December 15th so we are always reporting one month behind. If you would like a copy of November's budget report or have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your financial support of the church.

Don Martin
UUCE Treasurer

Caring Corner

Candace Hubbard shared the news of her mother, Joyce Hubbard's death on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd.

Joyce had been an active member of the congregation before she needed nursing home care.

There is great sadness for Candace and also a joy that all her siblings could be present with their mom at the end.

Congratulations to Stephen Berger and Nancy Avila, who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on November 28.

Julie Thielen-Montgomery had surgery on December 7 to stabilize the ligaments around her kneecap.

Helen Kazura shared her continuing sense of sadness at the loss of her mother a year ago and the last living blood relative with direct connection to Belarus. She expressed thanks to all the people who helped care for her animals while she was away during her mother's illness and then again at the time of her death.

We congratulate Jude Lamb as she continues to share her storytelling talent with the community. At the beginning of December, she participated as a live & unscripted storyteller in the Light a Candle Festival which took place at the Bar Harbor Municipal Building.

Willow Runningwater has recently been attending Sunday services and shared with the congregation that she was glad to be back at church.

Carol Rosinski shared on December 5 that her husband Bruce Thulin suffered a back fracture.

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE . . ."

It takes a village to raise a child. What does it take to raise a village?

The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) is the committee for committees - finding good people to chair and staff our church's committees. LDC will provide the service on Sunday morning, February 6 - the theme will be "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" - our church, our mosque, our synagogue - building and maintaining it together.

Immediately following the service will be the UUCE Committee Fair in the community room. Representatives from our committees will be available to speak with one and all about what the various committees do - you can shop around to find one that fits your KSAs (knowledge, skills, and abilities). We come to church to receive the gifts of our community - our community requires our gifts in return.



Guardians Angels Among Us

We are blessed to have many different members tending to the various needs of our church family and facilities. These duties are usually volunteer or happen by default. Too often they go unnoticed.

One example of this happened last month on the two coldest days of December. Our old oil fired furnace was being replaced by new propane equipment which left the building without heat for forty eight hours. Several space heaters had been purchased by David Towle and some auxiliary heat was arranged to prevent the water pipes in the sanctuary come from freezing but nobody had anticipated the 10⁰ temperature. Most of us were unaware that anything was happening as we went about our own busy lives. There were vulnerable water pipes within every area of the sanctuary, RE wing, kitchen, community room and bathrooms.

Sensing the potential for significant damage from freeze, Don Martin spent the forty eight hours checking on temperature and moving space heaters around to prevent freeze up. On the first day Don was assisted by our very loyal volunteer handy man Matt Slater who climbed on the roof plugging chimney holes and spotting draft leaks throughout the building.

As you may know Don Martin is our extraordinarily dedicated church treasurer. He puts hours each week into the management of our finances and is the chief advocate for our annual canvass and important fundraisers. Don's wife, Jean Martin, is the chairperson of the music committee, is one of our substitute pianists, is currently responsible for arranging for greeters on Sunday mornings and is coordinator of the new Ellsworth Small Group Ministry. Matt is the teacher and leader of our high school group. Because he is almost always around and is very capable he is the one to whom we address almost any of our technical problems. He makes us delicious pizza for special occasions and is usually the first person at church on Sunday and has the coffee pot steaming. He willingly fills in wherever he is needed.

A special thanks to David Towle who made the new furnace a reality by doing the research, business

arrangements, working with the finance committee and leading the congregational discussion where the members voted unanimously in favor of purchasing the new furnace. David is the chairperson of building and grounds. He and his wife Betty Massie have organized several of our very successful special events for fun and fund raising. He established our new choir and is the lead volunteer choir director. He is also one of the volunteers who has planned and led several worship services during our interim period without professional ministry. David's wife Betty can be found doing almost any job that needs to be done. She is often found in the kitchen after coffee hour cleaning and doing dishes because somebody else forgot or failed to sign up. Her happy disposition is catching and did we remember that it was Betty and David's leadership and hard work that made our wonderful new kitchen a reality?

Yes, we have guardian angels...many of them and we may even have a few saints among us. We are grateful for the dedication of so many of our members and friends. It is impossible at any one time to see or acknowledge the persons or their contributions. We are grateful for all acts and gifts great and small. It is all of you together that make the miracle of UUCE a reality. Thank you, thank you!



January 2011

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To reserve space at the UUCE, Email: office@uuellsworth.org ; phone: 207-667-4393. Leave a message and someone from the church will contact you. Or you can reach us by mail – Calendar Person, UUCE, 121 Bucksport Rd. Ellsworth, ME 04605

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We covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every human being;

Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

**Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual
growth in our congregations;**

A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

**The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
within our congregation and in society at large;**

**The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice
for all;**

**Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which
we are a part.**

