



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

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 a.m. “DEEP LISTENING”

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

Vote Love, Defeat Hate

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

The fifth principle of our UU faith is “the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.” On this Sunday, we’ll draw from a “UU the Vote” worship service that shares voices from across Unitarian Universalism as a way to help ground ourselves in our faith and help each other roll up our sleeves to bring our values to the public square in the 2020 elections. This worship service aims to provide hope, inspiration and encouragement so our collective spirits can be bolstered for the work ahead.

Join 10/4 ZOOM Worship Service:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94835227395?pwd=NmNrVlpZRIB6RFBjRldqQjFZUVhDQT09>

Meeting ID: 948 3522 7395

Passcode: 118698

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

Indigenous Peoples’ Day: Honoring the Wisdom of Deep Listening

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

What do Native American spiritualities teach us about the wisdom of deep listening? In affirmation and celebration of Indigenous Peoples’ Day, this worship service will honor the five-year anniversary of the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission that led a truth-seeking process from February 2013 to June 2015 to uncover the truth about child-welfare practice with

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Maine's Native people. What lessons did we learn about the power of being present to our history?

Join 10/11 Zoom Collaborative Worship Service:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93270723864?pwd=T0NoamhzNIBQaEJySkZiUmtjM0R4UT09>

Meeting ID: 932 7072 3864

Passcode: 035312

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

Listening Between the Words

Bettina Lehovec, Collaborative Intern Minister & Worship Leader; Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

“Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person they are indistinguishable,” writes David Augburger, a noted conflict mediator. How do we listen so that another really feels heard? What are the needs beneath the conflict we may be having? In this time of political divisiveness, can we listen our way toward wholeness, remembering the shared humanity at our core?

Join 10/18 ZOOM Worship Service:

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Meeting ID: 938 7362 8502

Passcode: 439680

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

When Someone Deeply Listens to You...

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

We all long to be truly seen and heard. We each suffer when we're ignored, dismissed or over-looked and not listened to. What gets in the way of listening for understanding? Knowing we each have the ability to listen deeply to ourselves and to others, what imagination can we bring forth, as individuals and a part of our UUCE community, to create this more of this depth and quality of connection between people today?

Join 10/25 ZOOM Worship Service:

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Meeting ID: 982 3083 7483

Passcode: 919636

Phone: 646 876 9923

MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

I was at the kitchen table eating dinner Friday night two weeks ago when I heard the news that United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg had died. My heart sank. Such sad and discouraging news with so much at stake now.

It was this poem my colleague, the Rev. Kim Wildszewski, posted on Facebook a day later that called me back to my senses:

It was never her responsibility
to keep us from going under.
Death beds are for Gratitudes and Guilt
For I Love Yous and Forgive Mes.
The Spirit seeking rest and release
Deserves to dance into the Eternal
Deserves to hear their name sung
Not screamed
We are afraid
We are numb
We are raging
We are wailing
We are seeking
Begging
for answers
Tell us what to do
We are confused
We are heart sick
We are tucking our children in
And sending out emails
And scrolling
And doom scrolling
And doom.
We are trying to remember
The stories about Empires
The way that they crumble
about Pharaohs and slaves
Messiahs and Disciples
And the ways we've been taught

to put all our hope
into
one
person
at
a
time.

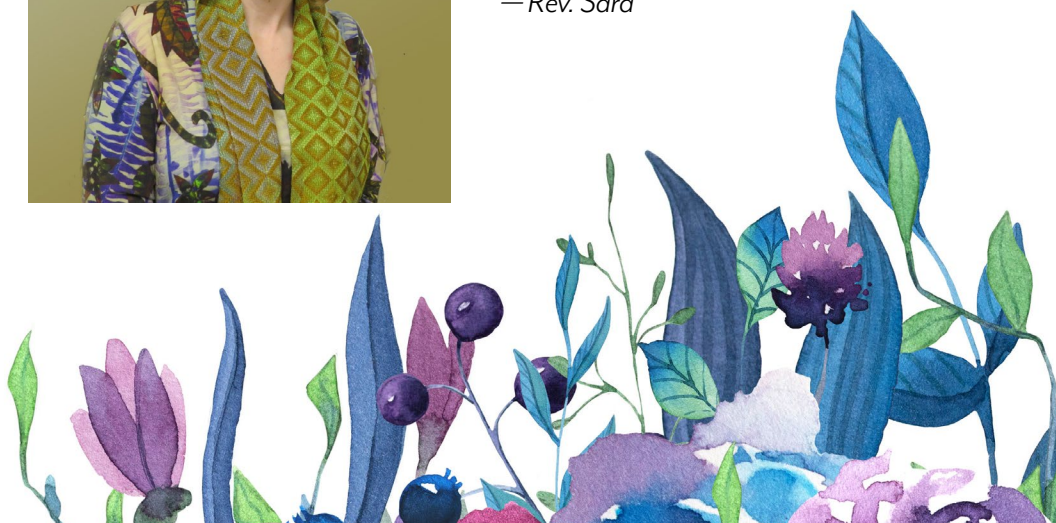
It was never her responsibility
To keep us from going under.
Let us not confuse the sadness of her passing
With our guilt for asking so much.
Rest in Power.
Rest.

With a little more than a month left until Election Day in this country, I both hear and feel the call to take action, to do whatever daily bits of action and activism I can to help ensure those elected will represent the values of my UU faith. And so, I ask myself, as I'm asking you, too: What are you doing? What will you do beginning immediately to help create more love as justice in our one, shared world?



May we be bold and especially faith-filled at this time, committed to working together and for the long-haul.

—Rev. Sara



NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

2nd Thursday of each month from 4-5:30pm on ZOOM
beginning on **Thursday, October 8th**

Your Collaborative Ministers: Revs. Amy Fiorilli & Sara Hayman and Bettina Lehovc, Collaborative Intern Minister, will take turns facilitating this monthly conversation about racism and doing our work re: decolonization and being anti-racist activists. Each session will include a presentation of some sort (a video clip, case study or reading) followed by conversation, deep listening and engagement with each other.

These monthly anti-racism conversations will happen each on ZOOM each 2nd Thursday from 4-5:30pm, October 2020 through June 2021 and are open to the members and friends of our three congregations. You do not have to register to participate. The ZOOM invite will go out in the Wednesday e-news prior to the group and also be posted on our closed UUCE Facebook group.



COLLABORATIVE BLACK LIT READING GROUP

facilitated by our Intern Minister Bettina Lehovc.

Five Thursdays from 4-5:30pm: **Oct. 15 and 29, Nov. 5 and 19, and Dec. 3**

Please register by Oct. 10th by emailing Bettina at blehovc@gmail.com.

Join us on ZOOM as we read selections from some 20th century greats, including Maya Angelou, Ralph Ellison, Richard Wright, Octavia Butler, and Toni Morrison. Our lens will be appreciation of their work as authors, but we will also delve into the social issues they address. This reading group is open to the members and friends of our three congregations.

IT'S OCTOBER! **TIME TO SIGN UP FOR SMALL GROUP MINISTRY!**

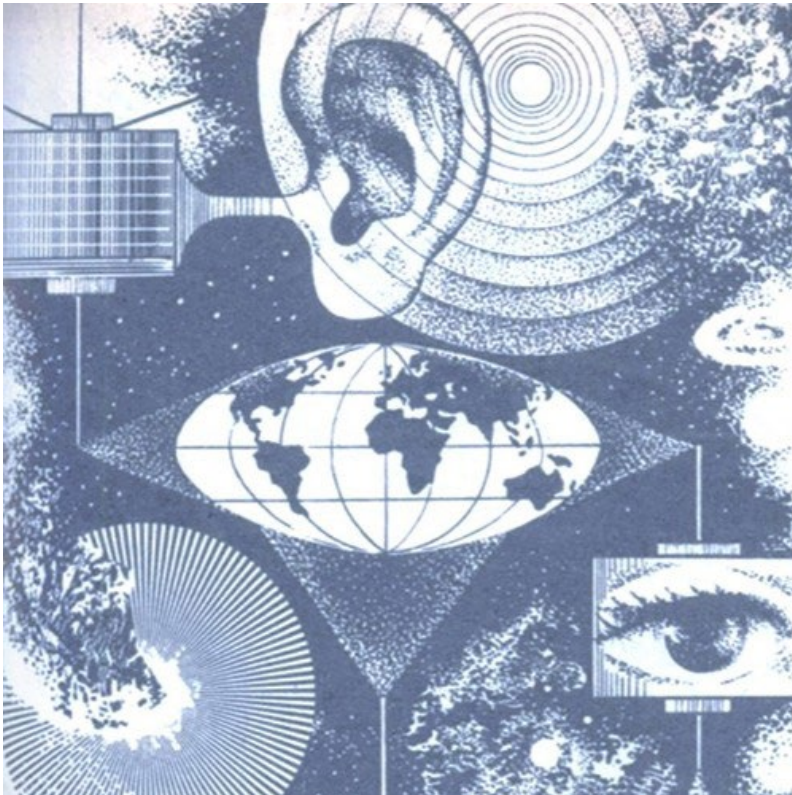
Please take a look at our website page (under [GET INVOLVED](#)). If you are new to SGM or you would like to join a different group, please complete the form at the bottom of the webpage.

We look forward to seeing you!



OCTOBER'S THEME IS DEEP LISTENING

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"This is your chance to listen carefully.

Your whole life might depend on what you hear. "

~ Joyce Sutphen

A VIDEO ABOUT STAYING CONNECTED TO UUCE

Back in March, reality shifted as we began to face the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. Suddenly, our ways of being a community shifted and UUCE began a transition to socially distancing while devising ways to maintain an atmosphere of remaining close...being in touch (without touching).

We've put together a short video to remind us of all the ways we work to stay connected at UUCE. Enjoy!

Click [HERE](#) or image below to view 11-minute UUCE video.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth



a community of caring ... caring for our community

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.



WHEN I AM AMONG THE TREES...

UUCE Hikes this Fall:

Sunday, October 18th at 2pm
Connors Nubble Trail (3.7 miles and moderate)
Meet at Eagle Lake Parking lot)

Sunday, November 1st at 2pm
Jordan Homestead Trail (1 mile and easy)
Meet at parking lot on Bayside Road

It's been a delight to hike with several of you this summer and we've chosen two more hikes for the fall.

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 6 feet between people, and to bring their own water, snacks and masks.



OUR PLATE SPLIT for OCTOBER is with the **A FAMILY FOR ME**, focusing on the urgent need for finding Maine families who are willing and able to parent children in foster care.



UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

Oct-Dec 2020 A Family for Me

Jan-Mar 2021 Wabanaki Public Health

Apr-June 2021 neighbor4neighbor

*Come One, Come All,
Bring rakes for grounds clean-up
And enjoy the Fall!*

SAVE THE DATE - **NOVEMBER 8!**



**Details to follow in the
October weekly bulletins**

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS DURING THIS TIME OF COVID 19

Since the spring the Grounds Committee has maintained the watering, weeding, pruning, transplanting, and mulching of established gardens and has done some clearing of overgrown green spaces around the church as well as creating a path in the back of the RE wing.

We have also been working on a plan for new planting areas that are being created by the parking lot expansion. Jay Fowler has been very helpful in this endeavor by consulting with, as he calls us, "the Garden Ladies", moving rocks and providing additional top soil where needed.

Susan Opdycke has been caring for the beautiful Wayside Pulpit Garden all season - watering, weeding and adding plants to provide more color.

As we work in community with each other, we think of all of you and are content to be stewards of the UUCE outdoor spaces, waiting for the time when all can enjoy them.

As the growing season is winding down and cooler weather is arriving we will be starting to focus on fall clean up. Please join us on November 8th for the annual fall clean up.



*Yours in Covenant,
Bronwen Day, Betty Massie,
Susan Opdycke, Jana Robinson,
and Amy Thompson*



Recently Margaret Thurston and Bronwen Day applied a fresh coat of paint to the front door and the community room, respectively. We may not be able to gather in person for Sunday services for a while, but the bright, inviting front door and heart sign let everyone who passes by know that ours is a welcoming and loving church.

TUESDAYS THEMED VESPERS SERVICES

VIRTUAL WORSHIP with REV. AMY FIORILLI **WEEKLY FROM 6:00 TO 6:45 P.M.**

I've heard some of you say that you'd like a more nourishing, worshipful offering during the week. I find myself inspired to offer a simple vespers service that lifts up a different topic each week, we will hear music and light a candle. We'll hold space for silence and reflection with a moment for brief sharing and then close with contemplative music and loving words. Come as you are and know you are welcome.

Tuesday Themed Vespers Service Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>

Meeting ID: 469 537 6814
One tap mobile
1 646 558 8656 US (New York)



WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS

VIRTUAL WORSHIP with REV. SARA **WEEKLY at 8 a.m.**

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:
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97730349818>
Meeting ID: 977 3034 9818
Phone: 646-876-9923

FALL IS OFFICIALLY HERE and your board is moving ahead with the visioning of our core values, mission, and statements that you approved as we celebrate and serve our community and live our beliefs into the world.

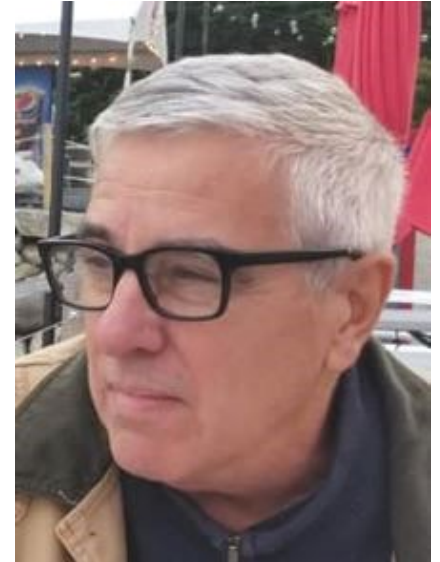
I want to thank Sally Gervais and Robin Lovrien who joined me at the Northern New England District Annual Meeting the last Saturday in September. This was an important gathering as the delegates from congregations and religious leaders voted to dissolve the district.

The New England Region has been providing programs and services for congregations over the last 5 years to NNED and three other districts or former districts in the Region. This has led to some confusion within the Region. Over the past few years, NNED has been led by a volunteer board and had only minimal staffed for bookkeeping purposes. In this move, a concern was an NNED endowment fund. In the past, the fund's income offset the low rates of contributions to the Annual Program fund of our UUA, in part enabling UUA to hire the talented and responsive group of Regional Staff.

Below is the resolution which was approved, including the transfer and use of the NNED endowment fund monies:

The Northern New England District of the
Unitarian Universalist Association (NNE#D)
Plan of Complete Liquidation and Dissolution:
September 26, 2020

1. All outstanding obligations of the NNED are to be paid.
2. Expenses, if any, connected with liquidation and dissolution are to be paid, or put into escrow.
3. The then remaining assets of the NNED shall



be distributed to the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) to be used by the UUA in a substantially similar manner to their current usage, which is to support regional and filed services to congregations in northern New England and the New England Region.

4. Liquidation and dissolution of the NNED is to be effected within twenty-four (24) months or such period of time as may be reasonable to transfer or convey the assets. The Officers and Directors are to be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to effect the liquidation and dissolution of the NNED, including the execution of all papers or other documents which may be required.

Also included in the meeting was the extension of the NNED Board to remain in their positions for the time needed for the liquidation and dissolution.

Closer to home, the UUCE Transition Team has met to discuss the changes enacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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As something impacted by the pandemic, the annual yard sale was transformed into a one-day, mask-wearing event and exceeded the targeted income from the event. Kudos to Pepper and the people who donated goods, worked at unpacking items, set up the tables, and worked the sale and clean up.

We need you!! Some of your time and energy would be so helpful to the UUCE community. Currently, two of the committees that report to the UUCE Board are in search of members.

Many thanks to Connie Bailey and Bob Francis for the work that they did for our Fiscal Matters Committee. They researched financing of the parking lot and did double duty addressing two budgets for FY 20-21. The congregational vote for the parking lot expansion and the budget were both voted on at the same meeting and there was a need to address budgets with either the parking lot expenses included or not included, depending on how the vote went.

Connie, chair of Fiscal Matters, had personal travel plans and resigned from the committee. Bob, who was also planning to set out with Sally for their own travel adventures, resigned as vice chair but said he would remain on as a committee member. Because of these plans, Bob has resigned from the Stewardship Committee, of which he was chair. Thanks to Bob for his guidance of the Stewardship Committee as our spring pledge drive was a different experience, being mostly virtual because of the pandemic.

Because of COVID-19's impact on UUCE, our rental incomes are currently non-existent and fund-raising events have either been cancelled or have had to

change to face the need for physical distancing and practicing safety measures. So, with these financial issues, there is a need to closely monitor the church's financial holdings and obligations.

Members of Fiscal Matters have divided up their tasks as we go forward this fiscal year without a committee chair. But we are in need of members. If you have a talent for bookkeeping or financials, please think about volunteering your time and talent. I'd also like to put out a call for people to join the Stewardship Committee. If you would be interested in helping with the UUCE Stewardship campaign, it would be much appreciated!

If you would like to talk to me about joining one of these committees, please contact me at president@uuellsworth.org. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

I find gratitude is a recurring emotion as I write these monthly missives. What makes our community is you individually and collectively. We gather to worship; we keep in touch through our SGMs and Caring Circles; we tackle the work; when help is needed either for ourselves, another member, or UUCE itself, we ask; we share our joys and sorrows; we take actions to promote social justice; and we show our care and concern for our each other and the world around us.

So, once again, thank you and happy Fall!

Gary Shellhamer, UUCE Board President



OCTOBER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Autumn Greeting! The maples outside my front window are just starting to change to a glorious gold. My wood is stacked for the winter and I am enjoying weekly bonfires in by back yard. This is my favorite time of the year. We spent September exploring Renewal with weekly lesson plans and two Children's Chapel Zoom meetings. Thank you Linda Uberseder for reading to the children during our Chapel time.



Our theme for October is *Deep Listening*, and we have a very full schedule. I am excited to be offering a few more classes for our 5th-9th graders. The Fifth Dimension (Grades 5-6) and Fifth Dimension (Grades 7-9) will be offered in collaboration with our Belfast friends. These classes will explore UU values by viewing age appropriate Twilight Zone episodes followed by guided discussion. There will be one class each month for each group. We also will be offering in collaboration with Belfast a more interactive Children's Chapel on the third Sunday of each month. Apple picking and a Halloween Party will give everyone an opportunity to be together at a safe physical distance.

OCTOBER 4: Children's Chapel by Zoom with Anne and Linda, 9:30-10:00 am; Email Deep Listening Lesson Plan - Listen to BIPOC Voices (Anti-racism);

All church Apple Picking at Johnston's Orchard at 2:00 pm.

OCTOBER 11: Email Deep Listening Lesson Plan - Listen to Our Ancestors.

OCTOBER 17: Fifth Dimension (Grades 5-6) Number 12 Looks Just Like You (Season 5) collaboration with Belfast 4:00-5:00 by Zoom

OCTOBER 18: Email Deep Listening Lesson Plan - Listen to Your Heart; Children's Chapel by Zoom with Anne and Danielle (Belfast) from 12:30-1:30 pm.

OCTOBER 24: Fifth Dimension (Grades 7-9) Number 12 Looks Just Like You (Season 5) collaboration with Belfast 4:00-5:00 by Zoom,

OCTOBER 25: Email Deep Listening Lesson Plan - Listen to Nature.

OCTOBER 31: All Ages Once in a Blue Moon Halloween Party - 2:00-5:00 pm in the parking lot at UUCE. Trick or treating; spook walk; dance; bonfire; s'mores and some magic.

~ Woyaya - Anne



ONCE IN A BLUE MOON HALLOWEEN PARTY - OCT. 31, 2-5 PM

This party was offered at the Goods and Service Auction last February, with about 10 people bidding on it. We are inviting the congregation to join us for this All Ages In Person event.

A suggested donation of \$10.00/person or \$15.00/family will be gladly accepted (checks can be mailed to UUCE with Blue Moon Halloween Party in the memo line, or brought to the event). All are welcome to attend regardless of ability to make a donation.

What is required is a mask for times when you cannot be physically distant by 6 feet, a costume, a sense of adventure and humor. You also might want to bring your own lawn chairs, smore's fixings, a snack and beverage, and candy to pass out to trick or treaters.

Events will include, but not limited to: Parking Lot trick or treating; a Spook Path around UUCE; Photo table; Bonfire; a Blue Moon Ritual; and Dancing.

Reservations and your contact information required.

Please reach out to Anne Ossanna at aossanna@aol.com for questions.

HAPPY OCTOBER, UUCE!

We're officially in fall now, with the colder nights, shorter days, and changing colors to prove it. My daily walks are an experience of wonder, as I watch the landscape turn from green to red and gold.

This is the time of year when we turn inward, begin to hunker down for the winter months ahead. It's a time of reflection and deep listening, as we consider what we have stored up and what will sustain us in the time to come.

When I think about listening, I think of Henri Nouwen, beloved teacher, wounded healer, Jesuit priest. Nouwen was a great proponent of deep listening, which he felt was the gateway into communion with God.

"Prayer is first of all listening to God. It's openness. God is always speaking; he's always doing something. Prayer is to enter into that activity..."

Nouwen advocated a daily time of quiet listening, what he called "a useless hour before God." This is time spent not in trying to do anything or get anywhere, but just being... being who you are with all the "have-to" removed.

This, for you, might be a walk along a forest trail...a cup of tea and a good book...an unhurried, open-ended conversation with a friend. Anything that allows you to shift from productive to receptive mode, to put down your list of to-dos, to simply be.

Here's a Zen-inspired quote from a piece of music I heard recently: "You are not who you think you are. Don't think. You are."

That's the kind of place in which change is possible ... in which insight arises ... in which we can hear the voice of

God, or inner wisdom, speaking to us.

It's a practice, to make ourselves open and available to that inner voice. To engage deep listening without any agenda for what the outcome will be.

The German poet Rainer Maria Rilke famously counseled a young friend to live into the questions, without needing to know the answers.

Can we do that now? Live into the questions that beset this turbulent time? Listen into relationship with our inner wisdom, trusting that what we need to know will be revealed in time?

Warmly,
Bettina





A LIFELONG RELATIONSHIP WITH SWEETGRASS

OCT. 22, 4 PM

Join us to listen to, Carol Dana, from the Penobscot Nation, tell stories about her lifelong relationship with sweetgrass. She works at the Cultural and Historic Preservation Department for the Penobscot Nation on Indian Island and is their Penobscot Language Master.

[TO REGISTER](#)



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.



OH, I GIVE THANKS...

Dear, dear people of UUCE,

The love and generosity of your congregation surrounded me on the day of my ordination, and I am so grateful that I can hardly bring the feelings to words.

First, thank you all for the gift of the linen alb (robe) that I wore at the ordination! I will never don it without feeling embraced by “the congregation that hums with love.”

We were able to bring 14 people into Belfast’s sanctuary for this precious day, and some 145 devices joined us by Zoom. Although I have yet to see the second half of the chat messages that were captured for me to read, I’m overwhelmed by so many loving messages, cards, and thoughtful gifts from your ranks. I will answer them all, but it will take weeks.

Special thanks go to Lisa Williams, who designed an invitation so beautiful that it drew comment from around the country, literally. (One friend made bookplates for my library out of it.) Lisa, you are so talented and so generous! Thank you.

Speaking of talent and generosity, thanks also go to Ian Brenner-Simpson, who tried to make his beautiful music available for the service and responded graciously when, with sadness, I needed to choose not to use it. Ian, you’re already a star in my heart and mind.

Mary Haynes and David Dietrich have supported me since before my internship with you began, serving on my internship committee, and continued right through the ordination service. Haydée Foreman, thank you for acting as videographer for the chalice lighting!

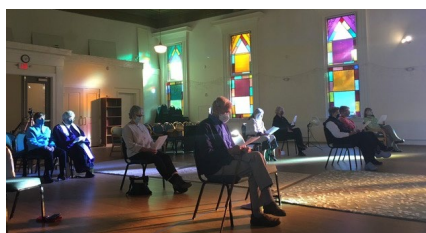
Your wonderful minister, Rev. Sara Hayman, was an exceptional supervisor and colleague from the get-go and became a treasured friend. It was Sara who

organized the virtual processional that opened the service with so much spirit and love, and I will print her “charge to the minister” to keep in a place that will remind me often of her wise and loving counsel.

Just after the service, I opened an e-mail and photo from the inimitable Wayne Smith, showing me that he had been right there with me during the laying on of hands. May all who were there know my great gratitude! You have informed and empowered my ministry in countless ways, and I am eternally thankful.

With love, always, and blessings,
Lane

Rev. Lane Fisher



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

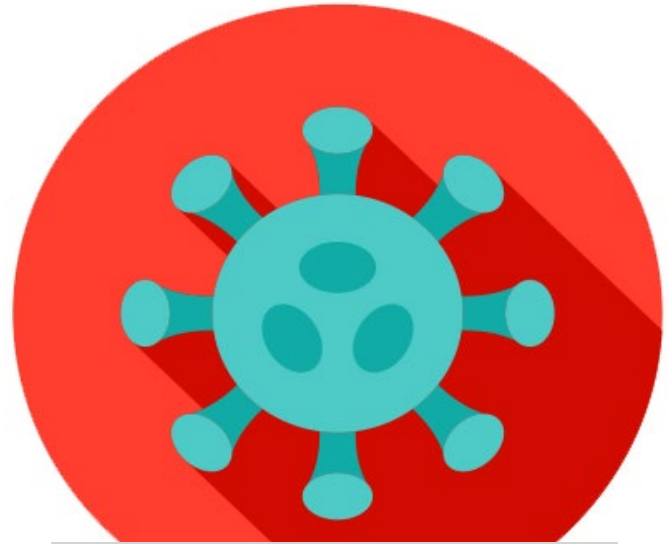
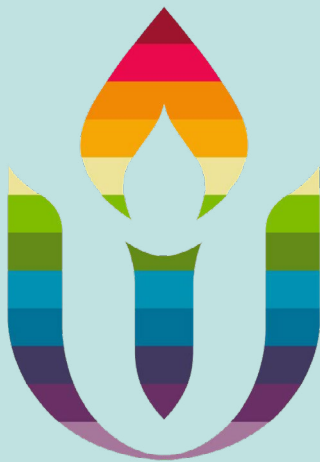
The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

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



WHO'S WHO ON THE REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE AT THE DOORWAY?

Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

For years now, members and friends of UUCE have pondered over the names on the Remembrance Plaque hanging just to the left of the main doorway of the church with the inscription: "So remembered, they shall be forever present." But just who are these people, anyway? Over the next few months, I hope to answer that question by combining information from genealogical sources, church records, and articles gleaned from the Bangor Daily News and the Ellsworth American. [Note: Names written in **bold face** were also active in the activities of the Ellsworth Unitarian Church.]

CHARLES & GEORGIE ALEXANDER

Charles Edgar Alexander was born in Ellsworth on Mar. 18, 1870, the son of Robert J. Alexander from Ireland and Eleanor J. Tapley from Penobscot. On Feb. 1, 1900 in Ellsworth he married **Georgia Harden "Georgie" Frazier** who was born in Ellsworth on May 14, 1878, the daughter of John Berry Frazier and Eleanor Nellie "Ellen" Scott of New Brunswick. They made their home on West Main Street where they raised two daughters: **Eleanor Frances** who married **Fred Albert Shea**, and **Louise** who married **Donald Gordon Royal**. Charles was employed for two years by Augustus Dutton, followed by two years with James H. and Edward K. Hopkins. In 1890, he entered the employ of George A. Parcher, in the drug store, and purchased the business in 1916. In February of 1923, the business was incorporated and acquired the name "Alexander's Pharmacy" which was for years the go-to place for the "cooked food sales" that were put on by the members of the Unitarian Women's Alliance. Georgie worked as a teacher at the Park Street School. Throughout her life she was interested in historical collection and made an extensive study of the early history of Ellsworth. She was an active member of the Alliance and was also a charter member of the Ellsworth Literature Club. Charles died in Ellsworth on Feb. 27, 1948, and Georgie followed him four years later, dying in Ellsworth on Mar. 4, 1952.

CHARLES W. & HELEN M. BEAL

Charles Wallace Beal was born in Ellsworth on Mar. 1, 1843, the son of Daniel S. Beal from Ellsworth and Charlotte Godsoe Thomas from Blue Hill. On Apr. 22, 1866 in Ellsworth he married **Helen Mar Hall** who was born in Ellsworth on Apr. 7, 1848, the daughter of Nahum H. Hall and Betsey T. Jordan of Ellsworth. They made their home on Beals Avenue where they raised three sons: **Nahum Everett** of Northeast Harbor, **Clifton Hill** of Ellsworth, and Charles Andrews, also of Ellsworth. Charles worked as a painter and paper-hanger and was described as "a skilled workman, painstaking and conscientious." In 1904, during the extensive repairs made

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to both the interior and exterior of the Unitarian church building, he and his son Charles were in charge of the painting. He served in the Civil War and was a member of the William H. H. Rice post of the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) and brought his wife Helen to their national encampment in Boston in 1904. He was also in attendance at the annual reunions of the First Maine Artillery Regimental Association where he was listed as “Mus. Charles W. Beal, Ellsworth.” Charles passed away in Ellsworth on Apr. 26, 1907 and his wife Helen died on Mar. 23, 1920, also in Ellsworth.

FRED W. BEAL

Fred Winfield Beal was born in Ellsworth on either Sept. 20 or 24, 1894, the son of **Clifton Hill Beal** of Ellsworth and **Lucy Ellen “Lulu” Severance** of Winterport. On Sept. 13, 1915 at the Unitarian Church in Ellsworth, he married **Ruth Edith Lord** who was born in Ellsworth on Oct. 28, 1889, the daughter of **Capt. Franklin S. “Frank” Lord** of Surry and **Adah M. Wood** of Ellsworth. After a brief time in Boston, the couple settled in Ellsworth where they raised two sons, surnamed Beal: Franklin Lord and Frederick Woods, both of Ellsworth. He made a name for himself as the owner of Fred W. Beal, Inc., distributors of fuel oil. He was also active in Masonry, served as a president of the Ellsworth Rotary Club, and also served as president of the Unitarian Church. His wife, Ruth, was an active member of the Unitarian Women’s Alliance. Fred passed away in Ellsworth on Feb. 20, 1971 and Ruth died on May 30, 1983, also in Ellsworth.



GEORGE L. & ADELE L. BELL

George Lawrence Bell, who was originally named Gouverneur Melville Borst, was born in Cobleskill, New York on June 29, 1871, the son of Merritt C. Borst and Mary Jane Hadsell, both of Schoharie County, New York. On Dec. 14, 1892 in Manhattan, he married first Katherine Lovell, born on June 2, 1868 in Bergen City, New Jersey, daughter of Wesley Hudson Lovell and Alice Alker of New Jersey, by whom he had two children with the surname Borst: Melville Lovell and Helen, both born in Jersey City. In 1906, George married **Adele Louise Hoos**, born on Sept. 29, 1888 in Spring Valley, New York, the daughter of Edward Hoos and Dora Wilkens. They settled in Hopedale, Massachusetts but apparently lived in a number of other towns in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. They had six children with the surname Bell: Gouverneur Merritt, Adele Gretchen, Irma Jane, Vilja Rose, Bayard Bristow,



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and Winfield Demster. Mr. Bell was a gifted pianist and Adele had a gifted and well-trained voice. Indeed, George, writing under the name of Gouverneur Melville Borst, wrote the words and music of a song “Be Mine Own” in 1901 while he was still living in Jersey City. However, their hopes of starting a musical career together eventually faded and George worked for the Draper Corporation, a textile company in Hopedale, Massachusetts. Their only connection to our church is the fact that their names were inscribed on our Remembrance Plaque. Mr. Bell died in Hopedale on Apr. 14, 1939, and Adele passed in Hopedale on Aug. 12, 1943.

HERMON & BERTHA BYRNE

Hermon Edward Byrne was born in Brewer on May 16, 1898, the only son of Charles O. Byrne and Lucelle “Lucy” Sweeney, both of Ellsworth. On July 2, 1922 in Ellsworth he married **Bertha Curtis Estey**, born on Mar. 3, 1901 in Ellsworth, the daughter of **Samuel Scott Estey** of Whiting and Mary E. Morrison of Ellsworth. Hermon had been working as a “pattern maker” in a shoe factory in Brockton, Massachusetts in 1920, and by 1930 he was still working as a pattern maker, but at a foundry in Ellsworth. In 1940 he was working on a milk route. He and Bertha had settled on the Bayside Road in Ellsworth, and Bertha taught for ten years in the elementary school in Ellsworth. She was also very active in the Bayside Grange and in the Irene Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She played an active role in the Unitarian Women’s Alliance and was also greatly interested in the early history of Ellsworth. Hermon and Bertha had two sons, Charles Scott of Biddeford and Robert D of Rome, New York. Hermon died in Ellsworth on Aug. 26, 1967, and Bertha passed away on July 24, 1971, also in Ellsworth.



THE ORISON CALL FAMILY

Orison Call was born on Mar. 12, 1826 in Ellsworth, the son of Obadiah Call and Sarah Goud, both of Dresden, Maine. On Sept. 19, 1847 in Penobscot, he married **Louisa Jane Haskell**, born on Apr. 14, 1830 in Levant, the daughter of Robert Kelsey Haskell of Gorham and Elvira J. Pomeroy of Hermon. By 1850, the couple had settled in Ellsworth where they proceeded to have six children: Lenora E., **Frank S.**, **Cora Louisa**, Lettie Ann, Mary E., and **Ella M.** Orison was variously listed in the censuses as being a laborer, a carpenter, and a cooper (barrel maker). Louisa was active in the work of the WCTU (Women’s Christian Temperance Union) at the local, county, and state levels, and was an active member of the Unitarian Church. Mr. Call died in 1888 in Ellsworth and Louisa passed on Sept. 19, 1903 in Ellsworth. They were buried along with some of their daughters in the Woodbine Cemetery in Ellsworth.



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