

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

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 *Living into Gratitude, Reverence & Reciprocity*

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader; Bob Dickens, Worship Associate

Thinking about gratitude does little to make us grateful people. Proclaiming our love for the world doesn't necessarily mean we're choosing to live that love into the world. Experiencing—in our bodies, in our beings—a felt-sense of communion with the life force present in all things—is key to helping us live our values of caring for the earth, each other and all beings. In this service, we'll explore how ritual ("ceremony" within indigenous spiritual traditions) can help move us into a deeper relationship of regard and reciprocity with the world.

ZOOM INVITE for 8/2 Worship Service:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Meeting ID: 948 9732 2503

Passcode: 002755

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 *Be still and know...*

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader; Kay Wilkins, Worship Associate

We Unitarian Universalists use different names to describe the holy, and, in my own language and knowing, there is a spark of the divine in each of us. How do we get

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better at listening to this internal source of wisdom? How are our lives transformed for the better when we commit ourselves to listening and honoring that presence more of the time? How do we help each other center our lives in this wisdom and grounding presence?

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Join Zoom Meeting

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Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 *I love you, but...*

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

Our Universalist heritage insists that no one be cast outside the circle of our love and regard. Learning how to practice loving ourselves and strangers is challenging. Learning to love our opponents—those with whom we disagreed or have hurt us—is the hard work and spiritual practice of a lifetime. Where are we falling short? How do we come back to daily spiritual practices that help us live out of a more inclusive love for all people?

ZOOM INVITE for 8/16 Worship Service:

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 966 8371 5392

Passcode: 200482

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 *The Way Out is Through*

Vanessa Williams, Worship Leader; Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

Life is a challenge. At times giving up is a literal matter of life and death. In the face of the unfathomable unavoidably of our finitude and the present we may experience a kind of awakening--a wake up call that one cannot ignore. When there is no way back, the way out is through. Vanessa Williams, UUCE member and second year seminarian at Meadville

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ZOOM INVITE for 8/23 Worship Service:

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Passcode: 501423

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 *Mushrooms, Murmurations and Meaning Oh My!*

Rev. Amy Fiorilli, Worship Leader; Kay Wilkins, Worship Associate

Join Rev. Amy Fiorilli for a deep dive into the models of divine living all around us. Our Unitarian Universalist theology is so much more than our principles. The holy work of being alive and birthing a better world is built into the fabric of our earth and the roots of our denomination. The blueprint for healing democracy is written in the smallest of nature's patterns and in the vastness of the cosmos. How do we engage the work of this moment in history from a place of faith, from a grounding in belief and sacred practices? Let us explore together concepts that define us, guide us and lift us up and out into the place where Love is, where God is...where it is messy and chaotic and most importantly, alive.

ZOOM INVITE for 8/30 Worship Service:

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A VIDEO MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

It's August already and how pray tell did that happen? The tomatoes plants growing alongside the house are five feet tall and we've picked and eaten a handful of Sungolds already. It's cooler outside than inside of late and I know not to wish it was otherwise, that come January or February I'll be longing for this light and warmth and green growing everywhere.

"Everyday I see or hear something that more or less kills me with delight," writes the poet Mary Oliver, "[something] that leaves me like a need in the haystack of light. It was what I was born for: to look, to listen, to lose myself inside this soft world--to instruct myself over and over in joy..."

May you, too, be finding ways to be nourished by the beauty of this season.

with love,
Rev. Sara



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





GATHER WITH YOUR UUCE PEEPS!

UUCE's Annual Church Picnic

**Sunday, August 2nd at 1 p.m.
Lamoine Beach**

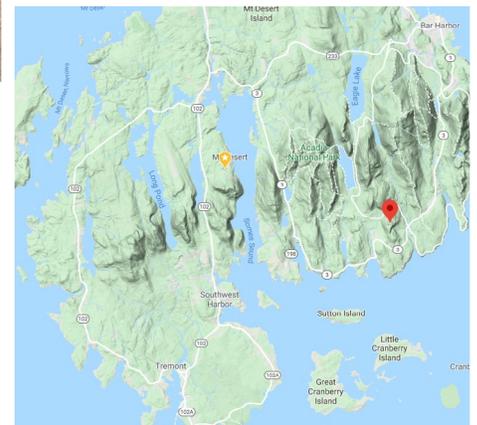
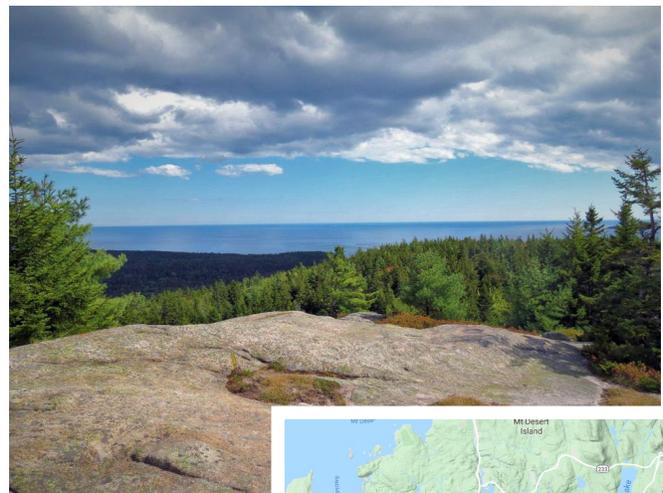
This Sunday, at 2:00 pm, join us at Lamoine Beach! Bring your own food, chair and bathing suit to go swimming. We'll be careful to maintain social distance AND have fun together! If you have questions, please contact Rev. Sara sara@uuellworth.org or Anne Ossanna aossanna@aol.com

When I am among the trees...

One UUCE Hike in August

Sunday, August 9, 4 p.m.
Day Mountain on MDI

It's an annual tradition at UUCE to take a few hikes together each summer. This month, we're planning to climb Day Mountain on Mount Desert Island. All are welcome to join us. This hike is more accessible than other mountains we've climbed and includes walking on a Carriage Trail.



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.

There will be more walks and hikes in September and October, too. If it's a right thing, we hope to see you there!



WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS AT 8 A.M.

A WEEKLY VIRTUAL WORSHIP INVITATION FROM REV. SARA

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.

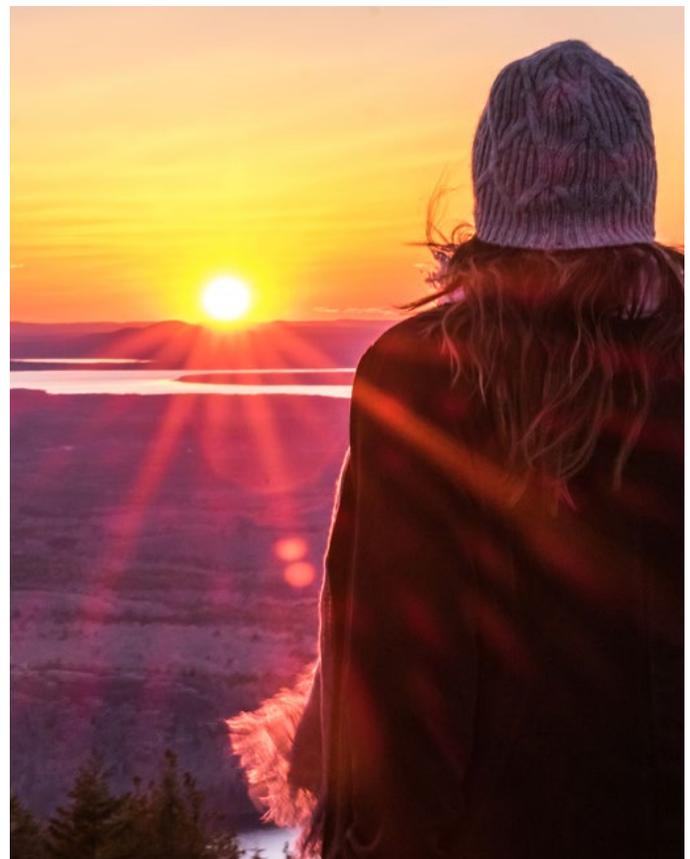
ZOOM INVITE FOR ALL WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS:

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Phone: 646-876-9923



AUGUST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

ZOOM Children’s Chapel with Anne and Linda 9:30-10:00 am;
Weekly Lesson Plan-Freedom Over Me

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Weekly Lesson Plan-Martin’s BIG Words

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

ZOOM Children’s Chapel with Anne and Linda 9:30-10:00 am;
Weekly Lesson Plan-We Shall Overcome, The Story of a Song

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 – MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Ferry Beach Retreat; Weekly Lesson Plan-TBA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Weekly Lesson Plan-TBA



OUR PLATE SPLIT for AUGUST 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

First and foremost, I want to express my personal and our community's gratitude:

As the parking lot work progressed, the issue of drainage turned into more than the original assessment addressed. The drainage for the RE wing was not working as originally planned when it was installed years ago. This was caused by work in the area extending over a number of years after it was installed, the original drainage being blocked by cloth that is assumed was to serve as a filter, and a large boulder that was moved at some point and seems to have been placed on top of the culvert, possibly crushing it. A new system was necessary to address the issue. Additionally, the culvert out of the circular garden needed to be replaced; it will be extended further into the wooded area.

A huge THANK YOU to Mary Susan Haynes and Nancy Avila. When these costs arose, they stepped up, agreeing to donate the additional monies needed. They are both people who donate not just their treasures, but their time and talents to UUCE. Because of their generosity, the project is progressing, the clearing and fill are in place. The church is more visible from the road but still maintains its wooded setting. The drainage work will begin soon, followed by the paving and striping.

Thanks, too, to Bronwen Day, Bettie Massie, Jana Robinson, and Amy for making good use of the wood chips from the trees that were cut down and planning work on the landscaping of the areas created by the parking lot expansion. Since I am writing about the landscaping, thanks also to Susan Opdycke, who I have seen many times working on the Wayside Pulpit garden. And, finally, thanks to Jeff Juede who has kept the parking lot expansion covered in the weekly e-News.

Obviously the "new normal" as the pandemic continues has given us issues to deal with and opportunities to think creatively to maintain and sustain our community. The gratitude continues:

to Rev. Sara for addressing these issues, to those members who have served on the COVID-19 Task Force, to the people who have stepped up to deal with technical issues of online worship, and to members who have kept our involvement in social justice issues strong.

UUCE has created new ways to keep in touch, holding and expanding our worship services, and keeping our groups and committees active through virtual meetings.

A challenge for all of us is how we create ways to not only strengthen our sense of community with new ideas and the use of technology but also how we compensate for the change in income as fundraising events have been impacted and rental groups no longer need the use of our space. Your Board of Trustees, Fiscal Matters Committee, and church leaders look forward to input from you to help as we blue-sky and then create actions and events to both keep our community close as well as maintain our buildings, our programs, and the services we provide one another.

Enjoy the remaining days of your summer.
Gary Shellhamer, UUCE Board President



Dear UUCE folks:

It's August, it's blueberry harvest time and..... it's pandemic time. This year, needless to say, there will be no Rakers' Fairs to support the stalwart blueberry rakers in Hancock County.

After consultation with Mano en Mano, and with Maine Mobile Health, it is clear that any effort to provide supplies, food, clothing etc. to the rakers will be very difficult to accomplish. Both groups are looking into ways to support the workers directly. Recently, Mano en Mano, provided specialized Mexican groceries to the Mexican community in Milbridge. This was an excellent and successful undertaking and required no direct contact except with a few others who helped prepare the boxes for the families. And the families got to choose what they wanted in their boxes. This is the model we hope to replicate with the rakers. However, we have to wait until Maine Mobile Health has seen firsthand what the situation is in the camps. They are doing a LOT of Covid-19 testing right now, as well, and are ill equipped to take on our usual support effort.

I may come to you, our community, via Facebook and e-mail and weekly bulletins to ask for some support for rakers, in the event there is an urgent need of some kind. In the meantime, stay safe everyone-- and be KIND!!

~ Robin Lovrien



Pepper and Sarah Rauber at Loaves & Fishes on Friday, 7/31, happily packing boxes of food for the migrant blueberry workers.

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.



AUGUST IS UUCE'S MONTH AT LOAVES & FISHES!

With COVID19 and the increased needs of families, the food pantry has made changes to hours of operation, scheduling of clients and staffing of volunteers. Currently the pantry is open to serve clients on Wednesday mornings and evenings and on Friday mornings. Social distancing is practiced at the Pantry and masks are required for volunteers and clients. During these times and due to COVID restrictions, tables are set up out front for some food and volunteers are needed there to assist clients in addition to volunteers needed inside the building to pack boxes for call-in orders and to assist clients (maximum 2 at a time) as in prior years. Behind-the-scene volunteers (who can do heavy lifting) are also needed to help with pick-ups in Ellsworth on Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings and on Wednesday mornings to help unload the weekly delivery from Good Shepard, the state food bank.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

on the following August days to do the following work:

Mondays - Aug 3, Aug 10, Aug 17, Aug 24, Aug 31 (7:45 - 10 am):

One volunteer to help Ken (Board Member/Van Driver) with loading donations at Hannaford, Walmart & Shaw's and unloading at the pantry.

Wednesdays - Aug 5, Aug 12, Aug 19, Aug 26

8 am – 1 pm: At least three volunteers: two to help at the table out front and one to help inside.

3:30 - 7pm: At least two volunteers: one to help at the table out front and one to help inside.

Plus:

Aug 5, 8:30 am: At least two volunteers to help unload the Good Shepherd delivery.

Aug 12, 8:30 am: At least two volunteers to help unload the Good Shepherd delivery.

Aug 19, 9:30 am: At least two volunteers to help unload the Good Shepherd delivery.

Aug 26, 10:00 am: At least two volunteers to help unload the Good Shepherd delivery.

Fridays - Aug 7 Aug 14, Aug 21, Aug 28 (8 am – 1 pm):

At least three volunteers: two to help at the table out front and one to help inside.

NOTE: The CDC requires anyone over the age of 70 who wants to volunteer must have a doctor's note stating that person has no underlying health conditions that would put them at higher risk by working here. For clarification, this does not require a test for COVID19. Social distancing is practiced at the Pantry and masks are required.

Check the weekly e-News for updates. Questions? Want to sign up to help? Please call or text me @ 713-818-8746 or Email: jsturn1@swbell.net ~ Nina

MULTI-CHURCH SUMMER RETREAT AUGUST 21-24, 2020



To those who have registered to attend our CMT Retreat at Ferry Beach on August 21-24:

We have 15 individuals from UUCE signed up so far and 12 from Belfast. Our numbers are small, but it still should be a relaxing and meaningful time. As you know, there will be no shared rooms for single people, each of you will have your own room and we will be spreading out throughout the dorms to minimize how many people will share a bathroom. The fee structure for registration is based on double occupancy, so the \$325.00 fee does not even cover the actual cost of the individual room, meals and program fees. If single people can swing an additional \$42.00 that would be greatly appreciated. That would bring your fee to

\$366.00. If that does not work for you financially, please don't worry, we will find the money to cover the difference.

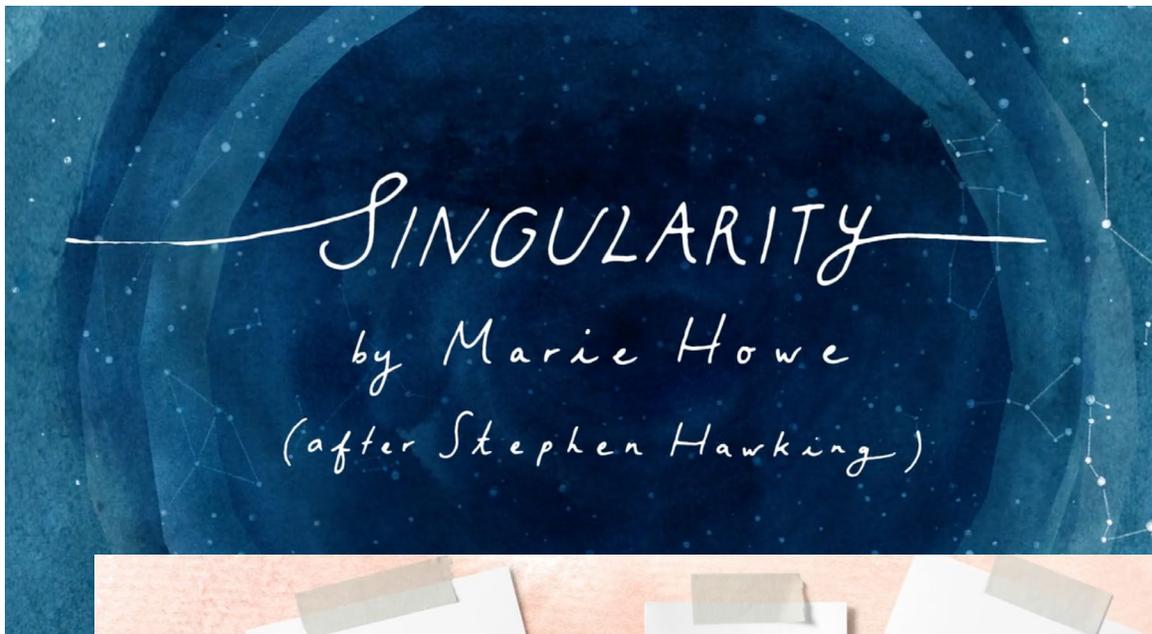
There will be a dance on Saturday evening and a Talent/No Talent Show on Sunday. If you are planning on singing during the Talent/No Talent show, it must be recorded and shown on the screen. We most likely will have a Morning Meditation on Saturday and Monday mornings. We can have bonfires every night complete with smores. We will have a lobster option included with our dinner on Sunday night, so if you want a lobster, it will be an additional \$13.00 per lobster to your registration. We will have lots of time for walks on the beach, swimming, kite flying, journaling, reading, and chatting. We will have a Happy Hour every evening on the porch before dinner. A unopened puzzle will be available, along with hand sanitizer to be used before you work on the puzzle. I also will have a box of gloves available. The gift store and ice cream shop will be open during our stay.

Please send your balance (made payable to UUCE) to me by August 5th. There will be no refund on cancellations made after August 7th. Payments can be mailed to: Anne Ossanna, 69 Great Pond Road, Franklin, ME 04634.

As we get closer to the retreat I will send out instructions, a packing list and schedule. Please reach out if you have any questions and also, please respond that you received this email. Many thanks! ~ Anne

Enjoy this stunning animated short film (4.5 minutes)!

SINGULARITY: MARIE HOWE'S ODE TO STEPHEN HAWKING, OUR COSMIC BELONGING, AND THE MEANING OF HOME



Click [HERE](#) or image above to view 4.5 minute
Vimeo video.

I'm up to my elbows in bins and boxes, packing up my home for a year away.

Thanks to the generous help of Lane Fisher and Sara Hayman, I have a mostly furnished apartment waiting for me in Belfast.

That means I can travel light: carrying only clothes, some personal items, and a few favorite pieces of cookware. Two cases of books have already been mailed to Maine.

It's been interesting to sift through a lifetime of belongings in these past few months, deciding what to bring with me, what to store away, and what to let go of. (Lots!) The process has offered a great opportunity for life review. I've revisited many different chapters, celebrating the growth that came from both the challenges and the blessings.

I grew up in Western Massachusetts, so this sojourn to Maine feels like coming home. I've been gone a long time — first in San Diego and San Luis Obispo, California, for eight years, and then Fayetteville, Arkansas, for 33 years. Fayetteville is where I met my husband (we are now divorced), reared our son, earned a bachelor's degree in journalism, and worked as a features writer for our regional newspaper for 14 years.

I took a big leap in 2013, leaving my career as a journalist to pursue a master of divinity degree at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Phillips is a progressive, ecumenical seminary affiliated with the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). I knew all the way through I wasn't going to lead a Christian denomination, but my interest in religion and spirituality called me forward.

I found Unitarian Universalism in my very last semester. "People who think" was my first assessment. I've since learned that UUs also are people who laugh, people who care, people disturbed by the state of the world and

committed to making a positive impact.

I've spent two and a half years deeply involved in my local fellowship, helping lead worship, adult RE, and social justice outreach. I continue to deepen my identity as a UU. I continue to learn and grow.

Much of my life has been focused on the inner journey, both spiritual and psychological. My growth curve lies in taking the skills I've nurtured and sharing them outward. What can I do — what can we do together — to make this world a better place?

I am so looking forward to meeting all of you and being part of the UUCE/UUCB/UUCC communities! I know we have a lot to give each other. I've been participating in a couple of study groups through UUCE this summer, and already feel like I'm beginning to know a few of you.

Because of Covid-19, this year will be quite different for intern and congregations alike. As we've all learned, a great deal of community and connection are possible over Zoom. We'll continue to explore the possibilities. We have hopes for some in-person time, too, always as safely as we can.

I am thrilled beyond belief to be coming to you, the congregations of Ellsworth, Belfast, and Castine! I look forward to an exciting and mutually beneficial year. Thank you for having me.

Warmly,
Bettina Lehovec





GOOD NEWS! A Climate To Thrive's Zero Waste Group talked with the managers of local grocery stores and discovered that most offer alternatives to having your groceries bagged in single-use plastic bags during the pandemic!

Southwest Harbor Food Mart, Pine Tree Market - You can still bring your reusable bags like before.

Hannaford in Bar Harbor, Ellsworth & Trenton - You can bring your reusable bags as long as you pack them yourself. The reusable bags may be placed on the counter. (Doug verified this 7/25) You also can request paper bags.

Shaw's in Ellsworth, A&B Naturals, & John Edwards - You can bring your reusable bags and bag your own purchases into them if you don't put the bags on the counter.

Gott's Store - Reusable bags are not allowed.

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.

VIDEOS OF RECENT SERVICES

Did you miss any of the recent services on Zoom?

Click [HERE](#) to view selected services or visit our UUCE website for links to recent services.



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.

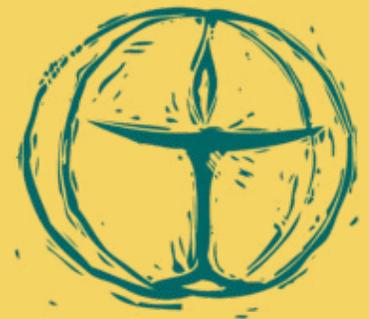
Support to Set-Up ZOOM Meetings for Church Gatherings

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.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 6 SOURCES

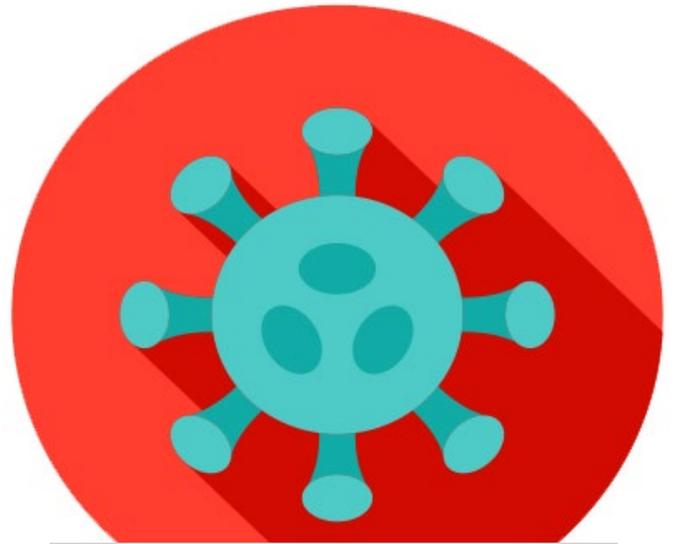
The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

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'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.



COVID-19 TASK FORCE

UUCE COVID-19 TASK FORCE CONTACT INFORMATION

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SANKOFA CORNER



REV. JOHN WILLIAM TICKLE, A.K.A. JOHN WESLEY HEYES (1886-1958)

Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

Rev. John William Tickle was born on June 10, 1886 in New Springs, Lancashire, England, a village just northeast of the town of Wigan, the oldest of the six children on John and Annie Ellen (Heyes) Tickle. He grew up in the Aspull area of Lancashire, but also lived for a time in Westhoughton, Lancashire, and by the time of the 1911 census, he was living further northeast in Burnley, Lancashire where the family had moved soon after the turn of the century. He pursued college study at Burnley Technological School, a branch of Manchester University. After a period of time working in the cotton textile industry, he worked as a lay preacher from 1906 to 1910 and was “called” to the Waterloo Road Church in Blackpool, Lancaster, England on Nov. 6, 1910 where he was ordained on Jan. 18, 1911 and where he served for two and a half years until he resigned on May 25, 1913.

At this point his life took a number of interesting turns. He had gotten married on November 21, 1912 in Burnley to Agnes Fairbrother, daughter of James and Susannah (Whittam) Fairbrother. By the beginning of 1913, he must have already been in contact with entities in the United States about employment here since two weeks after his resignation from the Waterloo Road Church, he and his wife were arriving in Boston on June 8, 1913, and two days later, on June 10, 1913 (his 27th birthday), he was settled as a licensed Methodist Episcopal pastor at the M. E. Church in Surry.

Yet this was not to be a long pastorate. Six months later,

on January 2, 1914, Rev. Tickle was making application for admission into the fellowship of the Unitarian ministry. He listed a number of references, including the previous pastor of the Ellsworth church, Rev. Sydney Scott Booth (also from England), Mrs. Fred Kent (member of FUSE), and Mr. A. L. Shorey from the Methodist church in Surry who wrote of him: “Mr. Tickle’s moral character is above reproach. He is the most efficient pastor we have ever had in our church.”



His application to the Unitarian ministry was approved and a certificate was issued on Mar. 23, 1914. In his April 3, 1914 response to Mr. Robert F. Leavens of the New England Unitarian Fellowship Committee, he wrote: “I truly hope that I shall be able to justify the confidence which has been placed in me by you and your committee. I also trust that I may be enabled to rise to the dignity and moral standing which is expected from every person who makes an open declaration of belief in the unwritten creed of the Unitarian denomination.

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All being well, I shall preach in the Ellsworth [church] on Sunday next, April 5th.” He preached as a guest minister for three Sundays in a row. Our church records refer to him as “Rev. John W. Tickle, pastor of the Methodist Church in Surry, who having changed his theological views had recently been received into the Unitarian fellowship.

In a June 2, 1914 letter to Mr. Leavens, Rev. Tickle wrote: “It was at the parish meeting on May 1st that they ‘called’ me. I preached for them for the first time as their settled minister on May 3rd...I am now getting comfortably settled in Ellsworth. I like the church and the congregation very much indeed. So far I have met with very fine treatment from every one in the church, and they all seem to be filled with a strong desire to do everything they can to keep the church open.”

He followed on with a bit of pleasant news: “You will be pleased to learn that since we took up our abode in Ellsworth, the storks have brought us a baby-girl; she came last Sat., May 30th at 11 p.m. Mrs. Tickle is quite well, and so is the baby.” This would have been their daughter Marguerite Theodora, whom they affectionately called “Peggy.” Later, on Sunday July 5, Peggy was christened at the morning service of the church, the ceremony being performed by a previous minister, Rev. Silas Wright Sutton.

Church historian Mary Ann Greely wrote: “[O]ur church extended a call to Mr. Tickle to become our pastor and he began his labors the first Sunday in May, preaching every Sunday until the last week in July when the church was closed for vacation. During the summer Mr. Tickle bore witness to his new faith by preaching at Lamoine, Sullivan, West Gouldsboro, and Winter Harbor, as well as occupying his former pulpit in Surry several times.

“On Wednesday and Thursday July 22 and 23, the Hancock County Conference of Unitarian and other Christian Churches held its twenty-fifth annual session with the Ellsworth Church...The crowning feature of the conference was the installation of Mr. Tickle on the evening of July 23 [sic], which by the advice of the officers of the AUA resolved itself also into an ordination, Mr. Tickle having been ordained to the ministry in another country and by the rites of a church of another faith. A program of rare interest was enjoyed and the members of our church felt that they had entered on a new era of spiritual uplift.”

Rev. Tickle was actually installed as our minister on Wednesday, July 22, 1914, “at 7.30 o’clock p.m.” Participating in the ordination/installation were Rev. H. H. Saunderson of Toronto, Canada, Rev. Charles F. Dole of Jamaica Plain, Boston, Rev. George D. Latimer of Boston, Rev. Oscar B. Hawes of Germantown, PA, Rev. Daniel M. Wilson of Kennebunk, ME, Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, President of the American Unitarian Association, and Rev. Rubert B. Mathews of Ellsworth.

During the time Rev. Tickle was serving in Ellsworth, he became involved in a number of activities. In late October of 1914, he was called upon to conduct the funeral services for the founder of the church, Ann F. Greely. On Nov. 1, 1914, he was elected superintendent of the Sunday School. He delivered sermons at both the Thanksgiving and Memorial Day services conducted jointly by the several churches of Ellsworth. In January of 1915, he participated in a special series of five Sunday evening meetings known as the “Go to Church Campaign.” He oversaw the adoption of a new constitution for the church, and represented the church at the Maine State Conference in June of 1915 and at the Hancock County Conference in July. He also

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participated in the 50th anniversary of the founding of the church on July 18, 1915.

In 1916, Rev. Tickle represented the Ellsworth church at the Anniversary Meeting in Boston (now called GA), the Maine State Conference in Eastport, and the Hancock County Conference at Bar Harbor. Of note was the June 25 christening service for the Tickle's son John Duncan, once again performed by former minister Rev. Sutton. 1917 saw Rev. Tickle again attending the anniversary meeting in Boston and hosting the Hancock County Conference in Ellsworth with a large number of distinguished ministers in attendance. It also saw him in the unusual role of staging a performance of the play "Cinderella" on Thursday evening August 2, 1917 as part of the annual fair held at Hancock Hall.

One other note concerns the acquisition of the Unitarian parsonage on Pine St., the former residence of church member Albert M. Hopkins. The Tickle's were the first clerical occupants of the parsonage which was provided to the church by the leadership of the AUA. Church historian Mary Ann Greely wrote: "During the year the new parsonage has justified its existence by providing a delightful center to the Society who have enjoyed the cordial hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Tickle."

World War I brought its own challenges to the church and to the pastor. September of 1918 saw Rev. Tickle deliver a series of sermons based on the book *The Soul of America in Time of War*, published by Beacon Press. His first subject was: "Are We Worth Dying For?" He also began a series of preaching on the Bayside Road on Sunday afternoons at 2:30.

The year of 1919 brought a change of a different sort to the Tickle family. Namely, a name change. In Volume

158 Page 734 of the records of the Hancock County Probate Court, the entity responsible for name changes, we find a petition signed on Sept. 2, 1919 by John W. Tickle and Agnes F. Tickle, to change their surname to Heyes "...for sentimental reasons, preferring the name of Heyes, which was the surname of said John W. Tickle's mother before marriage." Three months later, on Dec. 9, 1919, the Ellsworth Probate Court decreed "that the prayer of said petitioner be granted, that the name of John W. Tickle and Agnes F. Tickle be changed to John W. Heyes and Agnes F. Heyes which shall hereafter be their legal names." At the same time, John and Agnes petitioned that the surnames of their three children, Maguerite [sic.] T. Tickle, John Duncan Tickle, and Luella A. Tickle be changed to Heyes. Although not specifically touched upon in the court papers, it is otherwise to be noted that Rev. Tickle changed his middle name from William to Wesley, resulting in "John Wesley Heyes" becoming his full legal name.

Although Rev. Tickle's pastorate ended in 1919, he did not leave Ellsworth immediately. The Sept. 3, 1919 edition of the *Ellsworth American* stated: "Rev. J. W. Tickle, who has served the [Hancock County] conference as secretary, tendered his resignation, as he is soon to leave Ellsworth." Three weeks later, on Sept. 24, the paper said: "Rev. J. W. Tickle, who recently resigned the pastorate of the Ellsworth Unitarian church, which he has held the past four years, left last week for Boston to take a clerical position in the office of the American Unitarian association. Mrs. Tickle and the children will remain here for the present." Nevertheless, the entire family is recorded in the 1920 census as still living in Ellsworth.

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