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A Month of Services in March

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

Sunday, March 1st *"Balance, It's a Series of Corrections"*

Violinist, Richard Hsu & Heidi Powell

POTLUCK SUNDAY

How do we go about building resilient communities that honor and strengthen our place within the interdependent web of existence? How do we cultivate a sense of balance and groundedness in our activism and everyday lives?

**** INTRO TO UU & UUCE CLASS from 1-2:30pm ****

Rev. Sara Huisjen, Worship Leader

Molly Mercer, Worship Associate

Sunday, March 8th *"Crying in Guatemala"*

Caleigh Grogan, Worship Leader

Kay Wilkins, Worship Associate

UU congregations put a lot of emphasis on living in community and many find that a community of shared values and support is a big part of their faith. So what happens when you take these values and try to live them in a different kind of community? Join me as I explore how my time in Guatemala helped me to rediscover and refine living my life through UU values.

Caleigh Grogan is a freshman at Wheaton College in Massachusetts studying Religion and Creative Writing. She is a life long UU who has participated in two service trips with the Ellsworth, Belfast and Bangor churches. Caleigh doesn't know what she is doing with her life but hope that it involves churches and poetry and dinosaurs.

INTRO TO UU & UUCE CLASS from 1-2:30pm

Sunday, March 15th *"Your One Wild and Precious Life..."*

Rev. Sara Huisjen, Worship Leader

Kay Wilkins, Worship Associate

Living a life that feels "balanced" is at least in part about paying attention to how we are spending our time and living our lives. What values do you seek to uphold & honor re: what you do with your time? How do you go about trying to live a saner, balanced kind of life even given all the pressures and busyness you live with? This sermon & service will invite you to explore these questions.

Sunday, March 22nd *“Marching in the Arc of Justice”*

Rev. Mark Worth & Anne Ossanna, R.E. Coordinator

UUCE members Anne Ossanna and Rev. Mark Worth are traveling to Birmingham and Selma, Alabama, to attend a UU conference, "Marching in the Arc of Justice: Re-Visiting Selma," and on March 8th they will participate in the 50th anniversary re-creation of the voting rights march over the Edmund Pettis Bridge, still named for the Grand Dragon of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan. They will share their experiences with us.

Rev. J. Mark Worth has been a Conscientious Objector, a union shop steward at GE, owner of a natural food store, and a high school history teacher. He served UUCE 1991-2006. He is currently the interim minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Michelle "Mickey" Worth, are both members of UUCE.

Anne Ossanna is the R.E. Coordinator at UUCE and a much beloved and long time church member.

Sunday, March 29th *“A More Balanced Worldview: The Gnostic Gospel of Thomas”*

Rev. Deane Perkins, PULPIT EXCHANGE

Bob Dickens, Pulpit Host

Thomas' Jesus is quite different from the Jesus found in the Bible. And the message seems to be more in tune with Unitarian Universalism. In fact, the worldview espoused in the Gospel of Thomas calls us to a deeper understanding of our spiritual nature than is typical in Western culture.

Sara will be preaching in Belfast this Sunday while Deane is at UUCE. Rev. Deane is in his fourth year as minister at the UU Church of Belfast. He and Sara enjoy working together building bridges between their congregations, in largest part to date with UU youth who've participated in several Spiritual Pilgrimages & Service Projects together.

Ministry Matters



I love winter. And I'm ready to be done with it. Or at least to agree that I (and you!) will never again have to leave our houses if it's snowed even just another inch overnight. I'm guessing I'm not alone in feeling this way. And *this* is my attitude, after I spent seven wonderful, inspiring days at a UU Minister's Association collegial gathering in Monterey, CA in early February?! And I'm from Maine. And I love winter. And I'm done with it.

And it's true, too, that we still have enough wood at our house to keep warm until spring arrives, and others do not. And I have a reliable vehicle with studded snow tires that can me *almost* get me anywhere, and others do not. And I have flexibility and understanding at my work about the need to cancel or reschedule meetings and appointments (even worship services!), and others do not. And I

want and need to *hold* each of these truths in my awareness and remember to be grateful for all I *do* have, and committed in action (right now) to be of service to others and generous with neighbors and friends and strangers, alike, who call needing a hand.

In lots of ways, I see *you* being generous with each other, sharing your time and resources, as well as your loving presence when times are tough. I am moved by your courage and the ways you are showing up for each other and leaving room for a newer folk to be among us, too

At last night's Touchstone Small Group Ministry gathering here at church we lit our chalice and read together these words by Nadine McSpadden:

During our darkest moments, still, there is light.
 When facing our biggest challenges, still, there is light.
 When all we can do is put one foot in front of the other, still, there is light.
 When we can't see the way, still, there is light.
 When all we can do to help is hold someone's hand as they cry, still, there is light.
 We are the light. For ourselves and one another.
 Always there is light.

Thank you for sharing *your* light.

Yours in faith together,

Sara

From the Board of Trustees



UUCE Board of Trustees Meeting 2/12/15

Present: President David Wilcock, Vice President John Fink, Treasurer Don Martin, Secretary Robin Lovrien, Evelyn Foster, Margaret Thurston, Stephen Berger, Peggy Strong, Rev. Sara Huijsen

Mary Haynes, congregational guest

The meeting was called to order by President David Wilcock at 6:15.

- The Board presented Rev. Sara with flowers and a card to congratulate her on the 100% vote on January 25, calling her to be our settled minister.
- Minutes were approved from the previous meeting plus the "emergency meeting" called on January 22 to adopt the statement of support of Rev. Sara for the parish meeting on January 25th.
- Evelyn Foster announced that Eileen Brennan had sent a statement indicating her desire to withdraw from the board due to her anticipated long recovery from surgery. Her term would normally end in June. Evelyn noted that the board has the authority to fill her position until elections take place in May. As discussion of terms of the board members continued, according to the by-laws, board members are

limited to two three-year terms, and officers are limited to three two-year terms. No action was taken to fill Eileen's position at this time.

- Don Martin's treasurer's report was read and accepted.
- Don M. again raised the issue of having a "sexton" — someone who would be in charge of minor maintenance, cleaning responsibilities, day-to-day security at the church, etc. There was discussion about the budgetary demands of the position and the level of need for this. Rev. Sara suggested she, Don and John F (head of buildings and grounds) fully discuss the need for such service.
- The winter fundraiser — the dinner and dance — was discussed, with Mary Haynes recommending that the idea be dropped due to the high level of time commitment and energy needed in contrast to relatively little money earned for the effort. She was not sure if Anne O had fully agreed to drop the idea. Discussion ensued about alternative ideas for a fund-raiser. Pres. Wilcock will refer the idea to the Committee on Financial Matters.
- Update on renovation plan for the community room: Don Martin reports that the history and music materials have been moved to other places in the RE wing. Final steps of securing labor and refining plans for lighting and other details are close.
- Evelyn Foster gave an update on the stewardship campaign, saying a "think tank" would happen on Feb. 13 at which invited members of the congregation and community would brainstorm a number of aspects of the stewardship campaign.
- Religious Education report: Evelyn Foster reported that RE has been going extremely well and the Coordinator is happy. The matter of switching supervision of the RE Coordinator from the board to Sara will be dealt with at a later date.
- The Minister's report: Rev. Sara was asked about scheduling a celebration of her being called. She will meet with the Committee on Ministry (COM) to discuss the celebration and the date. Since colleagues need to be invited, the board suggested September 13 or 20 as possible dates. This issue as well as the draft of a letter of agreement about her position, using a model from UUA will be discussed with the COM. The agreement will include a decision about how a sabbatical will be determined.

Rev. Sara reported that among other things that are shifting, she is seeing a stronger need for her to advocate for staff under her purview, adding that she is especially proud of Anne Osanna's commitment to going to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the March on Selma. She recommended, and the board approved, a stipend for Anne of \$200 to help her with her expenses for the trip. After her return, Anne will lead a worship service with Mark Worth, who is also going.

Rev. Sara noted that she has been asked to create a worship service for the NE District Annual Meeting in Concord, NH and that she would be grateful for others to come to that meeting. She also reported that on February 25th at 7 PM, UUCE will host the first of five Lenten services held by the Ellsworth Area Ministers' Association. She hopes that members of the congregation will come to welcome members and ministers of other churches for this event.

- The RE report and the Minister's Report were accepted unanimously.
- Housekeeping:
 - Snow narrowing parking spaces in the circle was discussed. The narrow lane that is left is inadequate for access for emergency vehicles. Changing the signs to "No Parking" and moving the handicapped parking spaces to the area to the left of the entry to the parking lot from the street were suggestions to address this problem.

- The assignments for board members to do announcements needs revision.
- How do we fill Eileen's place: Evelyn reiterated the responsibility of the board to fill this position, not the nominating committee. No decision was taken at this meeting. Discussion of this and the transitioning of Peggy Strong into the treasurer's position when Don steps down ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05. Respectfully submitted: Robin Lovrien, Secretary

Thank You

to Eileen Brennan for her Service to UUCE

Recently Eileen Brennan submitted her resignation from the UUCE Board of Trustees. On behalf of my fellow Board members, I would like to offer our sincere thanks to Eileen for her almost six years of continuous service on the Board. We will all miss her wisdom, common sense and good humor expressed in a quiet and good humored manner. We will miss her on the Board and look forward to seeing her back at church when she feels she is able.

Cheers,

David Wilcock, President of the Board

Lifespan Religious Education



Winter Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing!

Despite several storms in February, the RE Wing has been buzzing with activity and attendance remains high. The children were disappointed the frigid temperatures prevented us from going sledding, but had a wonderful time together playing games, drinking hot cocoa and petting Blizzard, a newborn lamb. Our second Faith in Action project was very successful. Liz True led the project that focused on our 7th promise, Caring for Earth. We created a living

tree, planted seeds, listened to *The Lorax*, and danced. Please join me in extending a heartfelt thank you to the following volunteers who, with cheerfulness and good humor helped with Game Day and Faith in Action: Shawn Mercer; Rob Hutchinson; Carol Rosinski; Liz True; Mikayla True; Evelyn Foster; Dartha Reid; Mardi Thompson-George; Lisa Whittemore; and Cecily Judd. Also, we give thanks to our dedicated teachers who taught in February: Jody Murphy; Jenn Ryan; Beth Allen; Cecily Judd; Amy Fiorilli; Carol Rosinski; Lisa Whittemore and Bill Clark. Teens and Young Adults who helped in February include: Eryn Colson; Vincent Ossanna; Mikayla True; and Lynn Hundhammer.

March will be a full and enriching month for RE at UUCE. I am humbled and honored to be attending Marching in the Arc of Justice in Birmingham and Selma, Alabama from March 5th – 9th. On Sunday, March 8th, to honor the 50th Anniversary march in Selma, the children will explore Lessons from Selma in their classrooms. On March 22nd, Reverend Mark Worth and I will be leading the worship service to share our Selma experience with the congregation and the children in the Dolphin and Whale classes.

I am so pleased that UUCE will be sending a team of 6 individuals to the NNED Faith Formation in the 21st

Century workshop in Rockland, ME on March 21st. Our RE Team includes: Reverend Sara Huisjen; Amy Fiorilli; Cecily Judd; Jody Murphy; Lisa Whittemore; and myself.

Maple Sunday is on March 22nd this year. Directly after worship service we will have a Multi-generational gathering at Happytown Farm from 1:00-4:00 pm for an afternoon of fun activities, community and syrup. I hope you can join us.

Woyaya – Anne

March Religious Education Calendar

- March 1st:** UU Alphabet – “P” Beatrix Potter – We help take care of the world; Love Surrounds Us – Hear our voices; Moral Tales – Do no harm; Riddle and Mystery – How am I connected with everything else; Potluck Sunday
- March 8th:** **Selma Sunday** UU Alphabet – “Q” Quillen Shinn – Church is a place where we learn together; Love Surrounds Us – A peaceful and fair world; Moral Tales – Do no harm continued; Riddle and Mystery – Lessons from Selma; Carol Rosinski will cover for Anne Ossanna who will be attending the 50th Anniversary March in Selma, Alabama.
- March 15th:** UU Alphabet – “R” Malvina Reynolds – We help make the world better for everyone; Love Surrounds Us – A peaceful and fair world continued; Moral Tales – Do no harm continued; Riddle and Mystery – Do I have a soul?; **Youth Scholarship request deadline;** RE Committee Meeting.
- March 22nd:** **Dolphin and Whale Classroom will remain in the sanctuary;** UU Alphabet – “S” Albert Schweiter – We are fair and kind to each other; Love Surrounds Us – Peaceful choices; **Multigenerational Gathering - Maple Sunday – Happytown Farm 1:00-4:00.**
- March 29th:** UU Alphabet – “T” Henry David Thoreau – Everyone is special; Love Surrounds Us – Peaceful choices continued; Moral Tales – Making a difference; Riddle and Mystery – Can we ever solve life’s mystery?; RE Teacher meeting.

Dr. Seuss Theology

We are looking at adapting Rev. Helen Zidowecki’s *Backyard to the Universe – Dr. Seuss and UU’s* for our summer RE offerings and need the following Dr. Seuss books: Bartholomew and the Oobleck; The Butter Battle Book; Cat in the Hat; Cat in the Hat Comes Back; Daisy-Head Mayzie; Did I Every Tell You How Lucky You Are; I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today; Green Eggs and Ham; Happy Birthday to You; Hunches in Bunches; I Can Read With My Eyes Shut; I Had Trouble Getting to Solla Sollew; The Kings Stilts; McElligot’s Pool; Oh, The Places You’ll Go; Oh, The Things You Can Think; The Sneetches. If you have any of these books to donate or to loan, please contact Anne Ossanna.

Youth Scholarship Available for Ferry Beach

Parents - We have limited scholarships available for children enrolled in RE at UUCE to assist with registration fees for Ferry Beach offerings this summer. Please contact Anne Ossanna if you would like to apply for scholarship for your child. All information will remain confidential. Please contact Anne with any questions you may have.

Anne will be attending the “March in the Arc of Justice” in Birmingham and Selma, Alabama March 5th-9th. She will be checking her aossanna@aol.com email daily and can be reached by her cell phone: (207) 460-1101. Carol Rosinski will cover for Anne on March 8th.

Treasurer's Corner



Total income for January 2015 was \$9,346.44. This was \$620.50 less than the total expenses for the month which was \$9,966.94. Total income through January is \$101,257.96, 68.96% of budget. This is 10.96% more than the year-to-date percentage of 58%.

Total expenses for the same period were \$73,254.90, 49.91% of budget which is 8.09% less than year-to-date figure of 58%.

Pledge income for January was \$7,096.00. Total pledges through January were \$67,584.00, 62.06% of budget which was 4.06% more than the year-to-date of 58%.

Plate income for January was \$485.25. This was low since church was cancelled on January 4th. Total plate income through January was \$5,105.51 or 52.63% of budget, 5.36% less than the year-to-date of 58%.

Plate income – plate split for charity through January was \$849.03 or 49.94% of budget or 8.06% less than year-to-date figure of 58%.

Fundraising income in January had a small increase in the Auction of \$35.00. Total income from Fundraising through January was \$13,814.93 or 131.57% of budget. Guest At Your Table total was \$498.21 at the end of January.

Rental income for January was \$954.00 for a total through January of \$4,927.00 or 82.12% of budget of \$6000.00.

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Don Martin, Treasurer



Here Comes the Sun

And we are anticipating the warmth we feel in the excitement of our UUCE community as we prepare for our annual Stewardship Canvass. Well ahead of schedule a group of twelve persons gathered in late February to help the Stewardship committee make decisions for the 2015-16 canvas. Unanimously they advised that the Cottage meetings held last year were their preferred way of participating in the canvass. The cottage gatherings were informative and fun –well planned and moved along quickly. The hope is to go to new homes this year. Everyone in the congregation will have the opportunity to sign up for a meeting that fits their schedule. If you prefer you may be visited at home. The goal again this year is for 100% participation. Last year we reached 94% of members and friends—and yes—we were warmed and joyful as we worked together to provide resources of time, talent and finances that keep UUCE flourishing.

May is Stewardship month. It is our chance to renew connections and commitments to our beloved community. Watch and listen for further information.

Evelyn Foster—Stewardship Chair

The Peace and Social Action Committee

Evening Presentation on Money in Politics!!

PASA along with League of Women Voters and Ellsworth Community Union will sponsor a talk on Maine Clean Elections and We the People Maine on March 20 at 6:30 in the UUCE sanctuary.

The Maine Clean Election Act is the first-in-the-nation full public funding systems for election campaigns to state office. Enacted by citizen initiative in 1996, it went into effect in 2000, and by 2010 had become the predominant method for funding candidate campaigns in Maine. Weakened by adverse court rulings, legislative inaction, and repeated budget raids, the Maine Clean Election Act is now the subject of a new citizen initiative – the Clean Elections Initiative -- to repair and strengthen public funding in Maine. The presenter is Ann Luther who currently serves as Treasurer and Advocacy Chair of the League of Women Voters of Maine (LWVME). In her work for the League, Ann has worked for greater public understanding of key public policy issues and for the League's priority issues in Clean Elections & Campaign Finance Reform, Voting Rights, Ethics in Government, and Repeal of Term Limits. In addition, Ann currently serves on the board as treasurer for Maine Citizens for Clean Elections (MCCE). MCCE works to advocate for, increase public support for, defend and improve the Maine Clean Election Act and related campaign finance law. We the People Maine is an organization of Maine Citizens working together to improve our democracy and create a United States of America where “corporations are not people” and “money is not speech”. This organization is calling for an Article V Constitutional Convention to overturn Citizens United. The presenter is Jan Carpenter of Penobscot who has been very active with We the People Maine and who also has done interactive theatre around this issue.

Come and learn more about how money in politics is subverting our democracy and what we can do about it. Refreshments will be served.

Other coming events**Saturday, April 25th and Sunday, April 26th**

A 3 part program Saturday evening and Sunday presented by Maine All Care, an organization which works to raise public awareness for the need for universal health care in Maine. LOOK FOR DETAILS IN THE APRIL NUUS!

PASA meets the third Sunday of each month at 9 AM in the Tidewater Room. Visitors are welcome!

Next meeting: March 15

LOAVES & FISHES
4th Annual Hancock County Food Drive

Starts With a Kick Off AT FRIENDS AND FAMILY MARKET ON SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 28TH IN ELLSWORTH!

It ends on March 31st. . ALL FOOD THAT WE COLLECT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED EVENLY TO 10 HANCOCK COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES.

AGAIN WE ARE AN OFFICIAL COLLECTION SITE. LET US JOIN IN GATHERING FOOD TO RESTOCK SHELVES! LET'S DO AS WELL AS WE DID LAST YEAR WITH OVER 10,000 ITEMS!! (total for Hancock County and matched with \$\$\$\$ per item.)

Thank you one and all,

Sue Clark and Robin Lovrien - Loaves & Fishes Board Members and Food Drive Collectors

Good News from Fair Point Workers

After 18 weeks of striking and picketing and three days of voting, IBEW and CWA union members in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont ratified a new three-year contract with FairPoint Communications. PASA (Peace and Social Action) of UUCE supported the striking workers as one way to address the problem of increasing inequality in our nation on a local level. The striking workers were actively supported by the Community Union of Ellsworth and Hancock County. The CU treated the picketers in Ellsworth with a hot chili lunch a few weeks ago and held a few other creative support activities over the last few months. We are glad that the strike is settled.

“This is great news for our members, their families, and our communities,” said Peter McLaughlin, chair of the union bargaining committee and Business Manager of IBEW Local 2327 in Maine. “Our members remained united and committed to this fight for more than four months and today we have a fair deal that will bring them back to work and good service back to our communities.”

For more information, see www.FairnessAtFairpoint.com.

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Adult Religious Education

The Committee met on February 12. In addition to discussing ideas in the works, the following are scheduled:

- March 10, 17, Tuesday, 3:30-5. "Reclaiming Prophetic Witness: In the Public Square" discussion of Paul Razor's book. Mary Haynes will lead.
- Rev: Sara's Touchstone Series continues
- The Orientation to Living by Heart will have taken place at the end of February. Keep an eye out for information about this program.
- Advance Notice: Rev. Peter Richardson will do an all day workshop (9:30-4) on Saturday, April 18 expanding on the topic of Our Four UU Lineages. It will provide historical depth after Rev. Sara's Introduction. Please plan to come – you may register with Alison or let Stephen Berger know – charge will be \$12 and we will provide lunch, coffee and donuts.

ALSO.....



INTRO TO UU & UUCE CLASS, with Rev. Sara Huisjen & friends
2 Sunday afternoons at UUCE: March 1st & 8th from 1-2:30pm

To register, call or email Alison,
 Church Administrator at office@uuellsworth.org or 667-4393.

Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism?
 Do you have questions you'd like answered about
 the UU faith and this congregation in particular?
 Are you potentially interested in becoming a new member at UUCE?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions,
 please consider joining Rev. Sara & a couple other
 long time church members for an

Intro to Unitarian Universalism & UUCE Class

she'll facilitate on two Sunday afternoons at UUCE on 3/1 and 3/8.

Spiritual Discussion Group

Co-Facilitators, Rev. Sara Huisjen & Amy Fiorilli

6-Thursdays Evenings (every other week) beginning 3/19 from 6:00-8:00pm

Class Dates: 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30, 5/14 and 5/28

Room for up to 10 Participants

To register, contact Alison, Church Administrator
 at office@uuellsworth.org or [207-667-4393](tel:207-667-4393).

Are there questions you have about spirituality,
 or your life's purpose in the bigger scheme of things?



Are there challenges you're experiencing on your spiritual journey you'd like to think about with others?

The inspiration for this class came to church member Amy Fiorilli after hearing a person ask a very poignant question during a recent session of an Adult Religious Education Class about Spiritual Deepening Class held earlier in the year. The question she heard had to do with how anyone can be grateful (or *feel* grateful) after experiencing a significant tragedy or loss? This *SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION GROUP* will make room in each session for two people to share their particular question, to be heard by others, and to listen together through the sharing for further insights and understanding.

Participants are asked to plan to be present for all 6 sessions. Participants are also asked to be thinking about their spiritual questions, and to be willing to share them with the group. These questions would be relevant to their particular spiritual journey and healing. At any given session, no one would be required to talk.

The format for each class sessions would look roughly like this:

- Opening Ritual & brief Check-In (20 minutes)
- First Spiritual Question Considered (30 minutes)
- 5 Minute Movement Break
- Second Spiritual Question Considered (30 minutes)
- Debrief & Closing Ritual (20 minutes)

Next Adult RE Meeting will be Thursday, March 12 at 2:30. All are welcome.

Stephen Berger

Ellsworth Area Ministers Association



Come get to know our local Christian colleagues & neighbors at this year's EAMA Lenten Worship Services on 5 Consecutive Wednesday Evenings at 7pm beginning, February 25th at UUCE!

Ellsworth Area Ministers' Association
Lenten Worship Series
FACES AT THE CROSS

The Ellsworth Area Ministers' Association invites you to join them for their Annual Lenten Worship Series, Wednesdays, at 7:00 PM, beginning February 25. This Lent the theme will be "Faces at the Cross". The sermons each week will focus on individuals who *were there* when they crucified our Lord.

In addition to the worship, an offering will be received each week which will benefit the Church Discretionary Fund administered through the Emmaus Shelter in Ellsworth. This fund is used to assist persons in need.

The Lent Services schedule is as follows:

- Feb.25 Host Church: **The Universalist-Unitarian Church of Ellsworth**
Preacher: Rev. Priscilla Hukki, Pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Ellsworth.
- Mar. 4 Host Church: **Union Congregational Church of Ellsworth Falls, UCC**
Preacher: Rev. Jim Heard, Pastor of Church of Life and Praise
- Mar. 11 Host Church: **Union Congregational Church of Hancock, UCC**
Preacher: Rev. Scott Planting, Ex. Director of the Maine Seacoast Mission
- Mar. 18 Host Church: **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**
Preacher: Rev. Joseph Donahue, Pastor of the Ellsworth Church of the Nazarene
- Mar. 25 Host Church: **Community of Christ**
Preacher: Rev. Nick Davis, Pastor of First Congregational Church of Ellsworth, UCC

Annual UUCE Multi-Generational Retreat at Ferry Beach

Are you tired of winter? Tired of shoveling? Tired of being cold? Just plain tired? If so, here is something to look forward to this early fall, our **Annual Multi-Generational Retreat at Ferry Beach October 9th through the 12th**. With careful and steadfast conversations we have been able to extend our retreat by one day at YOUR request.

The cost for the weekend is \$225.00/person which includes ocean front rooms, 9 meals and 3 days of enriching activities. There are discounts for camping and children. Registration begins each Sunday in April and a \$25.00 deposit is required at the time of registration. We are limited to 60 people in the dorms, unlimited camping spots. Scholarships are available. Please see Anne Ossanna for a confidential request. If you are not able to attend the retreat, but would like to donate to the scholarship fund, please also see Anne.

After a very successful all-church retreat at Ferry Beach, in Saco, last October, those attending were enthusiastic to return. This year we are very excited to have secured the dates of Columbus Day Weekend giving us an extra 24 hours of time together.

We have months to do our planning, but you can indicate your interest now to Anne Ossanna and Helen Kazura who will be taking reservations.

Last year our ages spanned from four years old to eighty five. There was fun for everyone and we are planning much more for this next fall.

We have asked for dormitory and campsite space for sixty people. Wouldn't it be special if we all could be there? For those who don't yet know Ferry Beach - it is a UU Conference Center, just south of Portland, with a long sandy beach on the ocean. It includes a glorious pine grove with an outdoor chapel and camping sites. Details will unfold soon.

For photos and more about Ferry Beach: www.ferrybeach.org . Co-chair-Jude Lamb and Evelyn Foster

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Ferry Beach ----Jude Lamb, Evelyn Foster	Sunday order of service: Send to: office@uuellsworth.org
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March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 POTLUCK 9-1 RE office hours 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Rev. Sara Huisjen 1 – 2:30 UU Class	2 7:00 St. Augustine (T) 7 DE-NVC (D)	3 10-11:30 GRIP (D) 12:00 Al-Anon 1 – 4 pm Elections (TD) 6 – 8 Lifestag (CR) 6:30pm Touchstone (D) 7-9 Acadia Choral (S)	4 2:30-6pm Violin (REwing) 7 p.m. Coyote Group(TD)	5 10-1 Violin (H) 10-11:30 Exec Com (TD) 12:00 Al-Anon(s) 6-8 pm Spiritual Disc.(RE)	6 7 am-3 pm HospiceWorkshop (CR,KT,S) 11:45–5:15 Violin (D) 6:00 AA	7 9:30-12:30 Ellsworth Farmers Market
8 HUNGRY SUNDAY 9-1 RE office hours 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Caleigh Grogan 1 – 2:30 UU Class	9 7:00 St. Augustine (Seals)	10 12:00 Al-Anon 3:30-5 Book Disc.(TD) 6:30-8:30 Touchstone (D) 7-9 Acadia Choral (S)	11 2:30-6pm Violin (REwing) 7 p.m. Coyote Group(TD) 7pm –Traditional Music Jam (S)	12 10-1 Violin (H) 12:00 Al-Anon(s) 2:30 Adult RE (TD) 6-8 Board mtg. (BR)	13 11:45–5:15 Violin (D) 6:30 -8 SGM (S) 6:00 AA	14 9am to 5pm Wrkshp (S)
15 9 am PASA mtg.(TD) 9-1 RE office hours 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Rev.Sara Huisjen	16 3:30-6 Expressive Arts (D) 7 St. Augustine (Seals) 7 DE-NVC (S)	17 12:00 Al-Anon 3:30-5 BookDisc.(TD) 6-8 Lifestag(CR) 6:30-8:30 Touchstone (D) 7-9 pm Acadia Choral	18 2:30-6pm Violin (REwing) 5-7 SGM (S) 7 p.m. Coyote Group (TD)	19 10-1 Violin (H) 12:00 Al-Anon(s) 6-8 pm Spiritual Disc.(RE)	20 11:45–5:15 Violin (H) 6:00 AA 6:30 PASA (S)	21 9:30-12:30 Ellsworth Farmers Market
22 9-1 RE office hours 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Rev. Mark Worth	23 6-8Lifestag(S) 7:00 St. Augustine (Seals)	24 12:00 Al-Anon 4-6 WA (TD) 7-9 Acadia Choral (S)	25 2:30-6pm Violin (REwing) 2-4pm SGM (TD) 6:30-8:30 Living By Heart info mtg. (D) 7 p.m. Coyote Group (TD)	26 10-1 Violin (H) 12:00 Al-Anon(s) 5:30-7 LED (TD) 6 – 9 pm DE Audubon (S)	27 11:45–5:15 Violin (H) 6:00 AA	28
29 PLATE SPLIT 9-1 RE office hours 10:30 a.m. Worship Service w/ Rev.Deane Perkins	30 7 St. Augustine (Seals) 7 DE-NVC (S)	31 12 – Al-Anon (S) 7-9 Acadia Choral (S)				

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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.