



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

JULY WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

“This is what democracy looks like!”

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader; Vanessa Williams, Worship Associate

On this day after the 4th of July holiday, we will draw on the voices and lived experiences of people of color, past and present in this country, who are calling us to live more and more into the truth of what democracy requires of us.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

We need not think alike...

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader; Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

We are part of a pluralistic faith tradition that aspires to honor the differences we hold, particularly in regard to theology and belief, and yet we are prone to struggling with those with whom we disagree. How do we build skills that help us bridge divides between us? What barriers to change too often get in our way? In this service, we'll reflect on these questions, as well as the challenges and rich opportunities for spiritual and personal growth when we open our heart and minds to others.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Barely Managing: Living Religion in Challenging Times

Jim Fisher, Guest Worship Leader; Kay Wilkins, Worship Associate

How does religion speak to managing a seemingly chaotic environment? Join us to explore the intersection of skills and faith as we navigate life's challenges.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

“How and Where Shall I Find Spiritual Enlightenment, That Works for Me?”

Rev. Charles Stephens, Guest Worship Leader

Within our Wellsprings program we asked this question repeatedly. We looked to each of our Unitarian Universalist Sources for answers to our individual quest for a spirituality that worked for each one of us.

A VIDEO MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

In her poem, “Why I Wake Early,” the poet Mary Oliver knows to greet each day:

*Hello, sun in my face.
Hello, you who made the morning
and spread it over the fields
and into the faces of the tulips
and the nodding morning glories
and into the window of even
the miserable and the crotchety--
best preacher that ever was...*

I recorded this video message for you while walking alongside the Penobscot River. Please know I hope you are finding ways to be and feel nourished and connected.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of our creative and loving UUCE community.

Rev. Sara



Click [HERE](#) or image above to view 7-minute Vimeo video of Rev. Sara speaking her Ministry Matters column.





WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS AT 8 A.M.

A WEEKLY VIRTUAL WORSHIP INVITATION FROM REV. SARA

Wednesday Morning Matins at 8 a.m.
on ZOOM

A Weekly Virtual Worship Invitation from Rev. Sara:
Wednesday Morning Matins at 8am on ZOOM
All are welcome to attend and participate in
this half hour morning matins gathering, a
contemplative worship space. During this time,
Rev. Sara will hold space for us to begin our day
intentionally in community with silence, music, and
varied meditation offerings and invitations she
shares.

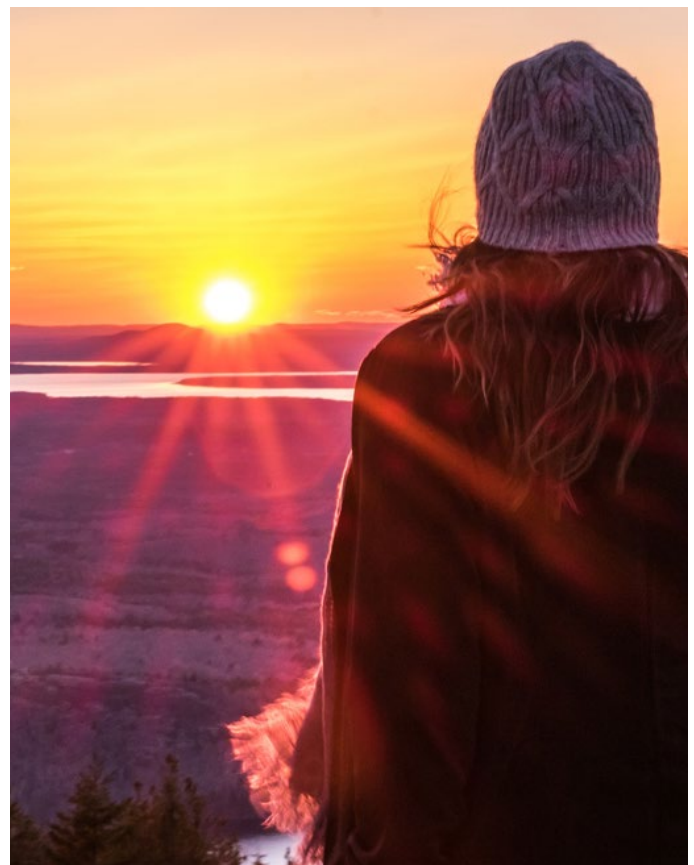
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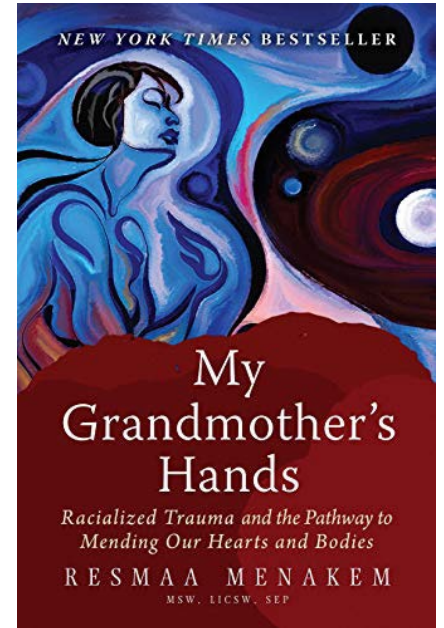
DOING OUR RACIAL JUSTICE WORK & LEARNING TOGETHER

A Book Discussion on *My Grandmother's Hands* by Resmaa Menakem

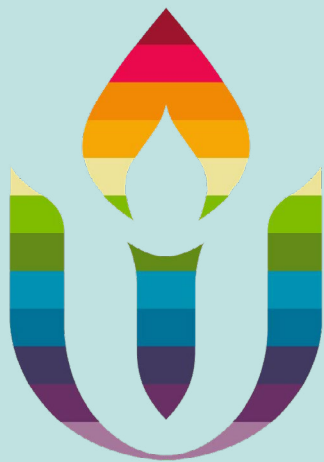
Co-Facilitated by Rev. Sara Hayman and Members of our
"Decolonization & Us" Taskforce

**Four Sessions on Thursdays from 2-3:30pm
July 16 & 30 and August 13 & 27**

All are welcome to join in this conversation and sharing based book discussion group. Ten copies of this book are on order at BookStacks in Bucksport and ten more books have been ordered through a bulk buying with the author directly. If you sign up for this class, when these books are in, we'll let you know the cost and that you can pick them up. In the meantime, we encourage you to find this book on Kindle or Audible. Please register for this book discussion group by emailing Doug Bird, Chair of our PASA ministry at birddoug137@gmail.com.



This book comes highly recommended by Ariel Aaronson-Eves, our former Collaborative Intern Minister. Last week's OnBeing podcast was a compelling interview with the author, Resmaa Menakem. The link to that On-Being episode is here: <https://onbeing.org/programs/resmaa-menakem-notice-the-rage-notice-the-silence/>



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.

SUMMER GREETINGS



Summer greetings from Religious Exploration. In June we explored Compassion through our weekly lesson plans and Children’s Chapel . Thank you Linda Uberseder for reading during Children’s Chapel in June. We also had our first every Drive By Bridging Ceremony for Ian Brenner Simpson in the parking lot of UUCE. About 22 people arrived and wished Ian well. In July we will focus on Freedom with weekly lesson plans and Children’s Chapel the first and third Sunday of the month.

~ Woyaya - Anne

JULY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

July 5: Children’s Chapel with Anne and Linda from 9:30-10:00 am;
Lesson Plan - Of The I Sing

July 12: Lesson Plan on Freedom

July 19: Children’s Chapel with Anne and Linda from 9:30-10:00 am;
Lesson Plan on Freedom

July 26: Lesson Plan on Freedom

OUR PLATE SPLIT for JULY is with the **Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic**, a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers, serving the uninsured and underinsured citizens of Downeast Maine.



UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR:

July-Sept 2020 Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic

Oct-Dec 2020 A Family for Me

Jan-Mar 2021 Wabanaki Public Health

Apr-June 2021 neighbor4neighbor

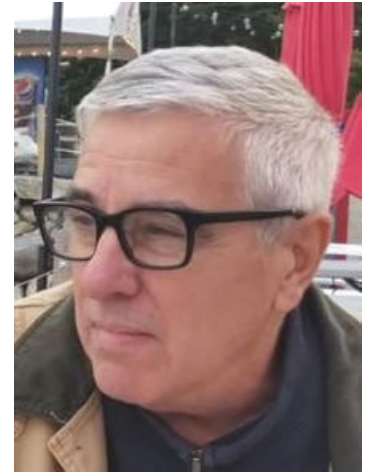
As we move into the summer, I hope this finds you safe and well, enjoying your summer and staying connected with UUCE, your spiritual community.

Spring was a busy time for us. A number of Zoom Congregational Conversations were held to continue discussions on our Core Values, Mission, and End Statements; we held the UUCE Annual Meeting on May 31, at which the revised Core Values and End Statements were adopted by a congregational vote. You also elected a Church Treasurer and Board of Trustees member (Sarah Curts), Board Secretary (Susan Opdycke), two at-large Board Members (Sally Gervais and Robert Breeden), and our Moderator (John Fink); and you voted to approve the Fowler plan for the expansion of parking for our growing congregation.

In June, we also held a new members ceremony, welcoming Bronwen Day, Emma Macaillen, Marianne Hunt, CJ Lammers and Sarah Rauber. The UUA General Assembly was held virtually with some UUCE members attending. We also celebrated Ian Brenner-Simpson's Bridging Ceremony in June. Ian, congratulations on your graduation and we wish you the best as you begin a new adventure in your life.

Our commitment to social justice took to the sidewalks and streets, as UUCE members participated in several local Black Lives Matter events; Vanessa Williams worked with Anne Ossanna and others, holding several events in Ellsworth to voice concern for the continuing injustice, state-sanctioned violence, and anti-Black bias found in our systems. We join our voices to the demands for addressing the injustice people of color face.

We are still practicing physical distancing but, thanks to caring circles, small group ministries, well-attended Zoom worship services, and weekday services with Rev. Sara and Belfast's Rev. Amy, our connections remain strong.



The Covid-19 Task Force is reviewing a congregational survey to envision plans as we move forward in the ever-changing new normal caused by the current pandemic. Thanks to those who participated in completing the survey. UUCE will ask for congregational members' expertise and participation as we attempt to address how to deal with the evolving situation.

Finally, your board is moving into the next phase of UUCE's use of the Nested Bowls concept, working with the Core Values and End Statements you adopted. These values, what type of action to take toward achieving toward goals, and the end benefits of the actions will be addressed. Working with Rev. Sara, we all will craft specific measurable actions through participation in existing committees or newly created task forces.

The conversation continues and the time for moving into our future is always here.

Gary Shellhamer, UUCE Board President

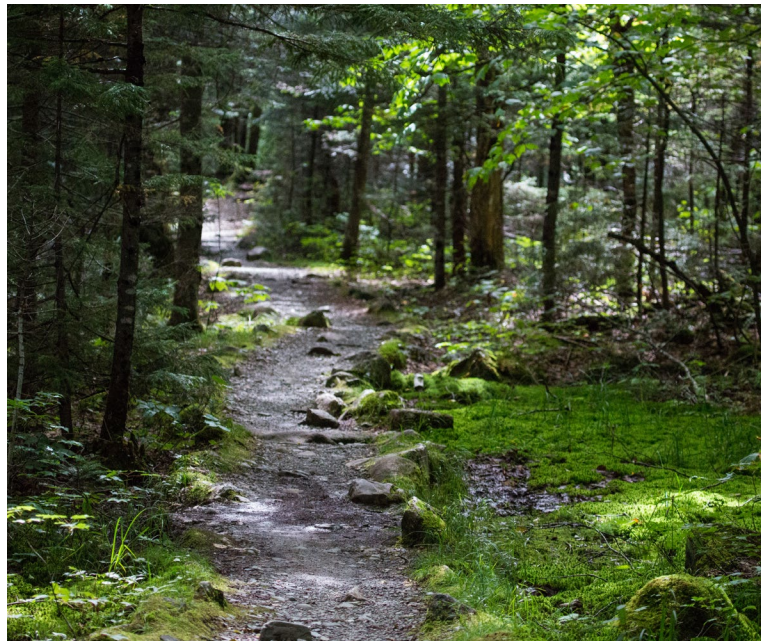
WHEN I AM AMONG THE TREES...

UUCE Hikes in July:

Saturday, July 18th at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Great Pond Mountain in Orland

Wednesday, July 29th at 4 – 6 p.m.
Blue Hill Mountain in Blue Hill

It's become an annual tradition at UUCE to plan a few hikes together each summer. This summer in particular, we're excited about the prospect of being outside and walking and hiking with you! Please RSVP to Rev. Sara if you plan to join in on one or both of these hikes! To help keep each other safe and well, we're asking folks to observe social distancing of 6ft between people, and to bring their own water, snacks and masks.



In August and September, we'll plan for more walks and hikes and that we hope will be accessible to all.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW...

UUCE's Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, August 2nd at 1 p.m.

Lamoine Beach



TWO WELLSPRING INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS ON ZOOM

Come learn about this distinctly UU Faith Formation Program being offered again at UUCE in the Coming Year!

Wednesday, July 15th from 1-2:30pm

OR

Thursday, July 30th from 4-5:30pm

ZOOM INVITE for Wellspring Informational Session

on Weds., July 15th at 1 p.m.:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95317844465>

Meeting ID: 953 1784 4465

Phone: 646-876-9923

ZOOM INVITE for Wellspring Informational Session

on Thurs., July 30th at 4 p.m.:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94403655061>

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Phone: 646-876-9923

This past year, UUCE offered two Wellspring classes that 13 people participated in and found meaningful. This coming year, September 2020 – June 2021, we will offer another opportunity for up to 8 folks to participate in Wellspring, a 10-month adult religious education program that began in 2005 and celebrates the depth and breadth of our rich religious tradition.

Travelers on this path are challenged, comforted, and inspired by learning not just about Unitarian Universalism, but also about how to integrate their Unitarian Universalist faith more fully into their daily lives. Specifically, Wellspring classes focus on UU history and theology; how taking the Sources seriously might change the way we live our lives; and core spiritual themes such as vulnerability, forgiveness, joy, and more. The essential components that are the heart of all UU Wellspring programs are small group

connection, commitment to daily spiritual practice, monthly spiritual direction, reading and reflecting on the assignments, and putting our faith into action, all resting on a foundation of deep listening.

Please plan to attend one of these two informational sessions to learn more about Wellspring. Participants from last year’s program will be share their experiences and answer your questions, too. Contact me if you have any questions you’d like answered before these Informational Sessions at sara@uuellsworth.org or learn more about Wellspring at www.uuwellspring.org.

Also, please be aware that all new participants in Wellspring are required to attend a Start-Up Retreat on Saturday, August 15th, 2020, exact time and place (on ZOOM or in person outside) still yet to be determined.

Yours in shared faith, *Rev. Sara*

MULTI-CHURCH SUMMER RETREAT AUGUST 21-24, 2020



Our summer retreat at Ferry Beach with our friends from Belfast and Castine on August 21-24 is still on at this point. The registration deadline of May 17th has been extended to early August. Ferry Beach will supply Anne with updated policies and a revised contract in mid July so we can decide if we will proceed with our retreat. There will be limitations and indeed our retreat will be different than it has been in years past. At this point, we have 21 individuals from UUCE registered and have started a “wait list”. Belfast and Castine also have folks registered and will also have to maintain a waitlist. If you want to be added to the UUCE wait list you must complete a registration form (please email Anne for the form and return electronically or by mail). Please do not send a \$25.00 registration fee with your registration form. People will be added to the wait list in order their registration form was received. There will be very limited partial scholarships available and COVID-19 related cancelations will be honored two weeks prior to the retreat. Please email “wait list” Registration Forms to Anne at aossanna@aol.com or mail to:

Anne Ossanna
69 Great Pond Road
Franklin, ME 04634

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.



A JUSTICE PROJECT OF UUCE SUPPORTED BY PASA



In December 2019 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 throughout the last six months. We initially intended to serve infants up to 2 years of age, but at the request of families who use Loaves and Fishes, we have expanded the project to include food and supplies for toddlers.

We launched a very successful Faithify campaign in March when an anonymous donor offered us \$5000 for matching donations. We surpassed that amount, and our donor promptly offered us another \$5000 because of our dedication to the project. We finished that campaign with a little more than \$15,000. We have now changed the name to Bounty for Babies Forever (BFBF), to reflect our intent to continue the project into perpetuity.

Loaves and Fishes has been extremely busy during the last few months of the COVID-19 pandemic, and they are now serving more than 40 families with infants and toddlers a month through BFBF, which is an increase of almost 50% of the number prior to the shutdown.

In the last six months, we supplied Loaves & Fishes with 5000 diapers and pull-ups, 15,000 wipes and 50 pounds of food and 40 pounds of health items! That is an amazing amount of baby supplies, and it couldn't

have happened without you all!!! Families who use the food pantry now know that they can get the infant and toddler supplies they need. This assistance would be welcome at any time, but during the shutdown, with so many parents out of work, BFBF has become a lifeline to many families.

Due to the generosity of our UUCE community and our anonymous donor, we have already made a huge difference in the lives of families in our community. Since its inception, we have been able to keep our promise that 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. Our project received notice in the current issue of UU World, and, when told why we are making such large purchases of baby supplies, the employees of the stores where we make our purchases – Walmart, Hannaford and Shaw's – have all thanked us for this wonderful service. Our efforts are not going unnoticed, to be sure!

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.



JULY 20, 7 P.M.

IBRAM X. KENDI
HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST
 Monday, July 20 at 7 pm
 Virtual Event

Dr. Charlene M. Dukes

Logos for sponsors: Prince George's County Memorial Library System, Joe's Covenant Esporium, Prince Georges Community Center Center for Performing Arts, hrc HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, Maryland State Library, and with additional support from MUSEUM OF LIBRARY SERVICES.

National Book Award winner and New York Times bestselling author Ibram X. Kendi discusses "How to Be an Antiracist."

[Register here](#)

UUCE CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

We covenant as a loving community to:



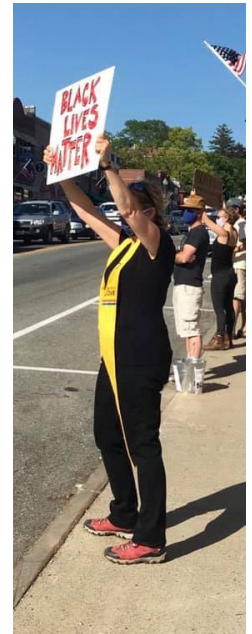
- Be kind in word, tone, and deed;
- Communicate directly, and with honesty and thoughtfulness;
- Value a diversity of perspectives;
- Assume the best intentions in one another;
- Respectfully speak up when we are hurt and listen when we cause hurt; and
- When conflict arises, work constructively toward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



21-DAY ANTI-RACISM CHALLENGE BEXLEY ANTI-RACISM PROJECT

1 Watch the documentary <i>13th</i> on Netflix	8 Listen to Janelle Monáe's album <i>Dirty Computer</i>	15 Watch Episode 1 of <i>Dear White People</i> on Netflix
2 Read blog post "Dear White People, This is What We Want You to Do"	9 Read "Performative Allyship is Deadly (Here's What to Do Instead)" in <i>Forge</i>	16 Listen to <i>Gods Switch: A Decade of Watching Black People Die</i> on NPR
3 Read/Watch the play <i>Fences</i> by August Wilson on Youtube	10 Watch <i>The House I Live In</i> on Youtube	17 Watch <i>American Son</i> on Netflix
4 Join book launch event for <i>Anti-Racist Baby</i>	11 Listen to the play <i>For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf</i> by Ntozake Shange on Youtube	18 Read "More states are trying to protect Black employees who want to wear natural hairstyles at work" in <i>The Washington Post</i>
5 Read "So You Want to Learn About Juneteenth?" in the <i>New York Times</i>	12 Read/Watch <i>Just Mercy</i> on Youtube	19 Listen to an episode from the podcast <i>1619</i>
6 Listen to podcast <i>The Daily: "The Case for Defunding the Police"</i>	13 Listen to an episode from the podcast <i>Pod Save the People</i>	20 Read "The Case for Reparations" in <i>The Atlantic</i>
7 Read blog post "Reflections From a Token Black Friend" by Ramesh A Nagarajah	14 Read "We protest police in the streets, so why do we let police in our schools?" in <i>Chicago Reporter</i>	21 Listen to Kendrick Lamar's album <i>To Pimp a Butterfly</i>

FOR DIRECT LINKS PLEASE VISIT BEXLEYAR.P.ORG AND GO TO THE "EVENTS" TAB



VIDEOS OF RECENT SERVICES

Did you miss any of the recent services on Zoom?

Click [HERE](#) to view.



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.



UUCE OFFICE

During this time of mandated isolation to curtail the spread of Covid-19, the Church and Office remain closed. Church Administrator Jeff Jeude is working remotely most of the time, but coming into the office on Wednesday, from 11:00 to 3:00.

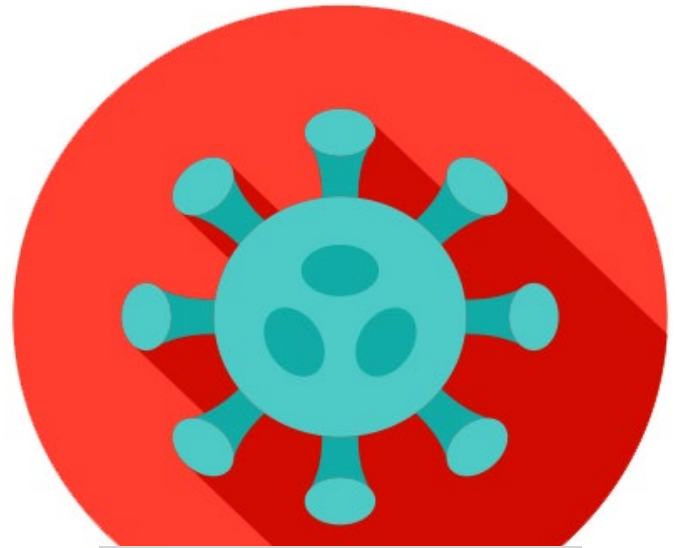
You can ALWAYS reach him by phone at 573-330-4677 and email either office@uuellsworth.org.

Support to Set-Up ZOOM Meetings for Church Gatherings

Jeff is able to schedule church-related ZOOM meetings. If you need to schedule a ZOOM meeting for your church purposes, please email him at office@uuellsworth.org or call the church at 207-667-4393 on Wednesdays when he's physically in the building, typically 11:00 a.m. to 3p.m. If your need is urgent and Jeff has not gotten back to you, please call, text or email Rev. Sara Hayman at 207-610-2872 or sara@uuellsworth.org. If possible, please give us several days notice to schedule these ZOOM meetings.

COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Please know we are here for you. Your Board-appointed COVID-19 Task Force will continue meeting weekly to help us make prudent and timely decisions. The members of this task force want you to know you are welcome to reach out to them for support or guidance.



TASK FORCE

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THE TALLEST LIGHTHOUSE, OR CHARLEPLUSGRAND

by Mary Alice Thurston, 1989

Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

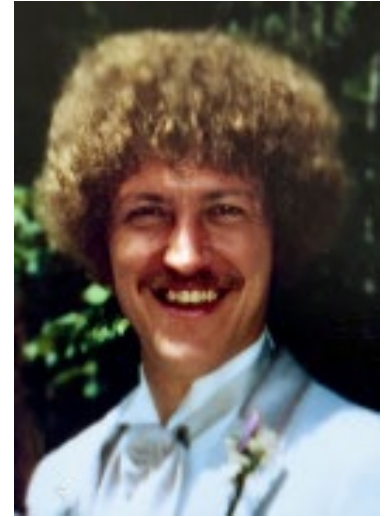
One Sunday a few months ago, Charles surprised everyone by providing the voice of the fog horn during the reading of “The Littlest Lighthouse” for the Children’s Story. What a performance! What a moment of insight for us! Charles stood revealed as the quintessential foghorn — guiding us surely and steadily through fog mulls of ignorance and blind faith. And upon further reflection, we realized that Charles is a beacon of illumination as well: showing us the way to conclusions based upon enlightenment and reason — truly an exemplary lighthouse!

Most people know that we have in this area the Maine coast’s second tallest lighthouse. It bears the somewhat ironic name of Petit Manan (what the French would call “Peteet Manahn”). But some people might be surprised to know that we also have in this area the tallest lighthouse: The Rev. Charles Stephens (whom the French would call “Charleplusgrand”). This is the story of that lighthouse.

Charletrèspetit, as he was first known, began humbly as a gleam in his father’s eye. He was originally assembled in Minong, Wisconsin — an unlikely place for any lighthouse, little or tall. It’s true that the treacherous waters of Lake Superior were only 50 or so miles away, but it would have been a prodigious feat for such a young lighthouse as Charletrèspetit to cast its beams even as far as Wascott or Gordon! Even if he could have made it to Lake Superior, there was already a lighthouse there,

on — of all places — Devil’s Island! This undoubtedly lent a sense of urgency to our growing tower of light. As years passed, Charlepetit realized he was going to have to develop and intensify his own powers, and so arranged to matriculate at Platteville State, widely known as “PU”. This was all the way down at the southern end of Wisconsin, so was no easy trek for a young lighthouse, but at least he wasn’t far from the “Father of Waters,” the Mississippi River. After a year, Charlemédium realized he had really been hiding his light under a bushel, immersed as he was in civil engineering. He took to heart the biblical injunction that he must let his light so shine before men that they might see his good works, and he moved up and across the Mississippi to Decorah, Iowa, to Luther College, where he could soak up Latin and Greek, these being the proven paths to enlightenment. With a bachelor’s degree he was certifiably more brilliant, or you might say, more lightheaded. He had become quite a notorious flasher.

And so Charleconsidérable was sent up the river — again — this time to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. For three years, Lutheran insights were piled in upon the Latin and Greek foundations, so that our lighthouse got to be quite tall — a veritable Colossus. He advanced



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from his bachelor status in two ways: (1) by taking unto himself a wife...that is, a lighthouse keeper...or perhaps a light housekeeper; and (2) in 1975 being acknowledged in writing to be a master of divinity, a genuine light heavyweight. Now he was known as Charlemagne.

At last, the time had come to let his light shine before men — and women and children. It was arranged that he should do this for two Swedish Lutheran churches in Alvarado, Minnesota and one Czechoslovakian Lutheran church in Tabor, Minnesota, all on one circuit. These towns were in the Red River Valley. On the other side of the river was Grand Forks, North Dakota, where Heather chose to be born, in 1975 — probably as a gesture of encouragement to a sparsely populated state.

Just as the Littlest Lighthouse did, our Lighthouse Charlemagne tried to guide his parishioners away from the dangerous rocks that could rip open the hulls of their boats, or keep them on course if they should lose their direction in the darkness. But something was amiss. Maybe the Red River just didn't offer enough of a challenge — not enough tempest-tossing going on. Seeking for answers in what might seem to be an unlikely location, Charlemagne spent a year in Des Moines, Iowa, in the position of chaplain at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center. And strangely enough, it was in Des Moines that our lighthouse underwent a major refocusing! After trying out 8 or 9 Lutheran Churches and finding them, you might say, off-the-beam... Charlemagne began attending a Unitarian church! He found the light to be very bright, but disappointingly, it lacked warmth. However, (and here we may be momentarily changing metaphors in mid-stream, but that is alright because we have been riding this one pretty hard) — now the nose of the camel was in the tent, and it was too late to lock the barn door!

Even though Charlemagne tried, in 1977 in Pennsylvania, to resume his role as a beacon for Lutherans, he was beginning to feel strongly that his light was being refracted — was bent out of shape — was going nowhere. Was this to be the time for a fog horn? No. Instead, feeling utter futility, Charlereducti decided to give up offering illumination to Lutherans. He and his family moved to Hallowell, Maine — completely in the dark about his future. Charlereducti became apprenticed to a cabinet maker. It's hard to picture a lighthouse making cabinets, isn't it? His marriage foundered and sank in these murky waters.

Now the hand of destiny intervened. Recalling the light, if not the warmth, he had received from that Unitarian Church in Iowa, Charlereducti homed in on the beams being sent out by the Augusta Unitarian Church. Soon his batteries were being recharged. Their minister, Doug Strong, had served as the summer minister of the Eastport Unitarian Church. The Old Lighthouse Network came into play, and Charleaugmenté moved to Eastport in 1981 as a beacon guiding earnest seekers after truth with a never-failing radiance. At last he was where a lighthouse truly belonged!

Almost immediately, he began to utilize his other great talent. As Eastport became enveloped in its customary fogs of doubt and depression, Charleaugmenté discovered that he could dispel the miasma with a strong and reassuring “**Rea-son...Free-dom**”. Though he had more opportunity to use his strong, steady foghorn than his brilliant light in Eastport, it became widely known that here was a tower of truth on whom those seeking direction could depend. This was Charlegrand! His influence reached even to Ellsworth, where the Unitarian Universalists were looking for a beacon to guide them.

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Charlegrand was persuaded that he could save far more struggling vessels from destruction on the dangerous ledges of Hancock County ignorance and complacency than he could in Washington County. And so, in October of 1981, he became lighthouse to the Ellsworth Unitarian Universalists. But for some time he continued to sound the foghorn on a monthly basis for those needing reassurance in Eastport.

Many were the ships who might have passed in the night, who were brought into safe harbor by Charlegrand. If the radiant beams didn't do it, then the resonant tones of "**Reason...Freedom**" did. And it is a wondrous thing, which this scribe experienced, to behold a lighthouse roaring up your driveway on a motorcycle, to offer a persuasive invitation to anchor in the liberal religious haven of the Ellsworth Unitarian Universalist Church. Many were the parishioners who were brought in, who found warmth and stimulation.

In July of 1982 an event occurred which added further lustre to the image of Charlegrand. When he had met Alison Clark in Augusta, a spark had been lit, the flame had grown, and so they were united in matrimony. Not just a great lighthouse tender, Alison has proved to be a strong light in her own right, for instance, as a Victim-Witness Advocate.

In addition to the numbers of members who were drawn to the light as moths to a flame, there were many other accomplishments during the time of Charlegrand. Denominational ties were greatly strengthened through his activities within the Northeast District and beyond. The fundamentalist ministers all fled from the Ellsworth Ministerial Group, in protest of the acceptance therein of such a liberal light. The Community Room was completed in 1982, and the mortgage on the church

was paid off in 1989. Truly, our lighthouse had become Charleplusgrand!

It was inevitable that Castine Unitarians should have wanted a share of this steady light with the never failing foghorn at the ready. And so Charleplusgrand did double duty, for which he had had valuable previous experience.

It was about the time of Bronson's arrival in 1983 that Charleplusgrand's motorcycle had been put aside, but the persuasive powers of the lighthouse remained as effective as ever. By the time Lottie arrived, the light had such superior wattage that it reached as far away as Concord, New Hampshire, truly an area much in need of illumination.

Charleplusgrand knew that, though he had done much good in downeast Maine, he could reach far more struggling souls desperate for liberal enlightenment in New Hampshire. So, once again, The Tallest Lighthouse will go where he can shed the greatest light, and dispel the thickest fogs with his steady voice of "**Reason... Freedom**".

As a small reminder of this stirring saga, and how it all began, I'd like for the Stephens family to have this copy of "The Littlest Lighthouse."

Written with love and gratitude, Mary Alice Thurston, June 1989.



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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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Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.