

UNITARIAN - UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
Greater Ellsworth Downeast Area

First Unitarian Society Newsletter

December 1973

The Greatest Christmas Gift is Love

Guest Speakers

- Dec. 2 - Kenneth Araujo - Bangor Theological Seminary.
Mr. Araujo served as Minister of Education at the
Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono, Maine.
This past summer he was minister at the Congregational
Church in Middlebury, Connecticut.
- Dec. 9 - Dr. Arthur Foote of Southwest Harbor who has graced
our pulpit many Sundays with a fine and worth-while
message.
- Dec. 16 - Mr. Chandler Richmond, Curator of the Stanwood Wildlife
Foundation at Birdsacre.
- Dec. 23 - Louise Ramsdell - Christmas Program.
- Dec. 30 - Open - Refer to the Ellsworth American or Bangor
Daily News.

Alliance Meetings

- Dec. 5 - Business meeting at church - Hostess - Augusta Bromley
- Dec. 12 - Christmas Party - home of Eleanor Shea. Filling of
Shut-in Baskets.

News Items

A supper for the Masons was put on by Lewis Smith, Fred Shea, Robert
Noe, George Chalmers, Ruth and Raymond Royal, earning eighty dollars
toward our church fund.

A letter from our former minister's wife, Mildred Gibbs states they
are getting settled and enjoying their new home. They both are pleased
the newsletter is being continued.

Merry Christmas

OPERATION TIDY-UP

We have a fine new church but, unlike humans, it can't take care of itself--periodically it needs some-one to tidy it up. And that's where the members of the church come in. Since July several members have been doing the work that has been needed to be done voluntarily. We think every-one will agree that's not an arrangement that should continue indefinitely.

Years ago the church used to have a part-time custodian. But the days are gone when you can get some-one to serve as custodian for \$5 or \$10 a week. And, unfortunately, our budget doesn't allow for any substantial custodial expenses.

And so we say it again--that's where the members of the church come in--that is, the ones who are able and willing to do it.

The plan is to line up teams of man and wife (or any two persons) to take care of the church for two week periods.

It doesn't require much work--perhaps two hours on Friday or Saturdays to do some vacuuming(if needed) a little dusting, a look at the toilets and that's about it.

And lets make it clear, at this point, that no member is expected to do the "heavy" cleaning, such as washing floors, woodwork and windows. We'll hire that work done when its needed.

A list of "teams", to May 12'74, has been prepared. If you can't do it(or you would like a different period) please call Jack Bromley or Ray Royal. A key to the church door will be made available when you need it.

Teams responsible for cleaning these dates

Get church ready for these Sundays:

December 2 & Dec. 9
Dec. 16 & Dec. 23
Dec. 30 and Jan. 6
Jan. 13 & Jan. 20
Jan. 27 & Feb. 3
Feb. 10 & Feb. 17
Feb. 24 & March 3
March 10 & March 17
March 24 & March 31
April 7 & April 14
April 21 & April 28
May 5 & May 12

Mr & Mrs Raymond Royal
~~Mr & Mrs~~ Gordon Ramsdell
Mr & Mrs Stanley Richmond
Mr & Mrs Chandler Richmond
Mr & Mrs Louis Collier
Mr & Mrs Robert Royal
Mr & Mrs Jack Bromley
Mr & Mrs Robert Noe
Mr & Mrs Fred Shea
~~Mr & Mrs Edward Kamps~~
Mr & Mrs Elton Black
Mrs Helen Silver & family

If your name is not on this list and you wish to volunteer for a later date, please call.