

# The NEWS

## The Unitarian Universalist Church Of Ellsworth



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### A Month of Sundays

All services at 10:30

**Sunday, April 6** -- Rali Weaver, a Candidate for the Unitarian Universalist ministry, will be our guest speaker. Rali is a member of First Parish UU Church in Portland, Maine, and a student at Bangor Theological Seminary.

**Sunday, April 13** -- Rev. Mark Worth, "A Tale of Three Nobodies." On Palm Sunday we will look at some events in the last week of Jesus' life, and the importance of the nobodies who were his closest companions and strongest supporters. HUNGRY SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 20** -- Margaret Beckman. EASTER SUNDAY.

**Sunday, April 27** -- Rev. Mark Worth, "Ugly American or America the Beautiful?" Despite our many flaws, the spiritual biography of the United States shows evidence of moral growth. Is it enough? ANNUAL PARISH MEETING after church.

**Sunday, May 4** -- Rev. Mark Worth, "A Pretty Good Person." It doesn't take a hero to live like a human being.

### The Pledge of Resistance

We believe that as people living in the United States it is our responsibility to resist the injustices done by our government, in our names

Not in our name  
will you wage endless war  
there can be no more deaths  
no more transfusions  
of blood for oil

Not in our name  
will you invade countries  
bomb civilians, kill more children  
letting history take its course  
over the graves of the nameless

Not in our name  
will you erode the very freedoms  
you have claimed to fight for  
Not by our hands

will we supply weapons and funding  
for the annihilation of families  
on foreign soil  
Not by our mouths

will we let fear silence us  
Not by our hearts  
will we allow whole peoples  
or countries to be deemed evil  
Not by our will

and Not in our name  
We pledge resistance  
We pledge alliance with those  
who have come under attack  
for voicing opposition to the war  
or for their religion or ethnicity  
We pledge to make common cause  
with the people of the world  
to bring about justice,  
freedom and peace

Another world is possible  
and we pledge to make it real.

for more information please go to <http://www.notinourname.net/>  
[www.moveon.org](http://www.moveon.org), [www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org),  
[www.truemajority.com](http://www.truemajority.com)



## MARK, MY WORD

By the time this newsletter is in your hands, it is likely that we will already be at war with Iraq. President Bush has said that if the U.N. won't act, he will lead "a coalition of the willing." When this was written on March 17, that coalition included probably three countries willing to commit troops to battle: the United States, Great Britain and Australia. This is a far cry from 1991, when Mr. Bush's father gained U.N. support, many nations were willing to commit troops, and others were willing to pay for the war.

Just as the world is divided about whether to launch a war or let the inspections work, our nation has been divided as well. Honest, intelligent, patriotic Americans can be found on both sides of the debate. Both sides agree that Saddam is a murderous dictator. Both sides agree that he should be disarmed; yet we disagree on the prudence and necessity of a preemptive war.

In a democracy, the highest political office is not that of president, but of citizen. It is the patriotic duty of citizens to let their public servants know when they are not doing a good job.

The National Council of Churches, the Maine Council of Churches, the Unitarian Universalist Association and Bush's own United Methodist Church have stated their opposition to war, but have not been able to get a hearing with Mr. Bush. Although Bush is a "born again" Christian, he does not seem interested in hearing the views of religious leaders who are not part of his core constituency. Moderate and liberal religious leaders have legitimate concerns regarding the geopolitical scene and the American soul.

Bush speaks frequently about God, usually with the implication that God is on the side of building an American empire. He often quotes the words of Jesus to draw neat lines and challenge the whole rest of the world: if you are not with us, you are against us. (Jesus said this in Matthew 12:30, but also said the opposite in Mark 9:40.) Jesus, however, was not a supporter of empires and emperors.

Writing recently in Newsweek, Martin Marty, a former seminary professor of mine, expressed his concerns about whether Bush has the humility to see the nuance of this conflict. Religious statements from Bush frequently cause concern among our European and Asian allies and anger in the Islamic world, as when Bush called for a "crusade" against terrorism. Sometimes the company the president keeps gets him in trouble, as when the evangelist who prayed at Bush's Inaugural called Islam "a very evil and wicked religion." Bush seems unconcerned that the demonization of his adversaries – an "us and them" mentality – can inhibit self-examination and repentant action, critical components of any faith.

Bush has stated that "our nation is chosen by God and commissioned by history to be a model of justice." To many, such statements do not reflect the humility in foreign policy that Bush advocated during the presidential campaign. He would do better to echo the words of Abraham Lincoln, who called Americans an "almost chosen people." Twice in the twentieth century German soldiers marched to war with "God is with us" written on their belt buckles. Mr. Bush would do well to consider the possibility that there is a danger in such hubris.

*Shalom and Salaam,*

*Mark*

## MEMBERSHIP

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Here is a reminder of who is scheduled for Coffee Hour for the month of April  
April 6 Sue and Bill Clark and Bart Clayton and Marta Rieman  
April 13 Kevin and Amy DeBeck  
April 20 Anne Funderburke  
April 27 Martha Dickinson and Barbara Ericson  
Remember you do not have to do this alone. Feel free to call other church members to help you with dishes and bringing food. If you are unable to do coffee hour please call Anne Funderburke at 276-3301 or e-mail at lfunder@acadia.net  
Thank you.

The 2003 Directory is now completed and on the table in the room where we have coffee hour. Please feel free to take one. If you are inclined you can donate an extra dollar when the plate is passed at church. Please let Patty Herklotz or Kathleen Sikkema know if there are corrections. We can put them in the next newsletter.

Additions:  
Reid, Dartha  
32 Pheasant Lane  
Lamoine, Me 04605  
667-5434  
Rothrock, Judy  
joined 10/28/01  
859 Holmdel Rd.  
Holmdel, NJ 07733-2067  
summer  
244-3520  
also Marta Rieman is listed under her husband, Bart Clayton  
and Carol Rosinski is listed under her husband, Bruce Thulin.

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## Religious Education

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Family Fun Day on March 1st was attended by approximately 20 adults and children; we had one out-of-town family from Belfast. The sledding (and snow boarding) conditions at the Black House were SUPERB! We enjoyed the hot chocolate and sandwiches organized by Anne Ossanna and discovered some hidden talents of our friends in the afternoon. Thanks to all who participated and helped!

## THE WORLD PEACE PUZZLE

During April, we will continue with our theme of "Peace and Social Justice" and will introduce a project called "The World Peace Puzzle." This is a project that originated in Canada with a goal of building the largest puzzle ever put together in the world. Someone then came up with the idea of making it The World Peace Puzzle---and what better timing! On Sundays, April 20th and 27th, we will begin working with our children on this project. If you are able to help, please contact Kay Hansen. This is a project for both adults and children. If you would like to learn more about it or participate individually, go to this website:  
[www.thebigpuzzle.com](http://www.thebigpuzzle.com).

We are looking for volunteers who would work with our children in small groups, making "things" to help people, animals, the church or service organizations. One of our groups had a very enjoyable time making boxes to collect donations for our church. I overheard one of the children ask Jim Fisher if they could do this again next week. Our children are very interested in "making" and "doing" and what

better way to teach our children about helping others. See Kay Hansen if you can help.

### APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 6th: Peace and Social Justice Activities

Jr. High Youth meet with Carol And Kevin

Story in church

Potluck Sunday

Sr. High Youth: Meet after church

Sunday, April 13th: Peace and Social Justice Activities

Jr. High Youth meet with Carol and Kevin

Hungry Sunday

Sunday, April 20th: The World Peace Puzzle

Easter Sunday: No nursing home visit, youth attend church with their families

Sr. Youth: meet after church

Sunday, April 27th The World Peace Puzzle

Sr. and Jr. Youth: TBA

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A Guide to Community Dialogue"  
at <http://www.publicconversations.org>

## Community Lenten Series

The Ellsworth Area Ministers' Association is sponsoring a Community Lenten Series again this year. Mark Worth will be preaching at one of the services, and our church will host one of the services. Whichever church hosts, the preacher comes from a different church. All services are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. An offering will be taken each week for the Church Discretionary Fund, which helps needy people in the community. The schedule follows:

**Wednesday, April 2** -- at Ellsworth United Methodist Church, Rev. Chris Chornyak preaching.

**Wednesday, April 9** -- at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ellsworth, Rev. David Henry preaching.

## From The Board

1) Parish meeting for election of board members will be Sun. April 27th,

2) Service Auction-Back to one in the Spring- on April 13th- 2nd Sunday

: Think of offering yard cleanup, hikes, meals art objects etc.

The Church Board of Directors sends a giant thank you to Dusty and Margot

Bailey, Willow Running Water and Jim Walker for their hard work in building

and sustaining the Performers Showcase. These monthly gatherings are a

notable contribution to the wider community and bring light into our lives.

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## Ethel's Corner

### CASH FOR EMPTY CARTRIDGES

Our church has enrolled in the "InkBank" program, which collects and pays for empty printer cartridges--both ink jet and laser. So please stop throwing your "expired" cartridges in the trash. Bring them to church and deposit them in the box available in the Community Room or hallway leading to it. The box will soon be one supplied by InkBank, but for now is "home made."

All brands are acceptable except Epson, or any cartridge that has previously been re-inked or repaired.

There is no expense to us; InkBank will collect the cartridges from time to time when we notify their regional representative to come and pick them up. Most ink jets will earn from \$1 to \$3 for us; most laser cartridges up to \$14 each.

The added bonus: InkJet refills and resells the cartridges, which means fewer useless plastic cartridges in our local trash. And, we can all ask friends and neighbors to save their "empties" for us, too.

Thank you.- Ethel Schwabe

Reminder: There will be a county-wide Peace Gathering in Ellsworth at the UU Church on Saturday, April 12, from 9 to 4. Please come with your reports of current actions and ideas for new ones, and any other thoughts about bringing peace to this troubled world. Pot luck lunch at noon; please bring some food to share. Tables will be available for literature, etc., that you want to share with others. Questions? Please call me Kathy Jacobs at 667-5947

Statewide Convergence Against the War in Augusta!

Saturday, April 5th

11am March with Rally to follow

Location to be announced

For more information or if you are interested in helping to organize

this event please contact: Tim Sullivan, sullboat@gwi.net, 236-0732

Kate Brennan, katebrennan@riseup.net, 946-4478

The Institute for Peace and Justice

<http://www.ipj-ppj.org/>

# UUUCE

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As of St. Patrick's Day I am not looking out the window at green. Our snow is still about 18 to 24 inches deep. Winter is coming to an end and our church is facing many bills that are much higher than budgeted for in May of last year. Please donate as much as possible to cover higher electric, oil, gas bills as well as to repair ice dam leaks in the Community room, kitchen and little office.

## MONEY RAISER

One of the two best fund raisers each year is the SERVICE AUCTION. We have returned to having one a year as suggested by members. On April 13th, Sunday, after the service we will have a final auction of articles and services which will have been written up on the wall in the Community Room on hard cards. Folks will start bidding on paper attached to the hard cards listing the items or services. On the 13th the auction starts with the bids made previously.

When you list your service or item, please include a minimum amount and a date, if possible. Being able to take home a food or art object is a spur to bidding. Be sure to come as it is fun! Call Sue Clark to join the auction action team. (244-3051)

APRIL 26TH, SATURDAY THERE WILL BE A SPRING CLEANING DAY. TIME TO SPRUCE UP AND SHINE!! THERE ARE FINGERPRINTS TO BE WASHED OFF THE RE WALLS, DINGS HITHER AND YON TO PATCH AND A KITCHEN TO CLEAN UP AND MAYBE REORGANIZE. ALL HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. the Board

The Annual Spring Meeting will be after services on April 28th. We can admire our clean Sunday home and vote on two Board members. We will discuss the minor corrections to the grammer/spelling of the By-Laws and vote on same; look at the 2005 revision possibilities; consider the budget proposal for 2003-2004. the Board

## FELLOWSHIP

Many thanks from the congregation and the Board for a festive Talent Show and pot luck. Great food followed by a show of shows with our own

MC Harris Strong in black tie and tails. The recipient of our thank you chalice was Carl Stehman for his years of work with Loaves and Fishes and the new RE Wing. As Donni Whitehead was unable to attend (work conflict) her thank you chalice was presented at the last Religious Education meeting for her stepping in as chair and organizing so well!

Applause and/or guffaws rang out for the following talent: Jim Fisher, antique horn; Anne Funderburke, rude songs; David O'Brien, jokester; Alexandra Hill, singer with Mart Rieman accompanying; Holly Thulin, singing her Dad's song with Bruce Thulin on guitar; Gail Horon, story; Barbara Ericson, song; Jane Thomas, Katahidan story; Donna Minnis & Richard Thurston, STAR-RING TWICE with an Elizabethan Poem; Kevin DeBeck, Amy & Harry, family song; Mark Worth, Judy Leahy, Steve Walk, Barbara Ericson, The Monotones - Do Wop!!!! Check the photos in the Community Room to recall the laughs and fun.

Set up crew: Fran & Carl Stehman, Sue & Bill Clark, Tom Martin, Carolyn Parkman. And what a fast clean up with everyone, wow!

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## CLASSIFIEDS

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One Hewlett Packard LaserJet II -- \$200

Proceeds go to the Church!

Contact: John Fink at 667-7181/7186

or e-mail at corp1030@downeast.net

This is a mutually beneficial offer because:

1. The Church gets some needed money.
2. You get a workhorse of a laser printer.
3. I get an unneeded but working printer out of the house.

Brief Specifications:

LaserJet series II printer: introduced Mar-87; discontinued Jan-91.

300 D.P.I.

Parallel interface. Works with DOS and Windows. Latest drivers available from [www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com) if needed.

[http://www.hp.com/cposupport/printers/support\\_doc/bpl01883.html](http://www.hp.com/cposupport/printers/support_doc/bpl01883.html)

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Act Now to Stop War and End Racism:

<http://www.intrnationalanswer.org/>  
[alternative news www.truthout.com](http://www.truthout.com)

## DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

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The Northeast District has changed its website address: [www.ned-uaa.org](http://www.ned-uaa.org) is the new website for the northeast district.

North Atlantic LREDA Retreat, Apr. 24, 2003.  
Nashua, NH.

NED annual Spring Gathering May 2nd and 3rd at the UU Church in Saco.

The UU Northeast District Winter Gathering is February 8th in Augusta.

Don't forget to register for GA Dates

June 26-30 Boston MA

June 24-28 2004 Long Beach CA

June 23-27 2005 Ft. Worth TX

July 12-19 Star Island Religious Education Week, Chris Parker [uuchris@aol.com](mailto:uuchris@aol.com) 603.882.1091

July 19-25 Ferry Beach Religious Education Week, [ferrybeach@ferrybeach.org](mailto:ferrybeach@ferrybeach.org) 207.284.8612

Aug. 3-7 Leadership School for Religious Educators,

[www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org) 828.526.5838

Go to [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) and follow the links

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### Downeast Outright: Seeking Youth Participants and Adult Advisors

Outright is a safe, non-judgmental group offering support for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Questioning youth ages 22 and under. There are Outright groups across the country and several in Maine, with the local one, the Downeast Outright, meeting twice a month in Ellsworth. Meetings may consist of movies, bowling, discussion, or whatever the youth participants collectively decide, within the framework of grounds rules designed to ensure respect, safety, and confidentiality. For more information, visit our web site at [www.outright.org](http://www.outright.org) or email us at [downeast\\_outright@yahoo.com](mailto:downeast_outright@yahoo.com). Please share this announcement with other interested individuals.

Military Service and Conscientious Objection UUA Washington Office <http://www.uua.org.uuaawo/issues/respond/military.html>

## PERFORMERS SHOWCASE (COFFEE HOUSE)

Apr 19th at 7:30 p.m

At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth - OPEN MIKE

every third Saturday of each month.

Cost \$2.00.

Snacks .25 cents

### OPEN MIKE AND CONCERTS

We would like for people to know that we have not canceled open mike. We are continuing the open mike on the third Saturday of every month. However, we have not planned any more concerts at this time because we have not received the help we need. We appreciate the fact that some folks have come in to help set up the church for music programs, but we need help with the tasks that are more demanding of time and energy. We need help in booking concert performers, producing, advertising and promoting, and doing all that needs to be done to make the concerts possible. This also includes maintaining contact with the performers, making sure they have good directions to the church and knowing what to expect when they get here and making sure they have meals and lodging if necessary and finding out what their needs are and taking care of those needs. There are many other tasks that seem to come up and surprise us with every concert we have had, and we have difficulty keeping up with all those tasks. We need to have some folks we can rely on to do those regular tasks and be able to step in and take care of those surprise tasks. We would not leave you to struggle in the dark. All of us would be more than willing to do most of the work, but we need help. If you would like to see and hear more concerts like those we have had in the past, please contact Dusty and Margo Bailey 422-0980 ([margodusty@downeast.net](mailto:margodusty@downeast.net)), or Jim Walker and Willow Runningwater 359-8934 ([tbroom@hypernet.com](mailto:tbroom@hypernet.com)). Thanks.

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How teens prepare for War by Shepherd Smith. <http://www.youthdevelopment.org/articles/op090201.htm>

[www.peacegames.org](http://www.peacegames.org)

Peacework; <http://www.afsc.org/peacework/default.htm>

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To reserve space at the church, contact Sue Clark at 244-3051;  
or P.O. Box 1342, Ellsworth, Me. 04605-1342

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> PATT 8-12 ACADIA CHORAL 7PM	<b>2</b> 3 Hebrew Sch. 6 Craft Gr. 7 Men's Gr. 7PM Freedom of the Press	<b>3</b> 10-12 MS exercize	<b>4</b> 6-8 AA	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE RE CLASS Barbara Gale drumming 3-7	<b>7</b> CASEY FAMILY 5:30-7:30 Survivors Group 7:30PM	<b>8</b> PATT 8-12 ACADIA CHORAL 7PM	<b>9</b> 3 Hebrew Sch. 6 Craft Group 7 Men's Groups Homeland Security 7-9pm	<b>10</b> 10-12 MS exercize 7 Board Meeting	<b>11</b> 6-8 AA	<b>12</b> 1:30 Comm. Ministry
<b>13</b> 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE HUNGRY SUNDAY RE CLASS SERVICE AUCTION drumming 3-7	<b>14</b> CASEY FAMILY 5:30-7:30 Survivors Group 7:30PM	<b>15</b> PATT 8-12 ACADIA CHORAL 7PM	<b>16</b> 3 Hebrew Sch. 6 Craft Group 7 Men's Groups	<b>17</b> 10-12 MS exercize	<b>18</b> 6-8 AA	<b>19</b> Coffee House 7-9
<b>20</b> 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE RE CLASS	<b>21</b> CASEY FAMILY 5:30-7:30 Survivors Group 7:30PM	<b>22</b> PATT 8-12 ACADIA CHORAL 7PM	<b>23</b> 3 Hebrew Sch. 6 Craft Group 7 Men's Groups	<b>24</b> 10-12 MS exercize MS Support Gr. Audobon 6:30-9:00PM	<b>25</b> 6-8 AA	<b>26</b> CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY
<b>27</b> 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE RE CLASS ANNUAL MEETING	<b>28</b> CASEY FAMILY 5:30-7:30 Survivors Group 7:30PM	<b>29</b> PATT 8-12 ACADIA CHORAL 7PM LAST ONE TIL SEPT	<b>30</b>			

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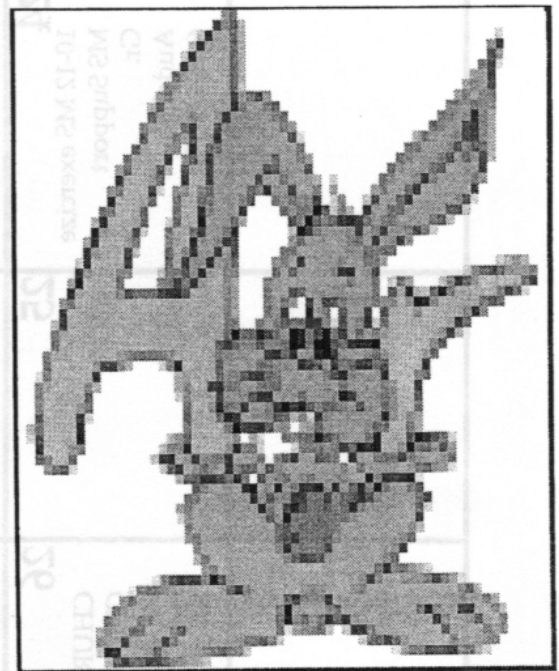
Excerpts from the Principles of the  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION:

*"We the member congregations of the  
Unitarian Universalist Association, cov-  
enant to affirm and promote...*

*...A FREE AND RESPONSIBLE SEARCH FOR  
TRUTH AND MEANING.*

*The living tradition we share draws from  
many sources:*

*...JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS WHICH  
CALL US TO RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE BY  
LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES.*



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