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

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

Sunday, June 2 **R.E. Sunday: "I Am Your Child"** Anne Ossanna, R.E. Coordinator &
First Sunday Potluck! Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leaders

Please join us for an All-Ages Worship Service as we celebrate our R.E. offerings, honor our children, and acknowledge our volunteers who guide our children in their faith formation.

Sunday, June 9 **Annual Three-Church Worship Service at 86 Court Street, Castine, at 10:30 a.m.**
Pick-up Choir at 9:30 a.m. in Castine. Come, join in the fun and sing with other UUs! Fellowship after the service!

Rev. Dr. Jodi Hayashida preaches, drawing from her experience as a part of leadership in Maine's Chapter of the Poor People's Campaign. **** Please note: there is no worship service at UUCE on June 9 ****

Sunday, June 16 **Flower Communion Sunday** Revs. Sara Hayman & Amy Fiorilli, Worship Leaders
Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

All are invited to bring a flower to share in this year's Flower Communion Service. Come celebrate the unique beauty and strength of each of brings to being a part of our covenanted faith community. Please be aware, this is the last Sunday, Rev. Amy Fiorilli will be with us as Intern Minister this year!

Sunday, June 23 **A Midsummer's Service: The Beauty of Fairy in Faithspace**
Charles Betancourt, Worship Leader

Join us as we explore the magick of the Fairy Tale and how it corresponds to the Holy Day of Midsummer. From Sleeping Beauty to Snow White to Robin Goodfellow, we will worship this sacred sabbat through the lens of the Fae. Come explore the possibility of what a little fairy tale can add to your faith path.

Sunday, June 30 **Celebrating Beauty in People** Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader
Cecily Judd, Worship Associate

You've heard the adage, "Pretty is as pretty does?" What do you think makes someone a "beautiful" person? How do we nurture, see, and celebrate beauty in ourselves and in others? In this service, we'll reflect on these questions and lift up the life of one particularly beautiful person who recently died, Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche communities in France and the world over.

Ministry Matters

I step down, off the back steps of our porch early in the morning one day this past week, a day when it's not raining, when it's not damp and grey, and the birdsong I hear overhead coming from a tree startles me. And the words of a poet-minister I love that I sometimes use to call us to worship when we gather Sunday mornings in late spring come to mind:

*In the hours before the birds
stream airborne
with chiming voice,
a silent breath rests in the pines...
And I think
this is how we are called.
To cup our hands and hold this peace,
even when the sirens begin,
even when the sorrow cries out, old and gnarled,
even when the words grow fangs and rend.*

- Kimberly Beyer-Nelson

We make a plan on a first day off in a good long while, and we begin walking the Dead River trail, then Hay Ledges, and finally the path, seemingly paved with granite stone, that leads us up Great Pond Mountain. And when we reach the top, it seems to me we see forever...other mountains, and water, and trees, and green, and home. And I think of a truth I heard named in an ancient prayer I learned years ago by heart:

*Days pass and the years vanish
and we walk sightless among miracles.
Lord, fill our eyes with seeing
and our minds with knowing...*

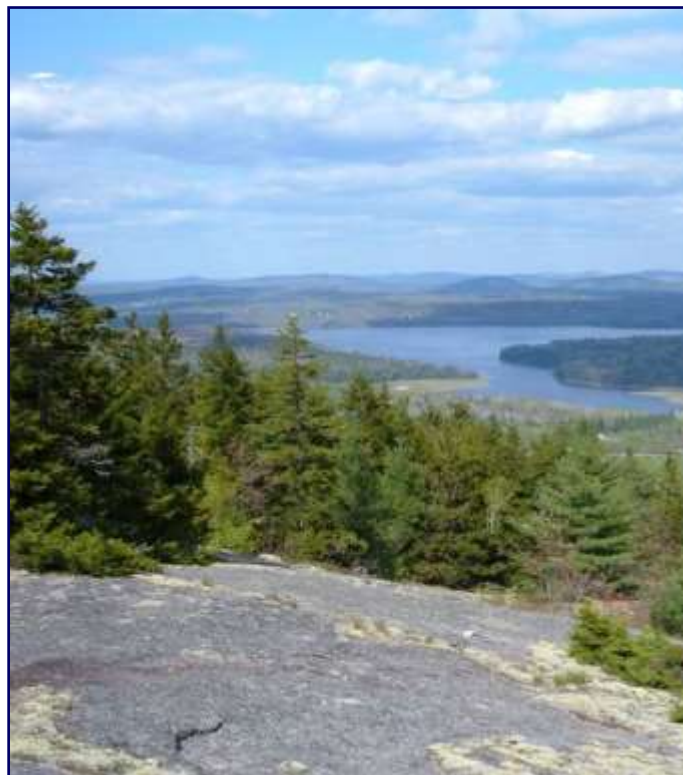
- Excerpt from the *Gates of Union Prayer Book*

What of beauty in this world is trying to wake you up? Let's help each other remember.

In shared faith,
Rev. Sara



All are invited to participate in our first summer Sunday afternoon hike on June 30 at 1 p.m. at the Great Pond Mountain Wildlands. We'll begin at the Dead River Gate in Orland, beyond the Craig Pond Fish Hatchery. There's a flat road to walk with lovely views, as well as a moderate trail that heads up Great Pond Mountain and takes an hour to climb. Hope to see you there!



Ministry Matters



We bid a fond farewell to
our newly ordained
Reverend Amy Fiorilli
as she departs at the end of June
to minister full-time to our
sister UU church in Belfast!
May the road rise up to meet you!

LIZ MARTELL

We will hold a remembrance of Liz at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 8.

A reception will follow in the Community Room.

We are keeping Sally and her family in our hearts.

Our Plate Split in June is with Friendship Cottage, which provides day services to dependent adults who may be coping with physical, mental, or memory challenges.



Congratulations to Gary Shellehamer and Beth Pepper, our new President and Vice President of the UUCE Board of Trustees! They begin their two-year terms as Board officers and leaders of UUCE this month.

Ministry Matters

My Dear UUCE,

By the time you read this, I will have been ordained by you, in our sanctuary. The place where it all began. I am getting nervous, the good kind of nervous, as I contemplate my ordination in 4 days. You'd think as an almost minister I'd be over the part of this work that requires being on display. But I'm not! There's something very different about putting together a service that I deliver for others and being the subject of a service that others deliver for me. I am humbled. It is such a gift that so many were willing to sacrifice time, money, energy... precious energy to this endeavor. I promise to do my very best to live my life in a way that will make you all proud. With Reverend Sara, you have called me to sacred work, to a life of meaning making, learning, and growth. You have honored my commitment and my gifts. I will use both to bring healing and connection, honesty and grace to the world in whatever ways I can.

Here is the other very important thing. You have helped me believe that I don't have to be perfect to be loved. You have taught me that mistakes are part of the journey, not something to get over, but a part of the overall tapestry that is my life. Mistakes, missteps, embarrassments, are all beautiful threads that should be integrated into the creative becoming of any life. Your generosity, your encouragement, your trust and enthusiasm have all made it more possible for me to believe in my own worth. You are a people of great love; a culture of appreciation and trust lives in this community and it changes lives, eases loneliness and fear, inspires deep reflection and incredible joy. I am proud to be a part of you.

I shared some words by David Whyte with my intern committee in our final meeting. I share a portion of them here with you.

"Gratitude is not a passive response to something we have been given; gratitude arises from paying attention, from being awake in the presence of everything that lives within and without us. Gratitude is not necessarily something that is shown after the event, it is the deep, a priori state of attention that shows we understand and are equal to the gifted nature of life.

Gratitude is the understanding that many millions of things come together and live together and mesh together and breathe together in order for us to take even one more breath of air, that the underlying gift of life and incarnation as a living, participating human being is a privilege; that we are miraculously part of something, rather than nothing. Thankfulness finds its full measure in generosity of presence, both through participation and witness."

Though I will remain a part of this UUCE community forever, it will never be the same. My relationship with you all changes now and that is right and good. **Thankfulness finds its full measure in generosity of presence, both through participation and witness.** It is also sad and hard. Often we have to let go of something beloved so that we can make room for whatever is next. I am not really saying goodbye to you, but I am letting go of what we have been to each other. Letting go...so that our new connection can be born and thrive. So, goodbye dear UUCE...I can't wait to say a new hello in the months to come.

Yours,
Amy



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

A huge thank you goes out to our **MAY Hospitality Team**. This incredible group of people was led by **Gary Shellehamer** with **Bill Fogle, Mardi Thompson, Mack MacDonald, and Caroline Ericksen-Buss**. This was a smaller team and they had kind of a bum member (me) who wasn't around much and still they pulled it off with grace and efficiency thanks in part to the generosity of others who weren't even signed up. You all truly are the best.

Our **JUNE Team** is gearing up and we are looking forward to helping our after service fellowship be enjoyable. Please say **Thank You** to **Beth Pepper** for leading, **Kathy Hall, Cary Figueroa, Ken Hanson, Lisa Williams** and **Michael Arruda**. Please jump in and give them a hand whenever you can.

As always, a never-ending **thank you** to **Susan Opdycke** for being our supply guru and coffee/tea maker. Your commitment to this task is so appreciated Susan!

Please let me know if you are able to help out in July, Margaret Thurston's team needs a few more wonderful people.

Lastly, I'll be wrapping up my hospitality ministry responsibilities in the next couple of weeks. It has been an incredible experience to help make this new way of taking care of each other a reality. I hope you all have felt the positivity and the generosity of this model without it being too overwhelming. Rev. Sara and I will be announcing a new hospitality ministry coordinator in the coming weeks. Be good to that person won't you? Keep being the people that say YES, whenever you can.

Darn it! I'm going to miss you....

Love love love,

Amy Fiorilli

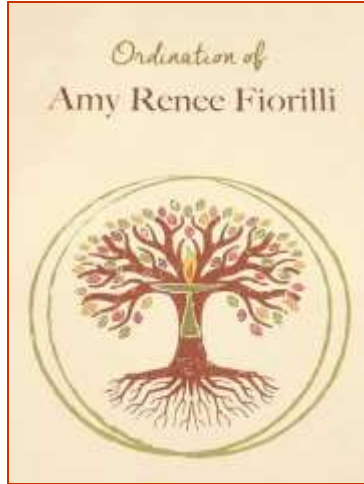
Intern Minister

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Want to write with a group?
Our Writers' Group next meets
on Friday, June 7, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Bring your pen and join us in the Tidewater Room!
Call Dartha Reid at 667-5434, or just show up!

We Mint A New UU Minister!



Message from the President(s)



Everyone! Thank you for a GREAT send-off on Sunday, May 19. I was honored and humbled by Gary's and Sara's warm words. It was my deep honor to have served the congregation as president. I am delighted to be able to finish my term on such a high note with the 100% attainment of our stewardship goal! THANK YOU for being so generous, conscientious, and invested in making sure our wonderful congregation and beautiful church THRIVE! And of course, thank you a million times to the fantastic stewardship team and to Gerry Mehl, whose vision for our church is the finest of all of ours!

And thank you to all for your confidence as Gary moves forward with a board of seven people, guiding us all to even deeper understanding of Policy-Based Governance (PBG). We have already heard many positive comments about the clarity this governance model is bringing to the governing of the church. It is empowering more people, distributing responsibility more equitably, and allowing for a more consistent mode of governance to ALL of us. In short, QUESTIONS can be answered! I have the greatest confidence that Gary, with the ABLE assistance of Pepper, Susan Opdycke, and Gerry Mehl, and the loving guidance of Sara, will lead UUCE on to even more impressive heights!

I want to echo Robin's expression of thanks for your contributions and pledges in the 2019 Stewardship Campaign. Your generosity, not just of your treasures but also of your time and

talents, is what makes our congregation special.

Thank you, too, members of UUCE, for putting trust in me and our board as we continue moving to Policy-Based Governance. This past week Pepper and I met and, because of the research, writing, teaching, and patience of Mary Haynes, we discussed the basics of PBG and the board's transformation to a strategic-planning body, visioning the future of our growing congregation. This exciting governance model charges our members and committees to create and follow approved written policies aligning with the mission of UUCE ("Celebrating the sacred, we gather in loving community to nourish souls and live justice into the world") to attain goals. It creates clear explanations of the goals of our church and the various committees; provides records for institutional history; empowers the congregants and committees in their actions for UUCE; provides a clear means of reporting and communication from individuals, committees, the board, and Sara; and--because policies define responses to issues--allows more time for long-range planning.

Thinking about PBG and UUCE members working together, I thought of a statement by Rabindranath Tagore: "There are numerous strings in your lute, let me add my own among them. Then when you smite your chords, my heart will break its silence, and my life will be one with your song. Amidst your numberless stars let me place my own little lamp. In the dance of your festival lights my heart will throb and my life will be one with your smile."



Spiritual Matters

Introduction & Support for Your Silent Meditation Practice

Co-facilitators: Rev. Sara Hayman (novice)
Linda Laing (experienced meditation practitioner)

Two more Thursday evenings remain — June 13 & 27 — 6-8 p.m. at UUCE

Are you looking for support for your solitary meditation practice at home?

Are you curious about starting a silent meditation practice?

Are you a long time meditator interested in sharing your experience in community?

Rev. Sara and Linda Laing will facilitate this four-week course open to anyone interested in the benefits of establishing a silent meditation practice. We will begin each session with explorations of various silent meditation practices and also include a silent meditation session. There will be time for discussions, questions, identifying barriers, and sharing insights. The class will be structured to support your efforts to begin and/or sustain an ongoing meditation practice.

For more information contact Rev. Sara at sara@uuellsworth.org or Linda Laing at louielaing@gmail.com. Registration requested by calling or emailing the church office at office@uuellsworth.org or (207) 667-4393.

All are welcome!

WELLSPRING

A New Adult Religious Education Program!

We will be offering *Wellspring*, a 10-month adult religious education program of distinctly Unitarian Universalist spiritual development, beginning in September 2019.

If you are interested, and did not attend the April 28 informational meeting, please be in touch with Rev. Sara. There is certainly room for you to consider joining. More information may be found at www.uuwellspring.org.

There is a required start-up retreat for all *Wellspring* facilitators and participants scheduled for Saturday, August 24, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at UUCE.

Peace and Social Action

CLIMATE CONVERGENCE

The Peace and Social Action Ministry of UUCE is co-sponsoring the **Climate Convergence Conference** on Saturday, July 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join us at George Stevens Academy, 23 Union Street, Blue Hill.

Keynote speakers are State Representative Chloe Maxmin and Robert Shetterly, and students representing Deer Isle-Stonington High School, George Stevens Academy, and Mount Desert Island High School will also speak.

Workshop leaders will help us explore:

- ◇ What science says is happening to the earth's climate and oceans.
- ◇ What we can do to mitigate what climate change.
- ◇ How we adapt to Climate Change as individuals and as communities.
- ◇ How to understand the psycho-social aspects of climate stress.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged! The conference admission is \$10 (students are free).

Registration, information, and workshop preferences are found at: www.reversingfalls.org

Bagged lunches and drinks will be available for those who have pre-registered.

For more information, please call: (207) 326-8564
or
email: 123ferrara@gmail.com.



*“Even as seas rise against the shores,
Another great tide is beginning to rise-
a tide of outrage against the pillage of the planet,... .”*

- *Great Tide Rising* by Kathleen Dean Moore, 2016

SOLAR LEGISLATION

Voice support for the Solar Bill: A recent letter in the Bangor Daily news is asking for action by contacting our state reps in support of a solar bill, LD 1711 S.P. 565 (<http://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0565&item=1&snum=129>).

“If you care about addressing climate change, please lend your support to the solar bill—LD 1711—from Sen. Dana Dow.

“This comprehensive solar bill, based on years of discussion by municipalities, renewable energy companies, and conservationists, removes barriers to solar power development in Maine and benefits our state economy by keeping energy dollars in Maine.

“It enables individuals, businesses and municipalities to access solar energy with little to no upfront costs using leases or shares in community solar projects. It creates hundred of jobs for electricians, builders and contractors, and increases access to community solar by establishing specific policies to assist low- and moderate-income households. Please contact your state legislators and ask them to vote in favor of LD 1711.”

Thank you from Jean Adamson of the Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network.

Peace and Social Action

Dr. Scott Warren provided food and water in the desert of southern Arizona to people crossing through this harsh terrain, knowing they were at risk of dying of hunger and thirst. But due to his affiliation with **No More Deaths**, a border justice organization that highlights the abuses perpetrated by Border Patrol, Dr. Warren has been targeted by the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) and is facing up to 20 years in prison for his acts of humanitarian aid.

As Scott's parents say, "That the U.S. Attorney's Office would seek to criminalize compassion and respect for human dignity is unconscionable."

Compassionate people of conscience and faith know providing life-saving humanitarian aid is never a crime and so we cannot be silent while this injustice continues. Please join us in calling Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathaniel Walters and Assistant U.S. Attorney Anna Wright to urge them to drop all charges against Dr. Scott Warren. Scott's trial began on May 29.

On the morning of June 5, faith leaders from across the nation will gather outside the Federal Courthouse in Tucson for an Interfaith Prayer Service featuring local and national faith leaders who will be calling for an end to the criminalization of humanitarian aid and an end to the criminalization of the fundamental principals of care and compassion. After the prayer service, we will fill the courtroom with our presence for the day.

In solidarity,
The Love Resists Team

Love Resists is a joint campaign by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the UU Service Committee. Ever faithful in our commitment to building Beloved Community, we must keep our hearts, eyes, and ears open to guidance and needs of those most at risk. Love Resists the racism that is tearing apart our shared community. And we know we must be courageous in our resistance.

Go to:

www.loveresists.org


to learn more.



**Activating people of faith and conscience
to resist the harm inflicted by the criminalization of compassion.
Creating safer, more just, welcoming and sustainable communities.**


Peace and Social Action

Alzheimer's Awareness Fundraiser



FEATURE FILM:
What They Had
Thursday, June 13th
Doors open 6:30 pm
Keynote at 7:00 pm (followed by film)


Keynote Speaker:
Amy Dunn, Jackson Laboratory



The Jackson Laboratory

PRESENTED BY:
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Proceeds to benefit the **Alzheimer's Association**
By Donation at the Door
To reserve Tickets, call (207) 667-0870



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Coming up later this summer: Resource Fairs for the Haitian blueberry rakers will take place in very late July or early

August, as usual. The progress of the crop determines when the rakers arrive and hence, when the fairs happen. This year there will be TWO fairs instead of three—one in Blue Hill and one in Ellsworth. Folks at UUCE will be invited again to donate food, clothing, bedding, toiletries, and other things that might not be given to the yard sale that could possibly be usable for the rakers—blankets, pillows, warm hats and socks, warm shirts, sweat pants, etc. Please no formal clothing or anything that's not suitable for raking blueberries!! Thank you for your support; more information will be forthcoming.

AESTHETICS COMMITTEE

Our Aesthetics Committee offers Hannaford and Shaw's gift cards for sale on Sundays. Get some for your own grocery shopping and for friends, neighbors, and family! We stock \$50, \$100, and \$250 Hannaford cards and \$100 Shaw's cards. We get 5% back from every card sale—free cash that goes toward UUCE improvement projects (new carpet, chairs, lamps, tables, and curtains, to name a few!). Look for our table after services in the Community Room alcove.



Verona Island Healing's June Herbal Workshop Weekend, June 8th & 9th

“Hawthorn, Seaweed, Art and Drumming An Exploration into the Heart”



Session I- Saturday 9am-noon, Herbs for the Heart. Guided herb walk w/ a focus on Hawthorn leaf & flower. Discussion on herbal heart-focused healing. Create & enjoy herbal tea (tisane), whip up an elixir and make salve to take home. With Dina Goodwill, LAc and Michele Bailey, herbalist. **\$55 Lunch noon-1pm.** Wild Foods' lunch **\$10**

Session II: Saturday 1-4 pm, Journey of the Heart: An Expressive Arts Workshop with Amy Thompson, MSW & Eileen Mielenhausen, MA. We will connect to our heart through sound and image-making, meditation, movement, writing and sharing. No experience necessary. Art materials, drums and other instruments are provided. **\$55**



Heart-Healthy Dinner w/ Everton Bailey- **\$15.**

4-5pm, Social Hour w/ hawthorn & rose cordials, chocolate tea & adapto-balls.

5-6:30pm, Dinner featuring wild-caught salmon & a vegetable medley.



Session-III Sunday 9-noon- Seaweeding on The Blue Hill Peninsula. A foray in the tidal zones! After our field trip, we'll make seaweed facials & discuss the many properties of seaweed. W/ Dina & Michele. **\$55 Lunch noon-1pm-** Seaweed inspired Lunch. **\$10**

* All classes and meals limited to 10. Pay individually or \$150 for entire weekend! Lodging suggestions: camp free on-site, stay at the Alamoosook Lodge or The Nancy Place Homestead Hostel in Orland, the Fort Knox Motor Inn in Bucksport, or check out AirBnBs in the area.

Verona Island Healing 318 East Side Dr. Verona Island, Maine 04416

For more info & to register call: 207-307-1275 OR 612-720-1184

or email: dina@veronaislandhealing.com

Find us on Facebook @ Verona Island Healing-Maine for more details!

THE EGG ROLLS ARE COMING!

But they'll need their duck sauce! Please join us at 9:30 a.m. on **Thursday, June 6**, at church to turn our gallons of applesauce into duck sauce for the Common Ground Fair Eggroll fundraiser! Contact Susan Opdycke at 412-0699 or sbopdycke@mac.com or Rev. Sara to find out more information and to participate!

The Yard Sale Is This Month!!

Woo hoo! It's Yard Sale month! **Saturday, June 29**, is the big day!

We need two things:

1. VOLUNTEERS TO WORK: Evelyn Foster will again be signing people up (thank you, Evelyn!), so look for her to join in the fun!

A. Two-hour shifts start **Wednesday, June 26, 4-8 p.m.** Trucks and strong bodies are especially valuable this day, since we'll be moving all the merchandise from storage to the church.

B. On **Thursday & Friday, June 27 & 28, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.**, we'll be setting up and pricing all our goodies and can use EVERYONE's help those days. Can't stand for long periods of time? I have a job for you! Can't lift heavy things? I have a job for you too!

C. Then on **Saturday, June 29, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.**, we open our doors (**8 a.m.-2 p.m.**) to the community, sell all the stuff, then haul away anything that didn't sell to Goodwill (again, trucks and strong bodies are needed).

2. STUFF TO SELL: After the service on Sunday, June 2, we can start storing your donations at the church (thank you, Anne Ossanna!). If it is CLEAN and IN GOOD WORKING ORDER (and not large gym equipment, old tube TVs, or other stuff that Goodwill won't take), we will take it!

Come join TEAM YARD SALE, be part of the fun, and get first dibs on all the great stuff! Our Yard Sale Co-Chairs can answer any questions about donations or the event. Contact:

Beth Pepper at eapepper1@aol.com or (757) 746-7874, or

Bill Fogle at williefogle@gmail.com or (207) 667-0034.





**World Wide
Dinner RAFFLE**

WIN a trip for 2 people ANYWHERE in the WORLD
Up to \$5,000 value: RT airfare • dinner • 2 nights hotel

Raffle Ticket Price: \$20
Only 1,000 total raffle tickets to be sold

Drawing: Sept. 8, 2019
No need to be present to win

Proceeds: benefit
UU Church of Ellsworth, Maine

Info: 207-274-0177
www.uuellsworth.org/raffle

AS THE WORLD TURNS, **so does UUCE's WORLD WIDE DINNER RAFFLE** for another year! We will begin handing out seller packets of 5 and 10 tickets after church on June 16. Be sure to PICK UP YOUR PACKET and share the chance to win a TRIP OF A LIFETIME with those in your communities outside of UUCE!

Religious Education

Spring Greetings! May was a full and rich month in the RE Wing as we explored *Curiosity* more deeply. On Sunday, June 2, we celebrated our children, RE offerings, and volunteers. Please join me in thanking our May volunteers: Linda Uberseder, Christine Bowman, Doug Bird, and Vanessa Williams.

I will be out of the country from June 7 to June 22 with very limited access to email. If you need to get in touch, it would be best to send a text message to my cell phone.

Woyaya,

Anne

Religious Education Calendar

- June 2** RE Sunday All-Ages Worship Service
- June 9** Multi-Church Worship Service in Castine; Children's activity after Time for All Ages; Nursery provided.
- June 16** Flower Communion All-Ages Worship Service; Children remain in Sanctuary after Time For All Ages. **A volunteer is needed in the nursery.**
- June 23** Exploring Summer Solstice with Jenni Morgan-Binns and Tobias Betancourt
- June 30** Activity with Liz True

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|  | <p>Our Whole Lives</p> <p>Sexuality Education and Values for Grades 4-6</p> |
| <p>Save the date</p> <p>Parent Information Meeting at JUICE on July 14th from 12:30- 2:00 pm</p> |  <p>For more info contact: Anne Ossanna aossanna@aol.com</p> |

Sankofa Corner**Kate Dyer: Another UUCE Foremother**

Catharine S. "Kate" Dyer and her twin sister Mary Ames Dyer were born on December 13, 1816, in East Sullivan, the third and fourth children of Joshua and Elizabeth "Betsey" (Sawyer) Dyer. They were two of the five girls and four boys born to the couple between 1812 and 1828. Kate lost her mother in 1831 when she was only 14. Little is known of Kate's early years other than the fact that she was largely self-educated. Nevertheless, she must have done a good job, based on her involvement with education, libraries, and professional women's societies throughout her life.

The 1850 census of Sullivan shows her at the age of 31 still living at home, in the household of her 67-year old father "Joshuway" Dyer. But things were about to change. Not long after the discovery of gold in California, three of her surviving brothers, first Ephraim, then Asa, and finally Herrick, headed west along with many Mainers from the area to seek their fortunes, first in prospecting and later in various other enterprises. At some point in the 1850s, Kate herself also moved, but not that far away. She came to Ellsworth and formed a partnership in the millinery business with a Miss Ellen D. Shaw of the Gouldsboro area. A letter from her sister-in-law, Herrick's wife Marion (Ingalls) Dyer, dated January 19, 1860 from Alvarado, California, extends a rather tepid invitation to the two women to come to California. Marion wrote: *"We received a letter from you a few weeks ago, also some Ellsworth Americans, we were much pleased with them. They seemed like old friends - which they were. I am glad that you are prospering in Ellsworth. I wish that I could encourage you and Miss Shaw to come out to Cal. but I can not. I do not think that you would do as well as where you are. It is very expensive living here."* Later that year, the census showed that Kate, 42, and Ellen, 39, were living together in Ellen's home in Ellsworth, both listed as milliners.

After her father died on New Year's Day of 1865, 48-year-old Kate's life went into a new phase. On June 16 of that year, she dissolved her partnership with Ellen Shaw. She had been attending services at the Baptist Church in Ellsworth and probably met 33-year old Ann Frances (Jarvis) Greely and 57-year old Fanny Otis there. By the early summer of 1865, these three women became the foremothers of the attempt to reestablish a Unitarian presence in Ellsworth when they penned a letter to Rev. C. C. Everett, pastor of the Unitarian Church of Bangor, expressing a desire to hear something of more progressive character, and inquiring about finding a minister to lead the fledgling First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth (FUSE).

Kate apparently kept up her millinery practice, as she is listed in the December 22, 1865, *Ellsworth American's* Ellsworth Business Directory. Yet only two months later, on February 23, 1866, she is listed as one of the officers of the Ellsworth Library Association, a new circulatory library in the village. Her talents were again called into play two months after that when the FUSE formed a Sunday School, and a need was felt to establish a Sewing Society. As Ann Greely's daughter, Mary Ann Greely, later wrote: "A committee of ladies was chosen by the Pastor who received and made clothing for those children who could not attend the Sunday School without such assistance. These ladies, Mrs. Partridge, Mrs. Ichabod Kent, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Sarah Jarvis, Miss Dyer, and Mrs. Greely, assisted by many others, were very active in this call of benevolence."

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By the time of the 1870 census, Kate had moved back to Sullivan where, at the age of 54, she was listed as a school teacher, living in the household of her twin sister, Mary Smith. From then on, Kate spent most of her days living in Sullivan, but keeping active in activities that interested her. The March 19, 1874, edition of the *Ellsworth American* notes that she was serving as the vice-president of the Falls Village Sewing Circle, and the June 1, 1876, edition says that she was the president of a reading club in Sullivan. She joined her fellow FUSE founders, Ann and Fanny, at the ordination of Rev. Charles Parker Lombard at the church in Ellsworth on August 4, 1878, where she was recognized as a person "whom we hold in high regard."

The 1880 census of Sullivan lists "Catherine Dyer," 64, at home "keeping house." By 1885, a branch of the Sorosis Club, a professional women's club formed in New York City in 1868 "to further the educational and social activities of women by bringing representative women of accomplishment in art, literature, science, and kindred pursuits," had been established in Sullivan and Kate became involved. At the club's meeting on January 14, 1886, there was "a very nice programme [which] consisted of music, vocal & instrumental...[and a] reading by Miss Dyer."

On September 6, 1886, Kate prepared her will, leaving her "homestead lot with buildings thereon" in Sullivan to her nephew George Small of California, in trust for his sons. She also left smaller properties to other close relatives. The will went on to say: "I give to Louisa Anne Pineo right of occupation of whichever chamber she may choose, with furniture thereof, and whatever articles of furniture or other memento she may select, shall be for her use and forever to dispose of as she may wish; also right-of-way to said room, with joint use of kitchen, water privilege, cellar & shed-room, with other occupants, if any, of the house; together with use of fruit and vegetable-raising-privileges for her use and advantage as long as she may wish." The "Louisa Anne Pineo" should have been Louisa Jane Pineo. "Jane" was a young orphaned girl, born in 1850 to a family from Washington County, whom Kate "adopted" at some point and who lived with Kate for quite some time.

By late in 1886, Kate had apparently become the village librarian. The *Ellsworth American* of October 7 of that year speaks of "the Library room at Miss Kate Dyer's." An article in the City & County section of the paper dated March 31, 1887, states that "Miss C. S. Dyer has returned to Sullivan after a visit of several months in Boston vicinity."

By the beginning of the 1890s, Kate's health began to fail. The Sullivan correspondent from the *Bar Harbor Record* wrote in an article published in the *Ellsworth American* on October 8, 1891: "Miss C. S. Dyer, for the first time in over a year, went out in the open air Monday and was wheeled for some distance up and down the concrete sidewalk in the beautiful September sunshine. In the life that Miss Dyer has led during her nearly four score years, there is many a lesson to us of a younger generation. When she made her home in Sullivan, she had nearly reached the allotted age and yet, without realizing that perhaps it would never benefit her, she did not let a springtime pass without planting trees about her cozy home. In every movement that has come up of public good or public advancement she has ever been a foremost worker; but the best and most helpful of the lessons of her life is the sweet and patient resignation with

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which she accepts her long and painful illness and confinement. Long years ago she cast her bread upon the waters in the shape of kindness toward an orphaned girl. That bread has returned after many days multiplied and increased by the unselfish care and attention she is now receiving from this girl grown to womanhood, her faithful friend, Jane Pineo. Surrounded by her books and every evidence of her companion's service, Miss Dyer's home is a haven of peace and restfulness, where everyone likes to visit her."



Kate died at 5 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 1892, in East Sullivan and was buried in the Dyer Cemetery in East Sullivan, in a grove of trees behind the former Gipson P. Hanna home. The *Ellsworth American* described her as "one of Sullivan's most useful and intellectual women and the worth of her labors to the world cannot be expressed." The obituary of her friend Jane, from the *Ellsworth American* of May 28, 1896, reads: "Miss Jane Pineo of Sullivan...[W]hen a child, she went to live with the late Miss Kate Dyer...tenderly caring for her in her last illness and death... She was laid to rest by the side of Miss Dyer at East Sullivan [on] May 25."

Wayne Smith

UUCE Historian



Ferry Beach Multi-Church UU Retreat

**Our 2019 retreat will be held on
the weekend of October 25-27
this year.**

**See the Ferry Beach display
in the Community Room
and register for your stay during
coffee hour following the service!**



* FOR YOUR CALENDAR *

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| Writing Group | Fridays 1-3 p.m. | Tidewater Room |
| Surviving Your Brain Support | Fridays 4-6 p.m. | Dolphin Room |
| Silent Meditation Class | Thu, June 13 4-6 p.m. Thu, June 27 6-8 p.m. | UUCE |
| Duck Sauce Cookery | Thu, Jun 6 9:30 a.m. till done | UUCE |
| Memorial for Liz Martell | Sat, Jun 8 1 p.m. | UUCE |
| "Journey of the Heart" | Sat, Jun 8 1-4 p.m. | Verona Island |
| Three-Church Worship | Sun, Jun 9 10:30 a.m. | UU Castine |
| Flower Communion | Sun, Jun 16 in service | UUCE |
| Solstice 8,000 Drums | Fri, Jun 21 evening | East Blue Hill |
| Yard Sale | Sat, Jun 29 8 a.m.-2 p.m. | UUCE |
| Hike with Sara | Sun, Jun 30 1 p.m. | Great Pond Mtn |
| Healing Turtle Island | Fri-Sun, Jul 12-14 | Passadumkeag |
| OWL Program Information | Sun, Jul 14 12:30-2 p.m. | UUCE |
| Climate Convergence Conf. | Sat, Jul 20 8:30-4:30 p.m. | GSA, Blue Hill |
| Ferry Beach Payment Due | Sun, Jul 28 after church | [see Anne O.] |
| UUCE Summer Picnic | Sun, Jul 28 1:30 p.m. | Lamoine Beach |
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| Hike with Sara | Sun, Aug 25 1 p.m. | Great Pond Mtn |
| Eggroll Fundraiser/CGF | Fri-Sun, Sep 20-22 | Unity Fairground |
| Ferry Beach Retreat | Fri-Sun, Oct 25-27 | Ferry Beach |

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