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A Month of Sundays

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

August 7. *The Music of Creation*

An exploration of the role of music in our response to the physical world and to the Source of All Being.

-Rev. Jennifer Reece

Jennifer Reece was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and immigrated to New York State with her family during her high school years. From 1987-2007 she served churches in New York and New Jersey as an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America, and earned a Ph.D. in Church History from Princeton Theological Seminary. After moving to Maine in 2007, she began the process of becoming an Episcopal priest and was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Maine in June, 2011. She is a teacher, a writer, and a choral singer and currently serves as the Librarian at Frenchman's Bay Library, Sullivan. She lives in Lamoine with her mother Pauline Reece-Sampson and their dog Beatrix. She sings with the Mount Desert Summer Chorale and Acadia Chorale.

August 14. *Singing as Worship*

A service exploring how singing together in harmony can bring us to a place of reverence, gratitude, and joy for the gifts of life and the sustenance of community. For any who wish to participate, there will be a singing rehearsal at 9am prior to the service.

-Verne McArthur

Verne McArthur is a retired college teacher, not-retired activist, song-leader, and long-time UU member from Springfield, MA. He travels around

UU congregations in New England offering Sunday services built around congregational singing and he regularly leads summer musical weeks at the Ferry Beach UU Conference Center in Saco, Maine.

August 21. *Standing on the Side of Love: Gay-Straight-Trans Alliances in Maine High Schools*
Betsy Parsons, co-chair of Southern Maine GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network) and Kay Wilkins, chair of Downeast GLSEN, other GLSEN members and local GSTA youth will inspire and challenge us in worship as we examine together UUCE's role as a "Welcoming Congregation."
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August 28. *Forgiveness.*

There is a saying that carrying around resentments is like wanting to kill the weeds but drinking the poison yourself. Unresolved resentments burn a hole in one's spirit and weight down one's hearts.

Forgiveness is spoken of in all faith traditions as a blessed act of prime importance, but accomplishing it can be as hard a task as finding the Loch Ness Monster or Big Foot. Join Sonia Turanski as she shares her insight on this essential yet elusive process.

-Sonia Turanski

A Message of Thanks from Your Soon-to-Be New Parish Minister

As I write this, I'm aware again of the great joy and hopefulness and humility I was feeling on Sunday, June 19th (and since then) when you as a congregation voted unanimously to invite me to work & serve this year as your 3/4 time parish minister...what an affirmation and wonderful opportunity! My thanks to each of you, and to the members of the Board of Trustees at UUCE in particular for their trust and confidence in my abilities, and the thoughtfulness with which they explored this opportunity with the congregation and with me right up until the moment of that vote. I will always be grateful, and I enter into this next leg of my journey & formation as a UU minister with great gratitude.

Since that Sunday, I've been meeting with various church committees to see how they work, and to begin thinking & strategizing with folks about how we might best work *together* this coming year. I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the weeks and months to come. Please be aware that I *officially* begin serving as your Parish Minister on Monday, August 15th. On that day, like so many of you, I will begin by volunteering at the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, a fitting entry into the work and ministry of our beloved community. I will have regular office hours at church on Wednesdays from 10am-3pm. Anyone interested in meeting with me then is invited to make an appointment or to stop by if they wish. If another time is better for someone to meet, please know I will do all I can to accommodate peoples' needs.

Also beginning on 8/15, I will regularly check and reply to messages sent to my new work email address of sara@uuellsworth.org. Anyone wanting to reach me is welcome to call the church and leave a message with Caitlin or on the answering machine, or to call and leave a confidential message on my cell phone at 610-2872. In the meantime, I will make every effort to be in touch with folks who I learn are trying to reach me.

Soon after I left Maine in the late summer of 2002 to head to seminary and social work school in Chicago, I recall that someone in a class about vocation asked me to tell them what I imagined what my service and work as a UU minister might look like someday. At that time, I said I hoped to return to Maine, and to serve a UU church, and to be a part of hospice in some way, shape or form. "Whatever you can do or dream you can do, begin it," Goethe says. "Boldness has genius, power and magic in it." Thank you for holding the door open for me, and for inviting me into you midst in this *new* way.

Yours in Ministry Together,
Sara

August 21. (Continued from p. 1.)

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth face many challenges in coming of age, including hostile school environments. Through creative nonviolent approaches that invite everyone to show courage and compassion, Gay-Straight-Trans Alliances (GSTAs), student clubs which work specifically to reduce anti-gay language and harassment in their schools help to create a safer learning environment for all and also to knit the school community together in affirming ways.

The GSTA movement in Maine public schools began in 1998 right here at Mount Desert Island High School and has grown to include 56 high schools in 14 of Maine's 16 counties. Come learn about how young people are leading for courageous love in this powerful peacemaking work in their schools, and how we can support their remarkable efforts.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee will meet on Aug. 7th at 9:00a.m.

Lifespan Religious Education

Summer Greetings from RE,

The newly formed RE Committee has met for the first time and plans are underway for programs to begin in September. Many volunteers have stepped forward and for this we are much grateful. We have been averaging 6 children each Sunday this summer, and anticipate 10 children will attend RE on a regular basis this fall. We are close to hiring the nursery worker and hope to introduce her to the congregation in early August. I will be on vacation from August 14 - 22nd, but will be checking my email on a regular basis. If you have healthy plants you can donate to RE, please bring them to church any Sunday. If you can bring them in a terra cotta pot that would be most helpful. We also are looking for child friendly fruits and veggies from local gardens. Please bring small amounts to church. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about RE programs at UUCE, please do not hesitate to contact me at: anne@uuellsworth.org; aossanna@aol.com or 565-2057.

A Late Summer Sun Party at the Huisjen's

Sara & Dan Huisjen wish to invite folks to come to their home in Brooksville on **Saturday, August 27th from 4-8pm** to celebrate the late summer sun & harvest with a potluck, picnic-like gathering and live music. Bring your family, and your lawn chairs, and a dish you prepared with food from your garden. We hope you'll plan to join us for music and visiting as we gather together neighbor and friends to celebrate the many blessings of this season and the communities of people we love. Call or email Sara or Dan for more info at 326-0576 or huisjen@gmail.com.

Adult Religious Education

The Adult Religious Education Committee met on July 10th to discuss offerings for the coming year. The fall schedule is developing into a rich and diverse selection of discussion groups and workshop series that we hope will satisfy both educational and spiritual appetites. The committee will meet again on August 14th at 9:00 AM. It is not too late to join us with any comments, questions or ideas you may have regarding the Adult Religious Education program for fall and winter, 2011-2012. On August 18th, Matt will be doing another delicious and educational Movie and Pizza Night for Adult RE. The movie selection will be announced at a later date. Matt's Movie and Pizza Night will be returning to its original format in September. On a final note, is there anyone interested in helping to put together and/or helping to lead UUCE's own version of Build Your Own Theology 1? If so please contact me, Stephen or Matt. Thank you!
Janice Ronco, Adult RE Co-Chair

Leadership Development Committee

On the evening of June 29, over 20 committee chairs, task force leaders, Board of Trustees and Leadership Development Committee members, and our new minister, Sara Huisjen, met in the UUCE sanctuary to update each other on what is going on in committees and task forces and to discuss ideas and needs for the coming year. It was an inspiring meeting full of energy.

-Marta Rieman, chair

From the Board

BOT Meeting, July 14, 2011

Present: Diana Cate, President; Karen Volckhausen, Secretary; Don Martin, Treasurer; Trustees- Cynthia Perkins, John Fink, Matt Slater, Pam Person, Jenn Ryan

Finance report: See Treasurer's Corner

RE Coordinator report: See elsewhere in the NUUS Committee on Ministry

Discussion was held on the need for a Committee on Ministry now that we have a minister and the possible composition of said committee. One conundrum is that the bylaws state that members of the committee will select new members. Since there is no current committee how does it get created? This was discussed at length then tabled until the next meeting.

Minister start up

A special start up event for the congregation is planned for Friday, September 30 from 5-9 consisting of a potluck followed by a meeting in the sanctuary to talk about expectations, both ways, and plans we each have for the year ahead. This generated a long discussion on how the event would look, the need for more rehashing, and the District's role in the planning. Sara's opinion on this is important so the issue was tabled until the next meeting when she will be present.

There will also be a board retreat the next day, October 1 from 9-4 at Diana's house.

Committee Chairs Meeting and Procedures Manual report

A very successful meeting was held on June 29 with 22 people in attendance. Pam will send the full report to all committee chairs who were present and to the board.

Board covenant

The board reviewed and rejected possible additions to the covenant.

Bylaws

The bylaws committee will meet after church on Sunday, July 17.

GA

Diana gave a report on GA

Next meeting: August 18, 2011 at 6 PM

The first 15 minutes are reserved for congregational comment.

All are welcome.

Treasurer's Corner

There is no June budget report at this time. We are in the process of closing the books for the 2010 2011 church year. Our goal is to have this completed by the end of July. Our effort is to charge as many of the year end expenses to last year's budget as possible.

All indications are that we will end the year in a positive financial position which will provide us with a sound financial situation to start the new church year.

On the income side, plate income ended at 32.24% above our budget figure of \$6,800 at \$8,992. Fundraising came in 20.97% above our budget figure of \$5,000 at \$6,048. Rental income ended slightly above the revised projection of \$5,000 at \$5,017 which was 28.33% below the original budget figure of \$7,000. We have only budgeted \$5,000 in rental income for this year. Hopefully we can do better.

Pledge income at this time came in at \$69,517 only \$3,483 or 5% below the budget figure of \$73,000. This is well below our budget figure for shortfall of \$6,000. We did receive \$1,532 in additional pledge income from new members which contributed to the positive results in pledge income.

Total income ended at \$93,634 or 4% above the budget goal of \$90,000. Expenses are running below budget. We won't have the exact figures until the end of July. It has been a positive year financially. Next year I expect we will have to manage our money a little more carefully.

You should have received a letter confirming your pledge for this year. If you need to make an adjustment to your pledge, please get in touch with me. With your good response to the lobster bake, fund raising for this year is starting off on a positive note.

Don Martin, UUCE Treasurer

Caring Corner

With great joy, UUCE celebrated the marriage of Wayne Lavertu Smith and CJ Smith Lavertu on June 18. Congratulations to the happy couple!

On June 19, Sharr Mellott shared two joys: receiving her high school diploma and the celebration of her daughter Sylvania's 2nd birthday. She also expressed her gratitude and appreciation for her husband Michael's support and for being a wonderful father.

Congratulations to Anne and Bob Dickens, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17.

Jane Thomas was in attendance at the June 19 service and shared that she was glad to be home after her June 7 hip surgery and said that she could feel the good wishes of the congregation during her time in the hospital.

Congratulations to Carol Mathiesen on the adoption of her new "little boy" - a 10 year old Australian Shepherd! Carol says that walking him is very good for both of them.

We were pleased to have Amy and Kevin DeBeck back with us for 2 weeks in late June. Kevin expressed his joy at being back at UUCE with his family and said that his thoughts were also with his father back in Indiana, who would be undergoing gallbladder surgery soon.

We are keeping Evelyn Foster in our thoughts as her son Dan and her granddaughter Emma have both recently undergone surgery.

On July 3, we bid farewell to UUCE members Matt and Emily Baya and their sons Owen and Marshall, who are relocating to western Massachusetts.

Matt's job at The Jackson Lab ended and he'll be starting a new job at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Matt spoke on behalf of his whole family saying that they will

miss everyone at UUCE.

We are keeping Diana Cate in our thoughts as she cares for her daughter Carol, who recently had neck surgery and faces a long period of recuperation.

At the conclusion of the July 3 service, Jim Fisher, in honor of his mother's 90th birthday, gave Rev. Amy DeBeck and Rev. Sara Hayman-Huisjen each a copy of the UU book his dad had authored.

Judy Rothrock passed on the message from Evelyn Foster on July 3 that Linda Hayman, Rev. Sara Hayman-Huisjen's mother, is home recovering from surgery after being at EMMC for several days.

Richard Thurston returned home from a brief hospital stay in early July after having fallen out of his hammock at camp and becoming immobilized for several hours.

Eileen Brennan shares with us the sad news that her older sister Mary, 88, died in her sleep on Friday, July 8. While traveling on a music trip recently, Eileen had visited her two sisters, and was grateful that she spent time with Mary which included playing a game of Scrabble together. Mary was a retired accomplished scientist with a background in physics.

Congratulations to Sue and Bill Clark, who celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on July 9.

At the July 10 service, Sue Clark shared memories and spoke fondly of John Fink's mother, Carol Fink, and Betty Jane McMichael as dynamic women who founded our UUCE Care Committee. Betty Jane is now 88 and is in need of an apartment, preferable a first floor apartment in the area. Please let Sue Clark or Care Committee know if you hear of anything.

Landscape Committee

There will be open **Landscape Committee** meetings, indoors, on the first two Sundays in August.

All are welcome. Bring questions and suggestions, please!

Sunday, August 7th. Noon to 12:30. A brainstorming session followed by a walk around the 5 gardens.

Sunday, August 14th. Noon to 1:00. Discussion of ideas, and setting of September and October meeting dates.

Goals: 1) To plan for the transplanting of **native plants** in September and for the mid-October outdoor cleanup.

2) To plan for low-maintenance projects for spring of 2012 with low maintenance ideas for three areas.

3) To plan for plant sales and swaps to raise funds for the planned plantings.

Suggestion: Bring written ideas and/or sketches to either or both meetings.

North Path Report - Final step in sight!

During the summer of 2008 we watched a weed field grow while we waited for the town of Ellsworth to put in our new connection to their water system. It came in the fall and we had what looked like a battle field. I was concerned about saving the plants we had and Kay Wilkinson, Evelyn Foster and I thought of a path to access the back. I was asked to handle it and checked with the National Park Service on handicapped accessibility standards. Meanwhile, "we" started to rake the "loam" and consider how to mix in organic additives. Winter came. Many ideas were voiced for a memorial path and plants such as Helen Bochek's crab apple.

The spring of 2009 was VERY wet and all plans of

organized earth tilling went on standby. I laid out the path, 4 feet wide and tried to level it. Kay introduced me to Charles Bassett and his dream of a host of daffodils. Along came 1000 or more bulbs and Charles, his family, Matt Slater and I dug beds (eleven in all when it was finished in November). We also moved an infinite number rocks!

In the spring of 2010 the first order of plants from catalogs arrived, way too soon, while it was still cold. Some were stored in my fridge, some in the basement. To rescue them, Peggie Geiger and I turned over the whole section outside the Sanctuary, adding organic material in March. We left a section under the crab apple for more winter berry and Canadian dogwood (bunchberry). The next order came in at the correct time. After rejoicing in the total richness of eleven beds of daffodils over 5 to 6 weeks of blooms we rested for a bit. What a change!

When cooler weather came, Charles, Matt, and I turned the dirt we hadn't done between beds, enriched with organic material and prepared for more ground cover added in September/October.

Spring 2011: What a treat to see plans come full circle! The astilbe worked well, masking the die back necessary for the health of the daffodil bulbs. The cranesbill geraniums need better soil, and there's lots of little things to improve, of course. ALONG WITH REMOVING ALL LUNGWORT (my major mistake) as native plants need to go in. All help accepted in September.

NOW, for the FINAL STEP, I am waiting for the second bid for the path covering. Then, the path will be finished

- Sue Clark, *Chair of Landscape*

HELP! Do you have a working lawnmower to give or even lend to UUCE? Please call Sue Clark at 244-3051.



Food for Thought

By Martha Dickinson: Christian Mystics -- 365 Readings and Meditations, 2011

Matthew Fox has been one of my favorite people for many years-- I mean Matthew Fox the preacher of creation spirituality, not Matthew Fox the star of *Lost*. I first read Fox's books on Hildegard of Bingen when I was stumbling back towards Christianity after a period of agnosticism. Fox recalled me to my own experiences of mysticism as I continued to read his books and listen to his lectures. This last February, Fox published *Christian Mystics*, and I recommend it wholeheartedly. Each page of this volume contains a quotation followed by Fox's commentary. That there are 365 readings makes it easy to read one a day as fodder for meditation. Among the many mystics quoted are Hildegard, Meister Eckhart, Thomas Aquinas, Oscar Romero, Teresa of Avila, Thomas Merton, and Clarissa Pinkola Estes. You certainly do not have to consider yourself a Christian in order to value this book. As with all great mystics, the visions transcend the particular religion the mystics find themselves in. Their visions and messages are universal.

To give you a flavor of the book, here's an example from Hildegard of Bingen, writing in the 12th century: "*Holy Spirit, you are the mighty way in which everything that is in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, is penetrated with connectedness, is penetrated with relatedness.*"

And Matthew Fox comments, in the 21st century, "*Independence and interrelationship are deep ways of seeing the world that our pre-modern ancestors celebrated. The modern age thought in terms of subjects and objects. But today, and in Hildegard's day, the key to understanding self and others is connectedness. She*

points out how fundamental those ways are when she says things are "penetrated" with connectedness. Ask yourself: Am I attuned to my connection with everything that is in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth? With all my relations? For Hildegard, this is the Spirit's work: Holy Spirit is the 'mighty way' of connectedness and relatedness."

By Stephen Berger:

As a follow-up to the last two Sunday services, if you want to read more: I was unable to contact Rev. DeBeck, but two of my favorite sci-fi novels, very unusual, about a Jesuit anthropologist, are *The Sparrow* and *Children of God* by Mary Doria Russell. From Rev. Charles Stephens: to pursue the theme of religious naturalism

Jerome A. Stone, *The Minimalist Vision of Transcendence: A Naturalist Philosophy of Transcendence*. SUNY Press, 1992.

Loyal Rue, *Religion is not about God: How Spiritual Traditions Nurture Our Biological Nature and What to Expect When They Fail*. Rutgers University Press, 2006,

Ursula Goodenough, *The Sacred Depths of Nature*. Oxford University Press, 2000.

Chet Raymo, *When God is Gone Everything is Holy: The Making of a Religious Naturalist*. Sorin Books, 2008.





Kitchen Corner

By Anne Funderburk

The labeling of the cabinets has been held up by another death in Anne Funderburk's family. Her cousin, Helen Dunham, (to whom many of you have sent kind thoughts) died on July 4th and was buried in Seal Harbor on the 7th.

Nancy Avila has an excellent label writer and is willing to make all the labels. These may be applied directly to the wooden fronts of drawers and cabinets, assuming that the adhesive backing will not damage the finish. The Kitchen Committee would appreciate feedback from members of the congregation who are familiar with such matters. If the adhesive labels are acceptable, we can return the metal label holders and avoid having to drill screw holes in the wood.

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Although by the time you are reading this we may have already started our annual August duties at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry next door to the church. There are still as of this date a few needed helping hands. We staff the Pantry Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during August from 8 a.m. to between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. Fridays at the moment are particularly in need of volunteers. Please contact Judy Rothrock, Pantry Coordinator for UUCE at 244-3520 or see her at church. Thank you to the many who have already volunteered, some for several days.

Notices from John Fink

A memorial service for John's mother, Carol Fink, will take place after the service on August 7th.

Also there will be a second memorial service for Sally Bell on August 6th (2 p.m.) at the Hancock Point Chapel (located on the Point Road in Hancock). Sally grew up in the Hancock Point summer community.

From the Choir Loft

Attention Choir Members!

Rehearsals for our next performance begin Sunday, August 21st at 9:00 a.m. We'll be singing for Sara's first official service on September 4th. In addition, we are hoping to host a fun filled workshop day for improving group singing skills and getting started on some preparation for our season of singing the date and time for which is TBA. Phil Person has joined Marta and me in directing the choir so we should be singing a lot! Please see one of us if you are interested in joining. It is helpful to know ahead of time how many will be joining us so we'll have enough copies for everyone.

Thank you, Haydée

From the Church of the Larger Fellowship

The [Church of the Larger Fellowship](#), a unique UU congregation without walls, is now offering a free iPhone and Droid app that allows you to light a chalice, share joys & concerns, and read *Quest*, CLF's monthly worship publication.

Here is the link to it in the itunes store:

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/quest-for-meaning-clf/id445991854?mt=8&ls=1>

Here is the link to the android market:

<https://market.android.com/details?id=com.appma.kr.app216332>

Please [support the CLF](#) in its endeavor to bring Unitarian Universalism to members around the world. The CLF will be launching an online sanctuary this fall: QuestforMeaning.org

Call for Lay Service Leaders

The Worship Committee is working with Rev. Sara to plan the worship services for the remainder of the calendar year. Sara will be in the pulpit two Sundays per month, plus one extra when there are five Sundays. We plan to have an outside minister or speaker once per month and a lay service leader from our congregation once per month.

Please consider this your invitation to let the Worship Committee (Kay Wilkins, Stephen Berger, Cecily Judd, Cynthia Perkins) know if you would like to do a service! We have had excellent lay led services in the past year, and want very much to continue that practice.

It would be very helpful to have a service topic title and a paragraph describing the way the service would flow. We are not asking for a fully planned service at this time, but we would like to know what you have in mind so that we can fit your service in to the others during the month. We will have a worship associate available to work with you.

Please let us hear from you!



Political and Social Action (PASA)

Thanks to all who attended the 100 mile potluck lunch on July 3. It was a wonderfully successful event with much interest and enthusiasm over the challenge of bringing food sourced within a 100 mile radius. And the food was absolutely delicious thanks to inventive, creative cooks using fresh, local ingredients. Kudos to Bill Clark for the delightful goat cheese on nasturtium leaves! Stay tuned to announcements of future similar potlucks.

Ethical Eating: 2011 Statement of Conscience Delegates at the 2008 General Assembly in Fort Lauderdale, FL, selected "Ethical Eating" to be the 2008-2012 Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. At the 2011 General Assembly in Charlotte, NC, [Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice](#) was approved as a Statement of Conscience. The statement can be found at <http://www.uua.org/justice/statements/statements/185320.shtml>

Eating ethically requires us to be grateful for the food we receive and to strive to choose foods that are protective of the environment, consumers, farmers, and all those involved in food production and distribution. Ethical eating is the application of our UU Principles to our food choices.

A core paragraph in the Statement of Conscience says, "Minimally processed plant-based diets are healthier diets. Some of us believe that it is ethical only to eat plants while others of us believe that it is ethical to eat both plants and animals. We do not call here for a single dietary approach. We encourage a knowledgeable choice of food based on understanding the demands of feeding a growing world population, the health effects of particular foods, and the consequences of production, worker treatment, and transportation methods. We commit to applying this knowledge to both personal and public actions, recognizing

that many of us might embark on a dramatic change in eating choices and some might pay more for food that is ethically produced. For congregations, helping congregants gain this understanding and supporting their choices will require a long-term collective process of engagement, education, discernment, and advocacy."

The Peace and Social Action Committee's booklet, "UUCE Ethical Eating Resource Guide" serves to increase our awareness of local food sources and to list the UUCE members who are significantly involved in issues of ethical eating. If you have not received a copy please do pick one up from the PASA table in the community room.

Ethical eating is an issue of grave concern to the world. If you want more information, watch for information about PASA committee meetings and do attend.

Next meeting: Sunday, August 21 at 9:00 AM in the Board room

[Ed. Note: The Hancock County Community Network (HCCN) publishes a monthly list of events related to the peace and social action theme which you can reach at http://mainetalk.org/mailman/listinfo/hccn_mainetalk.org.]

Sensitivity to Fragrances

Some members of the congregation are allergic to fragrances. Please be aware of this as you get ready to come to church on Sunday mornings.

Detergents, fabric softener, drier sheets, perfumes, hair products, moth balls etc. all combine to trigger allergic reactions. It would be greatly appreciated if we, as a congregation, could strive to be fragrance free on Sundays.

Thank you!

Getting started on AUCTION 2011

After our first meeting of the year at the end of May, the Auction committee is excited about organizing UUCE's biggest, single fundraiser of the year, the Goods and Services Auction in October. We plan an evening full of fun and community spirit, while we raise money for the benefit of the church and The Heating and Warmth (THAW) fund which provides much needed heating assistance to struggling families in this area.

Before long, our business solicitors will be collecting gift certificates and goods from generous local businesses from Blue Hill and Bucksport to Hancock and MDI. And our church solicitors will be encouraging you to share your special talent with a service donation, and/or answer your questions about appropriate items to donate.

We plan to emphasize service items this year because they are such a fun way to spend time with and get to know each other all during the year.

Recently, I collected a service donation I won at last year's auction. My husband and I joined the Turners and Martha Dickinson for Bill and Sue Clark's donation: a geology walk in Acadia National Park and picnic lunch. It was a perfect summer day and allowed us to play tourist, escape our normal routine for a few hours and get know each other better. Bill's knowledge is inexhaustible and he pointed out many things I could have easily passed by. Sue's lunch hit the spot!

This year, in mid-September we will produce a printed and digital Catalog of all auction items to prepare and entice you! The auction will be Saturday, October 8, 2011. If you cannot attend, proxy bidders will be available to bid for you on any item. Michael Povich has agreed to return as auctioneer. And, thanks to the latest in computer gadgets, we will be able to accept credit and debit card payment!

Also new this year, instead of the Italian dinner, the cuisine will be delectable and substantial finger-foods that will be offered to you as you peruse and bid on silent auction items and preview the live auction items. This will give us more room for display. We'll also provide the usual beverages as well as possibly having beer and wine available for a small donation.

Committee members are Evelyn Foster, Don Martin, Diana Cate, Bette Massie (food) and myself, Peggy Strong. We can always use help before, and on the night of, the auction. If you would like to get involved, please, speak to one of us.

Thanks, Peggy Strong



Bill Clark explains the 'Shatter Zone' to Nina Turner while Matthew Strong looks on.

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Membership: Evelyn Foster & Judy Rothrock

Committee on Ministry: Suspended until August 2011

Music: Jean Martin

Peace and Social Action: Karen Volckhausen

Potluck: Carol Mathiesen

Procedures: Pam Person

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Sunday order of service: Send announcements to
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Small Group Ministry: Sara Huisjen

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Worship: Cynthia Perkins

August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon	3 6:30 Coyote Group	4 12:00 Al-Anon	5 6:00 AA	6
7 9:00 Membership 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Landscaping 2:00 Memorial Service for Carol Fink	8	9 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon	10 6:30 Coyote Group	11 12:00 Al-Anon	12 6:00 AA	13 Private Wedding Ceremony
14 9:00 Adult RE 10:30 Worship Service HUNGRY SUNDAY 1:00 Landscaping	15	16 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon	17 6:30 Coyote Group	18 12:00 Al-Anon 6:00 Board Meeting 6:00 Pizza & Movie Night	19 6:00 AA	20
21 9:00 Choir 9:00 PASA 10:30 Worship Service	22	23 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon	24 6:30 Coyote Group	25 12:00 Al-Anon	26 6:00 AA	27
28 10:30 Worship Service	29	26 10:00 PATT playgroup 12:00 Al-Anon	30 6:30 Coyote Group	31 12:00 Al-Anon		

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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.**

