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

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, August 4

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

1st Sunday of the Month Potluck!

Congregational Conversation about Worship at 12 p.m. in Sanctuary!

In this day and age, what does it mean to welcome in the stranger? How do we help each other reach out in love and compassion, not suspicion or fear, to people we don't know? How do we get more "proximate" to the people in our lives? Come enjoy worship while reflecting on these questions.

Sunday, August 11

"The Same Stream of Life..."

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Connie Bailey, Worship Associate

UUCE Post-Church Hike up Schoodic Mountain!

Our 7th UU principle calls us to live with "respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part." How do we shape our lives to honor our relatedness with all of creation, with this sacred, living earth we call home? In this time of climate crisis, how do we help each other live more in synch with and respect for the rhythms of the earth and the seasons? Come, consider these questions and commit with us to taking action.

Sunday, August 18

"Einstein's Candle"

Rev. Mark Worth, Worship Leader

Charles Betancourt, Pulpit Host

Albert Einstein once said that a person who has lost a sense of awe and mystery "is as good as dead, a snuffed out candle." Einstein appreciated mystery. Even though there may be no ultimate answers that apply in all cultures, times, and places, to the "why?" questions that we ask, we go on asking. Why are we here? What does it all mean? Our answers are always provisional, never complete. That is why it is mystery.

Sunday, August 25

**Exploring our 1st UU Principle:
Honoring the Dignity & Worth of All People**

Anne Funderburk, Worship Leader

What does it mean to live our commitment to our first Unitarian Universalist principle, to honor "the inherent worth and dignity of every person? Where do we struggle to do that and why? How does this principle connect us to our Universalist heritage and theology? Come, experience this lay-led worship service that invites you to reflect on these questions.

Ministry Matters

High summer greetings to you all! I am just back from a week's vacation and three days of study leave. While I was off, I had a chance to stay with my love in a cozy little cabin in the woods on a pond where I read and did art and went swimming every day. (Thank you, Peggy & Matthew Strong, for offering this little get-away in our annual Goods & Service Auction each year.) Two days of solitary early morning walks in the mist and fog on Vinalhaven were magical, too.

So why, I wonder, do I so quickly forget that making time for sabbath – for sacred play and rest and renewal - is so vital to my well-being? How will I, how will *you*, intentionally shape each day to include time and space enough for these kinds of things—experiences that create a felt sense of love and strength within? We all know we're better human beings when we do this: less reactive, less tired or easily overwhelmed, and more able to be generous with others. I'm grateful we help each other remember these things are true.

Here are a few words of blessing (adapted from the Terma Collective) that you might choose to carry with into living and intentionally shaping each day:



May your feet rest firmly on the ground.
 May your head touch the sky.
 May you see clearly.
 May you have the capacity to listen.
 May you be free to touch.
 May your words be true.
 May your heart and mind be open.
 May your hands be empty to fill the need.
 May your arms be open to others.
 May your gifts be revealed to you
 so you may return that which has been given...

Yours in shared faith,

Rev. Sara

"SPIRITUAL ELDERING" CLASS

Starting on Wednesday, September 4, retired Belfast minister Rev. Deane Perkins will offer ten sessions on the subject of elderhood and a joyous vision called *sage-ing*. Class discussions will focus on such themes as:

- Replacing negative images of aging in a culture that worships youth and despises old age.
- Treating elderhood as a time to discover inner richness for self-development and spiritual growth, as well as a time of transition and preparation for dying.
- Becoming wise by undertaking the inner work that leads in stages to expanded consciousness."
- How sages can redirect us from selfish, short-term thinking to broader, inspired approaches that take into account the welfare of our endangered planet.

The book *From AGE-ING to SAGE-ING* by Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Ronald S. Miller will be the basis for our weekly discussions. The book is \$15.99. If you are interested in the class, please sign up with Jeff Jeude, UUCE Administrator, and read the first chapter by September 4.

Time: Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m., starting on September 4 and running for ten weeks.

Feel free to contact Rev. Deane at deaneperkins@gmail.com with any questions.

Ministry Matters

Our Plate Split in August, now happening on the first Sunday of the month, is with *neighbor4neighbor*. Administered by Healthy Acadia, this fund provides one-time mini-grants of up to \$500 for seniors across Hancock and Washington Counties with unexpected needs. The fund covers such things as new eyeglasses, dentures, medical equipment, transportation for medical services, household repairs, and other one-time challenges that can arise.



A way to explore life's ultimate issues, deepen your spiritual growth, and develop a richer sense of connectedness and community.

Thank you all for your participation in SGM! We have six groups that have been active throughout this past church year, and new members have been joining all along the way. The Committee of SGM leaders has been meeting monthly to preview sessions and to find ways to keep our program healthy and fresh. We took the month of July off and upon our return, will make plans for our second annual enrollment period. Many SGM participants choose to stay with their current groups, but you are welcome to consider meeting new people by joining a different group. Times and locations of groups will be available in September.

Happy summer to you!

Christine Bowman

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 or Mary Haynes. There is still 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. Be sure to mark your calendar!

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

A huge thank you goes out to our **July Hospitality Team** who worked hard for us on hot and muggy Sundays! This incredible group of people was led by **Margaret Thurston (coordinator)** and included **Mary Murray, Christine Bowman, Gary Shellehamer, Jenni Morgan-Binns, Susan Brenner, and Barb Acosta** (plus several others who pitched in!). *Thank you!*

Our **August Team** looks fantastic as well! Please say **Thank You** to **Lisa Williams (coordinator)** for leading, and **Beth Pepper, Paul Totaro, Eric & Linda Uberseder, and Ginny Berrien** for stepping up to help!

As always, **thank you** so much to **Susan Opdycke** for being our dedicated coffee and tea maker and supplier for our coffee hour. We are most grateful, Susan!

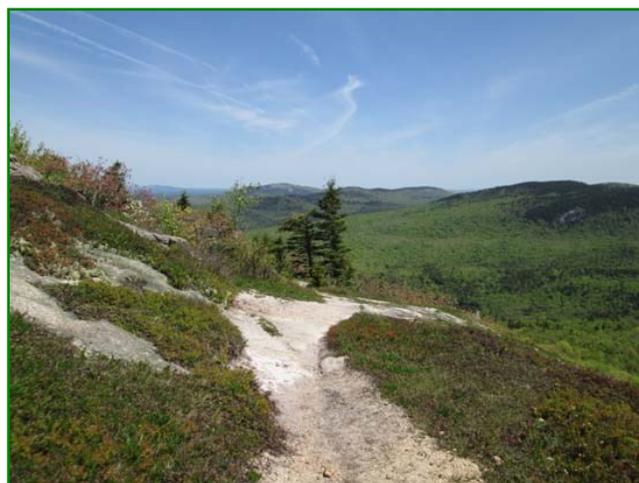
Love,

Sara



Second NUCE Summer Hike with Rev. Sara

All are welcome to join in the fun of a hike up Schoodic Mountain on Sunday, August 11. Please plan to caravan together from the church parking lot after worship, or meet us at the trailhead at 1:30 p.m. It takes about an hour to climb up this mountain and the views from the top are beautiful!



From Ellsworth, take US 1 North to Sullivan, then take a left onto Route 183 north. Shortly after passing the ATV trail/old railgrade near a low point, take a left onto Donnell Pond Road (displayed on some maps as Schoodic Beach Road). Take the main dirt road for about 2.3 miles, ending at the parking area.

Hope to see you there!

Ministry Matters

FROM OUR CARING COMMITTEE:

HELP US SEND A CARE PACKAGE TO DON & JEAN MARTIN

At Dartha Reid's suggestion, we invite you to write a love-note and/or find a little something to include in a Care Package that we will send to DON & JEAN MARTIN in Pennsylvania in September. Don & Jean were active and much beloved members of our congregation for the many years they lived in Ellsworth. They moved to Pennsylvania a couple years ago to be closer to family, and we've heard they are missing Maine. We want them to know we still think about them and send our love.

Please bring your card and/or little gift to church to include in this care package on Sunday, September 8.

We have begun recycling our orders of service! A concerned congregant has offered to take the bulletins after Sunday services to have them recycled. Look for the box marked for their collection outside the Sanctuary and deposit your order of service. Save a tree!



Loaves & Fishes

It's that time of summer: Consider setting aside a few morning hours to serve our local community by volunteering at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry (at the other end of our parking lot)! Local churches and organizations each provide volunteer staff one month a year, and August is UUCE's month to help staff the pantry.

Check out the blue poster in the Community Room and sign up early in order to work your preferred Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning, or a Friday evening (two per month).

Thank you!

Nina Turner

(207) 537-2224 or (713) 818-8746



Message from the President

For me, there is always that OMG moment when I get the email deadline notice for the next NUUS. This time, as I thought about what to write, I remembered the events that have happened since I wrote the July letter: UUCE held a very successful June **yard sale** (congratulations to the chairs, Beth Pepper and Bill Fogle and all the volunteers who transported, carried, sorted, arranged, priced, sold, and cleaned up for services the next day). There was the **Great Pond Mountain church hike** and, this weekend which will be before you read this, the **UUCE picnic**.

That led to what is coming up and, **a busy August is here**. After you turn the calendar page or move there with your cursor, you might want to add a number of UUCE events happening in August:

This UUCE's month for **Loaves and Fishes volunteers**. UUCE still needs people Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (contact Nina Turner 537-2224, jsturn1@swbell.net for information or to volunteer);

Two **rakers fairs** that need donations and volunteer workers are taking place--Tuesday, August 6, in Blue Hill and Monday, August 12, in Ellsworth (for more info., contact Robin Lovrien 598-0468, robinhelenlovrien@gmail.com);

The **Collaborative Ministry Team** will be reaching out with a short survey about our combined services, Ferry Beach, CMT sponsored events, and ideas for expanding collaboration between our congregations and is planning a movie screening as well as welcoming event for the incoming intern minister;

Our Whole Lives (OWL), a comprehensive age appropriate program on sexuality, sexual education, and healthy relationships, held a parental information meeting and is moving forward;



Wellspring will soon begin with a start up retreat on August 24 (contact Rev. Sara sara@uuellsworth.org, 667-4393 for information);

The **UUCE eggroll booth** trailer cleaning will happen August 10 (for more information contact Susan Opdyke sbopdycke@mac.com, or 412-0699);

Worldwide dinner raffle tickets are on sale (contact Lisa Williams (274-0177, lisa@IndigoArtDesign.com for ticket packets or more information);

Auction events are ongoing, with members hosting dinners, luaus or teas and baking goodies;

The **Building Committee** continues work on our structures with a new roof and door for the shed and the new emergency exit door for the sanctuary (any volunteers to paint the door?);

The **Welcoming Task Force** presented results of their 2018 survey to the Board and information will soon be shared with the congregation;

The **Peace and Social Action ministry** continues the work of a Decolonization Task Force as well as addressing social justice issues that arise, and has started sharing their information on a church website page, something other committees might want to consider as we explore using all available means to get the word out about what you do;

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[Message from the President, continued:]

The **Membership Committee** has the new Members and Friends of UUCE directory available;

The **Stewardship Committee** met to review this past spring's pledge drive and prepare for next year;

The **Board of Trustees** will hold its annual retreat in August, as we continue transitioning into policy-based governance; and

Committees are writing their missions and policies and a **By-Laws Task Force** is being formed;

Add to this all the other activities I missed as well as your weekly commitments: coffee is made and hospitality teams step up each Sunday; flowers are donated for our services; the ushers serve and the sound system and screen order of service and hymns happens; the weekly newsletter and the monthly NUUS are prepared and distributed; outreach is made to the sick and those dealing with life events; grocery store cards are sold and CLYNK bottles are donated; outdoor plantings and flowers are watered and

cared for; a fall clean-up of the church grounds is in the planning stages, and requests under our recently instituted contracting policy are being prepared for plowing and tree issues; AND plans are already started for next year's yard sale.

As I thought about all this, I suddenly realized where I was really going—I continue to be not just impressed but in awe of the level of your commitment to UUCE.

As we move forward, policy-based governance gives all our work a grounding in our mission statement. Creating policies for their areas, committees are empowered and have more freedom in their sphere-of-interest to explore the sacred and live justice into the world.

THANK YOU for your commitment, your work, and your input to UUCE. It is through our continued work and conversation, as we speak our truths, really listen to others, and act in our faith community and into the world around us that we define who we are and promise to work together on where we are going.

Your Board President

Gary Shellehamer

Coming Workshop: Writing Your Spiritual Autobiography & Soul Mythology

Your personal Spiritual Autobiography is a written compilation of the most important stories of your life and a reflection on how those stories inform your experience of spirituality. Your personal Soul Mythology is the "life-lived myths" that inform your Soul, that shy, yet very curious, part of yourself that seeks and longs for those eternal mysteries that tell you who you were before the "world got ahold of you." As a participant in this workshop, you will be introduced to the process of writing your personal spiritual autobiography and have the opportunity to actually write a small portion based on one of several prompts. You will then be guided in constructing a mythological story based upon that one small portion of your spiritual autobiography.

Daniel Robinson will lead you in this process that will enable participants to explore the quiet questions that stir the Soul when no one is watching: Who are the loves of my life? What are my passions? How have I discovered them? We will explore how one writes a myth that captures a glimpse of who we are becoming, and invite you to join others on this very personal journey from the outer stories of our lives into the great mysteries of the truths that lie within us.

If interested, please hold available Saturday, October 5, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. More information to come.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE, FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDINGLY SUCCESSFUL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN!

Pledges now stand at nearly \$122,000 (exceeding our goal!), and UUCE appears in good shape to face its bills and keep our myriad programs and activities healthy! Many thanks are due our congregation who have generously heeded the call: YOU are making this church's good works happen! Huge thanks are also due the Stewardship Committee; Connie Bailey and her Fiscal Matters Committee; our Administrator, Jeff Jeude; and especially our stalwart Treasurer, Gerry Mehl, who devotes more hours than even he can count to creating our budget and keeping our books balanced (and then explaining it all to us!).



Do you ever wonder how we manage everything that goes into keeping this complicated organization financially stable? Where does the money that's not from your pledges come from, where does it all go, and why? Gerry has kindly offered to collect and answer your queries in a new monthly NUUS column:

ASK YOUR TREASURER!

He'll respond to any interesting questions that are fit to print!

UU TEENS HEALING THE WOUNDS OF TURTLE ISLAND



Our Writers' Group is on hiatus for the summer and will start back up on Friday, September 6, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Call Dartha Reid at 667-5434 if you have any questions!

Peace and Social Action

Calling Current or Potential Singers and Activists!



What: EarthSong, a new justice and climate singing group

Where: UUCE

When: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The advocacy mission of this choir is to express solidarity with others and beautifully sing truth to power. We will walk alongside other activists and teach songs to them. We will build and celebrate community and speak to: indigenous peoples' rights, equal and restorative justice, climate crisis, poverty and hunger, homelessness, LGBTQ rights, and other important environmental and social concerns. We will attend rallies, protests, and other appropriate events. We will include a visual component with everyone wearing the same t-shirts and carrying a banner.

We will take time together to make thoughtful and creative signs (and possibly other portable visual arts) with respectful and inspiring messages. Let me know if you are interested; I encourage you TO PASS THIS ON.

Combat hopelessness! This is something we can do!

Thank you,

Haydée Foreman

Decolonization and Us Taskforce

PASA is planning a field trip to the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor on **Saturday, November 2, at 10:00 a.m. OR Wednesday, November 6, at 3:00 p.m.** We need feedback on which day would work for the largest crowd. The tour will be led by the Abbe's Curator of Education, Starr Kelly, and will focus on decolonization. If one (or both) dates would work for you, please contact either the office at 667-4393 or office@uellsworth.org, or Doug Bird at birddoug137@gmail.com. We are extending this invitation to the Belfast and Castine UU churches as well.

Peace and Social Action

The Border Crisis

UUCE PASA believes that we each need to actively participate in our government. **CHILDREN ARE DYING** while legally seeking asylum. Those children who remain alive and were separated from their families have experienced significant trauma and will need extensive mental health support in the years to come.

Peace and Social Action Ministry wants to know: What concerns you? and What are you doing to register those concerns with your representatives?

We are currently following the Maine UU State Advocacy Network's suggestion to donate via **United Way** at <https://www.unitedwaygp.org/2019/06/14/expo-shelter/>. This link has additional information about volunteering and a calendar of activities.

Contact your reps daily:

- ◆ **Senator Susan Collins** (202) 224-2523, <https://www.collins.senate.gov>
- ◆ **Senator Angus King** (202) 224-5344, <https://www.king.senate.gov>
- ◆ **Rep. Jared Golden** (202) 225-6306, <https://www.golden.house.gov>



Resource Fairs for Haitian Blueberry Workers

It's time for the Blueberry Rakers Resource Fairs! The first one, put on by the UU churches, is on Tuesday, August 6, at the Halcyon Grange Hall at 1157 Pleasant Street, Blue Hill. We have already collected a large quantity of generous donations for the Haitian workers.

If you'd like to volunteer to help organize the donations at this fair, set up for or serve food, or clean up, come to the Grange Hall any time from 3 to 9 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 6** – any amount of time is very helpful, especially 6-9 p.m.

Another fair, this one at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on Downeast Highway, Ellsworth, will be held on **Monday, August 12** – stay tuned! This is one of our best ways of being visible in the Ellsworth and Blue Hill communities! Thank you! Please contact Robin Lovrien at 598-0468 or robinhelenlovrien@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Meanwhile, we can take some pride in the way that Maine has stepped up to welcome and assist asylum seekers!

Peace and Social Action

Here are some other organizations taking direct action to help the asylum-seeking children and families along our southern border (according to Daily Kos):

Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) provides rapid response legal services in moments of crisis including wrongful deportations, detentions and raids.

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) protects unaccompanied children who enter the US immigration system alone. They ensure that no child appears in court without an attorney.

Texas Civil Rights Projects is a network of lawyers representing families in communities across Texas who have been torn apart due to Trump's immigration policies.

UndocuBlack Network is a multigenerational immigrant-led network that supports, engages, and empowers their communities through advocacy, resources, and organizing.

Faithify (a UU crowdfunding website for donating to identified causes) may be activated as another means to assist the asylum seekers.

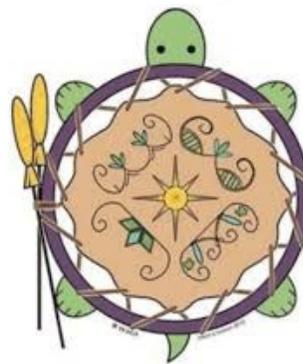
And don't forget

RESISTBOT:

Text "resist" to 50409 or <https://resist.bot> .



LEARN A WABANAKI LANGUAGE!!



For those UUCE members who want to dig deeper, UMaine is offering the following course this fall semester:

Native American Studies 202

Wabanaki Languages

Fall 2019 Thursdays 5 p.m.-7:50 p.m.

Instructor: Roger Paul

Class #89597 Sec 0001,

University of Maine, Orono

While there are distinct Indigenous languages of the Native nations that make up the Wabanaki Confederacy, these languages are similar. This course will offer an opportunity for students to begin to build their Wabanaki vocabulary and develop skills in pronunciation and oral communication, as well as discussing the history of Wabanaki words. Taught by a Wabanaki speaker.

EGGROLL FUNDRAISER!



Selling eggrolls at the Common Ground Fair over the third weekend in September (it'll be September 20-22 this year) has been a huge fundraiser for our church. This will be our fourth year running our booth, and most of what we need to do to be ready is lined up. But there are still a few things to get done, including cleaning the trailer! So we have decided to have a big trailer

cleaning on **August 10 beginning at 10 a.m. at the church!** Strong folks are needed to both empty and replace some of the heavier equipment! And anyone will be welcome to clean!!

We will be emptying the trailer, sweeping it out, cleaning all the items from it, and then replacing them. In the past we have done this at the Fair on set-up Sunday with the result that the whole workspace becomes waterlogged. I hope those of you who would like to contribute to the eggroll fundraiser, but find that it is not possible to go to Unity, will come to help out in this pre-fundraising effort, especially those with children who enjoy hoses!

Please contact Susan Opdycke at sbopdycke@mac.com or 412-0699 for additional information, or to say that you will be joining us to clean!!

*THANK YOU FOR THE SPECTACULAR LUAU,
MARC RICH AND DANIEL ANTONELLI! ALOHA OE!*



YARD SALE 2020!

Finding your kids' clothes just aren't the right size for going back to school this fall? Save them for the 2020 UUCE Yard Sale! Yes! Yes! Yes! It's not too early to be thinking about everyone's favorite three days of summer!

Fill an empty box (make sure the box is full to the lid, then close) with clothes or any CLEAN and WORKING item (no exercise equipment, no tube TVs) and bring it to church on Sunday or call Pepper (eapepper1@aol.com or 757-746-7874) or Bill (williefogle@gmail.com or 667-0034). Thank you!



HELP WANTED!

Are you looking for a way to contribute your time and talents to make UUCE an even better place than it already is?!

- ♥ The ***Green Sanctuary Team*** could use some volunteers. If you'd enjoy helping to make our UUCE a greener community, contact Gary Shellehamer (gleeindc@gmail.com).
- ♥ We are looking also for a "compost expert" to train a team in composting plant waste from our kitchen. The Green Team will work with both the grounds crew and RE (who constructed the compost bins with Sean) and other volunteers. Please get in touch with Gary or Bill (williefogle@gmail.com) if you can devote some time to teaching UUCE-ers the proper way to compost.
- ♥ The ***Caring Committee*** also needs more members. Let Sally Francis (salfrncs@aol.com) know if you think you'd be interested.
- ♥ ***Peace and Social Action Ministry (PASA)*** always welcomes new members, too. See Doug Bird (birddoug137@gmail.com).
- ♥ Or if you're good with technology and would like to help support our **Sunday services** with audio and video, Lori Johnson (bogey41999@gmail.com) eagerly awaits your email!

UUCE's WORLD WIDE DINNER RAFFLE ONLY ONE MONTH TILL THE DRAWING! PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

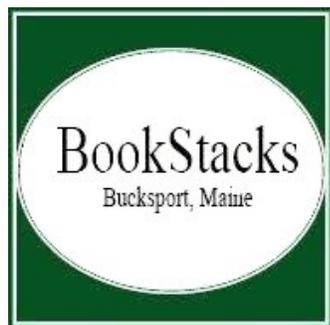
We've adjusted our goal to sell 600 tickets (instead of 1000) this year. That means the odds of winning are 40% better than last year. It really is an AWESOME OPPORTUNITY to WIN a TRIP of a LIFETIME!! The winner gets air, train, or cruise fare to anywhere in the world for 2 people, with 2 nights' accommodation and dinner at the restaurant of your choosing (up to a \$5000 value).

With more participation and concentrated energy, we believe we can meet our goal. We need at least 20 more participants to sell 10 tickets each. WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRY?! (Lisa Williams put it out on Facebook and sold 16 tickets in a single day to friends around the country, by the way).

As incentives this year, we are offering:

- ◆ All-paid registration for our three-day Ferry Beach retreat this fall — to the person who sells the MOST tickets and to the one who sells the WINNING ticket!
- ◆ A second raffle for a \$100 gift certificate to the ethnic restaurant of your choice in Ellsworth — the *local* version of Dinner Anywhere — open to anyone from our UUCE community who buys or sells a ticket!
- ◆ A post-affle party at Lisa's and Pepper's for anyone who sells a packet of tickets!

P.S. BookStacks in Bucksport is now selling our World Wide Dinner raffle tickets up until September 7. The tickets can be purchased by credit card, check, or cash.



Thank you, Andy at BookStacks!!!

We have plenty of tickets in packets of 5 or 10 yet to distribute if you think you might be able to sell even a few.

Please contact Lisa Williams at (207) 274-0177 or stop by the alcove in the Community Room after services to pick up a packet to sell or to buy some chances for yourself!

**DRAWING SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8, AFTER
WORSHIP IN OUR
SANCTUARY**

**This could be your Dinner for Two
ANYWHERE in the WORLD**

Help us meet our goal by selling or buying raffle tickets for this UUCE fundraiser!



Religious Education

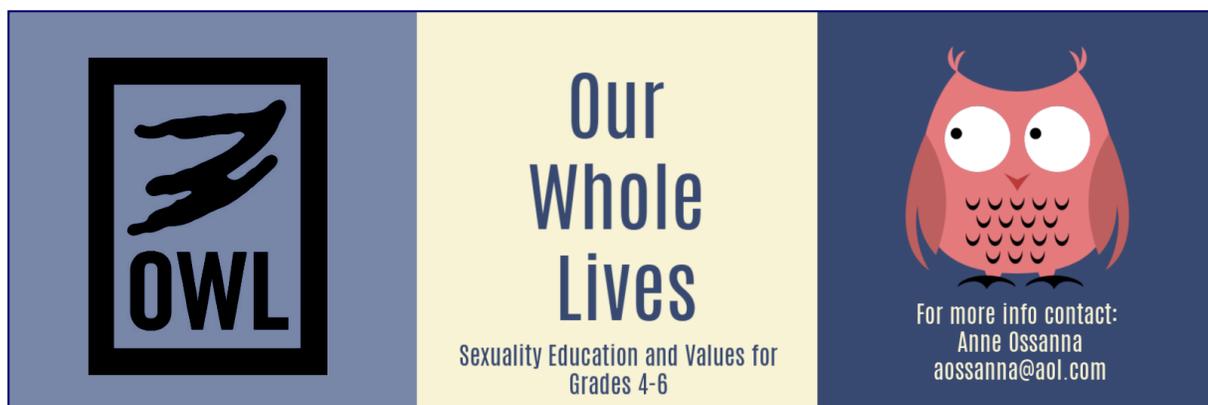
Greetings from the RE Wing! Many thanks to our Religious Education volunteers in July: Carol Rosinski, Peggy Strong, Dartha Reid, Helen Kazura, Nancy Avila, Vanessa Williams, and Linda and Eric Uberseder. And thanks to the parents who attended an informational meeting on July 14 about the new "Our Whole Lives" (OWL) curriculum of age-appropriate education on sexuality, sexual education, and healthy relationships. We are grateful to Christine Bowman and Chuck Betancourt for leading these sessions for our 8- to 11-year-olds.

Woyaya,

Anne

Religious Education Calendar

- August 4** The Mercer Family
- August 11** Liz and Mikayla True
- August 18** Anne Ossanna and Marta Rieman (Nursery)
- August 25** Linda and Eric Uberseder; Nancy Avila (Nursery)



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.

Sankofa Corner



Looking Back on the Women Responsible for the Memorial Parlor at the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth

Here and there in our church we can find plaques and other documents which honor former members of our church for their accomplishments in a variety of areas. Just beside the front entrance is a plaque that reads "So Remembered They Shall Be Forever Present," and in the archives is an Honor Roll with the names of FUSE (First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth) members who served their country in World War I. In due time, I will be honoring the memories of these and other FUSE/UUCE members in future Sankofa Corner articles. This time I am recognizing the 65 women whose names appear in a book entitled simply: "Memorial - Unitarian Vestry - Ellsworth."

Upon opening the book, the dedication page reads as follows: *"This Parlor is Reverently Dedicated To the Memory of its Founders and Others who loyally labored with them in later years,"* and the next page begins with the phrase "Faithful Unto Death," and is followed by the names of the 65 women. To the names of most of the women, which in the custom of the time were frequently written as "Mrs." plus the name of their husband, I have done additional genealogical and historical research to allow us to know their own names alongside those of their husbands.



Memorial Parlor at FUSE
Do you recognize the benches?

Aiken, Mrs. Benjamin F.

Avery, Mrs. Myrick, Rebecca Moore, 1828-, Myrick Avery, 1819-1893

Beal, Mrs. Helen, Helen Mar Hall, 1848-1920, Charles W. Beal, 1843-1907

Black, Mrs. Mary J., Mary Jane Emerson, 1830-1914, Alexander Baring Black, 1816-1910

Brooks, Miss Caro C., Caroline C. "Caro" Brooks, 1856-1901

Burnham, Mrs. Albert F., Melinda Curtis Whittle, 1841-1915, Albert Foster Burnham, 1831-

Call, Mrs. Orison, Louisa Jane Haskell, 1830-1903, Orison Call, 1826-1888

Campbell, Mrs. Fannie Jordan, Fannie Wood Jordan, 1859-1912, Thomas H. Campbell, 1858-1930

Campbell, Mrs. Robert F., Martha W., 1823-, Robert Foster Campbell, 1817-

Cleaves, Mrs. Sarah Jordan, Sarah M. Jordan, 1854-1904, Herbert Leslie Cleaves, 1851-1923

Cole, Mrs. Robert, (Hannah F.?), daughter was Mrs. H. B. Saunders of Ellsworth, Rev. Robert Cole (Colby, 1854), Bapt. Clergyman in E. Harrington, bookseller in Ellsworth, 1814-1897

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Collins, Mrs. Otis, Nancy Herrick Treworgy, 1818-1899, Otis Little Collins, 1817-1900
Cunningham, Mrs. Phoebe, Phebe Mariah Hamor, 1832-1906, Prescott Powers Cunningham, 1828-1865
Cunningham, Mrs. Sarah, Sarah "Sally" Powers, 1802-1864, Nathan Clark Cunningham, 1802-1870
Davis, Mrs. James W., Margaret Harrington, 1825-, James W. Davis, 1821-1889
Davis, Mrs. John
Dyer, Mrs. George A.
Emerson, Mrs. Adelaide, Adelaide Kent, 1840-1918, Homer H. Emerson, 1834-1900
Grant, Mrs. Isaac M., Catherine B. Grant, 1823-, Isaac Mitchell Grant, 1824-1902
Greely, Mrs. Ann F., Ann Frances Carr Jarvis, 1831-1914, Everard Howe Greely, 1832-1918
Higgins, Mrs. Harriet, Harriet S. Caswell, 1832-1927, Josiah H. Higgins, 1830-1907
Holloway, Mrs. Ann Thomas
Hopkins, Mrs. Albert F.
Hopkins, Mrs. John D., Caroline M. "Carrie" Jordan, 1835-1913, John Dean Hopkins, 1817-1901
Jarvis, Miss Caroline W., Caroline Wilde Jarvis, 1836-1903 (sister to Ann Greely)
Jarvis, Miss Elizabeth B., Elizabeth Black Jarvis, 1826-1904 (sister to Ann Greely)
Jellison, Miss Elizabeth A., Elizabeth A. Jellison, 1831-1918,
Jellison, Mrs. Albert T.
Jordan, Mrs. Solomon, Deborah Louisa Shepard, 1816-1899, Solomon Jordan, 1806-1887
Joy, Miss Abbie E., Abbie E. Joy, 1845-1905
Joy, Miss Katherine D., Katherine D. Joy, 1875-1898
Joy, Mrs. David S., Abigail Green "Abbie" Whitcomb, 1824-1908, David S. Joy, 1818-1879
Joy, Mrs. Nathaniel, Dorothy Little Johnson, 1819-1888, Nathaniel A. Joy, 1807-1882
Joy, Mrs. Sarah E., Sarah E. Dutton, 1832-1912, Calvin P. Joy, 1829-1910
Kelliher, Mrs. Almira P., Almira Packard Bartlett, 1842-1909, Solomon Y. Kelliher, 1835-1901
Keniston, Mrs. Eliza T., Eliza Tobey Somerby, 1842-1905, Andrew J. Keniston, 1836-
Leland, Mrs. Georgia Emery
Macomber, Mrs. William, Mary A. Davis, 1843-1908, William J. Macomber, 1838-1902
Mason, Mrs. Sarah Kelliher, Sarah Evelyn Kelliher, 1863-1917, Fred Livingston Mason, 1864-1936
McDonald, Mrs. Charles, Julia A. Jordan, 1833-1880, Charles D. McDonald, 1831-
McGown, Mrs. Carleton, Sarah A. "Sadie" Eldridge, 1851-1907, Carleton McGown, 1839-1911
McGown, Mrs. Sara Roberts
Merriam, Mrs. Edith Lord
Mitchell, Mrs. William
Monroe, Mrs. Carrie Malone
Moor, Mrs. Henry L., Sarah A. Brown, 1846-1910, Henry Lee Moor, 1834-1923
Moor, Mrs. John L., Jane Isabel Joy, 1810-1882, John Lowder Moor, 1802-1890
Morrison, Mrs. Helen Hopkins
Morrison, Mrs. Samuel J., Caroline Whitcomb, 1843-1902, Samuel J. Morrison, 1840-1909

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Murch, Mrs. Henry

Murch, Mrs. Isaac, Emeline Thomas, 1830-1910, Isaac Allard Murch, 1830-1886

Osgood, Mrs. Lavinia W.

Partridge, Mrs. Sarah E., Sarah Elizabeth Hopkins, 1825-1910, John H. Partridge, 1819-1892

Pulsifer, Mrs. Mary L. B., Mary Letitia Berry, 1823-1897, Moses Rust Pulsifer, 1799-1877

Reynolds, Mrs. Sarah, Sarah Keyzer, 1825-1908, John Taylor Reynolds, 1824-1897

Saunders, Mrs. Arthur I., Matilda A., 1842-1884, Arthur I. Saunders, 1840-1913

Smith, Mrs. Sarah M.

Stockbridge, Mrs. Alice Burnham, Alice Abbie Burnham, 1870-1892, Walter Barring Stockbridge, 1867-1894

Thomas, Mrs. Isaac H., Cordelia Hamor, 1813-1875; Half-sister to Phebe Cunningham, Isaac Hull Thomas, 1817-

Tripp, Mrs. John, Caroline P. "Caddie" Jordan, 1856-1913; md. 25 Jun 1870 in Ellsworth, John W. Tripp, 1852-

Walker, Mrs. Nathan

Whiting, Mrs. Kidder

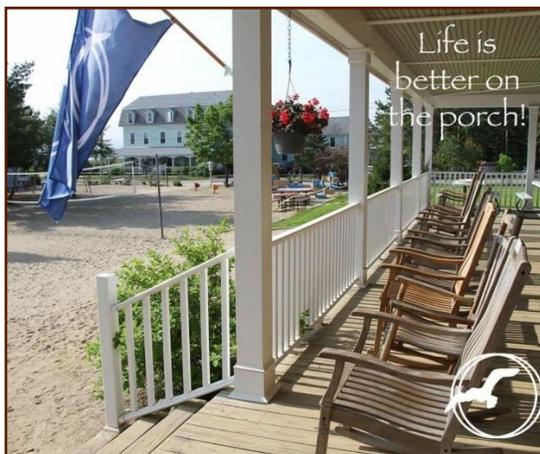
Whitmore, Mrs. James, Martha Steel Cochran, 1817-1890, James Potter Whitmore, 1810-1877. Her obituary states: *"For several years she was the earnest, untiring, self-sacrificing president of the W.C.T.U. [Women's Christian Temperance Union] in this city."*

Wiggin, Mrs. Abbie L., Abigail L. "Abbie" Hopkins, 1842-1892, Sullivan D. B. Wiggin, 1839-1899

Wyman, Mrs. Ernestine Bellatty, Ernestine Bellatty, 1859-1910, Edward Benjamin Wyman, 1857-1921

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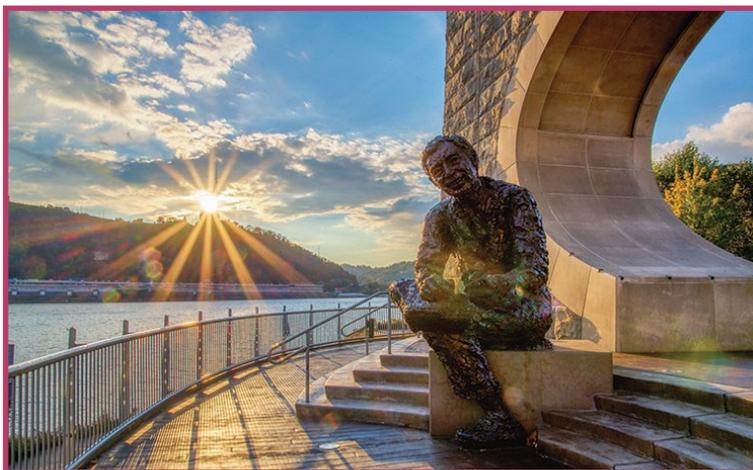
Ferry Beach Multi-Church UU Retreat

Our 2019 retreat at Ferry Beach will be on the weekend of October 25-27.

See the display and sign up in the Community Room and register for your stay during coffee hour following the service!

*** FOR YOUR CALENDAR ***

EarthSong Justice Singers	Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.	UUCE
Writing Group	restarts Fri, Sep 6 1-3 p.m.	Tidewater Room
Surviving Your Brain Support	Fridays 4-6 p.m.	Dolphin Room
Concert by Shawn & Maizey	To Be Determined	TBD
Blueberry Workers Fair	Tue, Aug 6 3-9 p.m.	Halcyon Grange
Eggroll Trailer Cleaning	Sat, Aug 10 10 a.m.	UUCE Parking Lot
Hike with Sara	Sun, Aug 11 1:30 p.m.	Schoodic Mtn
Blueberry Workers Fair	Mon, Aug 12 3-9 p.m.	St. Andrew's Ch
Wellspring Start-Up Retreat	Sat, Aug 24 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	UUCE
1st "Spiritual Eldering" Class	Wed, Sep 4 4-5:30 p.m.	UUCE
Worldwide Dinner Drawing	Sun, Sep 8 after service	UUCE Sanctuary
Care Package for Don & Jean	Sun, Sep 8 after service	UUCE Comm Rm
Eggroll Fundraiser/CG Fair	Fri-Sun, Sep 20-22	Unity Fairground
Spiritual Autobiography	Sat, Oct 5 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	UUCE
Ferry Beach Retreat	Fri-Sun, Oct 25-27	Ferry Beach



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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.