



The Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth

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

MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 a.m.

This month's worship theme is WISDOM.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

The Wisdom of Finding a Way Through

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader Lori Johnson, Worship Associate

First Sunday Potluck!

Drawing from several Buddhist teachings about the wisdom of learning to be and remain present to ourselves and each other, this service will explore some of the challenges and supports for this effort. How do we face hard truths, about ourselves and others, and remain committed to and engaged in our spiritual growth?

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

When I am among the trees...

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Newcomer Luncheon in the Nursery after worship!

Bob Dickens, Worship Associate

Plants, like trees and other non-human living beings, can be our teachers and help us understand and honor important truths about life as we know it. Drawing insight from science and what Robin Wall Kimmerer refers to as "indigenous ways of knowing," we'll reflect on the wisdom of trees and the imperative of honoring our 7th UU principle, "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

The Wisdom to Survive

Ariel Aaronson-Eves, Intern Minister & Worship Leader Vanessa Williams, Worship Associate

Poet Wendell Berry muses, "If we will have the wisdom to survive, To stand like slow growing trees on a ruined place, Renewing, enriching it...Then a long time after we are dead, The lives our lives prepare will live here..." In our time of climate change, many of us are anxious that we lack that wisdom, that there won't be a home for our children or grandchildren upon this earth. We'll explore some ways we might acquire and enact that precious wisdom, for our own sake and the sake of lives to come.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Looking for the Wisdom of Sophia

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader Charles Betancourt, Worship Associate

For centuries, philosophers have been pursuing wisdom: What is it? Who has it? Where does it come from? In Christian mysticism, Sophia is a figure that lays out a path to wisdom. In this service, we'll explore how the figure Sophia offers some timeless lessons for pursuing wisdom.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

A Tale of Three Nobodies

Rev. Mark Worth, Worship Leader Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

As we approach Easter, Rev. Mark's sermon will explore an incident that is said to have taken place the last week of Jesus' life, when an unnamed woman anointed Jesus' head with oil at the home of Simon the Leper. Rev. Mark is one of our beloved Ministers Emeriti at UUCE.

MINISTRY MATTERS

MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

s I write my article for this month, I'm aware of some hard truths about choosing to be a part of a faith community such as ours: There are times when beloved people among us discern they need to step back and leave, or that they cannot come back, and we miss them and love them still and wish them well as a part of letting go. There are times when we, as a congregation, will not all agree on important, consequential matters pertaining to peoples' lives—the upcoming referendum vote on March 3rd being one of them—and our faithful work becomes remaining grounded in covenant, and listening to each other with open hearts and minds to hear another person's truth and to understand (with more compassion and insight) the values and principles that informed their position and our own.

Being a part of our faith community (maybe any community!) is hard, and, it is life saving and life giving. None of us will ever do it perfectly. Each of us will invariably disappoint and hurt others and be challenged at some point or other to find our way back into right relationship. We are all capable of doing this. We need to be honest and generous and patient with each other.

We Unitarian Universalists are part of a long-standing faith tradition with Christian roots that honors each person's individual "search for truth and meaning" (our 4th principle) and welcomes people with diverse theologies and beliefs to walk together in covenant and to find ways to live our values into the world.

As your minister, I am learning more and more to trust that we can get better and more practiced at these things. I'm also learning that engaging conflict and differences among us is an important and necessary part of growing and strengthening our church community as a whole. If you have concerns



or are struggling with some aspect of being part of our UUCE community, please talk to me and/or talk with our Committee on Ministry, chaired by Karen Volckhausen. We want to know what you are thinking and feeling and we are committed to making space to hear and address your concerns whenever possible.

In February 23's service about building community as part of nurturing resilience in ourselves and the world, I shared this Irish Gaelic phrase in the Call to Worship that says something important about what trust is and how people choosing to be in community can find the strength to do hard things together: *Mo sheasamh ort lá na choise tinne* - "You are the place where I stand on the day when my feet are sore."

I want us to be that place for each other, and for the person we don't yet know, the one who'd dare to show up on a Sunday morning not knowing exactly what they're looking for but trusting that some bit of the Love that holds us all might reach them here, too.

Yours in shared faith, Rev. Sara

LENTEN SERVICES

All are welcome to attend this year's

EAMA LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

5 Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (See schedule below)

Beginning on March 4 with Rev. Sara preaching

The Ellsworth Area Ministers' Association (EAMA) invites you to join them for their Annual Lenten Worship Series, Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m., beginning March 4th. This Lent, the theme will be fasting, based on the book *Feasting on the Word*, a Lenten companion by authors David L. Bartlett, Barbara Brown Taylor and Kimberly Bracken Long. In addition to the worship, an offering will be received each week to benefit the Loaves & Fishes food pantry in Ellsworth. Following worship, all are welcome to stay for a time of fellowship.

This is a time to build connections with other local colleagues in faith and we hope you will attend.

The schedule is as follows:

MARCH 4 Host: Ashville Community Church, 149 Ashville Rd., Sullivan

Preacher: Rev. Sara Hayman, Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth

Theme: Fasting in Humility

MARCH 11 Host: Union Congregational Church of Hancock, 1368 U.S. Hwy. One, Hancock

Preacher: Pastor Kim Livingstone, Corea Baptist Church

Theme: Fasting as Appreciation

MARCH 18 Host: Union Congregational Church of Ellsworth Falls, 2 Falls Court, Ellsworth

Preacher: Rev. Elaine Hewes, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Theme: Fasting in Faith

MARCH 25 Host: First Congregational Church UCC of Ellsworth,

2 Church St., Ellsworth

Preacher: Rev. Ruth Martin.

Union Congregational Church of Ellsworth Falls

Theme: Fasting as Repentance

APRIL 1 Host: Community of Christ, 283 State Street, Ellsworth

Preacher: Pastor leff leude,

Prospect Harbor United Methodist Church

Theme: Fasting for Reconciliation

NEW TO UU CLASS

Offered at UUCE in March

Four Sunday Sessions, March 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Rev. Sara Hayman & Other Guests Facilitators

Registration requested: Email or call the UUCE Office at office@uuellsworth.org or (207) 667-4393.



Are you interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism? Are you curious about UU history and theology? Do you wonder where your spiritual journey or personal theology fits into the framework of our liberal religious faith tradition? Would you like to know more about membership and how our congregation works? If you answered yes to any (or all!) of these questions, please consider participating in this class. See Rev. Sara for more information.

WINTER REST & RENEWAL RETREAT

CANCELLED due to lack of registrants

Because we did not get the minimum of 10 people registered, we have decided to cancel UUCE's first Winter Rest & Renewal Retreat offering this year. We are sorry to disappoint those people who did register. In the future, we'll continue to explore and experiment with offering this kind of contemplative retreat experience for people at UUCE. We welcome your thoughts and ideas, too.

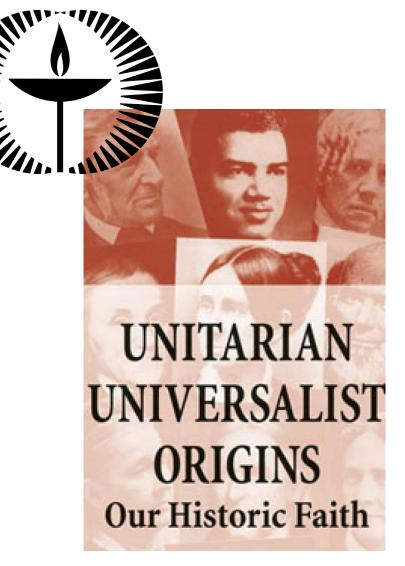


BIRTHDAY BAGS

Too often families who are served by Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry cannot stretch their food dollars to cover cake mix and icing, and food pantries don't usually carry these. We don't want any children served by the pantry to go without a celebration on their birthday! We're seeking regular donations of the items that will go into the bags, like cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, birthday candles, writing gel, party hats, small toys (little cans of Play-Doh, Silly Putty, bubbles, etc.), and birthday cards that families can sign.

Please see Mary Haynes if you have any questions or would like to help with the project.





UU HISTORY CLASS

Our Unitarian Universalist History class will continue after church on **Sunday, March**1 through Sunday, March 22. Learn about the impact of Unitarian Christianity, Transcendentalism, the Social Gospel, and Humanism on our UU faith; learn about our struggles with sexism and racism -- and the history of our own Ellsworth congregation.

Mark Worth leads on March 1, 8 and 15. Wayne Smith leads on March 22. We meet 12 noon to 1:30, but will begin 15 minutes late on pot luck Sunday, March 1.



UUCE CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

We covenant as a loving community to:

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



MAKER'S WORKSHOP

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Thursday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. at UUCE

Do you want to build community, reduce waste, promote skill-building and resourcefulness, and save money? Join Intern Minister Ariel Aaronson-Eves and Penel Houghton on Thursday, March 5, at 9:30 am to start organizing a maker's workshop! Sewing handkerchiefs? Making yogurt? The ideas are endless, but need your help in order to be realized! If you have any questions, would like to get involved but can't make the meeting, or have skills to share, please email aaaronsoneves@ses.sksm.edu or find one of us at church!

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S

7 PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- 1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



When you're dealing with a non-native population that's trying to save today's world and feels urgently about it, they are not recognizing that there's a problem with the world they are trying to save. They are actually trying to save our dystopia. Our dystopia is one where people don't relate to us through kinship relationships, reciprocity, accountability, trust and consent. That's why it's a concern that when people become more and more urgent, environmental injustice will once again affect indigenous people, people of color and other groups." – Dr. Kyle Powys Whyte, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Community Sustainability and a faculty affiliate of the American Indian & Indigenous Studies and Environmental Science & Policy programs at Michigan State University.



JOIN US FOR ECOSATTVA TRAINING:

TOGETHER AT AN EDGE

Are you concerned about climate change but feel you would like more guidance to know how to move forward? Please join PASA to take part in One Earth Sangha's EcoSattva Training. Drawing on insights from Buddhism and the growing field of climate psychology, we will explore our thoughts and feelings about the climate crisis so we can respond to it authentically, positively, and whole-heartedly.

Group meeting time has been updated to every other **Thursday at UUCE at 2 p.m.** The next meeting dates will be **3/5 and 3/19.** The individual registration fee is \$135 with the group discount. Scholarships are available from One Earth Sangha and no one will be turned away.

You can find out more about the course at https://oneearthsangha.org/ecosattva.

Our EcoSattva Training group "UUCE_PASA" has been created. To receive the group member discount, be sure to use: https://oneearthsangha.org/programs/2019-ecosattva-training/registration/?code=EST19GRP87&groupname=UUCE_PASA.

Contact Barbara Acosta at drabarb@gmail.com or Doug Bird at birddoug137@gmail.com before registering so you can get the group discount.



Website:

https://www.uumfe.org/getinvolved/climate-action-network/

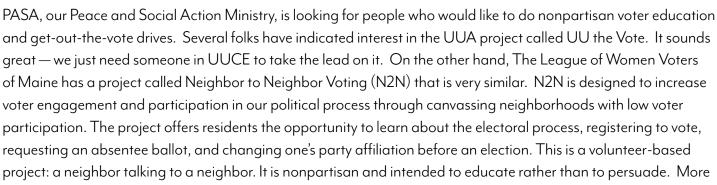
Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/ uuministryforearth/

GET OUT THE VOTE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS & UUCE

Mondays, March 9 and March 23, 5:00 p.m. at UUCE

League of Women Voters and UU the Vote will join together to share strategies and plans. Help Wanted — Increase Voter Participation





information about UU the Vote is online at https://www.uua.org/justice/vote2020.
Read about Neighbor to Neighbor at https://www.lwvme.org/neighbor_vote.html

UU the VOTE

Please attend organizational meetings set for Mondays at 5 pm at UUCE — March 9 and March 23. LWV Downeast has several members who have been trained and will be there to explain the plans for N2N in Hancock County. This can be a joint program between UUCE and N2N if a UUCE member wants to take the lead or members of UUCE can just work with N2N. N2N is looking for organizational partners as well as citizen volunteers. In Bangor recently, N2N teamed up with the Poor Peoples Campaign for a day of door-to-door canvassing.

Please let us know if you want to work on this project and can attend these meetings. Contact: Martha Dickinson, marthad@gwi.net or 207-667-5863.

DISCUSSION GROUP

DECOLONIZATION AND US

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar will be the subject of a Book Discussion Group for three sessions on **February 13, 27, and March 12, from 1-2:30 p.m.** at UUCE. This is the UUA common read for 2019-2020.

Because this book does not address the Wabanaki sufficiently, the "Decolonization and Us" Task Force has assembled supplemental materials to draw from:

This Land Is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving - David Silverman

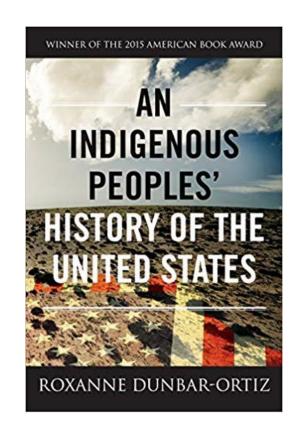
Dawnland Voices: An Anthology of Indigenous Writing from New England - Siobhan Senier

American Indians: Stereotypes and Realities - Devon Mihesuah

The Truth about Stories - Thomas King. This book priovides an understanding of how our stories have been formed.

The Wabanaki of Maine and the Maritimes - Wabanaki Program of the American Friends Service Committee

We would like as many members of the congregation to join us as possible. To sign up, please register with the office at office@uuellsworth.org





UUCE'S AFFIRMATION OF COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law; this is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

The NUUS March 2020 FROM OUR UUCE PRESIDENT

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

n a recent Sunday service doing announcements, in the interests of time, I kept my thanks short for the Goods and Services Auction team. However, I again want to thank Margaret Thurston. She once more took charge and coordinated a complex event. Mary Haynes brought together a delectable collection of sweets and savories. Thank you, Mary, and also thanks to all the other volunteers who created the fingerfood-feast. Ditto to those who donated items and canvased businesses, to the people who set up the displays, served wine, beer or other drinks, and to our auctioneers Pepper and Ariel. Thanks also to our people who performed tasks keeping track of winners at the live auction, those who were cashiers, money counters and cleaner-uppers. For those who missed the auction, there are still items on display that are available for purchase in the community room, and soon there will be sign-up sheets for open slots at dinners and events.

And, if you are still interested in a photo safari, somewhere in Africa, there is a lion getting ready for you to snap his photo.



(image from MGM 1939 Wizard of Oz)

While I am "gratitude-giving," thanks also to the Bounty for Babies team and the donors of goods and/or money. This Reverse Advent event, renamed and still going strong, has a future of possibilities for growth as we walk the walk of our principles and values.

The board was surprised and saddened by the decision of Gerry Mehl to resign as church treasurer for personal reasons. Gerry and Sonny have also resigned their membership in the church, feeling it was not a "right fit" for their personal beliefs. They will be missed and their service to the church is gratefully acknowledged.

Your board recently voted on a Pet Policy to go into effect on April 12, 2020. Because of members with allergies to some animals and because of the risk of "accidents," only service animals are permitted. Support animals will also be permitted with approval by the minister or a member of the board. This policy will also apply to renters. A copy of the policy is available



in the church office from the administrator.

On a recent Sunday, Rev. Sara (after a lie-down next to the pulpit, a discussion with a good fairy, making a new friend, and cleaning up a park) talked about community and what we can do working together. And Penel Houghton, in her homily about climate change, announced a new group that she and Ariel are starting. It addresses climate justice and individual actions, and goes beyond the concept of recycling to the myriad of important RE-words reduce, repurpose, reuse, refuse, etc.--that we need to practice as we create a new way to live that addresses problems and works in maintaining our eco-system. As a member of the Ellsworth Green Team, a subcommittee of the Ellsworth Green Plan, I look forward to working with our new church group and perhaps partnering the groups on some community activities.

We have a number of "look-forward-to" events, starting with Lane Fisher's ordination in March, our Stewardship campaign in April, our parish meeting with elections in May, our popular annual yard sale, GA, Rev. Sara's summer hikes, "our" month at Loaves and Fishes, our summer picnic, a summer three-church Ferry Beach experience, and egg-rolling.

Finally, your board is continuing to work on drafts from conversations you had and comments we heard about our core values and how we can live them in our congregation and into our world, working at Becoming Our Best.

Your Board President, Gary Shellehamer president@uuellsworth.org



A CLASS ON WORLD RELIGIONS

Facilitated by Rev. Deane Perkins

Thursday Mornings, beginning Thursday, March 19 10-11:30am 10 weeks at UUCE

UUCE is excited to offer a faith formation class that's an introduction to the world's faith traditions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Christianity, and the Primal religions. In this class, participants will be reading Huston Smith's classic work, *The World's Religions*.

The class will take place on Thursdays, from 10-11:30am, beginning March 19. The course will be 10 weeks long. With a 2-week break in May, the class will be completed on June 4.

Rev. Deane Perkins, former minister at UU Church of Belfast who taught World Religions for many years before becoming a parish minister, will facilitate this class. The only cost involved is the purchase of Huston Smith's book, which sells for \$12.99 on Amazon. And the only request is that participants read, for the first class, Smith's Introduction (*Point of Departure*) and half of the chapter on Hinduism.

Registration requested through the UUCE Office at office@uuellsworth.org or 207-667-4393.

"We need the courage as well as the inclination to consult, and profit from, the "wisdom traditions of humankind."

- E.F. Schumacher

ONLINE LINK TO MARCH

SOUL MATTERS PACKET



THE PRACTICE OF NONVIOLENCE: FROM IRELAND TO INDIA

Hugh Curran, University of Maine lecturer in the Peace & Reconciliation Studies Program

March 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at UUCE

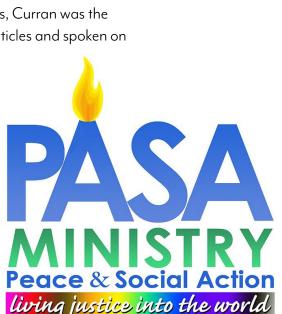
In his talk and slideshow, Curran will present a brief history of nonviolence practices in Ireland that eventually led to the Northern Ireland Peace Accord of 1998. Afterward, he will discuss Leo Tolstoy's writings on nonviolence, which had a powerful impact on Gandhi. Gandhi became deeply committed to the principles of nonviolence and truth throughout his life, even suffering extended periods in jail. As a result of his efforts he became a major force in the movement for India's Independence. This life-long commitment later inspired Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela, and many others to adhere to Gandhi's principles of nonviolence and truth.

Sponsored by Peace and Social Action Ministry of UUCE Free and Open to the Public

Hugh Curran was raised in Ireland and Canada. He lived for five years as a Zen monastic and took a three-month pilgrimage to India and Japan before moving to Maine. He is a member of the Morgan Bay Zendo, serves on its board of directors and guides retreats. He also founded the Friends of Morgan Bay, which oversees several nature preserves. During the 1990s, Curran was the director of a homeless shelter in Downeast Maine and has published articles and spoken on

homelessness issues. Since 2002 he has been a lecturer in the Peace & Reconciliation Studies program at the University of Maine where he teaches courses on Buddhism, Peace & Contemplative Tradition; Ecology & Spirituality; and Nonviolence. He has been a co-director of a number of peace conferences, and in October 2019, was invited to give a presentation on tolerance and nonviolence at the Global Council on Tolerance and Peace in Malta.

For more information contact Martha Dickinson, marthad@gwi.net



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WINTER GREETINGS FROM THE RE WING!

Warm Winter Greetings from the RE Wing! We began our monthly theme of Resilience with Children's Chapel and then continued with a lesson comparing resilience with rubber bands. In March we will explore "What does it mean to be a people of WISDOM?" We also will begin our second OWL class and parent group. We have 7 children from the Ellsworth, Castine and Belfast UU congregations enrolled in our OWL K-1 session. Many thanks to Christine, Charles and Lane for facilitating this important curriculum and for the nurturing way they are with our children.

MARCH RE CALENDAR

MARCH 1 Children's Chapel with Anne - a collection will be taken to add to the plate and the children will return to the Sanctuary for the final hymn; Potluck Sunday; OWL K-1 Parent/Child Mandatory Orientation and Luncheon in the RE Wing at 12:30 pm.

MARCH 8 Exploring Wisdom with Anne; Registration for Ferry Beach Retreat after Worship; Registration for Pre-Teen Overnight Gathering due; OWL K-1 with Lane and Charles; OWL K-1 Parent Group with Anne.

MARCH 15 Exploring Wisdom with Anne. No OWL or Parent group today.

MARCH 21-22 Pre-Teen Overnight Gathering at UU Rockland. We will depart UUCE at 10:30 am. on Saturday, March 21 and return to UUCE at 12:30 pm on Sunday, March 22.

MARCH 22 Exploring Wisdom with Linda and Eric Uberseder. OWL K-1 with Charles and Christine; OWL K-1 Parent Group with Anne at 12:30 pm in the RE Wing.

MARCH 29 Exploring Wisdom with Anne. No OWL K-1 class or Parent group today.



PRE-TEEN UU OVERNIGHT RETREAT

Join us as we celebrate the Spring Equinox with food, fun, and wonderment!

WHEN: Saturday-Sunday, March 21-22, 2020

WHERE: First Universalist Church in Rockland

WHAT: A sleepover retreat for children ages 9-12

COST: \$25.00 (cost includes dinner, dessert, breakfast, and any speaker fees)

RSVP: Registration forms due to your DRE by **March 9**

SUNDAY NOTES



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Our MARCH HOSPITALITY TEAM is ready to go the distance, with FIVE Sundays! This great team is made up of **Peggy Strong**, **Susan Brenner-Simpson**, **Dartha and Paul Reid**, **Lynne Hutchinson**, **Helen Kazura**, **Marta Rieman**, **Carol Rosinski and Karen Volckhausen**. Expect them to come in like lions, yet leave like lambs! We truly appreciate the tireless service of **Susan Opdycke**, coffee and tea hostess extraordinaire!

If you haven't served for a while, or if you are new to UUCE, please send Jeff an email office@uuellsworth.org or call 667-4393 with your choice of months to serve. Many hands make light work!

OUR PLATE SPLIT for March is with the Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center. This organization is committed to providing respectful, hands-on, and timely support for citizens of Hancock and Washington Counties, offering hope, knowledge, and support for everyone affected by the disease.





HANNAFORD & SHAWS GIFT CARDS

We are continuing to sell Hannaford cards as well as Shaw's cards. Gift cards make wonderful gifts for friends, neighbors and family! We have many cards available (\$50, \$100, and \$250). Note that our UU congregation receives 5% of every card sale--cool deal and free cash to us. Help us out at no cost to you-except grocery money you would spend anyway! Buy Hannaford Gift/Debit cards for others, too. Sold every Sunday before and after the service. Thank you!!

LOOK FOR OUR TABLE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM ALCOVE AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES!



UUCE ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE 2020-2021

APRIL 5 - MAY 3, 2020

It's time again to be thinking about our annual pledge drive! There will be a Pledge Drive special edition NUUS and late March weekly e-news articles with information we will need to continue to *Fuel Our Flame*. For now though, let's think about the goal of stewardship which is to celebrate our fellowship as we engage in the spiritual practices and generosity of our church.

One of the best things about our church is that it is an intentional community where we can live our values. In so many ways as stewards we care and love one another in the church and in the community. We are involved in many fundraisers throughout the year, but I think about the many groups we work on to share values and spiritual growth. To name a few, many work with our minister and intern as lay leaders. Others may participate in a Small Group Ministry program or are involved in Peace and Social Action activities. Still others may be involved in caring or pastoral visits. We have monthly Soul Matters spiritual exercises. Great things continue to happen for our youth in the Religious Education program. Outreach into the community has always been important to us. The Plate Split helps support local agencies. We support Loaves and Fishes and the Emmaus Center. There's even the support we extend to the young adults involved in the Mid-Maine Youth Program. We are presently involved in the Bounty For Babies campaign. We continue to grow and serve.

I am so proud to be a part of this church. The more we do with and for others the more we enrich ourselves. Our flame at UUCE continues to burn ever so brightly.

Thank you,

Bob Francis

Chair, Stewardship Committee

GREEN TEAM NEWS

The UUCE Green Team and the Ellsworth Green Action Team (part of the Ellsworth Green Plan) encourage Ellsworth residents to contact the Ellsworth City Council to encourage the recycling reform resolution. This resolution supports shifting the costs for recycling and/or disposing of packaging from municipalities and their taxpayers to the producers of that packaging.

On January 31, 2020 members of the Legislature's Committee on Environment and Natural Resources received updated language from the Department of Environment Protection (DEP) for a bill entitled, "An Act To Support and Increase the Recycling of Packaging." This language has not yet received its final formatting as a draft bill. Once it has, it will be given a Legislative Document number and will be set for a public hearing. Although details of the final bill may change before it goes to a vote by the Legislature, the general framework will likely remain the same, following the direction of emergency legislation passed last year to direct the DEP's work (LD 1431).

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED

The St. Croix District of Garden Clubs has announced this year's offering of the Nell Goff Memorial Scholarship, an award of typically \$1000 for students pursuing plant science degrees. Information and applications can be found at barharborgardenclub.org. Click on Scholarships to find the specific information

For more information, contact
Tom McIntyre, the Bar Harbor
Garden Club Scholarship Chair at
tjmc1944@gmail.com.



GREEN TEAM NEWS

CHURCH MATTERS

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE: The City of Ellsworth has informed us that there is NO PARKING on either side of the Bucksport Road near our church. If a vehicle is parked there and an accident occurs, the owner(s) of the parked vehicle can be held responsible for the accident, being parked in a "no parking" zone and limiting moving vehicles' maneuverability.

A new UUCE Expansion Task Force is being formed to investigate possible solutions to address the need for parking. While the Task Force research is taking place, we will need temporary action to help with our parking needs.



A reminder, the 7th Day Adventist Church nearby has offered the use of their parking lot unless they have a Sunday activity. The walk is about 50 paces. We realize that at this time of year, weather is a factor in making the walk. Other options of car-pooling and asking volunteers to shuttle people from downtown have been suggested.

If you have any thoughts about temporary parking solutions, please let a board member know, as this will be an agenda item of your Board of Trustees meetings.



LAST TO LEAVE? LOCK IT UP!

People have been leaving doors unlocked, the copier on, lights on, and the thermostat set on high overnight. Please act responsibly and check the thermostats, shut off the copier and kitchen appliances, turn off the lights, close & lock windows and doors before you leave the building. Thank you! ~Your Church Administrator

NEW OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 11:00 - 4:00

E-MAIL PHISHING SCAMS

As a reminder, please be continuously aware of e-mail phishing scams, possibly bearing similarity to our UUCE email accounts.

The email accounts that actually belong to the church are:

sara@uuellsworth.org

office@uuellsworth.org

president@uuellsworth.org

Do NOT respond to emails from similar accounts.

Please call the office 207-667-4393 if you are unsure.

The Unitarian Universal Church of Ellsworth is NOT requesting any financial donations, donations of gift cards, or donations to other agencies through email.



The NUUS March 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



UU ASSOCIATION 2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Registration is now open at uua.org/ga/ registration. Full-time registration is \$400 for adults, \$250 for high school youth and retired and candidate ministers, \$150 for off-site registrants. Early bird registration is now through March 15, 2020. Rates increase on March 16.

REGISTER NOW AND SAVE!



GET ON THE BUS TO PROVIDENCE!

The Collaborative Ministry Team of the UU Church of Belfast, the UU Church of Ellsworth, and the UU Congregation of Castine plans to charter a bus to help get folks to General Assembly in Providence this year! The bus will leave from the East Belfast Elementary School (where you can leave your car!) at 8 am on Wednesday, June 24, arriving in Providence around 1:30 that afternoon, and will depart Providence on Sunday, June 28, at 2 pm, returning to Belfast around 7:30 that evening. Tickets for the bus cost \$134/per person, roundtrip. Please pay by check payable to UUCB with the memo 'CMT bus.' Contact your minister if you need scholarship support.

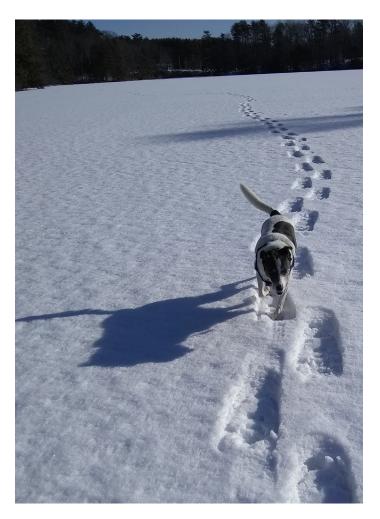
Sign up **HERE** for the bus and pay by March 15. More details are available on the form; if you have any questions, contact your minister, CMT members, or aaaronson-eves@ses.sksm.edu.

CHURCH MATTERS

MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERN

ne of the things I've been grappling with in the past month is the tension between control and letting go. This morning I received a beautiful lesson in navigating this delicate balance, courtesy, of course, of my dog, Langston.

Langston and I were out on the Little River Trail in Belfast; to be precise, we were out on the frozen reservoir, where I was letting him run free. He stayed pretty close, chasing after treats and immediately returning. Suddenly, something caught the attention of both of us. Two dogs were running down from the trail and towards us across the ice, their human calling them to return. As the dogs moved quickly towards us, I grabbed Langston and was able to hook the leash, which was hooked to my belt, to his harness. Then I let go, and let him go out as far as the leash would take him.



To give context to this incident, I must note that Langston, who was not socialized as well as he might have been as a puppy, and who was attacked on multiple occasions in his youth, tends towards reactivity. If you sniff his butt before he's ready, he'll snap. Earlier this week, when we had passed



another dog on a trail, I decided to try the "I will hold you tight to comfort you until this other dog passes" approach, and it didn't work. He squirmed and barked and cried and would not be distracted, even by a handful of treats. So this time I decided to try the opposite approach. He was attached to me, so I had some control if things got nasty, but beyond that, I let go.

The dogs arrived. Langston sniffed at one, pulling his leash as taut as he could, but besides that we all stood still. The owner of the other dogs continued to call them from the woods, and their ears were cocked, listening. The hair on Langston's back stood up, and I cooed at him, "Good boy. It's okay." After a few tense moments, the other dogs ran back across the ice and into the woods, towards their clearly concerned but invisible owner, and Langston trotted back towards me. I distracted and rewarded him as the other dogs, now leashed, wound their way down the trail and out of sight.

"That was good," I told Langston, recalling a couple similar experiences, where I had no choice but to hold on to the leash, try to stay calm, and let the scene play out. It didn't always end so well, but no one had ever gotten really hurt this way. And in fact, this was how Langston had befriended the dog who lives across the street. There had been a moment of "Oh @#\$%," as the neighbor dog came up to us, but that was followed by what I might dare to call faith - not an assurance that things would work out, but an acceptance that they might, but only if I stopped trying to control them. And sometimes, like today, they do.

Ariel Aaronson-Eves
Collaborative Intern,
UUCC, UUCB, UUCE



GROVE GATHERINGS!

Our 6th UU source is the spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Have you always felt drawn to the cycles of the earth? If you are interested in ritual practice, come join with like-minded individuals in communal sacred space as we explore the divine connection between ourselves and nature.

We will meet at 2:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Saturday, March 21, to honor the Equinox Saturday, April 11, our regular meeting Saturday, May 2, Beltaine Saturday, June 20, Summer Solstice Saturday, July 18 Saturday, August 29, Lughnasadh Saturday, September 19, Mabon

Brightest Blessings, Charles & Tobias Betancourt

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S

6 SOURCES

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- 2. Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- 3. Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- 4. Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- 5. Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- 6. Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.



BOUNTY FOR BABIES



BOUNTY FOR BABIES FOREVER

A JUSTICE PROJECT OF UUCE SUPPORTED BY PASA

In December, UUCE launched our very successful Bounty for Babies service project, in which we provide baby food and supplies to families with infants who use the Loaves and Fishes food pantry. The initial drive was held during Advent, and we have continued to

collect donations of baby supplies and cash during January. At the request of families, we have expanded the project to include food and supplies for toddlers, and we have also started the Birthday Bags project, which provides families with the materials needed to bake a birthday cake and small toys for children of any age. We have now changed the name to Bounty for Babies Forever, to reflect our intent to continue the project into perpetuity.

We provided support to 26 children during February, and have supplied the families of 10 children to have birthday parties they might not otherwise have had. In the month of February we supplied Loaves & Fishes with 758 diapers and pull-ups, 336 wipes and 4 pounds of health items.

Although the project has only been in existence for two months, we have already made a huge difference in the lives of families in our community. Since its inception, no one served by Loaves & Fishes has had to be denied any items they need for their babies. Each one of them expresses profound gratitude for what we are doing.

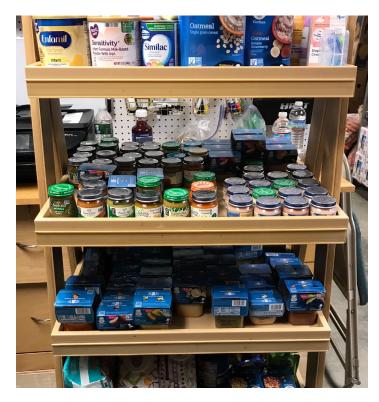
To date, this project has been fully funded by UUCE. An anonymous donor has now come forward with a proposal to match up to \$5000 in donated funds to support the Bounty for Babies Forever project, and to form the basis through which it can be sustained into the future.

The UUCE Board of Trustees has approved the raising of matching funds through Faithify, which is a web-based funding resource sponsored by the UUA. UUCE congregants, as well as friends and supporters both local and distant, will be asked to donate the matching funds during the month of March. We will kick off our campaign with a Justice Moment delivered by Ann Flynn, the manager of Loaves & Fishes, during our worship service on March 1 and Sara has contacted the new editor of the *Ellsworth American* to do a feature story on the campaign and the ongoing project.

Faithify requires that we fully meet our fund-raising goal and that we do so within the timeframe we determine. If the goal is not met by the deadline, the donors' credit cards are not charged and we receive no money. We would very much like to raise the entire \$5000 to be matched and believe that we will be able to do so by seeking donations from our local and non-local communities. The matching gift campaign starts March 1 and ends March 31. This goal and this timeframe require us to work hard, but the results will be sustainability for this much-needed program into the future.

Be on the lookout for more information about how to donate through the Faithify campaign, and be sure to attend church on March 1 to hear Ann Flynn speak about the project and its impact on the families that Loaves & Fishes serves. We hope that you will share the Faithify campaign information through Facebook and any other appropriate media.

Thank you for supporting this much-needed justice project that supports our youngest, most vulnerable children in our Hancock County community. If you would like to volunteer for the project, please see Mary Haynes, Anne Ossanna, Margaret Thurston, Nancy Avila, Doug Bird or Robin Lovrien.



AUGUST 21-24, 2020

The ocean is calling you for a long weekend (August 21-24, 2020) of relaxation, spirituality, creativity, music, worship, s'mores, bonfires, swimming, dancing, workshops, and delicious food with members of the UU Belfast and Castine congregations.

Registration for our multi-church summer retreat begins **Sunday, February 23**, and continues each Sunday after worship until Sunday, May 10. A **\$25 NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit is due for each attendee when you register. **The balance** is due by May 10. The fee for adults sharing a dorm room, with meals, is \$325. Ferry Beach has changed its deadlines and no refunds will be made for cancellations after May 17. Limited partial scholarships are available. Please see Anne Ossanna for a confidential request.

There are <u>no hotel options</u> this year. On-site shared dorm rooms are just steps away from the

ocean. The ADA rooms and campground are a short walk to the ocean. The fee includes housing for three nights, housekeeping, all programming and nine delicious all-you-caneat meals. There is a lobster option for Sunday dinner at a cost of \$13 per lobster; this must be ordered and paid for by May 10.





Adults 18+\$325.00 each (includes shared dorm room, housekeeping, programming and 9 meals)

Adults 18+ \$375.00 each (includes ADA double room, housekeeping, programming and 9 meals)

Youth 9-17 \$130.00 each (includes shared dorm or campsite with parent(s), housekeeping, programming and 9 meals)

Children (age 8 and under) \$25.00

Tent sites are \$120.00 per site for 3 nights; RV sites are \$144.00 per site for 3 nights; Large RV sites are \$150.00 per site for 3 nights

Adult 18+ Camper Plan \$150.00 per person (includes programming and 9 meals)

Day pass for individuals not staying overnight on campus \$10.00 per day per person plus \$25.00 Registration fee to cover programming. Meals not included.

A la cart meals: Breakfast \$15.00 adult/\$11.00 youth/free ages 8 and younger; Lunch \$15.00 adult/\$14.00 youth/free ages 8 and younger: Dinner \$22.00 adult/\$17.00 youth/free ages 8 and younger.

Lobster for Sunday dinner \$13.00 per lobster.

LANE'S ORDINATION



The Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast

Invites You to Join in Celebrating the Ordination of

Lane Fisher

to the Unitarian Universalist
Ministry

Sunday, March 29, 2020

(snow date: April 19)

4:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast

37 Miller Street Belfast, Maine 04915

Reception to Follow

Ministerial Colleagues and Seminarians are invited to robe at 3:30 and process.

Lane's Contact Information:

49 Herrick Rd. Belfast, ME 04915 lanefisher@myfairpoint.net 207-930-5573

Home hospitality is available for out-of-town guests. For information please contact Amy Fiorilli at amyfiorilli@gmail.com or 207-930-0007.

LANE FISHER'S ORDINATION AS UU MINISTER

Lane Fisher was our 1st CMT Intern Minister in 2016/17. She will be ordained on Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 4pm at our UU Church of Belfast. All are welcome to attend and celebrate this grand event!

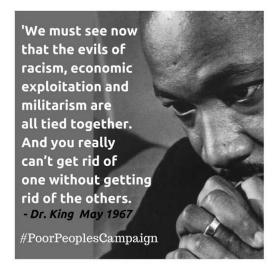
APRIL NUUS SUBMISSIONS - DEADLINE: MARCH 21, 2020

If you have something to submit to our UUCE monthly NUUS, please be sure to email Lisa@IndigoArtDesign.com no later than the 21st of the month before the next issue.

The NUUS March 2020 SAVE THE DATE/THANK YOU

Save the Date





Everybody's got a right to live! We won't be silent anymore!

THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN:

A NATIONAL CALL FOR MORAL REVIVAL

We are a non-violent and grassroots fusion movement of poor and low wealth people joining with allies to fight the interconnected injustices of systemic poverty; systemic racism; the militarized economy; ecological devastation and the distorted moral narrative of Christian Nationalism that keeps these systems in place. We are building power from the bottom-up and across manufactured lines of division to educate ourselves and our communities – and we are mobilizing hundreds of people in Maine to join thousands of poor and impacted people from around the nation on June 20, 2020 for a Mass People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington. Will you join us?

To learn how to become involved: Visit www.poorpeoplescampaign.org; email Maine@poorpeoplescampaign.org; call Adam Thiesen at (708) 903-0651; and follow Maine PPC on Facebook.

Bangor PPC has a bus going to the march. Contact Adam Thiesen (708) 903-0651. The cost is \$140 RT.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE OUR ANNUAL GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION A GRAND SUCCESS!

We have good news to share: the weather this past Saturday (2/22) cooperated and lots of members & friends of our UUCE community volunteered to make our annual Good & Services Fundraiser a grand success. Thank you to everyone who donated and bid on items and services! Thank you to all who prepared, donated and served delicious foods for the walk-around dinner! Thank you to all who helped with set up, clean up,

greeting people as they arrived and selling raffle tickets and beverages. Thank you to our fabulous auctioneers, cashiers and money counters at the end of the evening. Connie Bailey, Chair of our Fiscal Matters Committee said it well: "It takes a village to raise a child and it takes a congregation to raise a church!"

We are delighted to announce that to date, this year's Goods & Service Auction raised \$9315.00 (and growing) to support UUCE's many ministries and commitment to charitable giving! Congratulations and thank you to all!

With gratitude and deep thanks, Margaret Thurston, Chair of UUCE's Goods & Services Auction and Rev. Sara Hayman



SANKOFA CORNER



"HAVE YOU BEEN CAPSIZED?"

Wayne H. Smith UUCE Historian

Not long since, a little girl residing in this city was told by a school mate that Unitarians could not be saved because they had not been baptized; being much distressed by the thought, she appealed to her mother; on being told that it was possible for a Unitarian to be saved, she asked, "If they have never been capsized?" Perhaps it is with the view of removing this obstruction to the final salvation of their liberal friends that our city fathers neglect to remove the ice from our sidewalks. - Ellsworth American.

Dec. 20, 1877

A gentleman in a stage-coach, passing through the city of Bath, and observing a handsome edifice, inquired of the driver what building it was. The driver replied, "It is the Unitarian church." "Unitarian?" said the gentleman; "and what is that?" "I don't know," said Jebu; "but I believe it is the opposition line." - Ellsworth American, July 17, 1890

Master Kingsley, the intrepid son of the genial pastors of the Unitarian church, is suffering from the malady commonly known as a "broken nose," though up to date he "bears the hardship cheerfully." The incident occurred last Sunday, when the parents Rev. and Mrs. Cochrane, became the happy parents of a second son. - Ellsworth American, April 4, 1895

There will be a circle supper at the Unitarian vestry this (Wednesday) evening. The supper will be in charge of

the gentlemen of the society, but as a guarantee that there will be something to eat, it may be just as well to say that the ladies will assist. - Ellsworth American, Feb. 25, 1897

The circle supper at the Unitarian vestry last Wednesday evening was served by gentlemen members and friends of the society, and broke all previous records for circle suppers in the matter of receipts. - Ellsworth American, March 4, 1897

This evening the gentlemen of the Unitarian society will give a fish chowder supper at the vestry at 6 o'clock. The gentlemen of the parish get around to doing honors about once a year, "but when they do break loose, they spread themselves." - Ellsworth American, Feb. 8, 1905

Rev. W. R. Hunt, of the Unitarian church, landed a handsome trout at Patten's pond one day last week.

- Ellsworth American, March 4, 1897

On Tuesday evening last, as the Unitarian choir, at Ellsworth, were leaving the church after rehearsal, it happened that four of them were standing together on the top step of the awkward plank stairs leading from the church door down to the sidewalk, when the step gave way under their feet and they fell a distance of eight or ten feet to the ground. They found themselves imprisoned and were obliged to knock a hole in the

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UUCE HISTORY

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side of the stairway in order to get out. They all escaped with but slight bruises, though it was really wonderful that they were not seriously hurt. - Bangor Daily Whig and Courier, Sept. 16, 1887

Mrs. A. F. Greely says: "During the thirty-six years I was in trade in this city, I never lost a cent through any business transaction with a woman." - Ellsworth American, May 22, 1890

The entertainment committee of the Unitarian church will give a shirt-waist party at Odd Fellows hall Monday evening, May 1. During intermission a short musical programme by local talent will be given. - Ellsworth American, April 19, 1905



Just Horsing Around...

E. H. Greely was out for a spin yesterday morning with Little Jake. This horse is a flyer on ice. The footing yesterday morning just suited him, and he went down Water street at a lively clip. Little Jake has a mark of 2.26, and has done a mile under '20. He can show his heels to anything on ice – barring that new ice-boat at Nicolin. - Ellsworth American, Jan. 24, 1900

A horse kept by Rev. A. H. Coar ran away up Main street Friday afternoon. Mrs. Helen Wiggin had gone to the high school for her daughter, and in turning near the school the sleigh was upset. Mrs. Wiggin was thrown out, but not injured. The sleigh righted itself, and the horse ran down Bridge hill and up Main street. Mr. Coar happened to be on the street, and recognizing the horse, attempted to stop him. He was unable to seize the horse by the bridle, and in attempting to jump into the sleigh as it passed him, he was thrown. He escaped with slight bruises. A short distance further up the street the horse stopped. No damage. - Ellsworth American, Feb. 7, 1900.

E. H. Greely, the Ellsworth horseman, had a narrow escape from what might have been a bad accident last Monday at Maplewood park, Bangor. One of the attractions at the Labor Day celebration was a running race between the teamsters. Those of them on heavy team horses came round the back stretch of the track where Mr. Greely was working out one of his colts. They made considerable noise, and Mr. Greely's colt became frightened and dodged. The wheel of the sulky locked with a wheel of a buggy standing beside the track. Then the colt began to act. Mr. Greely succeeded in getting him under control, and then dismounting from the sulky. The only damage was a badly frightened colt and a tire gone from one of his wheels. - Ellsworth American, Sept. 3, 1902

AROUND THE CHURCH

* FOR YOUR CALENDAR *

 Sundays, Mar 1-22, 12:30 p.m.	UUCE
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 Sunday, Mar 1, 12:30-3 p.m.	UUCE
 Wednesdays, Mar 4-Apr 1, 7 p.m.	Area Churches
 Thursday, Mar 5, 9:30 a.m.	UUCE
 Thursdays, Mar 5, 19, 2:00 p.m.	UUCE
 Sundays, Mar 8-Apr 19, 12:30	UUCE
 Mondays, Mar 9, 23, 5:00 p.m.	UUCE
 Friday, Mar 12, 1-2:30 p.m.	UUCE
 Thurs, starting Mar 19, 10-11:30	UU Rockland
 Friday, Mar 20, 7:00 p.m.	UUCE
 Saturday, Mar 21, 2 p.m.	UUCE
 Sat-Sun, Mar 21-22	UUCE
 Sunday, Mar 29, 4 p.m.	UU Belfast
 1st, 3rd Mondays , 5:30 p.m.	UUCE
 2nd, 4th Mondays, 5:30 p.m.	Haydée's, Blue Hill
 2nd Tuesdays , 10 a.m.	UUCE
 Wednesdays 4-5:30 p.m.	UUCE
 Tuesdays 1:30 p.m.	Tidewater Room
 Fridays 4-6 p.m.	Dolphin Room

Yes, it's true, the days are getting longer! Spring is just around the corner, and with spring comes many activities at UUCE. Please make sure the office knows about your scheduled meeting dates, times, and room requests!

Also, let the office know if you experience any difficulty in receiving the monthly NUUS, the weekly E-News, or the monthly SoulMatters resources. The office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 11 to 4. Phone (207) 667-4393 or email office@uuellsworth.org.

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We covenant to affirm and promote:

The inherent worth and dignity of every human being;
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.