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

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M. This month's worship theme is *Mystery*.

Sunday, December 2

Looking for God

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Choir Practice at 9 a.m.! First Sunday Potluck Following Worship! Holy Tree Decorating After Church!

As we enter into this holy season and hear again the beloved story of the birth of God in the form of a child, we will ask where is God present in our lives? How do we ready a place within us to more readily experience the presence of God, however we understand the holy? This service will explore these questions and call us to the faithful practice of radical hospitality.

Tuesday, December 4 at 7 p.m.

We Remember Them: A Transgender Service of Remembrance

On this "Transgender Day of Remembrance," an annual observance that honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence, we gather in the spirit of love to grieve these tragic deaths and to commit ourselves anew to seeing and celebrating the dignity and worth of all transgender people. All are welcome.

Sunday, December 9

What Grows in the Dark?

Lane Fisher, Worship Leader

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Associate

UUCE Choir Sings!

Although we seem to have a primal dread of darkness, reinforced by fairy tales and suspense films, the truth is that beauty and even miracles develop in the dark. As the year's light wanes, let us feed our hope by considering wonders that take place beyond our ken.

Lane is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry, awaiting her Ministerial Fellowship Committee interview in March. She is leading worship here for the first time since serving as our collaborative intern in 2016-17.

Sunday, December 16

The Mystery We Need

Amy Fiorilli, Worship Leader

Lori Johnson, Worship Associate

Special Music!

How can not knowing strengthen our hearts and minds toward love and life? How can surrender bring clearness of thought and decisive action? Come join us as we explore the Theology of Mystery and how we find meaning in the unknown.

Sunday, December 23

No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant

Anne Ossanna, R.E. Coordinator, &

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leaders

Multigenerational Service! Caroling in the afternoon!

This year we will celebrate the Christmas story with beautiful music, singing, and a no-rehearsal pageant! Plan to join in the fun. All are welcome.

WORSHIP SERVICES continued on next page...

Worship Services

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES, continued:

Monday, December 24 at 7 p.m. Star of Wonder

Potluck at 5:30 p.m.! The Choir Sings!

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Amy Fiorilli, Eileen Brennan, Worship Associates

In his meditation, Edward Ericson suggests that “to celebrate Christmas is to attest to the power of love to remake humankind...and save the world.” How will love and hope be reborn in us on this holy night? With candle light, carols, and readings, we’ll celebrate the birth of love in the world.

Sunday, December 30

Last Night and a New Day

Jim Fisher, Worship Leader

Amy Fiorilli, Intern Minister, Worship Associate

As another chapter closes in our book of years, how shall we sift through what has been and choose what to carry forward?

SPECIAL WORSHIP OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER AT UUCE: NOURISH YOUR SOUL DURING THESE HOLY DAYS

Hello, Beloved UUCE Members and Friends,

Reverend Sara and I are putting together opportunities for worship, reflection, nourishment, and connection. To that end, we are offering **three Advent Vespers Services on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6 p.m.**, with a simple fellowship time to follow: **December 4, 11, and 18**. These will be times for music, readings, and silence together. Times created to honor the season and to help us stay focused on what is important during this busy time of year. We will provide childcare, so if you are a busy mom or dad and would like a little time to ground yourself away from the demands of gift buying and meal planning, this could be a wonderful time to center and recharge. We hope all will feel welcome.

Hoping many will join us, Anne Ossanna and I are working on a special worship service to honor the **Winter Solstice on Friday, December 21, at 6 p.m.** Come join us for a full hour of honoring the earth and the rhythms of our lives. We will sing and read poetry, and there will be a homily and time for sharing our hearts with each other. As always, everyone is welcome and it will be a joy to be together. A simple supper of salad, soup, and bread will follow.

There will be our second **annual pop-up Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 23**, during our normal worship hour. All kids will have a role to play, and no rehearsal is required. Please join in the **UUCE caroling after the service**—the group will depart at 12:45 for Seaport and Courtland nursing homes and return shortly after 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch that day. All are welcome!

And, of course, our **candlelight Christmas Eve Service is on Monday, December 24, at 7 p.m.** All are also welcome to enjoy a **Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.** in our Community Room. **Choir practice is at 6 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. We hope you will share with us this special time of light, music, storytelling, and being together. (For more information about the potluck, please contact Mary Haynes at mhaynes@roadrunner.com.)

With love, gratitude, and blessings during this season of holy days,

Amy Fiorilli, Intern Minister, & Sara Hayman, Minister

Ministry Matters



Cozied in on the window bench in the living room,
the woodstove piled high and cooking,
the James Bond movie we watched was just over,
and I hadn't wanted to move.

"Do you see the moon out there?" she asked.
"Let's get on our skis and go around the field!"
"Really?" I said. "It's almost midnight."
"Yes, I know. Let's go!"

The cross-country ski trail we'd broken earlier in the day
that hugged the edge of the field was perfect. The snow,
still light and fluffy. Moonlight illuminated the mountains
miles away in every direction I looked.

And I had almost opted out.
I would have watched through the window.
And I'm so glad I didn't.

In the cold and dark of this season,
there is startling magic waiting to be discovered.
There is silence and peacefulness we can choose to enter into.
There is beauty to behold in the candlelight, in the evergreens,
in the carols we sing and the ancient stories we tell again.

In this holy season,
May the stars shine brightly above you
and the love of Christmas light your way.

Sara

CHRISTMAS DAY OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, December 25
2-5 p.m.
at

Rev. Sara's Home
46 Elm Street, Bucksport

The tree will be lit! Hot drinks and
snacks will be ready! Music and
holiday stories will be shared.

Please stop by and visit for a while
and share in the warmth and love
found at the heart of this season.

Our Plate Split for December
will be with MUUSAN, a
statewide advocacy and public
policy network anchored in our
Unitarian Universalist faith.
MUUSAN's primary focus is on
democracy in action, health
care for all, climate change,
and racial justice.

Hospitality Ministry

Coffee, snacks, and so much more! A HUGE thank you to the November Hospitality Team: **Coordinator Marc Rich, Sally Gervais, Nancy Guy, Sally Francis, Bob Francis, Mardi Thompson, Daniel Antonelli, Mickey Worth, and Mark Worth.**

And don't forget the ever-present **Susan Opdycke** and her weekly coffee/tea-making skills!!

We have gotten through two successful months of this new model of providing hospitality and fellowship for our members. When you see November's team, give them a huge thank you. And don't forget to encourage and appreciate our fabulous December team led by Daniel Antonelli!! Don't forget your aprons so we know who you are! ☺ (They're located in the community room closet.)

December 2018 Hospitality Team

Coordinator: Daniel Antonelli
Assistants: Evelyn Foster
 Bob & Sally Francis
 Margarita Marnik
 Marc Rich
 Mickey Worth

January 2019 Hospitality Team

Coordinator: CJ Lavertu
Assistants: Martha Dickinson
 Jenn Ryan
 Michael Arruda
 Linda Laing
 Robin Lovrien

If you have not yet had a chance to sign up for a month of helping with our hospitality ministry, please see the clipboard on the welcoming table in the foyer. **Remember:** signing up for a month does NOT mean that you are obligated to help each Sunday of that month. You will work with your team to schedule who's doing what on which Sundays. **We have a few months beginning in February that could use your help.**

I could not be prouder of this incredible faith community. I truly am in awe of the all the ways that you give.

In joy and thanks,

Amy Fiorilli

Intern Minister
 amyfiorilli@gmail.com



Good Works

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's program to support their partners around the world begins on **Sunday, December 2, 2018**. Our theme for 2018-19, *Justice Across Borders*, focuses on Central American migrants. Booklets describing this year's guests, plus envelopes and boxes for donations, are now available. Donations are due by January 12; drop them off any time at the church office. Online donations of \$125 or more are eligible to be matched dollar for

dollar by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock.

NOTE: Please do not include foreign currency.



Winter Farmers Market Moved!

The Ellsworth Farmers Market has moved into the J&B Atlantic building

for the winter. The market is open on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., until December 29.



UUCE Cookie Walk
December 15th • 10~Noon
Unitarian Universalist Church
121 Bucksport Road
Ellsworth, ME
667-4393

Homemade Cookies

Sweet Confections

Everyone is welcome!

CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS!

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S COOKIE WALK

Thank you to all who have volunteered to bake cookies! And we still need more cookies to sell at our 4th Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.! Are you willing to bake 3-5 dozen (or more if you like!) holiday cookies for this joyful holiday fundraiser? If so, please let Rev. Sara know what kinds you can bake at sara@uuellsworth.org or (207) 610-2872.

Homemade cookies will need to be delivered to the church kitchen in sealed containers with an attached ingredient list on Friday, December 14, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. or by Saturday morning, December 15, at 8:30 a.m.

Thank you for baking! Thank you for helping at the Cookie Walk! And thank you for spreading the word! We hope to sell lots and lots of cookies (and homemade truffles, too!).

Message from Our Intern Minister

Hello everyone,

It is hard to explain the joy I feel at being a part of this incredible community. At this time of year I am especially aware of what a miracle it is to be doing work that I love with people that care. I am moved by the mystery that brought me to you and keeps our ministry at UUCE so full of growth and possibility. Our "Soul Matters" theme this month is *Mystery*. I can't wait to talk about it. (I just bought a new book on astrophysics to help with this conversation. It's going to be great!)

As we live into winter, questions of belief and meaning seem more present. I wonder, what mystery brought you here and why do you stay? What mystery characterizes this time of year for you? How are these weeks of holiday preparation both a joy and a sadness? Who are you missing this year? I wonder what traditions you still practice and which ones you have let go of. What do you hold most dear? Where does your belonging and your loneliness live during this time? There is always a little of both for me. A little bittersweet poignancy in this time. I miss my grandfather and his loud joy and irreverent humor. I miss my grandmother's long table in the house of

my childhood. Though she is still with us, her role has changed. I love my quiet holiday with close family, candles and sparkling Christmas lights...and, it is only at this time of year when I wonder what it would've been like to have another child to share Lilliana's joy and excitement. Whatever comes up for you, may you take the time to feel it all.



These are the moments when I realize all over again that no matter my wonderings, my sadness or doubts...it is ok, exactly as it is. I trust the mystery that moves through my life. It is good to wonder...it is good to remember. It is good to simply be here, in these days, with all of you. In the coming weeks I hope you will breathe, and sit and write if that is your thing. There is room for grief and melancholy, for tenderness and doubt. I pray, that in the midst of it all, there is peace and the comfort of love as well.

May your holidays be truly Holy.

Your grateful Intern Minister,

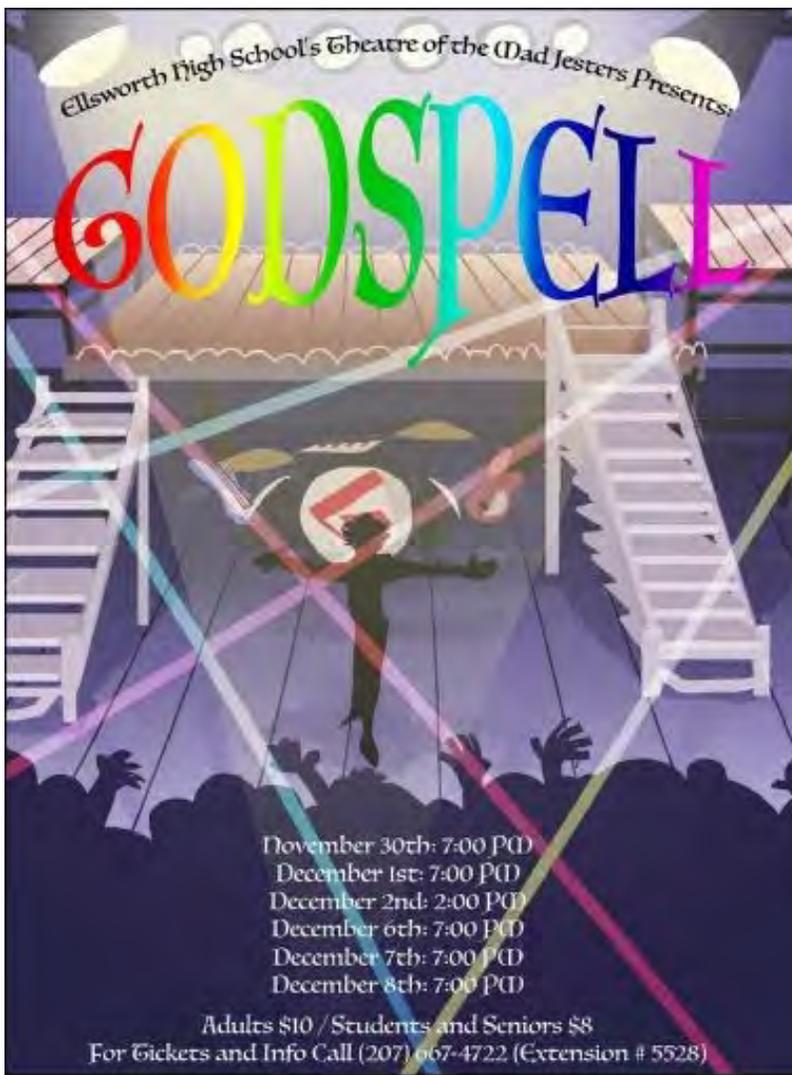
Amy Fiorilli

Wild Geese

by Mary Oliver

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting—
over and over announcing your place in the family of things.





NEED SOME GOOD ENTERTAINMENT ?

Ian Brenner-Simpson is the student music director for Ellsworth High School's presentation of Godspell! You can catch his show on several nights at 7 p.m. through December 8.

Among other things on offer in the neighborhood, you can enjoy the Acadia Choral Society's winter concert with carols and Bach's Magnificat in D. This program will be repeated at St. Saviour's Church in Bar Harbor on Sunday, December 2, at 3 p.m., and at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ellsworth on Sunday, December 9, at 3 p.m.

And Bangor Symphony's Acadia Brass is giving a free holiday concert on Sunday, December 9, at 4 p.m. at the Bagaduce Music Lending Library at 49 South Street, Blue Hill.

YARD SALE 2019!

Mark your calendars! Our 2019 yard sale date is Saturday, June 29! Lori Johnson has volunteered to take donations to our storage unit while Pepper is "down south," so if you have stuff that's CLEAN and in GOOD WORKING ORDER and is NOT big exercise equipment or a tube TV, you can arrange with Lori at (614) 404-6886 or bogey41999@gmail.com to donate it.

(Don't forget to set aside quality items for our goods & services auction on February 23, too.)

Pepper

Yard Sale Manager



Peace and Social Action

IMMIGRATION PROGRAM!



The Bangor-Carasque (El Salvador) Sister City Committee will present a program on the immigration crisis on Sunday, December 9, at noon in our Sanctuary.

In January of this year, a U.S.–El Salvador Sister Cities delegation from the Bangor area met with residents of Carasque, Bangor’s sister city, and with multiple human rights agencies in El Salvador to investigate issues of forced migration. What they learned rearranged their thinking about the nature of the current migration crisis, and might help us see things differently, too. Delegation members will share their experience and facilitate conversation to follow.

This event is sponsored by PASA.



WRITE HERE!! RIGHT NOW!!!

Distressed by the national reality? Plan to write your congress people about your concerns but never quite get around to it? PASA can help you with this! WRITE HERE!! RIGHT NOW!!! On the second Sunday of each month during coffee hour, the PASA table will be set up with postcards addressed to the appropriate people on a current, critical issue. Written background information will be available. Please stop by and make your voice heard! Look for our beautiful poster created by Gary Shellehamer.



TRANSITION TIME FOR PASA!!

After nine years as the chair of PASA, I will be stepping down at the end of this year. While we are looking for a new chair, Amy Fiorilli has generously offered to facilitate the meetings during this transition period. It has been my honor and pleasure to work with the active and passionate members of this committee who have done and continue to do such excellent peace and justice work. We are looking for new members and invite anyone interested to attend a meeting.

Karen Volckhausen

PASA Chair

Peace and Social Action

CLIMATE CHANGE CALLS FOR ACTION NOW

In light of the most recent report from the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report from climate scientists, it is urgent that we all press our political representatives to enact legislation that can drastically reduce production of greenhouse gases.

The Peace and Social Action Committee asks that you please contact our Congress members via email, phone call, or postcard as soon as you can. Congress must stand up to the Trump Administration's denial of the urgency of action on climate change. Phone numbers for our current Senators and Representatives are:

Sen. Susan M. Collins (202) 224-2523

Sen. Angus S. King Jr. (202) 224-5344

Rep. Bruce Poliquin [*briefly!*] (202) 225-6306

Rep. Chellie Pingree (202) 225-6116

We need to:

- ◆ Stop the EPA from repealing or weakening the Clean Power Plan.
- ◆ Stop the EPA from rolling back vehicle emissions standards.
- ◆ Support or write legislation to deal with the catastrophic climate change that will be upon us within 12 to 25 years unless we act right now.

NEW ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Social Visionaries and Spiritual Teachers:
A Video and Discussion Group

On the third Sunday of every month, beginning on December 16, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., we will offer a video presentation featuring a prominent spiritual teacher or social visionary, and then have a discussion together about what we've seen and heard and how we might apply it to our lives.

These video presentations come from the series "Waking Up in the World" (an online event from *Sounds True*). This is a 30-event series of powerful presentations from 30 social visionaries and spiritual teachers about waking up in this world. Many of us struggle with a range of emotions as we navigate our days—hope and despair, love and anger, staying engaged, and numbing out.

On our first Sunday, December 16, at 12:30 p.m., we will watch an interview with Quaker activist Parker Palmer, PhD, on "The Supple Heart: Wrestling with Our Better Angels." Living in the world with a broken heart, how do we allow our hearts to break open and awaken to the fullness of who we are in a more authentic way? Also, we will explore the application of a heart broken open to the current state of national politics, including how grassroots efforts can improve democracy and what we can do on both micro and macro levels to improve the current situation.



Getting Involved

LOAVES & FISHES

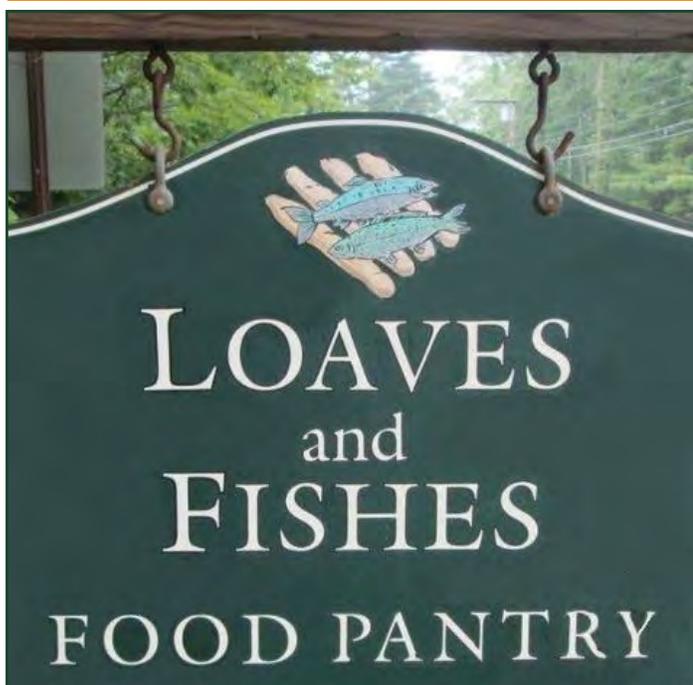
Many families in our area struggle to put food on the table. Food pantry manager Marien Hand knows how to stretch a dollar and obtains products from local businesses as well as USDA, gardeners, churches, and individuals, but canned and (unexpired) packaged goods are always appreciated, especially cold cereals, baby food, lotion, and bath items.

Please think about any non-perishable foods or goods that would brighten YOUR own Christmas and bring some of those in to donate during one of our December activities. Cash is also helpful any time. Sue Clark (s.stanwood.clark@mygait.com) can answer any questions you might have. *Thank you!!*

L & F BOARD VACANCY

The Loaves & Fishes food pantry is supported by area churches, service organizations, and businesses, with a board headed by the soon-to-retire Rev. Linda Kimmelman overseeing its operation. The Loaves and Fishes Board is now actively seeking new members who are willing to help represent our clients' need for food security and support. Our current UUCE representatives are Sue Clark (s.stanwood.clark@mygait.com) and Nina Turner (jsturn1@swbell.net); please contact one of them if you think you might be interested in serving.

We thank Sue and Nina for representing our church and Rev. Kimmelman for her long and caring service to Loaves & Fishes.



HAVE SOME NEW IDEAS?

Please contact any church officer for more information if you're interested in joining any UUCE team or project. Or maybe you've looked around and seen some other area where your talents could do some good. Do you have some fresh ideas to suggest? Pick up a copy of our new photo directory if you're not sure who's who!

Collaborative Ministry

Let's Work Some Magic!

Your Collaborative Ministry Team is trying to make our internship more attractive to seminarians who don't already live in the area, as our first two interns did.

One way would be to help the intern find affordable housing. The \$13,000 stipend we offer our intern doesn't fully cover normal housing costs, transportation among the churches, and other living expenses—and yet our churches are stretching to provide that much, plus funds for FICA and some travel reimbursement.

So we're appealing to all three congregations to help us get creative on the housing need. There are professional boundary issues that make living with one of our members inadvisable, but living in a separate space or with a non-member might work. We're asking UUs in Belfast, Castine, and Ellsworth to explore any possible situation.

Here's a true story to inspire this search. Twenty years ago, I left my first marriage. I wasn't making much money and, when I did my calculations, figured that I could afford \$300 per month for rent until I could take my equity out of our marital home. I put it out on my network that I was looking for a house

to rent for three seasons at \$300/month—and, oh, I had a Rottweiler puppy. Even that long ago, it was an absurd proposition—but I had nine houses offered to me! Surely our three congregations can work some similar magic on behalf of our next intern.

Do you know of:

- ◆ someone who has a mother-in-law apartment that they might be willing to rent at a suppressed rate for nine months?
- ◆ any seasonal residents who don't rent out their Maine home but might be willing to "try out" that experience with a good person?
- ◆ non-UU friends near any of our three churches who might be interested in renting a room?
- ◆ anyone who will be traveling or taking a sabbatical and might want a house sitter?
- ◆ a person who is purchasing a house but isn't ready to move into it?

Will you help? It's as easy as talking to your friends. Please contact Margaret Thurston at mhthurs@gmail.com if you have any leads.

Thank you very much!

Lane Fisher

for the Collaborative Ministry Team



Remembrance Service
November 4

Sitting Quietly
for Quaker Service
November 25



We Gather Together
on Thanksgiving Day
(Thanks, Penel!)



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Sprucing Up the Grounds



Sporty New UUCE Aprons!

Eggrolls (Already)!

Behind the Scenes

Most people know that the UUCE Eggroll Fundraiser is a very successful event that takes place the third weekend after Labor Day at the Common Ground Fair (CGF) in Unity, Maine. The next fundraiser at the CGF is scheduled for September 20-22, 2019. Only a few people know that preparations for the next year's event begin in October, immediately following the CGF.

The process leading to requests for volunteers to help out at the booth begins with:

- A debriefing in October of the previous month's Eggroll Fundraiser to share ideas of strategies that worked, that didn't work, and those that are suggested for the next year.
- The purchase of organic apples in Turner, Maine, in October or November when they are more plentiful, that will be turned into applesauce, the base for our duck sauce.
- Making applesauce: a fun and productive morning. This process has been streamlined from 6-7 hours to 3-4 hours in the UUCE kitchen.
- Bi-monthly to monthly meetings are held to discuss quantities and types of eggroll veggies, as well as equipment upgrades, purchases, etc.
- Completing the CGF application. This requires the sources and amounts of all consumable and non-consumable products to be used at the Fair. This also includes planning out electricity needs.



The vegetables are ordered in January so that the farmer knows ahead of time about ordering seeds.

The applesauce will be turned into duck sauce in February by adding apricots and the necessary spices. Those who can't or don't want to help at the fair are encouraged to help out at this event that will take place right in the UUCE kitchen.

The ingredients for the eggroll wrappers have to be ordered from several farms and conveyed down to an eggroll factory in Boston where they will be turned into wrappers. When they are ready, someone has to drive down from Ellsworth to pick them up.

During the year-long build-up to the CGF, arrangements and orders are made with vendors for other consumable and non-consumable supplies.

A separate eggroll team puts together foods to be used by volunteers at the fair to keep energies and spirits high.

Please contact a member of the Eggroll Committee for additional information!

Thank you,

*Cary Figueroa, Beth Pepper, Mary Haynes,
Peggy Strong, Julie Connell, and Susan Opdycke*

Solstice Events



UUC BELFAST

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, the **UU Church of Belfast** will present the 22nd annual Winter Solstice show celebrating the peace in the darkness of the longest night in the wheel of the year. Entertainment will include The Morris Dancers, Sarah Smith and the Solstice Country Orchestra, and mummers.

Please join our friends at UU Church of Belfast for this family-friendly Winter Solstice event. All are welcome! Suggested donation is \$10 (\$5 for children or \$20 for families). Please carpool if you can since parking at UU Belfast is limited. After the celebration we will be having dinner at Darby's Restaurant at 155 High Street in Belfast; a 6 p.m. reservation will be made. Contact Anne Ossanna to make your reservations for Darby's.

HERE COMES THE SUN

Bald Mountain Community Center in North Orland will hold its Winter Solstice celebration on Saturday, December 22, at 6 p.m. Join the festivities and celebrate the return of the sun! They'll be lighting up the dark night in rockin' BMCC style with music, feasting, and a bonfire.



And don't forget, **UUCE** will hold its own observation of the shortest day and longest night of the year with a Winter Solstice service at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 21, in our own Sanctuary. We'll honor the earth and the rhythms of our lives with songs and poetry, a homily, and a simple supper of salad, soup, and bread. Everyone is welcome!

Food for Thought

ADULT RE

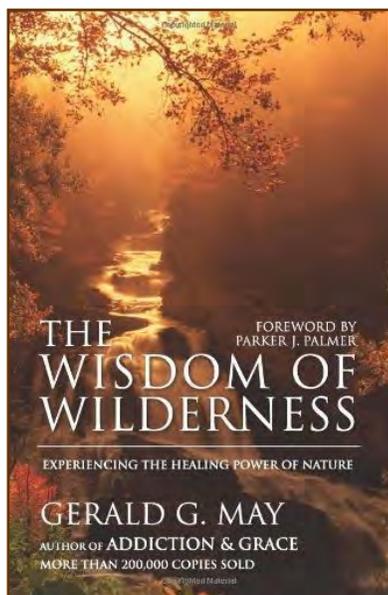
The December selection of the Adult RE Book Discussion Group is *The Wisdom of Wilderness: Experiencing the Healing Power of Nature* by Gerald G. May, MD.

Parker Palmer writes this about the book:

“Gerald May was one of our most gifted writers on the spiritual life—wise, grounded, humorous, honest, realistic, and courageous. This, his final book, will surely become known as one of his very best. Here, with graceful prose and vivid stories, he extends his explorations of spirituality into the natural world, showing how experience of the world's wilderness can help us embrace the wilderness within all of us.”

This book can be purchased new or used online, or may be available through local libraries.

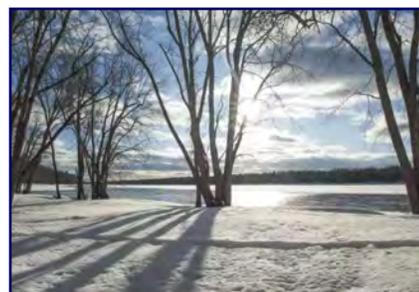
The Adult RE Book Discussion Group's focus is books on religious and spiritual topics. We meet weekly on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m., except for major holidays. Books are read over the period of a month. Readers are welcome to join in reading all the books selected or just a few. See Bob Dickens or Mary Haynes for the reading schedule or for more information.



on the spiritual life—wise, grounded, humorous, honest, realistic, and courageous. This, his final book, will surely become known as one of his very best. Here, with graceful prose and vivid stories, he extends his explorations of

"Decolonizing Our Hearts and Minds"

As we think about and discuss our privilege, here is a webinar on "Decolonizing Our Hearts and Minds" given by Sherri Mitchell, a Penobscot indigenous rights attorney and activist who has spoken at UUCE several times. I will be participating. Three webinars are planned. The cost is \$35 per session.



I would like to talk with anyone interested in moving toward regular recognition of the fact that the land on which UUCE sits was taken from the Peoples of the Dawn. See Sherri Mitchell Webinar: <https://sacredinstructions.life/webinars/>

Doug Bird

Continuing the Journey

You are invited to a New Year's Day workshop for people wanting to do contemplative work as they leave behind 2018 and enter another year. It will include celebratory moments, thought-provoking questions, personal journaling, time for quiet reflection, and a shared meal. This idea has evolved from the Sacred Journey event that was held for the past few years. If you have questions or wish to register, please contact Rev. Sara Hayman or Evelyn Foster. You may also just sign the registration sheet in the office.

Religious Education

Late Fall Greetings from the Carl Stehman Wing!

What a full November we had, AND December promises to be just as full. My cup runneth over. Many thanks to Cecily Judd and Liz True for serving as guides in November. Our theme for November was *Memory* and we explored Thanksgiving from the Wampanoag perspective. We also honored Transgender Day of Remembrance. In December we will have a full calendar, exploring *Mystery*.

Woyaya-
Anne

Religious Education Calendar

- December 2** **Guest At Your Table kick-off: *Mama's Nightingale*, exploring a story of immigration and separation; Potluck Sunday; Trimming the Holy Day Tree**
- December 9** ***Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote*, with further discussion about immigration and separation; Holy Day crafts with Anne**
- December 15** **Winter Solstice Celebration at UU Belfast 4-5:30 p.m.**
- December 16** **Children's role assignments for No-Rehearsal Pageant; Holy Day crafts; Youth Group meeting**
- December 21** **Winter Solstice Celebration at UUCE at 6 p.m.**
- December 23** **All-Ages Worship; No-Rehearsal Pageant**
- December 30** **Children's Chapel**



UUCE To Host OUT Maine LGBTQ Youth Overnight

From the evening of Friday, December 7, through noon on Saturday, December 8, area high schoolers who are members of their Gay Straight Alliances and their advisors will be meeting one another and sharing activities in our Community Room and RE wing. We have learned from the experience of Rainbow Ball Weekend that these youth thrive on an opportunity to meet their peers in an extended gathering, even if it means sleeping on the floor! Rev. Sara and I will be welcoming them. Want to help? Snacks of all sorts would be most appreciated. OUT could use our assistance in feeding about 30 students and the adults who will be with them. They have planned for supper and breakfast, but any sort of snack foods would be a demonstration of UUCE's hospitality.

Kay Wilkins

PASA and Welcoming Task Force

Sankofa Corner



Rev. George Tudor Jones (1871-1932)

Rev. George Tudor Jones was born in Macomb, Illinois, on January 22, 1871, the sixth of the ten children of Lemuel and Elizabeth Jones, who were born in England but were of Welsh ancestry. His father was a "general missionary" for Massachusetts and for New York, and it is said that George was descended from a long line of ministers extending back to the eighteenth century.

George attended Wellesley High School in Wellesley, Massachusetts, from 1887-1888, then attended Syracuse High School in Syracuse, New York, from 1889-1891. He graduated with a B.A. degree from Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1895, then, following a two-year period of ill health, from 1897-1898 he attended the Chicago Theological Seminary, where his father had received his theological training. He continued his education at the Yale Divinity School from 1898-1900 and received a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1900. In preparation for his first pastorate, he spent the summer of 1900 taking courses at Moody's Bible Institute in Chicago and also at the University of Chicago.

George was ordained into the Congregational ministry on December 19, 1900, in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, where he served as minister from October 1900 to May 1902. He later served the Otisco (New York) Congregational Church from May 1902 to December 1904 and the Bethesda Congregational Church in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, from December 1904 to November 1905. He served as college minister at Straight University in New Orleans, Louisiana, from November 1905 to June 1906 under the auspices of the American Missionary Association, and minister of the Guys Mills (Pennsylvania) Congregational Church from December 1906 to February 1908.



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On April 6, 1908, while taking courses at the Meadville Theological School in Meadville, Pennsylvania, he filled out an application for Admission into the Fellowship of the Unitarian Ministry. Upon receiving his fellowship, his first Unitarian pastorate was in New Castle, Pennsylvania, from 1908 to 1910, immediately followed by the First Congregational Parish in Harvard, Massachusetts, from 1910 to 1914, then on to the Unitarian Church of Warwick in the same state from 1914 to 1920.

Rev. Jones arrived in Ellsworth in 1920 and spent five years as our minister. Information about his pastorate comes primarily from the minutes of the secretary of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance. On October 6, 1920, he asked permission to move various pieces of furniture from the church parlor and from the parsonage at 61 Pine Street to his personal office in the church. Over the years, he made a number of

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presentations to the women of the Alliance, including talks on "Unitarianism" (November 2, 1921, and January 4, 1922), a review of *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (February 8, 1922), a review of *Faust, Part One* (April 5, 1922), a review of the book *If Winter Comes* ("which he made intensely interesting"). In 1923, he made a trilogy of presentations on psychology: (1) "Psychology: The Mind and Body" (February 7, 1923) ("While this is a deep subject, Mr. Jones went into detail and explanations so thoroughly and carefully that he made things clean and the evening was enjoyed by all"), (2) "Psychology: Powers and Reason" (March 14, 1923), and (3) "Psychology and Success" (April 25, 1923). On October 3, 1923, he provided several worthwhile references to Mrs. Peters who was collecting information on "The Education of the Young." During the winter of 1924, he made two artistically oriented presentations: "Art: The Beautiful as Related to God" (February 26, 1924) and "The Appreciation of a Picture and How To Study It" (March 19, 1924). On April 16, 1924, he reviewed the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *One of Ours* by Willa Cather. Soon before he left Ellsworth, he presented a box of goodies marked "April Fool" to two of the members of the Alliance who were being honored that day (April 1, 1925).

Fellow pastor Rev. George Lincoln Mason once described Rev. Jones as follows:

[He] was a man of unusually fine mental abilities, of a kindly and self-effacing nature. He made many friends... In his scholarship, there was depth and thoroughness, in the religious life, personal experience meant "everything" to him, as he often said. With months of close intimacy between [me] and Mr. Jones shortly before his death, his theological and philosophical standpoint became quite familiar. In theology or religious belief, he called himself a cosmotheist. He expressed his views of the cosmos as a work of "progressive creative activity," accepting neither the doctrine of "special creation" nor that of "evolution." But mere logic, or reasoning by logic, meant little to him; direct personal experience meant everything. Nevertheless, he could reason closely and from premise to conclusion, and his deep religious life, singularly vital and truly ethical, shone forth constantly. Never having married, Mr. Jones accepted the hospitality of friends as their home life was offered to him and he appreciated deeply these opportunities.

Rev. Jones spent the six years following his Ellsworth pastorate doing supply preaching, primarily at Green Harbor, Massachusetts, and he also engaged in writing. When he passed away on January 12, 1932, due to injuries received in a fall, he was living with his sister, Mrs. Grace Edwardes in Red Creek, New York. He was survived by five of his siblings. He was buried at the family burial ground in South Onondaga, New York.

Wayne Smith

UUCE Historian



Our Aesthetics Committee offers both Shaw's and Hannaford cards for sale on Sundays. The gift cards are handy for your own grocery shopping and for friends, neighbors, and family!

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* FOR YOUR CALENDAR *

Spiritual Book Discussion	Mondays 6-7:30 p.m.	UUCE
Surviving Your Brain	Fridays 4:30-6:30 p.m.	Location TBD
Acadia Choral Society	Sun, Dec. 9 3 p.m.	St. Joseph Church, Ellsworth
Godspell	December 6-8 7 p.m.	Ellsworth High School
Transgender Remembrance	Tue, Dec. 4 7 p.m.	UUCE Sanctuary
Vespers Services	Tue, Dec. 4, 11, 18 5:30	UUCE Sanctuary
LGBTQ Youth Overnight	Fri, Dec. 7-8	UUCE
Immigration Discussion	Sun, Dec. 9 Noon	UUCE Sanctuary
Acadia Brass Concert	Sun, Dec. 9 4 p.m.	Bagaduce Music LL 49 South St, Blue Hill
Decolonizing Hearts & Minds	Wed, Dec. 12 7 p.m.	S. Mitchell Webinar
Bagaduce Chorale Concerts	Dec. 14 & 15; Dec. 16	Blue Hill; Ellsworth
Annual Cookie Walk	Sat, Dec. 15 10-Noon	UUCE
Winter Solstice Celebration	Sat, Dec. 15 4 p.m.	UUC Belfast
First Spiritual Video	Sun, Dec. 16 12:30-2:30	UUCE
Winter Solstice Service	Fri, Dec. 21 6 p.m.	UUCE
Christmas Eve Service with Potluck at 5:30 p.m.	Mon, Dec. 24 7 p.m.	UUCE
Rev. Sara's Open House	Tue, Dec. 25 2-5 p.m.	46 Elm Street, Bucksport
New Year's Workshop	Tue, Jan. 1	[see office for details]
Goods & Services Auction	Sat, Feb. 23 5-7 p.m.	UUCE

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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.