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A Month of Sundays

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

June 5. *Flower Communion*

Join us in our transition to summer through the beautiful living metaphor of the flower. Please bring a flower to share. Flowers will be gathered together prior to the service and redistributed as part of our ritual, enabling us each to leave with a piece of the whole.

Tom Grogan

June 12. *Religion, Spirituality, and Community*

The conflict within 19th century Unitarianism between Rational Humanism and Transcendental Spirituality is often forgotten. Both were combined in the preaching of Unitarian Theodore Parker, a serious scholar, prolific writer, and popular speaker, when, in 1842 he was declared a heretic by the AUA (at that time the "Unitarian ministerial association"). Though still a popular minister in West Roxbury, where he preached two services every Sunday, he was denied access to other churches. His Transcendentalist friends in Boston rented the Melodeon Theater----the only venue available to them---for evening services. In 1845, his supporters organized the 28th Congregational Church of Boston, and invited him to be their minister. He became the most celebrated American preacher of the mid 19th Century and his church, became the first American "mega-

church" with as many as 3000 attending his Sunday services.

Allyn Storer

June 19. *Make of Yourself a Light*

In this season of light and the sun's warmth (we hope!), the Buddha's instructions seem exceptionally relevant. In this service and sermon, folks will be invited to think about what it takes to nurture their *own* spirit and to feel *alive* and awake in this world. Rev. Sara Huisjen, Affiliated

Community Minister at UUCE

June 26. *Just Food: Maine Eating the Way it Ought to Be*

Andy (Anne D.) Burt, Maine Council of Churches and PASA members who have been involved with the UUA Study/Action Issue, "Ethical Eating" will be presenting a worshipful experience connecting the 7th principle and the wisdom of local food to nurture body and spirit. Andy will be sharing interrelated and exciting local food stories and projects that link back to the bold ideas and goals in Maine's food policy.

For more than a decade, Andy Burt, from Edgecomb, has been a community organizer, program development director and consultant on environmental issues of concern to Maine people in the faith community. She has worked with and for Maine Council of Churches, Maine Interfaith Power & Light, Oxfam Intl., and MOFGA.

Kay Wilkins, coordinator

Message from the President

DEFINITIONS AND DECISIONS

Over the next several weeks you will be asked to consider professional ministry for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth. Three of the phrases you will be hearing need to be defined and explained: (1) called or settled minister, (2) contract minister, and (3) inside candidate.

Called or settled minister

Most of you already know what a called or settled minister is in the Unitarian Universalist Association. A called minister is selected to lead a congregation with the expectation that he or she will remain in place for several years and provide spiritual guidance, Sunday services, and administrative direction. They can be either full or part time.

The process to select a settled minister takes a little over a year and is comprised of about forty steps, beginning by consulting with the UUA Transitions Office and electing a Search Committee in spring of one year. The process is completed in May of the following year when the congregation votes to extend a call to the minister.

The congregation places a lot of faith in the Search Committee to choose someone we do not know to enter into an intimate and committed relationship with us as our settled minister.

Contract or consulting minister

Unlike a settled minister, a contract minister is not held responsible for all aspects of congregational life. The tasks listed in their contract specifically describe his or her responsibilities. A contract minister may serve as a full time minister or for any fraction of part time and the contract is usually renewed annually.

A congregation alone can arrange a contract ministry, with the assistance of District staff, or with the assistance of District staff in collaboration with the UUA Transitions Office. Contract ministries are driven by local circumstances, local

needs, and local opportunities, and there are degrees of opportunism and often entrepreneurship in their design and implementation.

Contract ministry is goal-oriented – to help the congregation progress toward its key goals. Over time those goals will change, of course.

A contract minister is hired by and works for the Board of Trustees. Any minister, however, must have the wholehearted support of the congregation she or he will serve. Therefore the UUCE Board of Trustees will ask for a vote of approval before entering into a ministerial contract.

And finally, a contract minister may, generally after two to two and a half successful years, become the settled minister for the congregation.

Inside candidate

A congregation, with the help of their District or the UUA, typically considers several likely candidates for contract ministry. However when a credentialed minister is a member of the church, or is a person well known by the congregation, that person may be considered for the position as an inside candidate before considering any other candidates.

UUCE has such a circumstance. One of our members is a credentialed minister, and in fact the Board of Trustees considers this person to be well qualified as an inside candidate.

Next steps

As we proceed, the Board of Trustees receives welcome advice and support from our Northern New England District staff, especially from Karen Brammer, our NNED Small Church Specialist.

The Board has had several conversations with our inside candidate but has not extended an offer of contract. Several things need to happen before we can do this:

1. We needed to demonstrate that UUCE had the financial ability to support a contract. After our members and friends committed almost \$95,000 in our 2011 canvass, the finance committee structured a budget

allowing for a three-quarter-time minister. The Board believes that three-quarter-time ministry is essential for our candidate and best for the church. The Board also believes that UUCE can maintain or even improve that level of giving in the future.

2. By the time you read this, a consultant from the District will have facilitated a discussion during our annual congregational meeting, May 22nd about what you want from professional ministry. We will also elect next year's new Board members at that meeting.
3. We will have a special congregational meeting on June 19th, at which the Board will first ask the members for a vote on the 2011-12 budget. Next our inside candidate will speak about her candidacy, after which she will leave the meeting. Finally the members will vote on the minister. The Board and our candidate must have congregational agreement to proceed by having a 90 to 95% affirmative vote.
4. Finally the Board and the contract minister would negotiate the job description, the details of the contract, and start dates.

Final thoughts

The level of activity and positive energy in our congregation over the past year has been extraordinary. We have grown. Most of our committees are self-starting dynamos. We had a very successful canvass. Now we are well positioned to make the next set of decisions together to determine the future.

Onward and upward!

In ministry,
Diana Cate

ANNOUNCEMENT

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PARTY/FUNDRAISER
JULY 30 AT CYNTHIA'S ON TAUNTON RIVER
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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Committee on Name Change needs your advice/input! We are studying the possibility of changing UUCE from Church to Congregation, Society, or whatever 85% of the congregation prefers, including keeping church in the title. This is an important decision and we want to hear from everyone who has an opinion. We prefer that you write a NUUS article so that everyone can read it (no signature necessary), or at least let a committee member know how you feel: Martha Dickinson, Matt Slater, Paula Marcus, Jon Thomas and Cynthia Perkins. Thanks much!

Allyn Storer (aka C. A. A. Storer), the speaker for the June 12th meeting, has been a lifelong naturalist, an independent scholar, and sometime college professor. He has a BA in Philosophy, an MA in Literary Study, and an Interdisciplinary PhD in Philosophy, History, & Rhetoric. The focus of his doctoral studies was the role of religion and religious leaders in social and political movements in American history. As a college professor of intellectual, social and cultural history, he has taught courses in history, literature, philosophy, world religions, and world mythology.

A member of no church, he defines himself as a "rational- empiricist-agnostic-transcendental heretic." He's been an occasional guest preacher, Sunday school teacher and "Small Ministry" program associate at UUCE since 1981.



Nuts and Bolts

from the Board of Trustees President

This column, submitted monthly, will focus on the “nuts and bolts” of Board and committee business, as opposed to policies, planning, or visionary work.

Congregational Meetings – NOTE!! NEW!!

This is a significant change since the May newsletter. Since it has already past, you know that the vote on the budget at our Annual

Congregational Meeting was postponed till April.

April 19: There will be a Special Congregational Meeting, hopefully our last one for a while. First we will vote on the 2011-12 budget. Next our “inside candidate” for minister will speak about her candidacy, then leave. Finally I will call for a vote on the minister. For more information see the Message from the President in this NUUS.

These changes are in response to requests to allow more time for discussion, and to the need to separate decisions about budget from decisions about ministry.

Religious Education – The Board has given serious consideration to the use of our financial resources based on our understanding of UUCE’s needs and on the number of people we serve. Whether we hire a minister or not, at this time we intend to have a volunteer directed RE program.

Our best advice from UUA and Northern New England District people is that a UU church should not have a paid RE director until it has 20 or so children on a regular basis. At this time we feel that devoting a substantial portion of our income to a very small population is a misuse of funds and a violation of our fiscal responsibility.

The Board is deeply committed to our youth and children and the RE program. We will give our RE volunteers, the RE Committee, and the RE Director our wholehearted support.

By-laws – John Fink is the chair of the new By-laws Committee. It will soon be five years since the UUCE By-laws were reviewed and modified. Please read through the by-laws at the UUCE web site (in the pull-down menu under “About”) and

give your suggestions to John. Your comments are appreciated. The by-laws govern many aspects of church governance. As usual, email is the best way to communicate.

Church Yard Sale? – The Board rejected the idea of a yard sale this year. We want to see how the Swap Shop does, first, and perhaps consider a yard sale in future years.

In ministry,
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Lifespan Religious Education

Wanted: R.E. Teachers

The Religious Education program is looking for teachers for next year. Spending time with our children is fun and can be just as beneficial for you as it is for them. Please consider sharing yourself with them, you'll be surprised at how much you will get in return!

Please contact Tom at: tom@uellsworth.org or call at 207-951-2873.

I hold regular office hours on Tuesdays from 10:00AM until 4:00PM. 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.

Tom Grogan, Director



When the Children Leave the Sanctuary

When the children leave the sanctuary they travel down the hall to the RE wing. This past week, when they entered the classroom I asked them to write their names on our blackboard. They spread child-size rugs in a fan on the floor and Turtle and I greeted them. Right away, Turtle asked them to sing two or three songs they all know by heart: “Row Row Row Your Boat”, “Are You Sleeping?” and a name song Carol has taught us. I passed out kazoos and each child quickly learned to sing-play the kazoo. We were a band playing – singing our songs – each person had a chance to solo.

I collected the kazoos as I told them that the story I was about to tell was going to be a good one for making a play and they should be thinking about what part they wanted to play. I noticed how quickly each child seemed comfortable lying on his or her rug, quiet for the story. There were six children – ages 4 ½ years to 8 years old.

The story was an African folk tale about Zambie, who made everything and Chonzo who made a drum which Zambie had not thought of. Zambie heard the drum and wanted it, so she took it. The problems unfold until all the animals gather together before a prince to resolve the conflict between Zambie and Chonzo. When I came to the end of the story

each child quickly told me the part he or she would play. We made the play, including the wise judgment of the prince at the gathering of all the creatures.

What is religious education for children in a UU Church? A place provided with activities that enable children to feel at home. An intention on the part of adults to stimulate their imagination toward considering the age-old subjects of religious exploration: What is fair? What to do about wanting what is not yours? What do your friends consider a right way to act? And it is a place where relationships make it safe to say what you think.

I felt the most successful part of this class was when the child playing the prince told all the other

animals what was wrong with the way Zambie solved her problem. They listened and agreed that just because she had made all the people it didn't give her the right to take the drum. Zambie paid a fine and Chonzo got his drum back. And we made a plan to make the play again next week, switching parts.

I believe that play making is one of the more successful ways of giving children an opportunity to express what they see and what they think. It gives them building blocks for developing their own religious understanding.

- Eileen Brennan

Stewardship Campaign Results

The Stewardship Campaign is 98% complete. We canvassed one hundred two church members and friends. Eighty-six of those canvassed pledged \$93,470. There are two pledges yet to come in and we are anticipating those pledges will enable us to reach \$94,000. We also received \$1,580 in contributions providing us a grand total of \$95,050. I am confident at this time that we will reach our goal of \$96,015 to balance the budget.

The success of this campaign will allow us to seriously consider the three-quarter time professional ministry that is being recommended by your Board of Trustees.

Thank you for all your support. It has been a positive experience for all of us.

Don Martin
Stewardship Coordinator



Adult Religious Education

The Adult Religious Education Committee represented by Pam Person, Chair, Janice Ronco and Matt Slater gave a report to the Board of Trustees on May 12th. Janice and Matt were introduced to the BOT as the new Co- Chair and Vice Chair (respectively) as of May 15th. Stephen Berger, Co-Chair was unable to make the meeting. The BOT praised Pam for the report and for her work as Chair of the Adult RE Committee. We would all like to extend our gratitude to Pam for her great work and dedication to Adult RE over the last two years.

The Adult RE Committee meeting was held on May 15th to transfer leadership, evaluate the spring offerings and start planning for summer and fall. It was reported that the spring sessions were varied and interesting. All were well received. A big thanks to those who developed and/or led them. The Committee is seeking input from congregation members who have ideas for discussion groups or workshops they would like to attend or lead in the future.

If you have any ideas or would like to join the Adult Religious Education Committee please contact Janice, Stephen, or Matt.

There are two interesting Adult RE offerings in June:

Sunday, June 12 at 12:00 PM - Bob Dickens will lead a discussion on Unitarian theologian Theodore Parker's sermon "A Discourse on the Permanent and Transient in Christianity. Bob will also explore Theodore Parker's views on class issues.

Thursday, June 16 at 6:00 PM – Summer Adult RE Pizza and Movie Night will feature Matt's absolutely delicious homemade pizza and the movie "What the Bleep Do We Know!?" This movie has been described as "... a mind-bending voyage through the worlds of science and spirituality which includes revelations by quantum physics experts and playful animation". An entertaining movie that asks big questions.

Stephen, Matt and I are excited and grateful to be serving on the Adult RE Committee and welcome any feedback from church members now and as we

go forward in the coming year. The Committee hopes to help meet the educational needs and interests of the congregation and our community in accordance with UU Principles and Sources. We look forward to working with all of you in this endeavor. The next Adult RE Committee meeting, which will focus on offerings for the fall, will be on June 19th from 9:00 to 10:10 AM. Hope to see you there. Thank you,

Janice Ronco

A Candle Light Summer Meditation

Come join a silent candle light summer meditation. With the ending of a church year and the beginning of summer, June brings the new moon on Wednesday the 1st. On this evening the sanctuary and entire church will be in candle light only for silent meditation and prayer. There will be tea and refreshments in the community room, where we will continue our silence. This is intended to be a practice in silence. Please come and leave your speaking voice at the door. We will try to achieve silence within the entire church. With freedom of movement at all times, the ringing of the bell will strike at 9:00pm and end at midnight or whenever all have left. Come at 9:00pm or anytime thereafter, and leave when it is time for you to go.



Caring Corner

The arrival of spring and another daffodil season has given us all once again an opportunity to express our gratitude to Charles Bassett for the glorious profusion of daffodils that are in bloom along the church's southeast side. Thank you so much, Charles, for your generosity and your green thumb and congratulations on becoming a member of UUCE!

Condolences to Kay Wilkins, whose cousin Harold died in California in April. Kay was especially saddened that he was her first Facebook friend who has died.

Congratulations to Nancy Avila and Stephen Berger on the sale of their New Hampshire house (and good job Stephen on finding a home for all those books!).

In late April, Haydee Foreman shared her experience of having recently returned from a trip she made to Philadelphia, New York and Boston visiting colleges with her son Quinn and said how much she enjoyed the time spent with him. Haydee also shared her sorrow that a close friend of hers from high school is suffering from liver failure and is awaiting a transplant.

We were saddened to learn of the death of UUCE member, Carolyn Parkhurst, on April 5 at Sonogee Living Center in Bar Harbor. Sue Clark shared her fond memories of Carolyn and shared with us Carolyn's obituary from the Bar Harbor Times (which is posted on the bulletin board at the church for anyone who wishes to read it). Dartha Reid also shared her memories of Carolyn, in particular recalling what a lovely singing voice she had.

During the last week of April, Valerie Kenny tripped and fell and broke her wrist. She is doing well for now but may later need surgery to place some pins to help her wrist heal.

Congratulations to Richard Kane of Kane-Lewis Productions in Sedgewick, who was nominated April 12 for a New England Emmy Award Boston by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. He was nominated for his work as

producer, director, director of photography and editor of the documentary "Protecting the Nature of Maine" in the Outstanding Environmental Program category.

New mother Jenn Ryan was at Sunday service on Mother's Day and thanked the congregation for all the recent contributions of food and support following the birth in March of her daughter Anika.

Congratulations to Marta Rieman's daughter Grace, who graduated UMO this spring.

Tom Martin shared his joy on May 8, that his brother's biopsy was negative.

Dusty Bailey shared that he was grateful that his recent hospitalization for wrist surgery followed by a very serious infection was treated successfully with meds. He was transferred to Courtland to rehab and continues to get better day by day.

On May 8, John Fink shared his joy and relief that he is recovering nicely after driving himself to the hospital the previous week during an episode of atrial fibrillation.

Kathy Combs and Karen Wigglesworth spent a gloriously sunny May Day together at Kathy's home in Bar Harbor, working on Kathy's husband Ted's garden. With Ted's garden plan in hand for guidance, they raked and weeded, revealing many perennial treasures and the promise of a lovely landscape in the summer months to come.

The family of Bruce Thulin, Hollie Thulin, and Carol Rosinski would like to thank members of UUCE for all of the thoughtful cards, snow shoveling, dog walking, visits, and wonderful meals during Bruce's recent illness. Your caring and generosity during this difficult time has helped brighten our days considerably.



Treasurer's Corner

Total income for April was \$4,648.05. This was \$1,377.11 less than the total expenses for the month of April, which were \$6,025.16. The difference was covered again by prepaid pledges. In June our expenses will be approximately \$15,000. It is normal for pledge income to drop off in the last three months of the church year when most individuals have completed their pledges.

Finances are still positive. Total income is at \$83,686.79 or 9.69% above budget. I am confident that we will reach our budget goal of \$90,000 by the end of June. Pledge income is at \$62,010.67 which is 2.88% above budget. I am still confident that our shortfall from pledges will not exceed the \$6,000 that was budgeted.

Plate income is at \$7,277.84 which is 23.73% over the budgeted figure of \$6,800. Fundraising has not changed. It is still \$1,048 above budgeted figure of \$5,000. Rental income is running 34.87% below budget. We are expecting payment from Acadia Chorale Society which should improve this figure. Our finances at this time are healthy and I am still anticipating that we will end the year in a positive situation.

The 2010 – 2011 church year ends on June 30, 2011. If you are unable to complete your pledge by the end of June, you may make payments in July by indicating 2010-2011 in the memo portion of your check. Any payment will help reduce the amount of shortfall that we are anticipating in pledges. I am estimating a shortfall in pledges of approximately \$4,000.

Thank you all for your financial support of the church. If you have any questions, I encourage you to contact me.

Don Martin
UUCE Treasurer

Peace and Social Action

Work on the Ethical Eating Guide is going well with an enthusiastic response from members of the congregation who will be included in the Guide. We are still pushing for a July 1 publication date for the first edition. If there is something you think should be included, there is still time to let us know.

In March, as a joint endeavor of PASA and Adult Education, a small group worked on the UUA Congregational Study/Action Issue, "Ethical Eating." The Statement of Conscience on this issue will be coming before the General Assembly this June. We reviewed the draft statement and made some suggestions of our concerns to Diana Cate who will be our delegate to GA. After her return from GA, we will meet with Diana to discuss the SOC which will either have been adopted or referred for an additional year of study. In either case we have already decided on some further actions on this important topic.

Several of us agreed to lead joint PASA/Adult Ed classes in more depth on a variety of related issues such as Domestic Food Security; Trade and Neo-Colonialism; and Animal Rights.

On June 26, PASA will lead the worship service on one aspect of this broad subject, local food (see more details in "A Month of Sundays").

Sunday, July 3 immediately after church, our committee will host a 100-mile potluck lunch. Let's see how well we can do cooking up delicious dishes made from local (within 100 miles of where you live) products.

Don't forget **Everybody Eats**, the weekly meal at St. Dunstan's every Monday. Cooking shift 11AM to 3 PM; serving shift 3 PM to 6:30 PM. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.

And please join us at our monthly meetings, the third Sunday of each month at 9 AM. Everyone is welcome!

From the Board

Special BOT Meeting, April 21, 2011

Present: Diana Cate, Karen Volckhausen, Don Martin, John Fink, Cynthia Perkins, Anne Ossanna, Eileen Brennan, Jenn Ryan, Judy Rothrock

The major themes of this meeting were:

The canvass and budget report

The canvass has raised \$93,391 so far and Don expressed pride in both the stewardship committee and the canvass team. We reviewed a budget worksheet which shows a balanced budget. Don feels it will function well for us.

Plan for a decision process around a contract minister:

Karen Brammer, our district small church specialist, has been in conversation with Diana on this subject and the district will lend their support as needed. After reviewing a handout on the different types of ministry, we discussed a schedule for a budget hearing, discussion on professional ministry, budget approval and vote on professional ministry. A subcommittee was formed to work on a job description.

Regular BOT Meeting, May 12, 2011

Present: Diana Cate, Karen Volckhausen, Don Martin, Cynthia Perkins, Anne Ossanna, Eileen Perkins, John Fink, Judy Rothrock, Jenn Ryan, Matt Slater, Pam Person, Janice Ronco

Committee chat:

The Adult Re committee discussed their work and needs. The board congratulated them for being a self-sufficient and self-starting committee.

Treasurer's report;

See Treasurer's Corner.

DRE report:

See elsewhere in this issue of the NUUS.

Elections Committee report:

There are now 2 candidates, Pam Person and Matt Slater, for the 2 trustee positions. No one has stepped forward for the vice-president slot. If there are no nominations for this position from the floor on May 22, we will leave the slot unfilled and see if there is anyone from the new board who would accept this position.

By-laws *protem* Committee:

The by-laws need to be updated. John Fink volunteered to be a board representative on a

committee. Several names were suggested for representation from the congregation.

Yard sale:

There is some interest in doing a yard sale again but it essential that there is a committed group of people to be in charge and clean up it. Diana suggested that we put it off until next year. This was accepted without disagreement.

Executive session on personnel issues:

Housekeeping

The fire alarm issue will be addressed in the near future.

The special board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 24 has been canceled.

Next BOT meeting: Thursday, June 9 at 6 PM

The first 15 minutes will be reserved for congregational comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Volckhausen, Secretary

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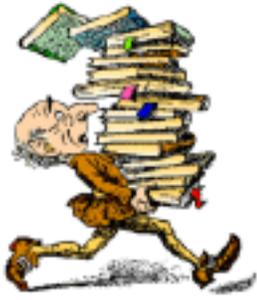
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Stephen Berger

A Chosen Faith (Beacon Press, 1989) is a book on the Sources of UU by John A. Buehrens (former UUA President) and Forrest Church (well-known Universalist minister). In his chapter on prophecy (Source 2), Buehrens writes:

“Though far from exclusive to Unitarian Universalists, the principal sin besetting many of us today is the sin of sophisticated resignation. This sin is particularly insidious because it comes with its own veil. That is, it appears respectable. It allows us to feel strongly about injustices without prompting us to do anything about them. This sin is tailor-made for many of us because it is fed by knowledge. We know so much about the world’s problems, and their enormity, that however much we want to do about them, we feel impotent. What could we do to affect hunger, homelessness, AIDS, or the threat of nuclear annihilation?”

Buehrens calls this “sophisticated resignation.” Another word for it might be “cynicism.” It is, perhaps, the flip-side of idealism. When we are in an idealistic frame we want the world to be instantly the way we visualize our ideal – the “sin” attached to idealism becomes visible when we become angry at those who resist our idealistic call. In the extreme, we may then become violent in the attempt either to reach our ideal or to express our anger.

In the frame of cynicism, we see all the problems and difficulties. It becomes difficult to see what we might do that might have a significant effect – and why put a lot of effort into something which will not have a significant effect? So we grumble and do little or nothing. Or we retreat into criticism. I know I am often prey to this sin – are you, too?

The February 28 episode of *Harry’s Law*, “American Dreamers,” had a conversation between Thomas Jefferson and Harry Korn in which Jefferson confesses to Harry that he suffers from what Buehrens called sophisticated resignation. It was eerie watching this conversation after I had written the previous paragraphs!

Buehrens goes on to claim that once we become resigned, we may turn inward: “How much easier it is to watch our diets and tone our bodies. For many of us, self-improvement (both physical and spiritual) has displaced the transformation of society as our principal moral concern.”

What do you think? And what are you reading? You can contact me at sbergernh@roadrunner.com

Visit the Swap Shop—June 5th

So what is a Swap Shop? Actually it is the name given to an event by our new and enthusiastic Aesthetics Committee. It is a time when good used clothing and cast off household goods which have been donated by you are sold back to your friends for a fair fee. The proceeds will be used to begin some projects that the committee has planned to clean up and beautify our common meeting spaces. This is a great way to enjoy swapping things you do not want anymore, don’t fit now or never did for something once cherished by a church friend. All proceeds will help the committee to make our building more attractive.

At our last swap shop we collected \$125.00 with only four or five persons bringing in swap items. This time we hope to have more items to sell. Please leave things in bags marked for Swap Shop in the small office next to the sanctuary anytime before the end of May.

The next Swap Shop will be held in the RE wing before church and during Pot Luck on June 5th. Please help by donating good items that your friends might want to buy and by stopping in yourself to find some treasured cast-off for a small price.



Kitchen Corner

By Anne Funderburk

The Kitchen Committee has two main goals: 1.) to eliminate chaos and redundancy; and 2.) to create logical order by relocating items closest to the areas in which they are most often used.

How can each kitchen user help? 1.) Note labels on cabinet doors and drawers**. 2.) Wash & return all items used to their proper places. 3.) Remove any leftover food you have brought. PLEASE do not leave food in refrigerator unless designated and labeled for a specific purpose.

**The back-ordered label holders are due to arrive this week. The Committee will try to have them installed with labels as soon as possible.

WISH LIST:

- 1.) Volunteer with knife sharpening device to sharpen ALL cooking knives.
- 2.) A few assorted quality High Carbon stainless steel non-serrated cooking knives.
- 3.) Volunteer with an electric drill with very small bit to drill holes for label holders.
- 4.) A few sheets of clear heavy-duty plastic to protect the labels.
- 5.) 2 pairs GOOD kitchen scissors (like Fiskars).
- 6.) 2 high quality paper towel racks.

Best thanks for your help and co-operation.

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Membership Committee

Welcome to Five New Members

During the worship service on May 15th our congregation welcomed new members. With a backdrop of hundreds of brilliant daffodils, covenants were spoken and the new members signed our membership book in which the first entry was made in 1839.

Sally Littlefield has spent most of her life in New England. She went through her early education in Durham N.H. and graduated from UNH with a degree in microbiology. Much of Sally's adult life was spent in Ohio where she married and became the mother of two sons. At thirty two, Sally truly followed her dream and went back to school at University of Cincinnati's School of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning. She choose to study industrial design which she did-often taking her small boys to studios while she worked or bringing work home where they all became extremely creative. Sally's talents led her to work for clients including Honda, Saturn/GM Corporate, Brunswick Corporation, the Museum at Cincinnati Union Terminal building and many others.

Coming from a background that included mainline Christian denominations, Catholic, Moslem and Syrian Orthodox, Sally decided to make the Unitarian choice when it was time to raise her children. She says 'there is no choice but a choice.' Sally runs Oakland House Cottages by the sea in Brooksville which she ran with her husband, Jim until his death in June 2010. Her elder son lives in Cincinnati. Her younger son, his wife and new baby live in Warsaw, Poland.

So what does Sally do when she isn't tending the business? She is studiously learning Polish. She loves working in her garden and using her artistic talents to paint. In cooler weather when she has more time she likes to have small dinner parties. Oh, yes, and at any chance she gets she uses her cameras to capture all that her eye sees.

Peg Walker has attended UUCE for many years and is now transferring her membership from her UU church in St. Louis. Peg's father was a philosophy professor. Each Sunday as a child she remembers going to the Baptist church across the street from their home. Her father would turn the

lunch hour into a discussion—a modern biblical critique. Peg gives credit to her Dad and says that all her 'thinking life' she has been a UU.

She attended Dennison College at Ohio State and graduated with a degree in psychology. Peg and her husband had five children, whom they brought up in the UU church. Peg and her husband, who was a doctor, were one of the first couples to teach the new UU sex education materials. One of Peg's favorite memories is of taking her five children to Europe. As her father before her, she raised her children to ask questions and search for their own truth. Peg will proudly tell you that they all are seekers.

Peg has always been involved with children and youth. One example of her intent to influence for truth was a trip that she led for the UU youth group to an atomic testing site where she helped them to question the many issues involved. When Peg had raised her children and had decided to strike out on her own, she was hired to teach reading in a home for emotionally disturbed girls. She stayed there six years under the direction of the head principal who was a UU.

Peg moved to Maine in 1989. In order to meet like-minded people, she became involved in UUCE, the Historical Society and the Library. This summer she is planning some local excursions-maybe to Madawaska—maybe the coast from east to west. She says that she has never been happier in her life then living in Maine.

Charles Bassett was raised in a Methodist family. As a child he had to dress up each Sunday and attend church where his grandfather was the Methodist minister. As a teenager he began to question what he was hearing but suffered from guilt. He was sent to Indiana Central College run by the Evangelical United Brethren Church. In his college English literature class he discovered liberal thinkers such as Emerson who were to profoundly affect his life. Later he began going to the UU church in Bellport, Long Island, where he met his future wife, Annette.

During the Korean War he was stationed in Seoul, Korea where he was a cryptographer in the army. He loved Korea and admired the Korean people. Fifteen years later he went back to Korea to get his master's degree in Korean drama.

Charles taught elementary school for thirty five years. He feels very fortunate to have had a job (Continued on p. 13)

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which he “enjoyed going to every morning”. He especially liked teaching English and social studies. He is proud of his two ‘delightful’ stepdaughters. Marielle who lives in Munich, Germany where she is responsible for the sound archives for the Bavarian radio and conducts an orchestra and choirs. Jeanne and her husband Dugald Kell and their two children live in Surry and attend UUCE. (You know Emma, age 13 who sings in our choir with her Dad and grandfather and Dad who is on the finance committee). Daughter Jeanne teaches first grade at Ellsworth elementary school.

Charles loves classical music—he and Annette travel to NYC as often as possible to attend the Metropolitan opera and always attend the HC broadcasts of opera at The Grand here in Ellsworth. He has a new puppy named Vincenzo Bellini. Charles loves gardening and is responsible for buying and planting (in very rocky soil) the hundreds of magnificent daffodils in our church garden.

Mike Tadenev was born in Kharkov, Ukraine. He moved with his family to the US in 1992. He graduated from high school in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. His undergraduate degree is from Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. He got his advanced degree from George Washington University and is an attorney. He is currently with a firm in Bangor.

Mike is an amateur brewer. He played rugby in college and now enjoys golf ‘but plays poorly’. Among his most prized possessions are his second hand cowboy boots which he acquired in Provo, Utah.

He lives with his wife, Abby in Bar Harbor. Mike enjoys chasing and wrestling with their cat, Duncan.

Abby Tadenev grew up in Londonderry, New Hampshire. She met her husband in her second year at Williams College. They were suite mates and became married at Williams College in 2009. Following in her grandfather’s footsteps (he was an engineer on the Manhattan project) Abby is currently a post-doctoral student at Jackson Lab. Abby studied French in high school and is now learning Russian. She loves outdoor activities—especially hiking, back-packing and mountain biking. She plays the flute but says she is ‘rusty

’and wants to get back in practice. She is a member of the Maine Mycological Society. She lives with Mike and their hairless cat in Bar Harbor.

From HCCN

May 27: "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" film shown, 7 PM, Public Library, Blue Hill. Peninsula Peace and Justice, 326-4405 or jprobbins@myfairpoint.net.

May 28 (rain: May 29): Field of Flags (Iraq War Dead Memorial) planting of 6,000 flags for US troops and noting about 1.3 million Iraqis also, 10 AM-noon, Main St. near Library and Congregational Church, Blue Hill. Peninsula Peace and Justice, 326-4405.

June 2-5: "It Gets Better: First LGBT Film Festival, Ellsworth. Web: www.grandonline.org/lgbt-film-festival-2.

June 5 (+ other programs almost monthly thru December): 11/11 forums on poverty with topics such as food issues, literacy, jail, transportation, mental health, classism, 11 AM, Unitarian-Universalist Church, 37 Miller St., Belfast. Call Jennifer Hill, 722-3383 or rooted@fairpoint.net.

June 7: Tour and workshop for Maine master gardeners, Newforest Institute, Brooks. Call 722-3625.

June 12-19: 25th annual Southern Maine Pride events, including biking to Portland, Dyke March on June 17 (7:30 PM, Monument Square) and a parade on June 18 (about 1 PM, from Monument Square to Deering Oaks Park). Email info@southernmainepride.org or www.southernmainepride.org.

June 15: "Taking Root" film shown (Nobel Prize winner Wangari Matthei of Kenya and her tree planting projects) with potluck preceding the film, 5:30 PM, Abbott Room, Free Library, Belfast. Meredith, Peace and Justice Group of Waldo County, 338-5089.

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June 17-19: "Raytheon, Missile Offense, and Endless War: Working Together to Demilitarize and Create a Sustainable Future" conference, vigil, and concert, N. Andover, MA. Bruce Gagnon, 443-9502 or globalnet@mindspring.net or www.space4peace.org.

June 18: "Summer Solstice Celebration: A Growing Time" w/peace and justice music from several groups and choirs, 6 PM, U-U Church, 120 Park St., Bangor. Call 947-7009 or 942-9343.

June 18: "Maine Workers Forum on Jobs: Time to Fight Back," effects of attacks on Maine workers testimony, 9 AM-2 PM, Brewer Auditorium. Eastern Maine Labor Council/Workers Center of Eastern Maine, 989-4141.

June 24-26: Harry's Hoe Down festival (music, speakers, dance, camping) with opportunities for peace and justice groups to have information tables, Starks. Web: www.FriendsofTheHill.com.

June 25: Pride Festival, noon-5 PM for organizational fair, 6-9 PM for dance, Bangor. More details TBA. Web search: Pride Festival Bangor.

June 25: Managing Fruit Trees Organically workshop, 10 AM-2 PM, Common Ground Education Center, Unity. MOFGA, 568-4142 or mofga@mofga.org or www.mofga.org.

June 26 (+ other programs almost monthly thru December): 11/11 forums on poverty with topics such as food issues, literacy, jail, transportation, mental health, classism, 11 AM, Unitarian-Universalist Church, 37 Miller St., Belfast. Call Jennifer Hill, 722-3383 or rooted@fairpoint.net.

July 1: Deadline for nominations for Maryann Hartman awards to distinguished Maine women. To nominate or for more info: Angela.Hart@umit.maine.edu or 581-1228.

August 2-9: Tenth annual Burdock gathering with workshops, skill shares, cabaret, swimming, Barter Fair, etc. focusing on a sustainable future, Sandy River, Starks. Burdock, burdock@riseup.net or www.burdockgathering.org.

Notices:

Over twenty caravans to Cuba have been sponsored nationally by Pastors for Peace, with help from Let Cuba Live and people in Maine. Another is planned for this July, with people collecting various items to send on the caravan. People are encouraged to apply to join the caravan as it travels thru the US, crosses the border into Mexico, and makes its way to Cuba. Donations are also needed. Past caravans have brought medical supplies and helpful technology to Cubans. This year's caravan will go throughout the country during the first half of July, then several days at the border and in Mexico, then 8 days in Cuba, then back home at the beginning of August. For more info on the Caravan: Judy or Peter Robbins, 326-4405 or jprobbins@myfairpoint.net.

From the Maine Peace, Justice, and Environmental Network: MPJEN.org is an online cooperative website hub offering FREE interactive tools: an online petition center, actions center, calendar, message center, hundreds of resources and more to enhance the coordination and communication of the actions of many Maine environmental, peace and justice groups. We invite your group to participate in this statewide network website, MPJEN.org. Founded in 2007, already 43 Maine organizations participate in the network website, part of a national initiative, the Peace Justice and Environment Project. More than 1500 local peace, justice and environmental organizations in 40 statewide peace, justice & environmental networks serving 50 states, use the shared programming of PJEP.org, created by activists for activists. Contact: Laurel Lambert Schmidt, laurel@pjep.org or 773-991-8751.

The Maine Breast Cancer Coalition seeks donations for its Support Service Fund, which helps people with breast cancer to get the health care they need. Although the special license plate fund provides some funding, it doesn't cover all those who need it. Benefit events are also welcome. To donate to the fund and for more information about the coalition, contact Chris Haiss, 938-4018 or czh1@roadrunner.com.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30 Coyote Group 9:00 Meditation Service	2 12:00 Al-Anon	3 6:00 AA	4
5 Swap Shop Sunday 10:30 Worship Service Flower Communion POTLUCK 3:00 LINK event	6 3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons	7 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon 6:45 Music Committee	8 6:30 Coyote Group	9 12:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Board Meeting	10 6:00 AA	11
12 10:30 Worship Service HUNGRY SUNDAY 11:50 Adult RE: Discussion of Theodore Parker	13 3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons	14 10:00 PATT playgroup 10:00 Midwives of Maine 12:00 Al-Anon	15 6:30 Coyote Group NUUS articles due	16 12:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Pizza & Movie Night	17 6:00 AA	18 Wayne Smith & CJ Lavertu wedding
19 9:00 PASA 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 Congregational Meeting	20 3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons	21 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon 5:30 Worship Committee	22 6:30 Coyote Group	23 12:00 Al-Anon	24 6:00 AA	25 9:00 Lodestar Workshop
26 10:30 Worship Service	27 3:00 p.m. Violin Lessons	28 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon	29 6:30 BOT/Leadership- Development 6:30 Coyote Group	30 12:00 Al-Anon		

UUCE events are in **RED**. Building use events not otherwise connected to UUCE are in **BLACK**.

To reserve space at the UUCE, Email: office@uellsworth.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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Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual
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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.**

