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## A Month of Sundays in October

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

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
POTLUCK SUNDAY

*“How Did the Rose Ever Open its Heart?”*      Rev. Sara Huisjen, Worship Leader  
Carol Rosinski, Worship Associate  
Special Music performed by Heidi Powell & Richard Hsu, Violinists

Seldom, is life truly easy. There are times when heartbreak and loss color our days and we easily become discouraged. How do we live *through* difficult experiences in ways that help us become more compassionate? More open to suffering? More responsive to needs in ourselves and others? More joyful and present to all of life’s beauty? How, I wonder, has living with loss & change been a part of transforming *your* life?

**Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
HUNGRY SUNDAY

*“on my way to YES...”*      Rev. Sara Huisjen, Worship Leader

How does personal transformation happen in our lives, particularly when it comes to experiencing significant life events? How does parenting and living well into older adulthood come to shape and inform who we are and how we live in the world? What life lessons are there to be gleaned by choosing to love others generously and be there for them?

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

*“Dancing with the High Notes and the Low”*

Guest Worship Leader, Jody Wolford-Tucker  
Sue Clark, Worship Associate

Contemporary western life is a funny thing. On one hand, it seems that carefree revelry is the epitome of human aspiration; and on the other, we’re faced with news so horrific we don’t know how to respond. We’ll consider how we can live thoughtfully, love caringly, and grow through loss gracefully.

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
PLATE SPLIT SUNDAY

*“Our Foremother, Ann Frances Greely”*

Wayne Smith & Jude Lamb, Worship Leaders

Please plan to join Ann Frances Greely, the foremother of our church and a leading figure in Ellsworth history, in her parlor (actually the UUCE sanctuary). Mrs. Greely and a few of her friends have planned a pleasant morning, set in 1911, marking the occasion of her eightieth birthday, during which they will recall events from the previous 50 years of the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth.

Ann is looking forward to your dropping by for a visit!

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## Ministry Matters

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This time of year, as the leaves change and the cold returns, I'm making a point each day to light a candle and sit in silence a few moments each morning. Doing this, I've been reflecting on a couple of the stunning places I've been over the last few months, moments of connection, adventure and witness that have moved me, that are calling me *still* to live and love more deeply and for real, and to choose, in the ways I can, to be more present and responsive to others.

"What will you do with your one precious life," the poet Mary Oliver asks, and I answer back...

***I will listen to your story, Shannon, and be grown by your courage and dedication:***

Shannon is a tall, striking red head in her early thirties from the United States. When we meet her at the *Escuelita* (preschool) at Safe Passage in Guatemala City, she's in jeans, wearing a baseball cap with her hair pulled back in a ponytail. Shannon is the Music, Movement & English teacher at that preschool nestled in the sprawling neighborhood bordering that city's dump. She's worked there seven years and she doesn't plan to leave anytime soon.

Right away, we can tell the kids love her. She knows their names, all 96 of them. She knows their mothers and siblings if they have them. All day long, Shannon meets with small groups of these kids, each of them 6 years old or younger. For ½ an hour, she sits with them on the floor in a circle in the cafeteria and she sings with them and helps them practice their English. She smiles and laughs easily, and they answer her questions and repeat back to her whatever she's asked them to say. Before their time is up, she gets up and puts on loud, fast music and they all line up in rows and dance together. Shannon is a hip-hop artist and dancer, and she's *good* at dancing, and they love her.

At the end of our day there, Shannon makes time to sit down with us and talk about her work. Yes, it's hard, she says. Yes, it's heartbreaking to know what she knows; that each child there has experienced abuse; that their mothers struggle on a daily basis with violence and poverty; that in the big scheme of things, there's very little she can do to make things better at home for them. BUT, she can do these things: She can *love* them. And she can *pay attention* to them. If they want it or need it, she can give them a *hug*, and teach them to *dance*, and encourage them to *keep dancing* as a part of what it might take to survive. Every day, she can remind them that they are *loveable* and *special*. And I will not forget her.

"What will you do with your one precious life," the poet Mary Oliver asks, and I respond...

***I will show up on the bus and march with you, with joy and hope and determination in my step:***

I didn't remember meeting them when I first got on the bus. It was pretty dark and 3:30 in the morning, and I'd arrived a little later than I planned and I was anxious to find a seat and settle in. There were 55 of us on that bus headed to the People's Climate March in New York City that would happen the next day.

I first noticed them when we got to the rest area in MA. It was finally daylight. They were all wearing Common Ground Country Fair T-Shirts with this year's graphic on them. They were clearly a family, a mother and father, sister & brother, and I learned they're members of the Allen Avenue UU Church in Portland.

Once we got to New York, standing in that enormous sea of people ready and waiting to march, I had a chance to ask them why they were there and when they'd decided to go. Heather, the daughter, spoke up first and she said it had been *her* idea. And then her brother piped in, had I heard it was his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday that day, and that

*this* was how he wanted to spend it with his family? And so they had come, and so they were there, ready to march, each of them smiling and taking it all in, committed to standing with the thousands of others who had also shown up for the climate, for our living & hurting planet, for the life we are blessed to know.

And my heart sang in *that* moment, and we marched together for a while, and we sang and chanted with others, and we were a part of that beautiful, determined and hopeful experience. And I will not forget *them* or being there and why showing up matters.

“What will you do with your one precious life,” the poet Mary Oliver asks, and how, I wonder, will *you* respond?

Yours, in ministry together,  
Sara

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## From the UUCE Board

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David Wilcock, Board President



### Summary of Minutes of Board Of Trustees Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014.

All were present except V. President, John Fink; congregant Paul Totaro visited.

The following matters on the Board agenda were reported on and/or discussed  
**Fiscal Matters:** Discussion of disbursement of a large bequest versus need for repairs to furnace; half of the bequest was allotted to the Maine Community

Foundation; half will

be held until the necessary action on the furnace is clear and completed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The YMCA Daycare left a month early, which caused a shortfall of projected income, but the overall news is that income is up from many sources. The financial health of the church is good; the lobster bake report is still incomplete;

**Fundraising events:** The lobster bake netted about \$2000, final figure is not ready yet; The yard sale netted \$2500, more than double its goal; the service auction will take place on Oct. 28; donations and service items will be solicited very soon; Peggy Strong announced this will be her last year coordinating the auction.

**Personnel Procedures:** Tom Martin has been working on finding out what other churches do for personnel policies; he reported his research to the board and will attempt to draft a personnel policy for UUCE to clarify lines of supervision.

**Disposal of property:** Though the belief is the board has the authority to dispose of items, it is not clear whether there is language in the by-laws. Peggy Strong will check on this and draft language if there is none.

**Rental Policy:** The issue of rental rates for persons or groups wanting to use space in the church was discussed. The board agreed to continue with the current practice of setting the rate for each individual request according to the benefit to the church members.

**Emergency Policy:** There has been concern among some members about the need for a clear emergency policy and procedure for the church. Those who have been working on this issue vis-à-vis fire safety will be contacted to address a broader emergency policy.

**The RE report was accepted;** it was noted that starting this quarter, the Religious Education coordinator will submit a quarterly report, not a monthly report.

**Minister's report:** Rev. Sara thanked those who have been or are working on the fund raising events. She then thanked the board for efforts taking place to establish procedures for evaluation of personnel; she called for a personnel committee and for efforts to systematize the functioning of the church, noting that the Leadership Development Committee is in transition and we (board) must be patient until it is in a position to lead. She will go on the MUUSAN bus to the climate rally in NY on Sept. 21; she is working with other area ministers on ideas around shared pulpits and other ideas for sharing activities and resources. She looks forward to the board participating in this conversation.

**PASA**—has requested the addition of “a justice minute” to the service to announce to the congregation actions that can be taken on issues on which PASA is focusing. The matter was referred to the Worship Associates and Committee on Ministry.

**Evaluation Committee** has completed its evaluation of the Religious Education coordinator and met with her. The Committee reports a positive meeting and encouraging outcomes of the evaluation process. The minister's evaluation is still in progress.

**Other items:**

**Ferry Beach:** There are a few more openings for the retreat on October 17-19 due to changes at the facility in reservations from another group. Plans are being made for fun and learning.

**GA Harvesting:** Pres. David Wilcock will further edit the document with General Assembly action items, which were formulated by those who attended GA in June.

**Calendar Completion:** Sec. Robin Lovrien is working with Alison to clarify the scheduling process so the calendar is as accurate and complete as possible; Margaret Thurston will create a new electronic calendar.

**Potluck procedure:** Robin Lovrien will work on revamping the potluck responsibility procedure.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Secretary Robin Lovrien will notify the congregation of the upcoming congregational meeting on October 12.

## Religious Education



### *Fall Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing!*

September has been a very active month as we finish Hogwarts Downeast and transition into our church school year. There is much to report, so please pay close attention and accept my apology for this rather lengthy article.

In September we focused on Caring for Earth. We began the month with Ingathering, bringing water from a special place to share with our beloved community. We also had our annual field trip to Birdacre, it was a magical time for the children as they connected with the owls and hawks and gathered grass to feed the geese and ducks. *It was a joy to be together in nature.* We also learned how we can grow our own food and how to make pesto. We will end Hogwarts Downeast with The Leaving Feast where we will reflect on all we have shared this summer and how our UU Principles guide us in living and creating a better world. In Hogwarts Downeast we have learned that the real magic is the magic of friendship, acceptance, and tolerance, searching for the truth with love and learning together.

Many thanks to the following Visiting Professors and Hogwarts Downeast helpers in September: Kim LaPlant; Liz True; Lisa Whittemore; and Vincent Ossanna. Our youngest children were held in community by many volunteers in September. The following taught, assisted the teachers, or entertained children while their parents were in RE related meetings: Jody Murphy; Jenn Ryan; Eryn Colson; Nolan Dickens; Lynne Marie Hundhammer; Vincent Ossanna; and Mikayla True.

The YMCA Day Care moved to their space in September and while we will miss them, it will be good to re-create a nurturing, safe and fun space for our UUCE children. If you have any time on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, we would love your muscle between 2:00-4:00 pm as we set up the class rooms for our children.

Our next Family and Friends Multi-generational gathering will be held on Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> directly after potluck. We will go Apple Picking. I do hope you can join us. It is always a fun time.

Our RE classes start on October 5<sup>th</sup> and we will be using all the classrooms, PLUS the Board Room this year. If you are scheduling a Sunday meeting prior to worship service, please be mindful of our volunteer teachers and their need to prepare their classrooms. Please try to hold meetings in the Tidewater room or, if you must be in the RE Wing, to have your meetings finish no later than 9:50 am, to allow our teachers to prepare their classrooms.

I will be out of state from October 8-12 but will check my [aossanna@aol.com](mailto:aossanna@aol.com) email daily during that time. Carol Rosinski will cover for me on Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, I will be attending the Multi-generational retreat at Ferry Beach from October 17-19<sup>th</sup>. Lisa Whittemore will cover for me on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Below you will find an overview of each of our Sunday morning offerings and our RE Calendar for the month of October. It is an exciting time for all of us working to promote quality RE offerings at UUCE, we anticipate much growth.

It is an honor to serve this congregation as your RE Coordinator.

Woyaya – Anne

## Class Overview

I am so grateful to the wonderful line-up of volunteer teachers and assistants who have stepped forward this year to guide our children and youth for the 2014-2015 sessions, and excited that all of our classrooms will be participating in a new offering, *Faith in Action*.

We are trying something new this year, placing children in a classroom that is developmentally appropriate for where they are, rather than age. The UUA has provided some excellent guidance and recommendations, and this seems like a perfect fit for the children in our beloved community. We are pleased to offer the following classes every Sunday morning:

**Penguin:** *UU Alphabet* introduces the preschool age child to Unitarian Universalism through stories of important people in faith, heritage and their own church environment, and the UU Principles. Jody Murphy and Jenn Ryan will be the lead teachers the first block.

- Seal:** *Love Surrounds Us* allows the early school age child to explore all of the UU Principles in the context of Beloved Community of family, home, school and neighborhood. The children will engage in activities that emphasize the love they feel in community. Cecily Judd and Amy Fiorilli will be the lead teachers the first block with Eileen Brennan as their mentor.
- Dolphin:** *Moral Tales* provides elementary aged children with spiritual and ethical tools to make choices and take actions that reflect their Unitarian Universalist beliefs and values. Kim LaPlant and Casey Hanson will be the lead teachers the first block.
- Whales:** *Riddle & Mystery* encourages "Tween's" own search for understanding the BIG QUESTIONS: Where do I come from? What are we? Where are we going? Can we solve life's mystery? How can I know what to believe? What does Unitarian Universalism mean to me? Lisa Whittemore and Bill Clark will be the lead teachers the first block.
- Faith in Action:**  
We will do just that, put our *faith in action* as we work to learn how to reduce and reuse; give to others; challenge oppression; and care for earth. Liz True will lead all three of our Faith in Action lessons this church school year.

## RE Calendar

**September 27<sup>th</sup>:** Set Up RE Classrooms 2:00-4:00 pm...All are welcome to join us!

**September 28<sup>th</sup>:** Hogwarts Downeast – Session 12- Leaving Feast (All 7 Principles) Lesson emphasis – UU principles guide us in living and creating a better world. The real magic is the magic of friendship, acceptance and tolerance, searching for the truth with love and learning together. *Parent Orientation 9:30-10:00 am.*

**October 5<sup>th</sup>:** Re Classes begin. *Parent Orientation 9:30-10:00 am; Potluck; Multi-Generational Apple Picking after Potluck.*

**October 12<sup>th</sup>:** *UU Alphabet – "A" – Susan B Anthony; Love Surrounds Us – The children will experience the UU chalice as a symbol of love in relationship; Moral Tales – We Are All One; Riddle and Mystery – Where do we come from? Anne will be out of state; Carol Rosinski will be acting RE Coordinator.*

**October 19<sup>th</sup>:** UUCE Multi-generational retreat at Ferry Beach. *UU Alphabet – "B" Clara Barton; Lisa Whittemore will be leading an Art Project for all other children. Anne will at the Multi-generational retreat, Lisa Whittemore will be the acting RE Coordinator.*

**October 26:** *UU Alphabet – "C" James Freeman Clark; Love Surrounds Us will focus on sharing; Moral Tales – will continue our We Are All One lesson; Riddle and Mystery – will continue discussing the question Where do we come from?; Block One Teacher meeting directly after worship service.*

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## Treasurer's Corner

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**Total income** for August 2014 was \$9,347.16. This was \$1,039.63 less than total expenses for the month which was \$10,440.79. Total income through August is \$31,625.25, 21.54% of budget which is 4.94% more than the year-to-date percentage of 16.6%

**Total expenses** for the same period was \$18,073.65, 12.31% of budget which is 4.29% less than the year-to-date figure of 16.6%.

**Pledge income** for August was \$5,567.00. Total pledges through August were \$25,225.08 or 23.17% of budget which is 6.57% more than the year-to-date figure 16.6%.

**Plate income** for August was \$556.25. Total Plate income through August was \$1,482.78 or 15.29% of budget, 1.31% less than year-to-date figure of 16.6%. Plate income-Church through August was \$1,286.83 or 16.09% of budget. Plate income – plate split charity through August was \$195.95 or 11.53% of budget. This was low as Sunday August 31 didn't get posted until September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Total fundraising** is at \$2110.00 or 20.1% of budget. We don't have the final figure in yet for the lobster bake.

**Rental income** for the month was \$1162.00 for a total through August of \$2,803 or 29.98% of budget. Rental income – other was \$803.00 or 13.38% of budget

**Expenses** for August were \$10,440.79. Total expenses through the month were \$18,073.65 or 12.31% of budget and 4.29% less than the year-to-date figure of 16.6%.

Figures for the first two months of the church year are positive. Next month's income will increase as we will have received our check from the Maine Community foundation for \$5850.00 and income from the yard sale was \$2500.00 and there will be five Sunday deposits for the month of September.

*Don Martin* Treasurer

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## Transitions - Opportunities to Serve the Church

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After spending the last twelve years in a variety of positions for the church, I am planning to step down. This will leave several positions open.

Peggy Strong has agreed to pick up the Treasurer position when she returns from her trip to Australia in February, 2015.

We need to find someone willing to be responsible for the building and maintenance area that I have coordinated for over four years. I am willing to assist in the transition.

I hope a Board member will be willing to work with Alison Stephens in coordinating the rental space in the church.

I have resigned already from the Stewardship Committee, one of the most important areas of our church life. This is a strong committee and I have confidence that they will find a replacement.

I have already given notice to the Leadership Development Committee and I believe they have found a replacement. I have served on the Lobster Bake Committee since its inception five years ago. I hope someone will step up and help the committee in the transition next year. I will remain on the Fiscal Matters Committee until Peggy Strong becomes Treasurer in February 2015.

I am leaving another opening that does not require going to any meetings. It is taking recyclables to the Ellsworth Transfer Station.

I agreed to assist Peggy Strong with the Auction this year. I will be selling tickets again. We will need volunteers to help as Peggy has indicated that this is her last year chairing this event.

As Treasurer, you serve on the Board of Trustees. Serving as your Treasurer has been very rewarding for me.

It takes many hands to keep the church working for all of us. Please consider contributing your time. It is rewarding and also an important for the church.

I encourage you to get involved. It is enjoyable and a great opportunity to get to know others. I tell you this from my experience.

If you are considering any of these positions, please contact me.

Don Martin

## Lifespan Religious Education

**Coyote Wisdom** – Continues as an open book discussion group about Lewis Mehl-Madronas' book of the same name. He is an MD and PhD and certified in Psychiatry, Emergency Medicine and Family Medicine. He is also of Cherokee/Lakota and Italian heritage. He is interested in trying to expand western medicine so that it can pay attention to and use traditional practices such as indigenous practices of various cultures. For more information, talk to Stephen Berger, Mary Haynes or Bob Dickens.



**Fall yoga classes** will begin Wednesday October 1, 5-6:30pm in UUCE Sanctuary.

Classes will continue every Wed for 6, and possible seven weeks.

Karen Dove of Hancock, an experienced yoga and fitness instructor who also does massage in her home, will again be our class leader. She will bring mats, etc., for those who need them.

UUCE Adult Education is again enthusiastically sponsoring the yoga classes.

Classes will cost \$8 per week, or \$40 for the first 6 weeks if you pay at the first class. This will help compensate for the 3 hours of Karen's time each week (instruction, transporting equipment from her studio in Sullivan and travel time and expense).

Either show up on October 1 or call Cynthia 422 6263 or email her at [csp41@myfairpoint.net](mailto:csp41@myfairpoint.net). If you have not

signed up yet, it would be good for Karen to know you are coming, but not necessary. Don't you feel better just thinking about those stretches!?

### **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY AT UUCE**

We now have SGMs active in North Ellsworth, on MDI, Ellsworth and Downeast. Approximately 40 UUs are involved now, and we have a number of persons ready for us to get a new group under way. A Touchstone Group (often the prelude to joining a small group, was completed recently and another is scheduled for 6 weeks beginning October 14. Rev Sara leads the Touchstone groups.



We have a SGM Core Group (Cynthia Perkins, Margaret Thurston, Mickie Worth, Carol Rosinski and Rev Sara) to act as liaison with active groups, establish new groups, refer people to existing groups and generally coordinate efforts with the purpose of "Keeping Small groups Alive." New groups are provided a facilitator in the beginning. We encourage short term group service projects and in general promote the small group concept and encourage people to join. Please talk to any of us for information about SGM.

When we asked SG members to give us values that the group's offer, we heard the following: Friendships are formed and deepened, support for members when needed outside the group (sickness, etc.), respect for privacy and confidentiality, a place to talk in depth re a topic and ourselves, often time to think about a topic before the meeting. Each group has a facilitator, which need not be the same person each month.

### ***New Touchstone Small Group Ministry Offering at UUCE***

**Time:** 6 Tuesday Evenings at UUCE, from 6:30-8:30pm

**Dates:** October 21, 28 and November 4, 11, 18, 25

**Facilitator:** Rev. Sara Huisjen

***Pre-Registration is required.*** Please call (667-4393) or email ([office@uuellsworth.org](mailto:office@uuellsworth.org)) to register. 8-12 people can to participate.

Minimum of 6 people must be registered for this Fall Touchstone SGM Program to run.

Attendance at *all* sessions is strongly encouraged.

Have you ever noticed someone interesting at coffee hour and wanted to have a real conversation? Have you taken a class with someone and wished you could get to know them and their beliefs better? This 6-week Touchstone SGM Program is a place to get closer to people you already know, and get acquainted with others.

Rev. Sara will facilitate these structured, 2-hour gatherings where people will have the chance to listen deeply to each other while exploring ideas and topics of interest. There's no homework, just an

invitation to share in ways immediate, spontaneous and real.

For more information please contact Rev. Sara at 610-2872 or [sara@uuellsworth.org](mailto:sara@uuellsworth.org)

## Adult RE

Adult RE will sponsor a series of **Sunday afternoon viewings of exciting General Assembly sermons** with ensuing discussions. We have set October 26, November 23, January 25 and February 15 as dates. Please put them on your calendar!

Karen Cove will again offer **Yoga** beginning October see details in this Newsletter – Back by popular demand! And we are hoping that Amy Thompson will again offer Art as Expression soon, though she too will need to charge. Talk to her – people who took it were excited. Rev. Sara Huisjen is starting a new Touchstone Small Group Ministry, details in this Newsletter.

### **Ideas for the future.....**

Popcorn and movies? Popcorn theology was discussed at GA. If you're interested in watching and discussing movies or scenes from movies, talk with Diana Cate.

Adult RE is interested in developing a series of discussions on anti-racism work, dealing with classism, undoing privilege and other things tangled up with these. See Mary Haynes, Bob Dickens or Robin Lovrien if you have ideas or can help.

We were fascinated with Rev. Peter Richardson's sermon this summer on UU history and are hoping to arrange with the Belfast UU to co-sponsor him to come up and tell us more. Talk to Bob Dickens or Steve Berger if this grabs you.

Concerned about how Native American rights and practices are still being trampled by the Doctrine of Discovery? Anne Funderburk and Bob Dickens would like to work with other churches on this. Join them! Next committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 7, 2:30-4. After that, we plan to meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 1 p.m. Come join the discussions and planning.

Steve Berger

### **DONATIONS OF PROPS NEEDED**

for the Sunday, October 26 Worship Service

Wayne Smith and Jude Lamb are planning a service and need props.

Do you have any of these lying around in your house?

We are looking for Victorian era props :

couch or settee  
lamp  
chair  
side table for the lamp  
a top hat that would fit Wayne

Please let Wayne or Jude know if you have suitable objects you would be willing to loan us for that morning.

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## The News from the Peace and Social Action Committee (PASA)

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After a long summer break plus a very energizing and inspiring GA attended by five committee members, PASA is back ready to take on the issues of the day. At our retreat in early September, we decided to focus on 4 themes for the year: Escalating wealth inequality, money and politics, health care, and climate change. This is a large task but we are very excited and will be planning related events and actions. Stay tuned!

**Attention!** We have a committee meeting schedule change for September and October. Instead of the third Sunday of the month, we will be meeting:

Sunday, September 28 at 9AM in the Tidewater Room

Sunday, October 26 same time and place.

➤ *In November we will resume our normal schedule!*

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Read the information below for a very interesting presentation by a long term peace activist.

### Waging Peace with David Hartsough

David Hartsough, a life-long activist for peace and justice, will be in Downeast Maine, October 11 and 12, and hopes to meet with others interested in this work. He is the executive director of Peaceworkers and a cofounder of Nonviolent Peaceforce. David has spent his life experimenting with the power of active nonviolence and has recently completed his book, *Waging Peace: Global Adventures of a Lifelong Activist*, his eyewitness account of many of the major historical events of the past sixty years, including sit-ins for racial integration, blockading ships and trains loaded with ammunition headed for Vietnam, and less well known nonviolent efforts in the Soviet Union, Kosovo, Palestine, Sri Lanka, and the Philippines. David's story demonstrates the power and effectiveness of organized nonviolent action and how this struggle is waged all over the world by ordinary people committed to ending the spiral of violence and war. *Waging Peace* is due to be published soon, and will be widely available.

David will speak about his experiences at Acadia Friends Meeting, Neighborhood House, Northeast Harbor, at 10:30 am, Sunday, October 12, and at 4:00 pm at the McCormick Lecture Hall at College of the Atlantic. The public is welcome to both events. For more information, call 667-5863.

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## Hannaford Card Sales - Update

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The Aesthetics committee would like to advise the Congregation that your efforts to date have resulted in a **total of \$130,000**, and more ongoing, in Hannaford Gift Card sales!

Thank you and we are most encouraged.

## UUCE Goes to Ferry Beach

On October 17-19 approximately forty UUCE community members of all ages will spend the weekend at Ferry beach, a Universalist Unitarian conference Center on the coast of southern Maine. The center includes a group of buildings just steps from a beautiful sandy ocean beach surrounded by a pine grove.

The intention of the weekend is to enjoy and relax while strengthening old and new friendships. The planners have lots of options for activities but know that there will be times when some of us just want to linger over the delicious meals prepared for us, nap, walk on the beach or in the woods or sit in the many rocking chairs that line the porches. We will participate in a Dance of Universal Peace, chapel in the pine grove, an ecological nature walk led by one of the instructors from the Ferry beach Ecological School, a talent-no talent show and a group nature craft project to bring back to church.

If you read this article by October 1st and wish that you had signed up before the cut-off date in July — good news. There are several new slots available if you call Rev. Sara Huisjen 610-2872, Anne Ossanna 565-2057, or Evelyn Foster 667-5998.

## Stewardship

### Thinking About Stewardship

Are you a Generous Receiver?

Receiving is an art...So many people have been deeply hurt because their gifts were not well received. Let us be good receivers. Henri J.M. Nouwen

Giving connects two people, the giver and the receiver. This connection gives birth to a new sense of belonging. Deepak Chopra

What gifts have you received and created that you can offer to others?

Think about a time when someone was generous with you. What did you learn from that experience?

Think about a time when you were generous to someone else. What did you remember from that experience?

Evelyn Foster — Stewardship Committee

## Flowers for the Sanctuary Altar

Please consider donating Flowers for the Sanctuary Altar on occasion. There is a “Flower Sign-up Sheet” at the front table or on the Hannaford Sales Table every Sunday. Please write your information on the sign-up sheet. You can also email or call the UUCE office



the week before on Tuesday or early Wednesday and Alison will see that your donation is appropriately noted in the weekly Sunday Bulletin.

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## Loaves & Fishes

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Loaves and Fishes is in need of cereals, canned fruits and vegetables. Envelopes are provided for cash/check donations. Please make check payable to Red Boundary Waters. A koozie with water bottle inside left in sanctuary Sunday. If found please notify Tom Smith or Nina Turner @ 537-2224.

**In addition** to the fruits and vegetables from Hannaford's the food pantry receives an abundance of produce from area farmers and gardeners, especially during August. Contributors included Star Root Farm and Hancock Co. Community Gardens. Healthy Acadia contributed 10 gallons of gleaned blueberries. The Wilcocks brought in two varieties of kale, zucchinis and other veggies harvested from their garden. Also, Helen Kazura of the Ellsworth Area Pet Food Pantry furnishes dog and cat foods on an on-going basis.

## Thank You August Volunteers

22 UUCE volunteers worked:

- ✓ 13 mornings and served
- ✓ 226 families representing
- ✓ 716 family members.

Thanks again to all those who volunteered.

Sue Clark and Nina Turner

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## FIGHT HUNGER. SPARK CHANGE.

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Walmart has a new campaign. The 50 FOOD BANKS which receive the most votes will each receive a funding award of \$60,000. Please help feed hungry Maine people by voting for OUR Good Shepherd Food Bank.

**ONE VOTE PER DAY, EVERY DAY NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 15TH**

Please go to [www.walmart.com/fighthunger](http://www.walmart.com/fighthunger) and vote for Good Shepherd Food-Bank

The Board of Loaves & Fishes asks you to do this for Loaves & Fishes.

The winning ticket was bought at the Blue Hill Fair by a newly retired man who had always dreamed of one.

The raffle brought in \$1646.26 profit for Loaves & Fishes. Thank you, one and all!



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August 29, 2014

To Our Dear Friends at Unitarian Universalist Church,

It is near impossible to express in words our gratitude for everything you have provided for our children, families, and teachers. Without your generous support for our YMCA and our Early Learning Center programs, we could not have continued to deliver care and early education to over the 100 children and families we serve. Most importantly, we could not have sustained the employment of the 35 teachers that love the work that they do.

Upon our arrival, we knew that a special relationship was inevitable. As I have mentioned, it certainly is no easy task to house school age children and preschool children five days a week for hours at a time! You have shared your spaces with us willingly. You have provided us with support, gave us guidance, and have shown such love for our children. For this, we are eternally grateful.

It is certainly difficult to say goodbye. We knew that this day would come. Although we are anxious to all be together again, we will undoubtedly never forget our year spent in your cherished space. As we leave, I am sure that there will be some reminders of our time with you (hopefully those reminders can be wiped clean!). All of us will take many incredible memories with us.

Please visit us often. As you have opened your doors to us, our doors will forever remain open to you.

With deepest appreciation,

Jessica Montgomery  
 Director of Childcare Services

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 2-4 Coyote Wisdom (S) 2-6 Violin (h&w)  5-6:30 Yoga (S) 7 p.m. Coyote Men's (TD)	<b>2</b> 10-11:30 Exec.Cmt.(TD) 9-12 Violin (H) 12 pm Al Anon (S) 3-6 Violin (S)	<b>3</b> 11:45-5:15Violin (H) 6:00 AA (BR) 4 -7 -Wedding Rehearsal & dinner (S,CR,K)	<b>4</b>  12-4 Wedding
<b>5 POTLUCK</b> 9-1 RE office hours  10:30 a.m. Worship Serv. "On My Way to Yes" Rev. Sara Huisjen	<b>6</b>  7:00 St.Augustine (T)	<b>7</b>  12:00 Al-Anon 1-3 Book Disc.(TD)  7-9 Acadia Choral (S)	<b>8</b>  2-6:30Violin (h&w)  5-6:30 Yoga (S) 7pm -Traditional Music Jam (S) 7 p.m. Coyote Men's (TD)	<b>9</b>  9-12 Violin (H)  12:00 Al-Anon(s) 3-6 Violin (S) 3:30-5:30 WA (S) 6-8 Board mtg. (BR)	<b>10</b>  11:45-5:15Violin (H)  6:00 AA (CR)	<b>11</b>  9-11 P.Weiss Workshop(S)
<b>12 HUNGRY SUNDAY</b> 9-1 RE office hours 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Rev. Sara Huisjen after worship <b>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>	<b>13 Columbus Day</b>  7 DE-NVC (S) 7:00 St.Augustine (T)	<b>14</b>  12:00 Al-Anon  7-9 Acadia Choral (S)	<b>15</b>  2-6:30Violin (h&w)  5-6:30 Yoga (S) 7 p.m. Coyote Men's (TD)	<b>16</b>  9-12 Violin (H) 12:00 Al-Anon(s) 3-6 Violin (S)	<b>17</b>  11:45-5:15Violin (H)  6:00 AA (CR)	<b>18</b>  8:30-1:30 Women's Bus.Grp (S)
<b>19</b> 9 am PASA mtg.(TD) 9-1 RE office hours 10:30 a.m.Rev. Jody Wolford-Tucker, Guest	<b>20</b>  7:00 St.Augustine (T)	<b>21</b> 12:00 Al-Anon 1-3 Book Disc.(TD)  6:30-8:30 SGM (BR) 7-9 Acadia Choral (S)	<b>22</b>  2-6:30Violin (h&w)  5-6:30 Yoga (S) 7 p.m. Coyote Men's (TD)	<b>23</b>  9-12 Violin (H) 12:00 Al-Anon(s) 3-6 Violin (S) 5:30-8 Potluck, Board &Leadership	<b>24</b>  11:45-5:15Violin (H)  Auction Setup (CR&S) 6:00 AA(BR)	<b>25</b>  <b>5 p.m. Services Auction (S&amp;CR)</b>
<b>26 PLATE SPLIT</b> 9-1 RE office hours 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ W.Smith & J. Lamb	<b>27</b>  7 DE-NVC (S) 7:00 St.Augustine (T)	<b>28</b>  12:00 Al-Anon  6:30-8:30 SGM (BR) 7-9 Acadia Choral (S)	<b>29</b>  2:30-6:30Violin (h&w)  5-6:30 Yoga (S) 2-4 Membership (TD) 7 p.m. Coyote Men's (TD)	<b>30</b>  9-12 Violin (H) 12:00 Al-Anon(s) 3-6 Violin (S)	<b>31 Halloween</b>  11:45-5:15Violin (P)  6:00 AA (CR)	

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

**Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which  
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