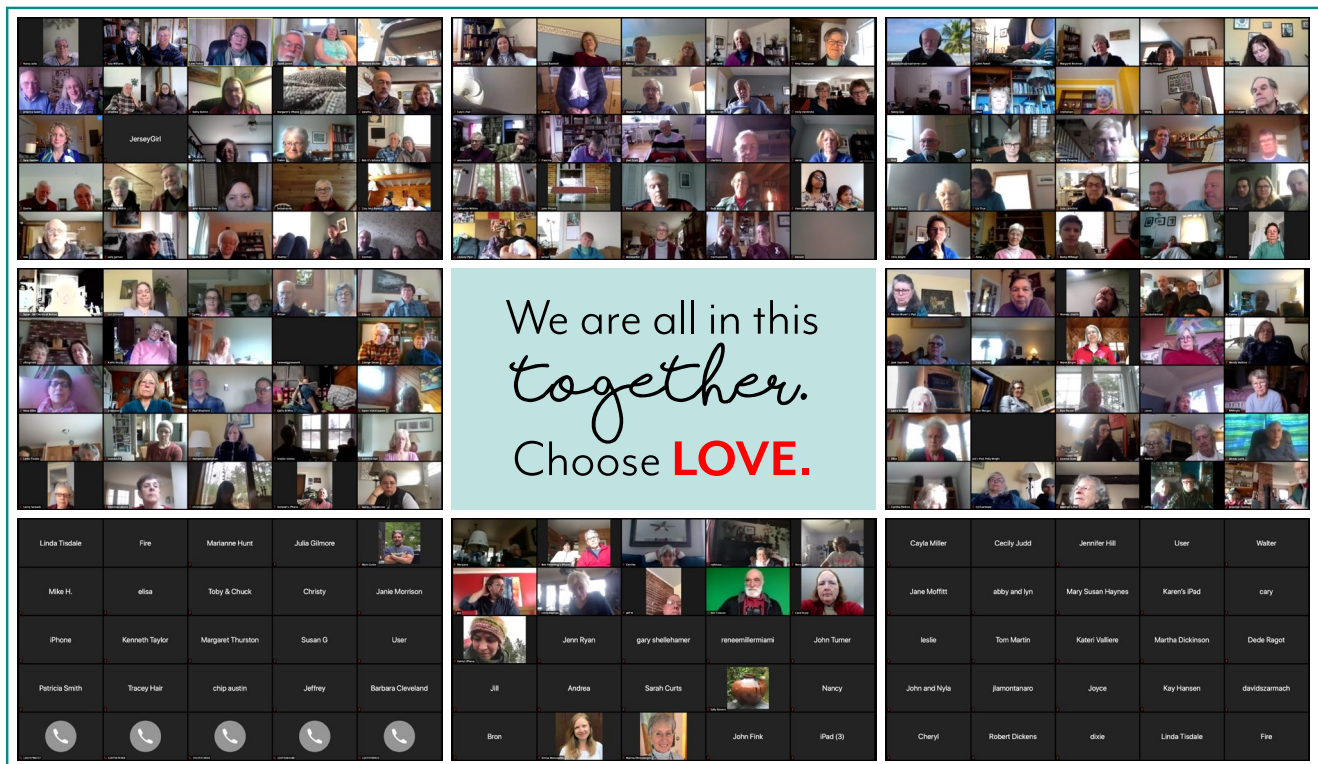




Celebrating the sacred, we gather in loving community to nourish souls and live justice into the world.



from 3-church service on 3/29/20

## APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 a.m.

This month's worship theme is **LIBERATION**.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

***It won't matter how much we have...***

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

This Sunday morning, as we kick off our annual stewardship campaign, we will celebrate the generosity and loving orientation of heart that are hallmarks of our congregation. How is it that in choosing to be generous people, we change our lives for the better?

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

***Easter Worship Sunday Service***

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

***A Collaborative Earth Day Worship Service*** with our Belfast & Castine UU Congregations

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

***Worship Service***

leader yet to be determined

## MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

**M**ost mornings now I make myself go for a walk alongside the Penobscot River here in Bucksport. The more I do it, the less I have to make myself. Drizzle and chilly wind or sun peaking through clouds, I always feel better when I'm out there walking.

This month certainly is not what any of us dreamed it would be—meetings, classes and conferences cancelled; having to learn how to use ZOOM for worship—thank goodness you're willing to learn, too! Launching our annual Stewardship Campaign with a mailing to your home—we thank you for taking the time to read it and respond.

Though working from home has its benefits – more time for lunch and dinner with my beloved—it also has its challenges: I miss seeing you, being in the same room, laughing and planning and doing ministry that way together.

And then I remember not everyone has a home or is safe in their home. This month's Plate Split will benefit the Next Step Domestic Violence Project and I'll give more than I would have otherwise. Here's a link to our website, should want to give, too: <https://uellsworth.org/donate/>

And then I remember my good fortune at having work—good, meaningful work—and that there are some among us who do not, and who are wondering how long they'll be able to make ends meet this way.

And then I remember some of you are still going to work—essential workers among us who are giving and risking much to be there for others—and your commitment, dedication and generosity of spirit moves me.

At this time, we have to remember that keeping perspective is important: we are in this together, yes, we are apart from each other but we are not alone. Reaching out with our hearts is important. Finding healthy ways to give voice to however we feel—scared, lonely, sad or mad in any given moment—is important, letting it out, moving through whatever is hard, making room for the possibility of feeling more acceptance and peace.

By the time you read this, I hope you'll have been invited to be a part of a Caring Circle, one more way we're determined to weave a loving web of connection and support among us. (If you haven't been invited but would like to be, please let me know.)

Please know you are loved and remembered and that your church community—which is made up of all of us—wants to be there for you.

Yours,  
Sara



## VIDEOS OF RECENT SERVICES

Did you miss any of the recent services on Zoom?

Click [HERE](#) to view one or them all.



## 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.



# UUCE ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE 2020-2021

APRIL 5 – MAY 3, 2020



Hello to all UUCE Members and Friends,

I hope you are getting used to being sheltered in your home because of this Coronavirus and have adjusted your daily activities so there's still joy in every day.

YES, the Pledge Drive for the 2020 — 2021 Fiscal Year is on! We are sticking to our Spring Calendar Dates (see above) and ending with a drive celebration (of some sort) on Sunday, May 3.

For details PLEASE LOOK AT THE STEWARDSHIP NUUS SPECIAL EDITION you'll soon receive.

You may have also received your pledge drive envelope with pledge card, inserts, and self-addressed stamped envelope to return your pledge card and Vanco form if used. Please fill out your pledge card (and Vanco signup sheet if used) completely and sign and date them. Return your envelope to us as soon as you can. Doing so will really help us with our management of the drive. Again, if you have any questions, please call Stewardship Committee members Bob Francis 207-479-4589, Connie Bailey 207-249-3505, or Margaret Thurston 207-271-7974 or call Jeff Jeude though the UUCE office phone 207-667-4393.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the online Sunday services. Let's all keep in touch.

Stay safe and may peace be with you,

*Bob Francis*  
Chair, Stewardship Committee

## COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Your Board-appointed COVID-19 Task Force will continue meeting weekly to help us make prudent and timely decisions. The members of this taskforce want you to know you are welcome to reach out to them for support or guidance. This is their contact information:

Mary Haynes:

667-7596 (home)  
207-266-2207 (cell/text)

Penel Houghton:

207-266-1484 (cell/text)

Anne Ossanna:

565-2057 (home)  
374-5612 (work)  
207-479-6338 (cell/text)

Marta Rieman:

667-7584 (home)  
207-479-7250 (cell/text)

Gary Shellehamer:

667-0034 (home)  
202-494-3593 (cell/text)

Karen Volckhausen:

667-9212 (home)  
207-266-9212 (cell/text)

To date, we have made the following decisions:

1. In-person Sunday Morning Worship is canceled at UUCE beginning March 15 through April 26 and we will move our worship services on-line.
2. For this same period of time (March 15 – April 30) there will be no in-person meetings, classes or church-sponsored events at church. This includes Small Group Ministry, Committee & Board Meetings, Wellspring, and all other scheduled Adult R.E. classes, including Rev. Mark Worth's UU History Class, O.W.L., the New to UU Class, the Grove and Rev.

Deane Perkins' World Religions Class scheduled to begin on 3/19. Leaders of these gatherings will be provided support and access to ZOOM, should they choose to set-up on-line meetings in the weeks to come. We are encouraging leaders to hold meetings over ZOOM.

Please feel free to read the attached ZOOM Meeting Info Sheet and explore ZOOM on your own with some of these tutorials in the meantime: <https://support.zoom.us/.../ar.../206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials>

In the very near future, we will be establishing geographically based Caring Circles of 5-10 households with an identified leader. The purpose of these circles is to help us ensure that everyone has the friendship, food, medicines and the spiritual resources and support they need during this time. Caring Circles will be created in part by enlisting the support of our existing Small Group Ministry Circles, as well members of our Caring Committee and Pastoral Visitors Team. If you are someone willing to help in this effort, please email me at [sara@uuellsworth.org](mailto:sara@uuellsworth.org).

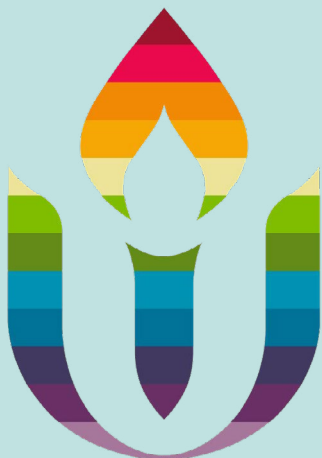


## GET OUT THE VOTE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS & UUCE

### INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION

The Neighbor to Neighbor and UU the Vote projects are on hold for now. Door-to-door organizing is clearly not a good idea until the coronavirus crisis has passed, and it is safe to talk face to face with people outside our households. We had hoped to meet with folks from the Poor Peoples Campaign and Mano y Mano, but that will have to wait. The League of Women Voters is continuing work on their *Voter Guide* for the June primary election and would welcome help on that. If you are interested, please contact Martha Dickenson at [marthad@gwi.net](mailto:marthad@gwi.net) or 207-667-5863.



## 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.

## MAKERS WORKSHOP



Mission: **Take Action and Craft a Response to Climate Change** that has the power to transform our own lives and build community.

For now, the idea of Makers' Workshops as an interactive community event at UUCE is on hold, but we organizers want to keep our mission alive, and get ideas brewing, while we necessarily have to transform the dual goals of building community and addressing climate justice into a different format as we work and live remotely right now. We would like to stimulate ideas for steps any of us might take to re-imagine our personal lives, reorganize our economy, redirect our governments and revamp our learning systems.

We quickly coined a motto of **prepare, adapt, do!**

### Food for Thought

Do you see similar issues in climate crisis and current COVID-19 outbreak; if so, how can we look for deeper roots in the issues rather than just reacting to symptoms?

### Sustainable Steps

One thing to do right now to reduce energy consumption:

Pam Person suggests: If there are "instant on" electronics in your home (TVs, DVDs, radios, computers) in your home, plug them into a power strip so you turn them off completely when you are not using them. "Instant on" costs consumers 7% annually.

### Quarantine Corner

As you have more time at home, here are some ideas of positive and sustainable activities:

Haydee's Quarantine Makers' tip:

I had a hankering for some coconut yogurt (store bought is expensive and creates plastic waste) so I made some! It requires two ingredients:

1 can (I know a tin can is waste too) of coconut milk and two servings of a probiotic. Put it on your counter and cover it with cheesecloth for 24 to 48 hours. Delicious!

Please share your tips with us and we'll post them in this column!

**OUR PLATE SPLIT** for APRIL is Next Step Domestic Violence Project, offering help to those experiencing intimate partner abuse, stalking, and dating violence in our community.



Next Step  
Domestic Violence Project  
Hancock & Washington Counties, Maine

## TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE

Good collaboration pushes our boundaries and strengthens our message.

The Collaborative Ministry Team (CMT) of Belfast, Castine, and Ellsworth is a way we can deepen our values and increase our strength in our actions for social and earth justice--the voice and presence of three congregations carries further than just one.

The CMT is a part of our teaching congregation, sharing the internship of individuals as they participate in the lives of our three congregations and our collaborative team on the journey to ministry; think Lane Fisher, Amy Fiorilli, and Ariel Aaronson-Eves. In addition, CMT also offers learning for all of us through a number

of ways (both practically, spiritually, and intellectually) in its works: Ferry Beach and its workshops; sponsoring a bus that allows a savings as we attend GA; joint book read/discussions; and the viewing of documentaries, often with a panel discussion with comments and Q&A following the screening. The Decolonization book group that Ellsworth is hosting has members from the churches at Castine and Belfast contributing to the discussions. Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes are offered by Ellsworth to the three churches for our children and youth.

Spiritually, we join together (at least in times that are not overshadowed by a pandemic) for our annual three-church service, the Ferry Beach experience, and a sharing of UU principles that encourages us to deepen our commitments and live our faith into the world.

Recently CMT sponsored the showing of “Just Mercy” at the Alamo in Bucksport. A weekend showing of this film with a chance for some to discuss the movie after the Friday night showing was one way the CMT contributes to our group and our individual congregations. A tentative showing of “The Condor and the Eagle” was planned for this spring. The documentary followed by discussion focuses on the journey of four Indigenous leaders embarking on an extraordinary trans-continental adventure from the Canadian plains to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of “Climate Justice.” Their path through the jungle takes them on an unexpectedly challenging and liberating journey, which will forever change their attachment to the Earth and one another and, hopefully, us. Watch UUCE’s webpage, Facebook page, NUUS and weekly e-News for a rescheduling of this event, as well as other CMT-related activities as our three individual congregations join together to explore and push our spiritual boundaries and strengthen our voices for justice.



**The Collaborative Ministry of the  
Unitarian Universalist Churches  
of Belfast, Castine, and Ellsworth**



## GREETINGS MY BELOVED COMMUNITY,

A month ago I never would have dreamed the changes we all would face today. We started March exploring **Wisdom** with warm weather, holding our first OWL K-1 class and Parent Group, Registering for our Pre-Teen Overnight Gathering, and the looking forward to the promise of Spring. How quickly the earth shifted. Here we are at the beginning of April with OWL K-1 class, OWL Parent Group, and the Pre-Teen Overnight Gathering postponed indefinitely. Spring arrived to an empty sanctuary, yet with technology we still worship together and our children receive meaningful RE Lesson Plans each week. As we move forward during these uncertain times, April will bring us **Liberation**.

Until further notice, Sunday morning worship will be by ZOOM. A RE Lesson Plan with a focus on our monthly theme will be emailed to parents each Saturday. I will answer emails as quickly as I can and ask that parents respond to all my emails as they receive them. If parents are in need of emotional or financial support, please reach out to me or Rev. Sara; we are here for you! I will do my best to send a short note to our children each week.

Moving forward, I am excited about how creative and collaborative we have been by using technology to join together in community. I will be working from home except for a few hours each Saturday when I will be at UUCE to water plants, work on future Lesson Plans, and check on our church.



There was a new group for parents, CLUB QUARANTINI, a ZOOM Happy Hour for Parents. We will gather each Friday night from 8:00-9:00 p.m. for an adult beverage or a cup of tea. In April, we will have a libation or lemonade for **Liberation** and discuss this topic and your concerns more deeply.

I am still working on a ZOOM RE Class each week and look forward to feedback from parents if this is necessary.

We are in this together and we will get through this together. I have faith in us as a congregation. Reach out if you need help, be kind, it will be well again I know.

Anne

## CLYNK PRECAUTIONS

CLYNK is a redemption company born out of community. You rely on us to get you back your deposits, and our hardworking employees value your business as it gives them dependable income and basic benefits. Never has this been truer than during the COVID-19 outbreak.

CLYNK is open for business. We are committed to keeping this little corner of your life “easy and convenient” even while the rest is anything but. We are taking extra precautions to keep our employees safe, including increased vigilance on the use of personal protective equipment. If you see a driver decked out in unusual gear – please give them a thumbs up (or virtual elbow bump) from us!

To the same end, we’d like to ask for a voluntary safety pledge from you. After filling your CLYNK bag and tying it tight, please hold on to it for 3 days before you drop it off at any CLYNK drop location. This will help to dramatically reduce the risk of surface-to-human contamination. To signal you have done this please tie a bright piece of ribbon/string/anything to the handle of your bag. We are calling this a “3 Day OK.”

Never fear – we will process your bag with or without the 3 Day OK tie. But when we see the tie our employees will know they can breathe a little easier. Thank you in advance for this small sign of solidarity – we love our CLYNKer community.

Sincerely,  
Your friends at CLYNK

**If you need CLYNK bags and stickers please email Anne at [aossanna@aol.com](mailto:aossanna@aol.com). Anne will mail out requests once a week, complete with a ribbon until further notice.**



## 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.

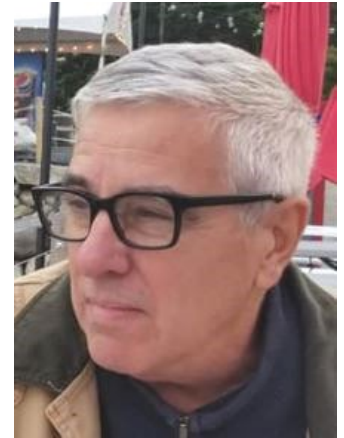
## YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN

The past month has brought quite a change as we practice social distancing and find ways to reach out our hearts, keeping our UUCE community connected and caring. We are learning how to ZOOM for both worship services and committee and group meetings, and using existing means of staying in touch as well as creating new ways to reach out to one another, for both the current times and as a way to strengthen our connection in the future. At our first ZOOM worship service, 52 people's computers or phones connected, and at the March 22 worship service there 96 people connected. From what I could tell from the gallery view of people who were using video, 21 additional people were sharing screens. It was a wonderful way to see you, hear you, to share our connection, and to hear Sara's message as we celebrated worship.

We now find some events uncertain—June's General Assembly in Providence, our three-church service with Belfast and Castine in that same month, and Ferry Beach in August. Information will be forthcoming as the pandemic and our response to it evolve. Please visit UUCE's [website](#), our [Facebook page](#), and check the weekly e-News for updates.

For now, other plans and events remain scheduled, among them the election of your board members and our treasurer. We are approaching the end of UUCE's fiscal year which requires congregational adoption of a balanced budget for FY 2020–2021. Our **Stewardship Pledge Month** begins on April 5. This year's drive will be different from previous ones—we have suspended services and meetings at the church until at least April 30, and possibly longer. Pledge cards and other information will be arriving by mail and other material will be sent via email or posted on the church website as well as on our Facebook page. Using ZOOM and other virtual or technological means of communication (for committees and small group ministries) will keep us up to date on church information. We are also creating Caring Circles which are ways for all of us to opt into a group to which we can reach out and with whom we can stay in touch.

You have received a special Stewardship NUUS, with information about the drive. Our budget is funded by your generous pledges: 74% of budgeted funds come from pledging in the Stewardship campaign. Thanks to you, we have been able to offer a number of special courses, discussions, and events such as Wellspring and OWL. Your contributions also provide funds for a number of our very active church committees and events:



- Taking care of structures on our property is handled by the **Building Committee**. This year this small committee was able to fix the heat in the RE wing, have a new roof put on the shed, replace the bulletin board wall in the front hallway, have snow guards installed on the solar panels, repair the speaker in the foyer, have the sanctuary doors planed so the sound of their closing wouldn't distract from sanctuary events, fix the baby-changing table, repair the sanctuary video system, fix the Wayside Pulpit lights, and more. Thank you for pledging and providing funds that enabled the Building Committee to maintain and improve our church, and thank you to the committee for their work. If you are interested in being on the committee, please let the office know.
- Your **Safety Committee** arranged safety inspections for fire extinguishers, the sprinkler system and range hood, had panic buttons installed in the event of an emergency, and worked with the Aesthetics Committee on curtains for the RE shelter-in-place rooms. We are in need of members for this committee; please contact the office.
- **Adult RE** coordinated the above-mentioned Wellspring program, hosted an Aging and Sageing program and also a Spiritual Growth video/discussion program.

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- PASA, now renamed UUCE's **Peace and Social Action Ministry**, talks-the-talk and walks-the-walk of courageous love, one of the core values you named as important in UUCE: Becoming Our Best. This past year, PASA continued the work on renewing UUCE's status as a [Welcoming Congregation](#); supported our Transgender Day of Remembrance Service; and placed a new Pride flag on our Wayside Pulpit. PASA Ministry continued the Cookie Ministry to the Ellsworth High School Gay/Straight/Diversity Alliance. The Ministry highlighted decolonization through a service with [Wabanaki Reach](#) and hosted a special tour of the [Abbe Museum](#); held an on-going book study of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*; and planned a to-be-announced decolonization faith workshop. With a focus on earth justice, PASA incorporated Climate Change Crisis as part of our social action and promoted [Ecosattva](#), a group that is working on understanding what is happening within us in relation to the trauma related to the climate crisis and how to respond constructively. PASA and UUCE faced the changing world of recycling through UUCE's Green Team. They sponsored a UUCE showing of the documentary *Almost Sunrise* followed by a discussion about moral injury. The group supported the Blueberry Rakers Fairs; promoted [Guest at Your Table](#); supported our Reverse Advent project to keep the shelves of our local food pantry, Loaves & Fishes, stocked with infant and toddler supplies their customers need and, in January, made plans to take it to the wider community through Bounty for Babies Forever (UUCE's Faithify pledge drive ended March 30, so check the weekly e-News for more information). PASA hosts events to contact our government representatives with Write Here/Right Now and a 2019-2020 new initiative of messaging our representatives by phone, Call from the Boardroom. Member(s) attend meetings of [MUUSAN](#), reporting back and PASA supports their activities. Plans have been made to support [A Family for ME](#), such as hosting a foster parent informational

meeting at UUCE. PASA Ministry is working on a *UUCE Family Movie Night*, coordinating with RE. Thank you for pledging and providing funds for all these Peace and Social Ministry events and actions. If you are interested in joining PASA, contact Doug Bird.

I hope that you will reflect on all that your pledges provide to our community, taking care of property, looking out for one another, strengthening our values into the world community, as well as the actions and projects of your church's many other committees. Please consider a generous pledge for our upcoming 2020–2021 fiscal year.

"One of the best things about church is that it is an intentional community where you can live out your values. In a world where almost everything is based on a transactional "fee-for-service" system, church is one place where things operate differently. A church shares its service with you joyfully, until you decide that you feel ready to give joyfully back. Giving is an important part of the mutual relationship we have with our riches and with all of the people in our faith." -Bart Frost, Blue Boat Home blog.

### Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth 2020-2021 Pledge Drive



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-Bart Frost, Blue Boat Home Blog

## UUCE YARD SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020

Getting ready to do your spring cleaning? Thinking about becoming a minimalist? Lost or gained a lot of weight recently? Whatever your reasons for having extra “stuff” - we want it!

If you can hold on to it until the week of the yard sale, that would be ideal. If not, we'll arrange to get it from you as soon as the Stay at Home order is lifted. Questions, contact Pepper at 757-746-7874.




Check Out the  
**UU MINISTRY FOR EARTH**

Website:  
<https://www.uumfe.org/get-involved/climate-action-network/>

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

## GREEN ACTION TEAM

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Maine has moved the effective date for the ban of plastic single-use bags to January 15, 2021. Loaves and Fishes can use your clean plastic single-use bags - please drop them off at the church.

If you already shop with reusable bags, remember to clean them to prevent the transmittal of disease. Cloth reusable bags can be cleaned in the washing machine with hot water with detergent. Then, run them through the dryer. Wash bags made from plastic by hand in warm soapy water and then line dry.

If you use the Ellsworth Transfer Station, please note revised hours:  
Monday: closed; Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.;  
Wednesday: closed; Thursday: closed;  
Friday: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.; Saturday: 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.;  
and Sunday: Closed.

ONLINE [LINK](#) TO APRIL  
**SOUL MATTERS PACKET**  
**LIBERATION**



## MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERN

I thought I'd be writing this column from an airplane, somewhere over the Atlantic or the Mediterranean, en route to Israel and Palestine on a pilgrimage with my final seminary class. Instead, I'm writing from the den at my parents' house in New Hampshire. With all that's changed in our lives in the past week and a half, it seems certain that the world in which you read this column will be different in ways we can't even imagine yet. So I find myself writing to my future self as much as to all of you.

I've taken a bit of an inventory of some of my feelings at the present moment, with a set of questions to check back in with in the days and weeks to come. I invite you to answer these questions for yourself, and observe how they may change from one week, day, moment, to the next. Here are my questions and answers on March 21, 2020:

### • Where do you find hope?

- In the planting & germinating of seeds, in the future that inevitably comes.
- In stories of people helping each other.

### • Where do you find joy?

- In long walks with the dog, with crocuses and daffodils and other signs of early spring
- In maintaining connections with friends far away
- In people out-of-state or housebound getting to worship with their church families

### • What are you afraid of?

- People suffering unnecessarily
- Corporations/government/individuals taking advantage of our physical distancing in some harmful and nefarious ways
- Things returning to exactly how they were before
- People I care about dying

### • What are you grieving?

- My cancelled/postponed trip to Israel/Palestine
- The prospect of missing in-person graduation
- Time off to visit in person with friends

### • What are you appreciating?

- The lack of commute
- Having valuable skills and a flexible schedule
- Zoom - and Starr King School for the Ministry, for the many opportunities to get familiar with this program
- Margaret, Sara, & Amy - for their flexibility and support
- My parents, for having a home where I can settle in, be fed, and work remotely

### • What are you grounding in?

- My body, listening to when I need to go outside or slow down or eat something or hydrate...

Take care of yourselves, dear ones, knowing that you are wrapped in the love of your congregation, of our three collaborating congregations, and together - socially connected yet physically distant - we shall navigate these challenging and confusing times.

Love, Ariel

*Ariel Aaronson-Eves*  
Collaborative Intern,  
UUCS, UUCB, UUCE

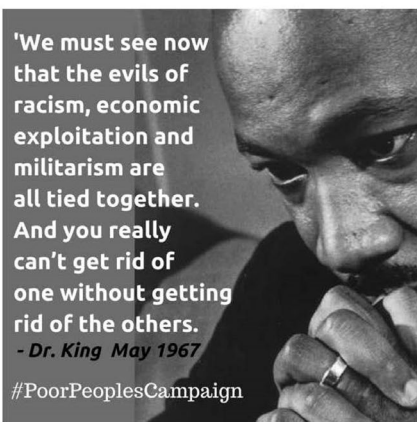




## UU ASSOCIATION 2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly and Conference Services Staff and GA Planning Committee are monitoring local and national news, as well as hotel and conference service industry organizations, for updates, protocols and advice about the spread of the coronavirus in the United States. Please be advised that General Assembly will take place as scheduled in Providence, Rhode Island from June 24 – June 28, 2020. In the months ahead, we will keep you informed on relevant changes to this very fluid situation.

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](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org);  
email [Maine@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:Maine@poorpeoplescampaign.org);  
call Adam Thiesen at (708) 903-0651;  
and follow Maine PPC on Facebook.

## TRANSFORMED TO DIGITAL

THE ASSEMBLY & MORAL MARCH ON JUNE 20, 2020 WILL NOT BE POSTPONED BUT WILL BE TRANSFORMED! WE ARE GOING DIGITAL!



## HANNAFORD & SHAW'S 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.

Pick up your card(s) from Evelyn Foster at 173 Pioneer Farm Way, Ellsworth. Please call first 207-667-5998 or 207-479-8998. You may also email Evelyn at [ewfoster@myfairpoint.net](mailto:ewfoster@myfairpoint.net)

Help us out at no cost to you - except grocery money you would spend anyway! Buy Hannaford Gift cards for yourself and others, too. Thank you!!

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 6 SOURCES

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

1. 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.





## MULTI-CHURCH SUMMER RETREAT 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.

We understand that we are living in uncertain times and it may be hard to think about Ferry Beach right now. Please know that Ferry Beach will provide a complete refund if a cancellation is related to COVID-19. Currently 15 folks from UUCE have registered - thank you! Please reach out to Anne Ossanna if you have any questions. Registration forms with a deposit and installment plans can be mailed to Anne. Checks should be made payable to UUCE with Ferry Beach in the memo line. The Beach is calling!

Limited partial scholarships are available. Please see Anne Ossanna for a confidential request.

See the following page for registration form. Please print this page, complete registration and mail to UUCE, 121 Bucksport Road, Ellsworth, ME 04605.



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.

## MULTI-CHURCH RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM (print this page and mail to UUCE with deposit)

Registration goes through May 10<sup>th</sup>. You are registering for 3 nights housing (dorm or campsite), 9 meals and housekeeping fee. Note: A non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee is due at registration.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be attending the weekend?

Name	Adult 18+	Youth 9-17	Under 8
1.			
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Totals:

- \_\_\_ Adults 18+ at \$325.00 each (includes shared dorm room, housekeeping and 9 meals)
- \_\_\_ Adults 18+ at \$375.00 each (includes double ADA room, housekeeping and 9 meals)
- \_\_\_ Youth 9-17 at \$130.00 each (includes shared dorm/campsite, housekeeping and 9 meals)
- \_\_\_ Children (under age 8) \$25.00
- \_\_\_ Tent Sites at \$120.00 per site for 3 nights
- \_\_\_ RV/Sites at \$144.00 per site for 3 nights
- \_\_\_ Large RV at \$150.00 per site for 3 nights
- \_\_\_ Adult 18+ Camper Meal Plan/Registration \$150.00 per person
- \_\_\_ Lobster on Sunday, August 23rd at \$13.00 per Lobster
- \_\_\_ Day Pass \$10.00 per day/per person for those staying off campus and \$25.00 per person Registration fee for Programming. NOTE: Meals are not included
- \_\_\_ Ala cart Breakfast each meal \$15.00 adult/\$11.00 youth/Free for children ages 8 and younger
- \_\_\_ A la cart Lunch each meal \$15.00 adult/\$14.00 youth/Free for children ages 8 and younger
- \_\_\_ A la Cart Dinner each meal \$22.00 adult/\$17.00 youth/Free for children ages 8 and younger

Total Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to UUCE and include FERRY BEACH RETREAT in the memo line. A \$25.00 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is due at Registration and will be applied to your balance.

We do not want the cost of the retreat to deter you from joining us. Limited partial scholarships may be available to assist with costs. Please contact Anne Ossanna to request financial assistance prior to registration.

# of Vegetarians in Party: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Vegans in Party: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Gluten Free in Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Other dietary restrictions, allergies, food considerations, and or special needs (ie – no stairs, close to bathroom)

Are you willing to lead a workshop? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Topic/Focus of workshop you are willing to lead \_\_\_\_\_

## SANKOFA CORNER



# REV. WILLIAM HENRY SAVARY (1835 - 1906)\*

Wayne H. Smith  
UUCE Historian

by the Hon. Herbert T. Silsby II

History is full of examples of one or two people making a difference in a community or institution. Such a man was the Reverend William Henry Savary, Unitarian minister in Ellsworth from 1865 to 1872. In 1899, from Jamaica Plain, Mass., he sent some verses he had written about his Ellsworth experience. He writes of his move to Ellsworth:

*I well recall the journey East  
In eighteen sixty-five;  
when I, my thirtieth birthday o'er  
With zeal was all alive!  
I brought my three-years-wedded wife;  
My firstborn little son;  
We drove from Bangor, in a chaise;  
And, thus, was life begun.*

Savary was born at Savaryville, East Bradford, now Groveland, Mass., April 18, 1835, the son of the Hon. George and Louisa Balch Savary. George was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, state Senate, and candidate for lieutenant governor, and in business was "engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes, on a very extended scale."

His son William "was born on the same land taken up by his ancestor, Robert, seven generations back." He was, then, born into an old and prosperous family, and this was sent to Yale, graduated in the class of 1857. He studied for the ministry and married Oct. 21, 1862, Anna E., only daughter of the Rev. George W. Hosmer, one of the pioneer Unitarian



ministers of the United States and president of Antioch College in Ohio, and Hannah, daughter of the Reverend James Kendall, D.D., of Plymouth, Mass. Hannah's brother was Professor James K. Hosmer, librarian of the Minneapolis Public Library, historian and writer, whose "published work was voluminous, scholarly, and widely read."

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There was a strong sentiment for the Unitarian faith in Ellsworth. Dr. Charles C. Everett, then clergyman at Bangor, recommended that Savary go there to test out the theological waters for himself. He did. He spent two Sundays conducting services on Pine Street and was satisfied he could gather and organize a viable Unitarian church.

After he returned to Ellsworth with his family in the fall of 1865, he quickly entered upon the task of organizing a church. He soon succeeded and services were held on Pine Street until spring 1866, when the services were conducted in Whiting's Hall on Main Street. Savary also involved himself in many civic and social activities. In November 1865, he was chosen a member of a committee, along with Eugene Hale and the Rev. Robert Cole, the Baptist minister, to report officers for an organization of an Ellsworth Lyceum association. The Lyceum was to conduct a series of lectures that winter.

In 1866, the Unitarians took upon themselves the great project of building a new meeting house. They bought a lot of land at the northwest corner of the intersection of Main, High, and Oak streets. S. S. Woodcock, a Boston architect, was retained to design the new church building. The order of his design was called the "new Gothic" or Victoria. The modern term is generally "wooden Gothic."

The builder was I. and O. W. Kent of Ellsworth. The "audience room" was 43 feet wide and 51 in length, with 60 pews, capable of seating 300 people. The vestry room was 18 x 24, separated from the audience room by folding doors which when open and including the gallery over it would seat an additional 200 people.

The woodwork inside the church was chestnut trimmed with black walnut frescoing by Butler of Boston and painting by I. S. Smith of Ellsworth. In later years the building was jacked up and another floor added at the foundation.

The church was dedicated August 28, 1867. The Unitarian choir of Bangor performed and F. S. Davenport was the

organist. A Mr. Cole of the building committee "feelingly acknowledged the generous aid received from the Unitarians of Bangor, Portland and other places" or as the Reverend Savary put it: "With money raised in generous sums, both here, and everywhere."

The prayer of dedication was made by the Reverend Dr. Briggs, and the dedication sermon by President George W. Hosmer of Antioch College and father-in-law of Savary. His theme was that "every soul should strive to climb the mounts of spiritual aspirations to get nearer to God." Savary later wrote the dedication was a "most memorable affair."

The years right after the Civil War were very creative and formative in Ellsworth. There was a group of young people who believed the town of Ellsworth ought to be a city, that the school system ought to be reformed, that the city ought to have a free public library and a free public high school. Some of the young people were Eugene Hale, later U.S. senator; the Rev. Robert Cole, Baptist minister; L. A. Emery, later Maine's chief justice; N. K. Sawyer, editor of the Ellsworth American; James Davis, first mayor under the city charter of 1869; Calvin G. Peck, 2nd, second mayor, and Arno Wiswell, prominent lawyer and father of Andrew Peters Wiswell, Maine's youngest Chief Justice. The Rev. Savary was very active in this group. They made great progress. They procured the charter making Ellsworth a city and built Hancock Hall, Ellsworth's beautiful city hall from 1869 until it was destroyed in the great fire of 1933. The first public high school was established in 1870 and the public library the same year.

Savary was appointed the first superintendent of the public library. He in turn appointed Addie True, librarian, who remained in that position until 1908, a nice little tenure of 38 years. During most of that time she received the munificent salary of \$50 per year.

The circulating library had been given to the city by the Ellsworth Circulating Library Association Jan. 3, 1870. The association had been organized by a group of young women 15

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years before at a time when Ellsworth had no library other than one or two booksellers who also rented books to the public.

Savary submitted his library superintendent's report dated March 21, 1870, to James F. Davis, the mayor. Savary reported that the library association had turned over 680 volumes, of which 122 were totally unfit for further use unless rebound, leaving a total of 558 volumes for circulation. These books were placed on temporary shelves in the antechamber of the city council room of the newly built Hancock Hall. The library hours were from 2 to 6 p.m., Saturday only. Since the newly organized city government had not appropriated any money for the library, it was necessary, temporarily, to collect a small tax on each book borrowed.

Savary gave his opinion that the books in the library were "wisely chosen. The selection of the best grade of novels and works of fiction is commendable and needful." He went on to say that in the purchase of books "we ought not to expect to confine the common mind and average taste to the grave and serious side of literature; the shelves of every free popular library, must make ample provisions for the natural love, on the part of the reading public, of amusement and entertainment."

Savary's fair and good judgment got the library off to a good start. He would be delighted to see the large and beautiful library of today. He urged the purchase of more books saying "we wish to put in a claim for the exceeding importance of establishing a place where attractive as well as wholesome reading can be supplied freely." He also urged a library reading and debating club. The library also sponsored a series of lectures in the wintertime.

Savary was also very active in local education. He was a member of the school committee several years. In Mayor Peck's address in 1871 he stated that "one of the obstacles to the improvement of our school, is the inherited District System." Under this system each district had an agent to see that the district's share of the school appropriation of the town was spent properly according to law. The trouble was

that many agents did nothing and oftentimes never entered the school house during the year. Savary was appointed county supervisor of schools. In 1870 he visited more than 70 schools in Hancock County. He found that "the most ill-managed schools in proportion to the size and wealth, and necessity of the situation, were found in Ellsworth," and he was happy to say that now the city was beginning to remedy the greatest defects. Savary wrote that the control of municipal affairs by city charter "provides a means and opportunity for remodeling and reconstructing the present system of public instruction from beginning to end." He was pleased to see the new Ellsworth High School was a great success. He pledged that "it will be a leading object with me in the years to come, to do all in my power to bring about still other changes and reforms."

Savary accepted a call from a church in Massachusetts after seven very productive years in Ellsworth. Owing to his efforts, the state of public education in Ellsworth and indeed all of Hancock County was greatly improved. Ellsworth had a new church and building, a new public library, and a new public high school.

Savary returned to Ellsworth many times to visit and to preach. He served in several churches in Massachusetts including Jamaica Plain, Canton, and Unity Church in South Boston. He was said to be "an able preacher and lecturer and organizer of Christian missionary work," and that in Ellsworth "every sufferer found in him a friend, and his influence was felt in every movement for the uplifting of the community morally and intellectually."

He died Sept. 3, 1906, where he was born, survived by his wife and two children.

*\* This article was written by the Hon. Herbert T. Silsby II, eminent historian of Ellsworth, as part of the "Looking Backward" series of articles on Ellsworth history published in the Ellsworth American in the late 1990s and early 2000s. This particular article was published in two parts on January 1 and 8, 1998.*

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Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;  
Acceptance of one another and encouragement  
to spiritual growth in our congregations;  
A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;  
The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process  
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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.