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*Celebrating the sacred, we gather in loving community  
to nourish souls and live justice into the world.*

**NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES:** This month's worship theme is *Abundance*.

**Sunday, November 5**      *"...more for you is more for me, too"*      Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
*Special Music by the Brenner-Simpson Family!*      Amy Fiorilli, Worship Associate  
*1st Sunday Potluck!*

Drawing from information shared at Meck Grout's Ferry Beach workshop on spiritual leadership, we'll reflect on the power of sharing our gifts and creating intimacy and connection in community.

**Sunday, November 12**      **To be announced**  
*Fall Clean-up following worship! Mid Maine YoUUth Group in Belfast at 2:30 p.m.!*

**Sunday, November 19**      **An Invocation of Gratitude**      Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
*Special Music by Patty Heath! Guest at Your Table!*      Bob Dickens, Worship Associate  
*UUUCE Youth Group at 1 p.m.!*

In her book, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer writes about the power of the "Thanksgiving Address," an invocation of gratitude that Haudenosaunee people have said together for centuries. How committed are we to offering praise for the natural world and our place within creation? What role does gratitude and reverence for the natural world play in experiencing a sense of abundance in our lives?

**Sunday, November 26**      **Modified Quaker Service**      Marta Rieman, Worship Leader

On this Sunday following the Thanksgiving holiday, come gather for a worship service that's rooted in silence and listening together for spirit in community.

**ALL SUNDAY SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M.**

This month's plate split will be with Families First Community Center, which provides housing and training in life skills for families with minor children. Their mission is to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty by developing self-sufficiency. Further information can be found at [www.familiesfirstellsworth.org](http://www.familiesfirstellsworth.org).

## Congregation Matters

### **New Members!**

In October, we were honored to have seven new members formally join our UUCE congregation!

Please welcome:

**Bendigo Binns**

**Doug Bird**

**Bill Fogle**

**Elizabeth Martell**

**Jenni Morgan-Binns**

**Linda Polley**

**Gary Shellehamer**



Also in October, after months of work, we approved a new UUCE Congregational Covenant to formally declare the manner in which we will strive to achieve our recently adopted church mission (*“Celebrating the sacred, we gather in loving community to nourish souls and live justice into the world.”*).

**We covenant as a loving community to:**

- ♥ Be kind in word, tone, and deed;
- ♥ Communicate directly, and with honesty and thoughtfulness;
- ♥ Value a diversity of perspectives;
- ♥ Assume the best intentions in one another;
- ♥ Respectfully speak up when we are hurt and listen when we cause hurt; and
- ♥ When conflict arises, work constructively toward healing and forgiveness.

### Like to Sing?

Haydée Foreman, choir director, would like to invite you to join the UUCE choir, which is starting up again this month. Rehearsals are at 9 a.m. two Sundays a month. For exact dates and more information, contact her at [haydeeforeman@gmail.com](mailto:haydeeforeman@gmail.com) or 207-266-3872.

**Do you have an announcement for the Sunday service?**

**Pick up a preprinted form at the table in the foyer, fill it in,  
and get it to the podium 15 minutes prior to the service.**

**The five announcements deemed most important will be read at 10:30 a.m.**

## Ministry Matters



On a Monday afternoon in October, a small group of folks gathered in our Sanctuary for a LOVE CIRCLE ritual to companion and encourage one among us who is struggling. It was a moving experience for me and a reminder of the power of ritual and being present with each other during times of struggle and heart break. That afternoon, I wrote this poem as a way to remember what I know—and what *we* know—of building loving and transformative community together.

I love being your minister.

*Sara*

“What Do I Know?” by Sara Hayman

I know to have the water hot already,  
the tea bags out, the coffee made.  
I know to put the chairs in a circle  
and to open the windows.  
I know to invite someone to call in the directions.  
I know to gather together and bring  
all the bits of beauty I’ve collected  
that will create the altar.  
I know to have candlelight present.  
I know to give voice to the power of the circle,  
the strength of the web of life we live in,  
the courage it takes to show up.  
I know to breathe,  
and to sit together in silence,  
to make space among us for its arising.  
I know *not* to fight the tears streaming—  
they are not tears of fatigue,  
they are not too much,  
they are not sentimentality alone.  
They are honest tears,  
a quiet weeping  
from a broken-open heart,  
a heart that swells  
and stills,  
and laughs,  
and communes with others.



**CROP Hunger Walk**



**Toast to Haydée & David!**



**Ferry Beach Retreat**



**Walls Up for Holly Smith's Habitat Home**

**...and a Fond Farewell to Karen & David Wilcock!**



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## Message from the President



Dear UUCE Community:

How can it be November already?? Plans are afoot to repeat the amazing Thanksgiving dinner of last year, and by the time you read this, Ferry Beach will be a memory. Fall has been exquisite, the dark returns the first weekend of November, and now we hunker down!

At the Congregational meeting, I thanked so many people who have made improvements to the church in one way or another: a new, safe, convenient front door (with no sill, as I and probably others requested—sills are not wheelchair-friendly!), a campaign to raise money for carpet tiles for the Sanctuary to match those in the foyer, and, of course, our crowning achievement: SOLAR POWER! What a step this is for our church! No one expected that this could or would happen. Many people put in long hours planning and laying out the contracts for this installation, and we are extremely grateful to all of you—and you know who you are!

Both the doors and the solar project were made possible by anonymous donors, for which, I know you will join me in being very grateful indeed.

I am especially grateful to the trustees on the board right now as we explore a new way of governing the church and a new leadership focus. Our congregation is GROWING, and we must find a way to be more efficient and responsive to a larger population, to involve everyone in supporting our church community in some way or another, and in keeping our building going without burning out those who volunteer to do so much of our church work. Stay tuned for more news about upcoming meetings with the minister at the Auburn church and the Belfast UU Council.

I wanted to add here my gratitude for the help, support and donations you have all given to my

requests for the blueberry rakers' resource fairs in Hancock County in August and right now for the wreath makers in Washington County. As you know, I am passionate about supporting these migrant workers, mainly Haitians and Puerto Ricans, who make two of our most important local industries possible.

Our church—the congregation we make together—is a special place, I am sure you all agree. I am so honored to serve you all,

*Robin Lovrien, President, UUCE Board of Trustees*



A resource fair for the migrant wreath makers will take place on **Friday, November 3**, at the Centre Street Congregational Church in Machias. These fairs are sponsored by Mano en Mano of Milbridge and by Maine Mobile Health, which offers the workers free health care.

Robin is organizing a dinner for the wreath makers at the church and would LOVE to have a few more cooks and volunteers to help serve and clean up from 5-8 p.m. Cooking involves a hot dish of some kind for about 10-12 people. **Note: If you're interested in helping, please doublecheck with Robin the day before to find out whether the Machias church still needs the extra hands.**

We also are still looking for warm clothing, shoes/boots, gloves, warm hats, TOILETRIES, and bedding. Contact Robin (598-0468, robin.uuce@gmail.com) or Liz Rowell (412-0590, erowell@ric.edu) for information on getting donations to the church.

## Your Collaborative Intern

Hello Everyone,

This is your friendly collaborative ministry intern checking in. It has been such a rich month, and as I write this we have not even been to Ferry Beach yet! Since my last newsletter article, I have met with my fabulous Intern Committee. I am so lucky to have these five souls from each congregation, to support me, challenge me, and help me navigate the incredible adventure that is this internship.

There has been a lot of cross-pollination among the congregations this month and that makes me so happy. We had a service in Ellsworth led by Belfast's very own Mandi Thomas. It was a joy to be her worship associate, and the service was profoundly moving. Individuals from Belfast also attended and participated in that service. It felt as though we were all sharing in one mission, appreciating each other and taking care. I had the incredible honor of assisting a member from Castine to bring her vision of a service to life. Johanna Sweet created a spiritual journey through poetry. It was incredible: utilizing several readers from the Castine congregation, she brought us all into a story with power and passion and deep social relevance. When we work together, what we create is nothing short of magic.

In addition to board meetings and committee meetings and supervisions with our wise and loving ministers, I also started a Spiritual Discussion Group in Belfast.



We've had two meetings and these conversations have nourished me, grown me, and inspired me. There are eleven of us meeting now every other week and when we get together I am reminded of why I chose this path. People are amazing. In our own way, we are all loving, funny, brave, imperfect, struggling, smart people. We need each other. We need to listen to each other. We need to praise each other and share with one another. We need to ask for help and we need to believe we are worthy of receiving it.

I can't wait for another month of growth, of love, of letting go and grabbing on...with you, my people.

In gratitude,  
*Amy*  
 Collaborative Ministry Intern  
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## Our Sabbatical

In September, Rev. Sara presented her Sabbatical Plan to UUCE's Board of Trustees and they voted to accept it. We want you to know of Rev. Sara's plans, too, so we've asked her to share it with you here (see below).

At our monthly Sabbatical Committee Meeting in October, we began reflecting on the question, "How will we be our best selves when our minister is away on sabbatical?" We look forward to thinking about this question and to hearing your answers, too.

Best,

*Bill Clark, Chair of Sabbatical Committee*

Committee Members: Karen Volckhausen, Mary Haynes, Betty Massie, Eileen Brennan, Jenn Ryan

### **Rev. Sara's Sabbatical Proposal**

Approved by UUCE Board September 14, 2017

First things first: I am still in awe (and utter amazement!) that I will be able to experience a six-month sabbatical, time away from the daily duties of congregational ministry! This time of rest, renewal and study is a great gift for which I am enormously grateful. Thank you for your support and encouragement to take full advantage of this opportunity.

The two primary goals for my sabbatical experience are: 1) deepened spiritual growth and renewal and 2) the enhancement of my skills, talents and confidence as worship leader.

### **My First Goal of Deepened Spiritual Growth and Renewal**

Shortly after my sabbatical begins in April 2018, I will travel to Europe and begin a 5-to 6-week walking pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago ("Way of St. James") in Spain. I trust Charles Stephens' guidance that I need to physically leave the area to fully disengage from my duties at UUCE. Walking this ancient 500-mile pilgrimage

route will be physically demanding and truly remove me from the everyday rhythms of my life and ministry. I know about myself that I am happier when moving my body is part of my daily routine. I hope the physical challenge of walking long distances each day, coupled with a journaling practice and experiencing more spaciousness in my life, will help me renew my overall commitment to my physical health, strength and well-being.

While in Europe, I will also visit old friends in Germany. I am hoping to do a Silent Meditation Retreat during my sabbatical and am exploring the possibility of doing that while in Germany at a Buddhist Meditation Center in the Black Forest.

For a month, beginning in mid-August, I will travel to Newfoundland, Canada with my mother. This pilgrimage will provide an opportunity to connect with a place that's part of my family heritage (my mother's mother was born there.) While in Newfoundland, I will continue to walk, write, and engage in a regular spiritual practice, in order to reflect on what I'm learning and understanding about myself.

You may be wondering how this focus and time spent on my personal spiritual growth and renewal while on my sabbatical will benefit my ministry with you. I wholeheartedly believe it will!

As your minister, I want (and need) to be creating and leading programs and ministries in our congregation that encourage and help others to experience spiritual growth and deepening. These opportunities during sabbatical to be more present to life in an intimate way while on pilgrimage, coupled with the daily spiritual practices I'll keep, will enable me to come back with new imagination and energy. Having set down my usual duties and taken up intentional contemplative practices, I hope to return to UUCE with more capacity and insight to focus my time and energy on strengthening the ministries of our church.

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## Our Sabbatical, *continued*

### My Second Goal of Enhancement of My Skills, Talents and Confidence as Worship Leader

Leading worship and helping lay leaders create and lead worship in effective and transformative ways is an important part of my ministry at UUCE. While on sabbatical, I will focus on enhancing my skills, talents and confidence as worship leader by undertaking the following activities:

- Interviewing a handful of ministers whose preaching I admire to learn more about their process and approach to preparing for worship.
- Attending at least one workshop, class or conference about preaching and worship arts.
- Attending a variety of UU worship services to experience different styles of leading worship.
- Working with a coach, likely from the UUMA, to solicit feedback and guidance about my worship services and sermons.

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### \* FOR YOUR CALENDAR \*

<b>Resource Fair</b>	<b>Fri, November 3</b>
<b>Sherri Mitchell</b>	<b>Sat, November 4</b>
<b>Workshop</b>	
<b>Election Day!</b>	<b>Tue, November 7</b>
<b>Clean-Up Day</b>	<b>Sun, November 12</b>
<b>Tween Overnight</b>	<b>Sat, November 18</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Meal</b>	<b>Thu, November 23</b>
<b>Cookie Walk</b>	<b>Sat, December 16</b>
<b>UUCE Auction</b>	<b>Sat, February 24</b>
<b>Sara's Sabbatical</b>	<b>Mon, April 16 -&gt;</b>

## COOKIE WALK BAKERS NEEDED!

This year's annual Cookie Walk fundraiser is on Saturday, December 16, 9 a.m.-1p.m.



Our goal this year is to raise \$1500 to benefit our church, and we need *your* help when it comes to baking cookies! Last year, we had more than 25 people bake dozens and dozens of cookies, and Mary Haynes

made lots of beautiful, tasty truffles that were sold separately.

Are you willing to bake cookies or help make truffles or fancy candies? Please let Rev. Sara know if you're able and willing to help.

More information will be forthcoming soon.

Thank you for your help.

[For those who haven't been a part of our annual church Holiday Cookie Walk, we set up the Sanctuary with tables full of homemade cookies and truffles, and people are invited to purchase a box (large or small for truffles) and fill it with a variety of goodies!]



## FALL CLEAN-UP DAY!

On Sunday, November 12 after the service, with Amy Thompson's leadership, we will meet to rake and haul leaves and prune our perennials around the church.

Should you wish to get an earlier start on a grounds clean-up project, there are MANY saplings and branches that need to be removed. These are marked with pink surveyor tape.

Contact Amy for more information:  
amygthompson@msn.com

## COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY

The Collaborative Ministry Team (CMT) continues to meet monthly. We are especially pleased that the three congregations had the best opportunity of all to be together for fun and worship at Ferry Beach. Unprecedented numbers signed up for this grand weekend together.

The CMT is working on finding another movie we can all enjoy. Stay tuned to see what that will be.

Meanwhile, we are busy planning for the Collaborative Read—which will be *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, who gave the Ware Lecture at General Assembly this past summer in New Orleans. The discussion for the book will be on January 4 at 5:30 at each of our three churches, with a ZOOM meeting connecting the three groups for the last part of the discussion. Get your book soon and join the stimulating conversation.

Finally, our Collaborative Ministerial Intern, our very own Amy Fiorilli, has gotten off to a busy start, working mostly in Belfast and Castine, but also doing some new things with us at UUCE. Wish her the best when you see her! Glowing from the success of our first intern experience, Lane Fisher, and from Amy's great start, the CMT has already applied for a collaborative Intern for next year!

*Collaborative Ministry Team (Rev. Sara, Mary Haynes, Robin Lovrien)*

## Habitat for Humanity Project

It's finally under way! The foundation is solid, and a blessing and wall-raising ceremony was held on October 21 for the new Habitat for Humanity home at 288 Georges Pond Road in Franklin for UUCE member Holly Smith and her children Winter and Hunter!



If you would like to volunteer to join the building crew, register by filling out a construction skills and interests survey accessible at: <https://goo.gl/forms/c5cCqNqhzncZF5OW2>. You'll be contacted when Habitat needs you, and an experienced construction manager or crew leader will offer on-the-job training if needed.

You can also participate by providing food for the crew. Just designate "hospitality" in your survey, and then also let Mary Haynes know you're volunteering to supply food; she will be working with the Habitat director to coordinate.

Prospective volunteers should also email the Hancock County Habitat Director and Construction Manager according to directions on the website and then wait to receive a confirmation email with a *Release & Waiver* form before coming out to the site.

You can find much more information about the current project, volunteer work, and directions to the location on the Habitat website at: [www.hancockcountyhabitat.org](http://www.hancockcountyhabitat.org).



## MUUSAN ELECTION DAY ALERT

### ALL UU HANDS ON DECK ON NOVEMBER 7!

### Get Out the Vote for Question 2, Medicaid Expansion

#### Why Maine Needs YES on 2

Question 2 on Maine's November 7 ballot is a citizen-driven initiative to expand MaineCare eligibility to approximately 70,000 Mainers, most of them working adults. MaineCare is Maine's version of Medicaid, the federal-state partnership that provides healthcare coverage to low-income and disabled persons. The MaineCare expansion would bring more than \$500 million in federal funds into Maine each year, supporting about 3,000 new jobs spread across the entire state.

The state's share of this expansion would rise to a cap of 10%—about \$54 million—in two years, but reductions in state payments for uninsured care and reduced costs in the criminal justice system would offset about half of that cost. Increased revenue from new jobs would also contribute to the state's share.

Thirty-one states have already expanded their Medicaid programs and their citizens are reaping the benefits, including good health coverage, less financial stress, improved health, and access to treatment for opioid addiction, which is at crisis levels in Maine and elsewhere. In those states, rural hospitals like ours have benefited from increased Medicaid payments. That reduces the amount of uninsured care that we all pay for through our own insurance plans.

Not one of those states has rescinded its decision to expand Medicaid coverage. Instead, earlier this year, the governors in those states, including red states like Kentucky and Ohio, pressured their U.S. Senators not to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which would also repeal the Medicaid expansion program.

The Maine legislature has now passed bills to expand MaineCare FIVE times. Each time, Governor LePage has vetoed the bill and the legislature has been unable to override his veto.

At its meeting on September 9, MUUSAN (the Maine UU State Advocacy Network) confirmed its commitment to make Question 2 a priority effort. Question 2 is in complete conformity with our first two UU principles: promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. It is the right thing to do.

Resources on the Medicaid expansion are available at MUUSAN's [Health Care for All](#) page.

*(This summary courtesy of Rick Davis of the UU Church of Belfast)*

**"Change will not come if we wait for  
some other person or some other time.  
We are the ones we've been waiting for.  
We are the change that we seek."  
- Barack Obama**

## Religious Education

Fall Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing! October was a full and rich month as the children explored the topic of *Courage* with their guides and each other. The Coming of Age (CoA) group met their mentors and have begun to get acquainted with each other. The CoA class planned and held their first Children's Chapel in the RE Wing. We also had a very successful Emergency Evacuation Drill. A heartfelt THANK YOU to Cecily Judd, Jody Murphy, and Cary Figueroa, who were our volunteer guides in October.

**Infants and Toddlers:** Have you noticed more toddlers recently? We are anticipating a few infants arriving in the coming weeks, too. Please consider signing up to work in the nursery as needed. Also, we are in need of a portable crib. If you would like to volunteer to be with our youngest children and/or donate a portable crib, please see me. Many thanks!

**Early Elementary:** In November the children will be exploring our monthly theme of *Abundance* with their guides Liz True, Jody Murphy, and Cecily Judd. The month will end with Children's Chapel led by the Coming of Age class.

**Coming of Age:** The enrollment forms need to be returned to me by November 12. To date, I have only received one. Please make sure your CoA student fills out his or her form.

**TWEEN OVERNIGHT GATHERING:** Our Annual Mid-Maine Tween Overnight Gathering will be held November 18-19 at UU Belfast. Permission forms and \$15 fee must be received by November 12. Our chaperones are Michael Arruda, Susanne Brenner and myself. We will leave UUCE at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 18, and take a field trip along the way to the Beetle Shop in Belfast. We will return to UUCE on Sunday at noon. Note: You do not have to be participating in the CoA class to attend this overnight.

Woyaya, *Anne*

### November Religious Education Calendar

**November 2:** Anne is at LREDA Annual Conference in Denver till November 7

**November 5:** Nursery with Jody Murphy; Early Elementary with Liz True will explore *Abundance* with "The Hundred Dresses"; Coming of Age will remain in the Sanctuary; Potluck Sunday

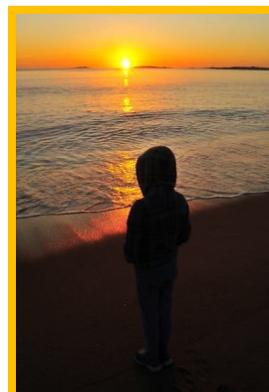
**November 7:** Anne returns from LREDA Conference in Denver

**November 12:** Early Elementary with Jody Murphy will explore *Abundance* with "Granddad's Prayers of the Earth"; CoA planning meeting with Anne; CoA enrollment forms due; Mid-Maine Tween Overnight Gathering forms and \$15 fee due

**November 18:** Tween Overnight Gathering

**November 19:** Early Elementary with Cecily Judd will explore *Abundance* with "The Thanksgiving Door"; Tweens arrive at UUCE at noon

**November 26:** Children's Chapel in the Carl Stehman Wing directly after Time For All Ages



## Peace and Social Action

### **GUEST AT YOUR TABLE**

**2017-18**

The 2017-18 kick-off for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's annual Guest at Your Table program supporting partners around the globe will be on Sunday, November 19. This year's theme is "Small Change Is Big Change." Guests include a leader of local efforts to respond to climate change in the South Pacific and a Burmese human rights activist. UUSC's grassroots partners make a big difference in their communities, and so does your participation in GAYT. Collection boxes, envelopes, and Stories of Hope will be available on the 19th.

*Karen Volckhausen, Chair*

### **GUEST AT OUR TABLE THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Watch your e-mail very soon for details about the 2017 UUCE Thanksgiving dinner! Last year, over 40 people gathered at the church for a fantastic Thanksgiving feast (and very little clean-up!). It was memorable! Think about what dish you might like to share, and be prepared when the list comes out.

This event will take place at 1 p.m.

November 23

**THANKSGIVING DAY!**

### **COOKIE MINISTRY**

**NEEDS BAKERS**

School has started and so has our Cookie Ministry! As you may recall, in a sermon several years ago, Betsy Parsons described a project undertaken by the Saco UU church to provide cookies and a note of encouragement to the local high school's Gay Straight Alliance meetings to let the students and their faculty advisor know that people in their community supported and valued their work. Those of us at UUCE immediately undertook to replicate that program here, sponsored by PASA.

Every Wednesday we deliver a bag of cookies and some veggie and/or fruit snacks along with a note

of encouragement from Rev. Sara to Ellsworth High School for the Gay Straight Diversity Alliance meeting. I visited with the GSDA at the end of the school year and they told me how much they appreciated the snacks and the validation. One student asked which church this was. I described the location, and he said, "Oh, yes, the one with the rainbow flag!"

We need cookies, preferably home-baked; some gluten-free ones are also helpful. Perhaps if you are baking for your children or grandchildren, you could make a double batch and leave some labeled for Cookie Ministry in the freezer in the church kitchen. Please let me know they are there.

*Kay Wilkins*



## SOLAR PANELS GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT!

We are delighted to report that on October 1, the congregation of UUCE approved the installation of photovoltaic solar panels on our most south-facing roof. Many, many members and friends of the congregation gave generous donations so that we quickly raised enough money to get started. The bulk of the purchase price will be furnished by a generous low-interest loan from an anonymous source. The electricity that our solar panels will generate will feed into the electric grid so that, on balance, we will not need to buy much, if any, electricity from Emera Maine, our electric utility. Sundog Solar of Searsport will install the panels and connect us to the grid before the end of 2017 so that we will be able to take the best advantage of net metering. Many thanks to the members of PASA, the Property Management and Maintenance Committee, the Fiscal Matters Committee, and the Board of Trustees for their hard work and scrutiny in getting this plan approved by an overwhelmingly positive vote of the Congregation with no nays. The work should begin towards the end of November, so stay tuned for an announcement. We are on our way to becoming an ever greener congregation.

*The Solar Task Force (Martha Dickinson, Charles Stephens, and David Wilcock)*

## RE-INHABITING BODY AND SOUL: FINDING THE CENTER IN A WORLD OF DISTRACTION

**Wednesday evening  
community gatherings and class  
with Paul Weiss at UUCE,  
6:00-8:30 p.m., November 2017**

In a world that often seems designed to distract us from the nature of our deeper human potential and our capacity for spiritual transformation—and makes it easy for us to dis-inhabit both our bodies and our souls—these Wednesday classes resume our open community "sangha" of people gathering together weekly to communicate and to explore the nature of what we truly are.

Every evening is open to all, but we hope you'll become part of a committed core that will bring nourishment to yourself and support to others. There is no charge, but a suggested weekly donation, according to ability, is \$5-\$25.



### PLEASE NOTE:

**If you have a car and are willing and able to volunteer rides for others needing transportation, please call FRIENDS IN ACTION (at Gen. Moore Community Center on State Street) and add your name to their on-call list. Call 664-6016.**

### TALK TO YOUR STATE LEGISLATOR!

House 1-800-423-2900    Senate: 1-800-423-6900

Your message will be hand-delivered to their chamber seat. It's simple and effective. If you're not sure who your representatives are, see [www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/voter\\_lookup.php](http://www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/voter_lookup.php).

## New Hospitality Teams Coming Soon!



### *Taking Turns*

Just a reminder that we're about to try something different and new with regard to hosting coffee hours and potlucks so that no one person is left cleaning up and setting up most Sundays.

The new plan (approved by Rev. Sara and your Board of Trustees) is to assign members and friends of our congregation to teams of three to five people to host a coffee hour and/or potluck a couple times each year. We are in the process of making those assignments and will be getting information out to people very soon.

The aim is to include *everyone* in this effort and we're doing our best to be as inclusive as possible. Clear job descriptions, directions on how to set up, clean up, and host will be forthcoming.

THANK YOU in advance for your willingness to host on your assigned Sundays.

If you're not able to do this, please be sure to let Jody Murphy, our Hospitality Team Coordinator, know right away. If you wish to swap a date with someone, please let Jody know that, too, so we can keep track of reminding you when you're needed, and thank you for doing your part to make our church community the welcoming place we want it to be.

*Jody Murphy*, Vice President of the Board & Ministry Team Coordinator  
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## Sankofa Corner



### *James C. Chilcott: Educator, Editor, Unitarian*

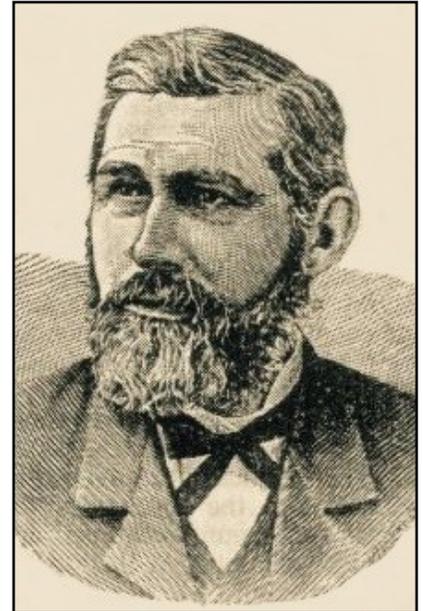
James Clemens Chilcott was born on Ironbound Island, in Frenchman's Bay, within the limits of the town of Gouldsboro, Maine, on April 2, 1832, one of the twelve children of George Chilcott, Jr., and Lydia (Tracy) Chilcott. The year after his birth, his parents moved to Sullivan, where he was raised on a farm and attended the district schools of Sullivan, although he did spend two terms in a private high school in Sullivan and one winter at Bluehill Academy. In early life, he went to sea for a short time and made three voyages to the fishing area known as Quereau Bank. At the age of 19, he became a teacher in the district schools and continued in that calling for twenty years, teaching nearly sixty terms. He was married on December 12, 1855, to Sophia Jones Tupper, with whom he had six children: Langdon, John, Hamlin, Gilbert, Arthur, and Clio.

In 1861, he enlisted in the army of the War of the Rebellion, in Co. I, 13th Maine Volunteers, and his name also appears in a draft registration list in 1863 wherein he was described as being from Sullivan, age 30, and a schoolteacher. After about two years' service, he was honorably discharged for disabilities contracted in the field.

In 1872, he was appointed Special Deputy Curator of Customs in the Frenchman's Bay District and with his family moved from Sullivan to Ellsworth. He held this position for nearly thirteen years. He served in many municipal capacities, including fifteen years on the school boards of Sullivan and Ellsworth, several terms as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Assessors of Sullivan, and also as an Alderman in the City of Ellsworth. For several years, he was a contributor to several papers, including the *Portland Transcript*, *Lewiston Journal*, *Machias Union*, *Ellsworth American*, *Mount Desert Herald*, and *Phrenological Journal*.

In the midst of all of this activity, Mr. Chilcott became and remained an earnest member of the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth and for many years acted as the superintendent of the Sabbath School. While still living in Sullivan, his name appears on a membership roll dated Oct. 4, 1868, just a year after the dedication of the Ellsworth meeting house in 1867. Seven years later, on August 3, 1875, in his capacity of Justice of the Peace, he was presented with a petition from Mrs. Ann F. Greely, head of the Ladies' Society, asking that the Society become an incorporated social and benevolent society. Mr. Chilcott subsequently issued a warrant to Mrs. Greely and the eleven other petitioners, and the first meeting of the Unitarian Social and Benevolent Society was held in the room over Mrs. Greely's store on September 2, 1875, at which meeting it was decided to raise the building and build a vestry underneath.

The following year, at a parish meeting held on October 4, 1876, the issue of reorganization of the church was raised, and Mr. Chilcott, as well as Rev. William H. Lyon and Mr. William O. MacDonald,



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were chosen a committee to report articles for a new constitution. These articles were presented and adopted at an adjourned meeting held on October 18, and Mr. Chilcott was among the many signatories.

In October of 1881, as chairman of the pulpit committee, he corresponded with Dr. C. C. Everett of Cambridge and with the Secretary of the American Unitarian Association about finding a new pastor for the church. This resulted in the arrival of Loren B. MacDonald of Harvard Divinity School's class of 1881 as a candidate. Mr. Chilcott extended a call to him to become pastor of the church, which MacDonald accepted, and he began serving on January 15, 1882, although his ordination and installation were delayed until July 22 to make it easier for out-of-town clergy to attend the service.

In the autumn of 1885, Chilcott assumed editorial management of the *Ellsworth American* newspaper and, under him, it became one of the best and most popular weekly papers in the state. He continued in that position for nearly eight years until his death on April 13, 1893. As his colleague from the Maine Press Association George E. Brackett expressed it, Chilcott literally "'died in the harness,' for the last issue of his paper prior to his death was prepared under his own supervision, and the grim messenger came only an hour after his return home from his office labor—heart failure suddenly terminating his career—and his pen and his life were both laid down together."

As a citizen and as a man he was respected and beloved. He was always foremost in all good works and improvements for his fellow man and in his community; he was a prominent member of the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic), of the Masons, and in his religious associations, where he was not only a member in name but in reality and practical efforts. But it was as a newspaper man and a temperance man that he was known best. He had been a member of the Maine Press Association for many years, was present at many sessions, took a lively interest in its activities, held several prominent offices such as vice-president, county historian, etc., and was named the Association's poet in 1890.

At the Fourth Annual Conference of the Hancock County Unitarian and Other Liberal Churches, held in Winter Harbor on August 15, 1893, a resolution was passed on the occasion of Chilcott's passing and Rev. A. F. Palmer of Northeast Harbor spoke feelingly of his noble life and character.

As an editor, he emphasized participation by the general public in writing articles and poems for the paper. His own poem, "The Secular Press," describes his personal ideals:

*He wrote of politics and men  
 With potent words and vigorous pen,  
 Reported meetings, grave or gay,  
 In sober speech of humorous way;  
 He stood for temperance and right,  
 For moral worth and virtues might,  
 Hurling words, like hand grenades, against wrong  
 And helped each worthy cause along.  
 One code, though human or divine,  
 With emphasis, and line on line,  
 He urged for all, whate'er their place,  
 Their color, rank, or sex, or race.*

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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.