



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

## DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 a.m. “STILLNESS”

**SUNDAY, DEC. 6**

***...sometimes it takes a little craziness***

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader; Jeff Jeude, Worship Associate

At this time of year, when we celebrate holy days while waiting in darkness for the light's return, we're invited to settle in a bit more comfortably with silence and stillness. What wisdom, truth or intuitive knowing is trying to reach you? How might times of rest and quiet in this season help ground you and put you in touch with the Holy?

**UUCE Worship 12/6 ZOOM Invite:**

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91022021254?pwd=ZDZDUGZtMnpBZVVvdGIKdIN4am5idz09>

**Meeting ID: 910 2202 1254**

**Passcode: 689305**

**Phone: 646-876-9923**

**SUNDAY, DEC. 13**

***...I said to breathe***

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

In the opening article of this month's Soul Matters packet, Rev. Scott Taylor suggests perhaps stillness is not an end in and of itself but rather a means to insight. "Stillness," he suggests "allows us to perceive that which is truly precious. And in doing so, it calls us back to our humanity." This worship service will consider how cultivating stillness in our lives might help us to be able to notice that which truly deserves our focus: our care, our commitment, our love.

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UUCE Worship 12/13 ZOOM Invite:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95409629028?pwd=dm1kZlhLaGRtYctyujlzVXhaTONvdz09>

Meeting ID: 954 0962 9028

Passcode: 393107

Phone: 646-876-9923

**SUNDAY, DEC. 20**     **3-Church Holiday Collaborative Worship Service**

Led by Your Collaborative Ministers: Revs. Margaret Beckman, Amy Fiorilli, Sara Hayman, and Bettina Lehovec and Vanessa Williams

More Information & ZOOM link will be forthcoming!

**THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 7 PM**     **How the Light Comes**

Rev. Sara Hayman & Bettina Lehovec, Worship Leaders

It hard to know we won't be gathered together in person in our sanctuary for a candle-light Christmas Eve service this year, but we will come together with candlelight, with signing, sacred texts and stories that call us to embody and share hope and love in even the darkest of times.

Christmas Eve 12/24 at 7pm ZOOM Invite:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/99948452252?pwd=c1o3SINZRTFxSE5ycXRPY0xjcUROUT09>

Meeting ID: 999 4845 2252

Passcode: 417574

Phone: 646-876-9923

**SUNDAY, DEC. 27**     **How shall we live?**

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

On this last Sunday of the year, we'll explore the wisdom of our hearts and minds by sharing beloved poetry that teaches us how to live well, with more integrity, kindness and courage. What favorite poem speaks to you? Send this poem and the name of the poet along with a brief explanation (300 words or less) about how or why this poem speaks to you at [sara@uellsworth.org](mailto:sara@uellsworth.org).

UUCE Worship 12/27 ZOOM Invite:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97901330441?pwd=WHQ3RFJ6MktPWXFvU2cVdVZoa0sxUT09>

Meeting ID: 979 0133 0441

Passcode: 638808

Phone: 646-876-9923

## MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

Good Day, Beloveds.

Thank you for being a part of our UUCE community and for taking the time to read our December newsletter. We are so grateful for ALL the ways you are choosing to be connected and participate in the life of our congregation.

As we enter this season of holy days, I wish for you comfort and renewed strength that comes when we dare to enter into the quiet and dark of this season with open and curious hearts and minds. I wish for you time enough to be nourished by candlelight and the beauty of the natural world just outside your window. I wish for you the lived experience of bearing witness to the light's slow return, and knowing deep down in your bones that you are needed, that your love, caring and kindness for others is part of love's rebirth and return.

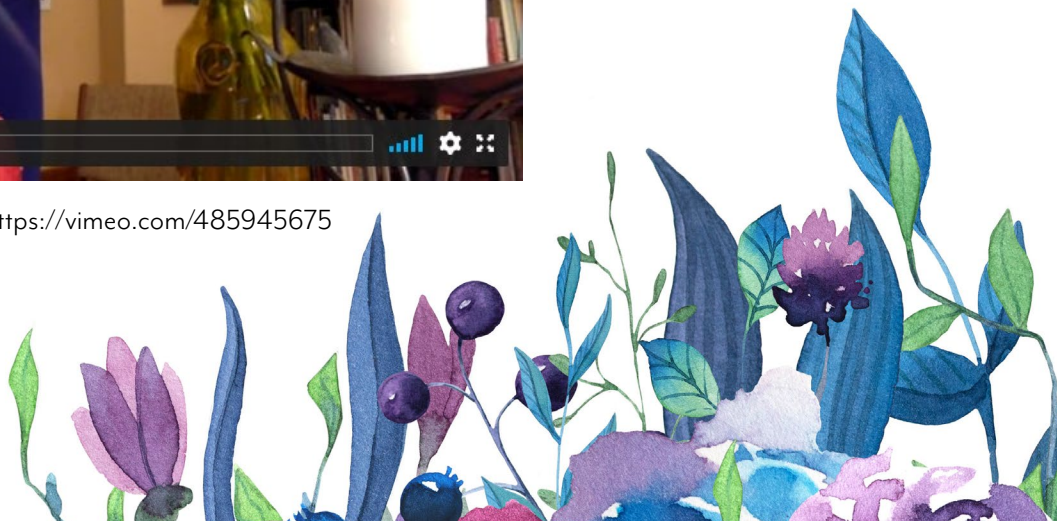
Yours,  
Rev. Sara



### ***Sara's Ministry Matters Video***



Click on the image above to access video: <https://vimeo.com/485945675>







Dear Beloved UUCE Community,

We will miss seeing each other in person for most events this holiday season, but we hope to connect in other ways. Please join us in community spirit, in any way you are willing and able, for these special UUCE offerings. We wish you and yours a peaceful, healthy holiday season, this year and always.

~ with love and gratitude, Rev. Sara Hayman & Gary Shellehamer, UUCE Board President

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**BLUE HOLIDAY SERVICE**

Saturday, December 12th at 1pm on ZOOM

"Traveling in the Dark" - Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
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**UUCE'S RE-IMAGINED COOKIE WALK DRIVE-BY FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, December 19th from 1-3pm in our UUCE Church Parking Lot  
121 Bucksport Road, Ellsworth, ME 04605

This year, our annual Cookie Walk fundraiser is fashioned as a Drive-By Holiday Cookie Sale! We will be selling pre-packaged, beautifully decorated boxes of delicious holiday cookies that our congregants baked. Pre-order your box of three dozen homemade holiday cookies for \$20.

Contact Jeff Jeude, Church Administrator, at [uucellsworth@gmail.com](mailto:uucellsworth@gmail.com)) or call at 207-667-4393 to learn more or to order your box (or boxes) of cookies.

**HERE COMES THE SUN WINTER SOLSTICE GATHERING**

Sunday, December 20th from 2 - 4pm outside at our UU Church of Ellsworth  
Suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$15 per family (no one turned away!).  
These monies will be split between UUCE and our Bounty for Babies justice ministry.  
REGISTRATION to attend is required in advance per our UUCE COVID policies.  
Registration Deadline is Wednesday, December 16th at 5pm.

To register, contact Jeff Jeude, Church Administrator, in the office by phone (207-667-4393) or email ([office@uucellsworth.org](mailto:office@uucellsworth.org)).  
\* A Minimum of 20 people must be registered by 12/16 for this UUCE community gathering to occur.

Come, dressed warmly (with your mask on) and celebrate the Winter Solstice with others. Together, we'll honor this holy day with a brief circle ritual, a bonfire and s'mores. We'll also decorate a Holy Days Tree outside with edible ornaments and enjoy a luminary walk along the RE path. A labyrinth of cedar, pine and twinkle lights will also be set up in an open space behind the church for people to enjoy one person at a time.

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

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**\*\* FOR THE LATEST DETAILS OR UPDATES INCLUDING ZOOM LINKS, PLEASE CHECK OUR UUCE WEEKLY E-NEWS, DECEMBER NUUS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE: [UUELLSWORTH.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/SPECIAL-EVENTS](http://UUELLSWORTH.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/SPECIAL-EVENTS)**

### 2ND ANNUAL UUCE REVERSE ADVENT OFFERING- DECEMBER 1-20, 2020

A Benefit for Our Bounty for Babies Forever Justice Ministry at Loaves & Fishes

From December 1 – 20, we are collecting donations for specific items needed. (See list with dates and items below.) Please consider CONTRIBUTING ONE or more of the suggested baby supplies and plan to drop off your donated items at our "Here Comes the Sun Winter Solstice Gathering" on Sunday, December 20th from 2-4pm, or make arrangements with Jeff, Church Administrator, to drop off items at church on a weekday prior to that. Many thanks for your loving and generous support of families in need through this justice ministry.

- DECEMBER 1 Newborn Diapers
- 2 Baby Shampoo
- 3 Newborn Diapers
- 4 Diaper Rash Cream
- 5 Baby Body Wash
- 6 Size 1 Diapers
- 7 Diaper Wipes
- 8 Size 1 Diapers
- 9 Pull-Up's (All Sizes are needed)
- 10 Size 2 Diapers
- 11 Baby Lotion
- 12 Size 2 Diapers
- 13 Baby Shampoo/Body Wash
- 14 Size 3 Diapers
- 15 Diaper Rash Cream
- 16 Size 3 Diapers
- 17 Size 4 Diapers
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### Reverse Advent: Every Child is a Holy Child

On December 1, we launch  
a 22-day UUCE Faith in Action project.

**OUR GOAL:** Fill a shelf  
at Loaves and Fishes pantry with  
formula, baby food, diapers, and other supplies  
needed desperately by too many of  
Hancock County's youngest citizens.



**\* Let's all help make sure no babies go hungry on our watch. \***

**Watch for collection boxes and check in the Community Room for more details!  
Together we can do this!**

## DECEMBER 1-20

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|----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Newborn Diapers   | 8. Size 1 Diapers                      | 14. Size 3 Diapers    |
| 2. Baby Shampoo      | 9. Pull-Up's (All Sizes are<br>needed) | 15. Diaper Rash Cream |
| 3. Newborn Diapers   | 10. Size 2 Diapers                     | 16. Size 3 Diapers    |
| 4. Diaper Rash Cream | 11. Baby Lotion                        | 17. Size 4 Diapers    |
| 5. Baby Body Wash    | 12. Size 2 Diapers                     | 18. Size 5 Diapers    |
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### COOKIES COOKIES COOKIES

THE ANNUAL UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH COOKIE WALK IS NOW

### THE 2020 UUCE COOKIE DRIVE-BY!



**UUCE WILL BE SELLING PREPACKAGED  
BOXES OF 3-DOZEN HOMEMADE  
HOLIDAY COOKIES FOR \$20 A BOX**

SNICKERDOODLES    PEANUT BLOSSOMS  
CHEWY GINGERBREAD MEN    SPRITZ  
CHOCOLATE-PEPPERMINT CHEWS    SPECULAAS  
RUSSIAN TEA CAKES    CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES  
STAMPED SPICE COOKIES    PLAIN SHORTBREADS  
CHOCOLATE-DIPPED SHORTBREADS  
COCONUT MACAROONS    &    CRISP GINGERBREAD COOKIES



### SATURDAY DECEMBER 19 1-3 PM

TO ORDER & PRE-PAY, CLICK THE  AT [WWW.UUELLSWORTH.ORG](http://WWW.UUELLSWORTH.ORG)  
& DRIVE-BY THE UUCE'S PARKING LOT AT 121 BUCKSPORT RD.  
OR DRIVE-BY THEN TO BUY YOUR HOLIDAY GOODIES!

**LIMITED QUANTITIES AVAILABLE!**

(Cookie boxes will be handled by volunteers wearing masks and gloves.)

Pre-pay, Exact Cash Payment or Make Checks Out to "UUCE"  
with Cookies on the Memo Line.





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**Zoom Invite for all three UUCE Advent Vesper's Services, 12/2, 12/9 & 12/16:**  
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98062065372>  
**Meeting ID: 980 6206 5372**  
**Phone: 646-876-9923**

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**Zoom Invite for Rev. Amy's Advent Vesper's & Blue Holiday Services: 12/1, 12/8 & 12/15**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>  
**Meeting ID: 469 537 6814**  
**Phone: 646 558 8656**







## BLUE HOLIDAY SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 at 1pm on ZOOM

### *Traveling in the Dark*

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

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**<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93168843228>**

**Meeting ID: 931 6884 3228**

**Phone: 646-876-9923**



## 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.



committee primarily as an observer or a scheduled speaker so as to give you time, and email input is welcomed. Once established, we plan to meet quarterly and utilize after church breakouts to discuss current issues needing immediate attention. All welcome.

**OUR AGENDAS** which will include the added meeting notes and our Mission Statement will soon be located on Google's Doc for your perusal. We will operate primarily by consensus but if stalled over time, we will agree by consensus to go to democratic vote for that issue.

December being filled with Holiday gatherings, we will offer only one new program entitled *Adult Story Hour* on December 27th at 9 am Zoom. *Adult Story Hour* is an opportunity for a congregant to tell their spiritual journey which led them to become UU and how they bring these values into their lives. They might even allow Q&As! Stay tuned for our UUCE Celebrity speaker! Let's get to know one another!

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS** which will largely start happening in January are: UU Jeopardy; Movie nights both family and adult versions; Religious/Spiritual/Ethical Affinity Groups to study and celebrate your specific Faith or other interest (Christianity, Judaism, Humanists, Wiccan, Buddhist, etc.) with like minded folks in ongoing small groups, starting with training for startup organizers, structure/programming designed by group; Death Cafes with Lori Johnson and her team. Perhaps some informal morning groups and some outdoor intergenerational fun depending on Covid protocols.

**TBA ASAP:** A youth service program, details soon. Also, Techy 201, TBA by Sara, to learn breakout, movie showing, sharing screen, etc. Zoom has some great tutorials to get the basics. Let Sara know if you are interested in participating.

Looking forward to the talents and skills that only you can offer our community. Let's open our hearts wide, so that we can grow into expanded Beloved Community where ALL are included as we dismantle out White Privilege and address our racism.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Rev Sara, Tori Bell, Katherine Hubner, Bob Dickens, Chris Burdette, Emma Macaillen, with part time supporters: Lori Johnson, Jenni Morgan-Binn, Amy Thompson, Susan Brenner and Ian.



## COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, 4-5:30pm**

Your Collaborative Ministers: Revs. Amy Fiorilli & Sara Hayman and Bettina Lehovec, 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.



## BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

As I am writing this (past-deadline) item for NUUS, it is the day after Thanksgiving.

We are grateful for (and fortunate to have) the members of the COVID-19 Task Force who worked with Rev. Sara, Intern Minister Bettina, and your board to create and modify our first three church policies that address these times as updates on the impact of the pandemic advanced.

We are also lucky to have the caring individuals who are working with Rev. Sara and have reimaged the UUCE Annual Cookie Walk, one of our yearly fundraisers, as a Cookie Drive-By. Thank you to the volunteers who are baking, packing, decorating boxes, selling cookies and--masked and maintaining distancing as they can-- distributing the cookies.

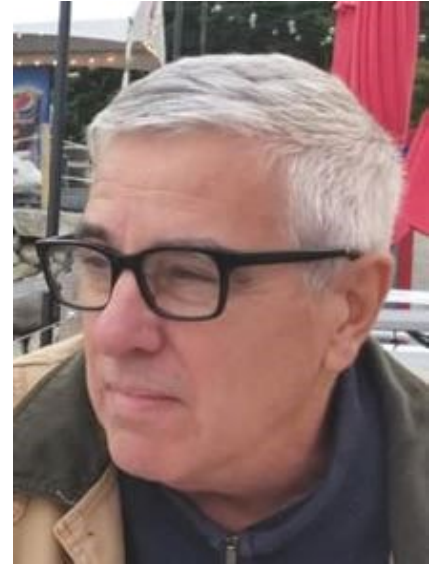
(Disclosure--Advertisement Ahead): Remember to place your orders for boxes of cookies early as this event has a limited number of cookies available for its December 19th, 1-3 p.m., UUCE parking lot event.

Thanks also to the volunteers working on two timely needs: the transformation of our UUCE community's ways of maintaining our unity as we were thrown into dealing with virtual connections due to the pandemic and moving forward and also those members who are working to help find and mentor those of you whose gifts and willingness to use them for the good of UUCE are needed.

**“There is never time in the future in which we will work out our salvation. The challenge is in the moment; the time is always now.”**

-James Baldwin

We are grateful for our members who are working to update the UUCE By-Laws, currently in draft form for review by the board before presenting them for feedback, possible revisions, and then your vote of adoption. And thanks also to our committees that have come up with ways to maintain connection and continue their ministries.



As we have begun a season that is associated with family and community, I am grateful for being a part of this community. I find myself missing our in-person gatherings but realize that we are maintaining our connection, often using technology, as a way not to just continue UUCE's day to day maintenance but also to show our love and concern for one another.

There is a quote that I had on the wall of my office for a number of years and now has helped me during this new and ever-changing normal: “There is never time in the future in which we will work out our salvation. The challenge is in the moment; the time is always now.”

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*Gary Shellhamer, UUCE Board President*

## UUCE GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION 2021

In case you've been wondering, the answer is YES! We are planning to hold our annual Goods & Services Auction on Saturday evening, February 27, 2021! It will be a virtual event with both silent and live bidding this winter, thanks to UUCE Administrator Extraordinaire Jeff Jeude and a great software program called Auctria. The catalog, bidding, sales, payment, accounting, and notifications will all be done on line via Auctria. No need to worry about weather or driving in the dark this year -- you can peruse the offerings and bid in your pajamas right from the comfort of your own living room!

More details will be forthcoming as plans develop, but please begin thinking now about items and services you might like to offer (given the pandemic, consider services and deliveries and outdoor events that allow for spacing this time around). If you have already identified things for the auction and need to get them out of your house now, you may bring them to UUCE and leave them in or near the nursery. Please label each item with your name, alert Jeff that it is arriving, and send along an email with a photo (if possible) and description of your donation.

Meanwhile, any new ideas are welcome, especially for a big marquee event for our live auction. Don't hesitate to share!

Many thanks,  
Your 2021 Auction Team:  
Lori Johnson-Pannier,  
Margaret Thurston,  
and Jeff Jeude  
bogey41999@gmail.com,  
mhthurs@gmail.com,  
office@uuellsworth.org







DECEMBER'S THEME IS STILLNESS



Let there be  
a calming  
of the clamoring,  
a stilling  
of the voices  
that have laid their claim on you...  
that go with you  
even to the  
holy places  
but will not  
Let what distracts you  
cease...  
and let depart  
all that keeps you  
in its cage.

*~Thich Nhat Hanh*

Click graphic above for link to SOUL MATTERS pdf online.

## GARDEN WORKING GROUP UPDATE

As you went by UUCE to check out the new parking lot expansion you may have noticed the work taking place in the gardens. There are six of us on the Grounds Committee and we have fully enjoyed working together reviving our neglected grounds. We have mostly been preparing the beds for planting next spring but also have been working on restoring the circular garden in front of the church. Next growing season will be an exciting time to see our grounds come to life!

Over the winter we have another project, spear headed by Betty Massie, to research and document the history of the gardens. To do this we are reviewing all the old records we can find and will be talking with as many of you as we can who have been involved in the gardens. Part of this project is to learn more about each of the 9 memorials, including trees, that are located around the grounds. We will want to hear from any of you who have information about these and our plan is to feature one memorial a month in the coming Newsletters. Our valued historian, Wayne Smith, has been a great resource in this process. So if you have been involved in the gardens or have information about the memorials expect a phone call from us so that we can learn what you know. We look forward to conversing with you.

The members of the Grounds Committee are: Bronwen Day, chair, Amy Thompson, Jana Robinson, Susan Opdycke, Janet Szarmach and Betty Massie.



**OUR PLATE SPLIT** for DECEMBER 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**

Greetings Beloved,

I cannot believe it is almost December and we are entering the 9th month of remote Religious Education. The children explored Healing in November with weekly email lesson plans and our Children's Chapel offerings. They are loving their Open Chat Room on Sunday mornings after Chapel, a time for them to socialize with each other. The Fifth Dimension offering with our friends from Belfast was well attended by 6 children.

In December we will explore Stillness and will begin working on a play that will be recorded in January. I am looking for several parents to organize a Sledding Sunday in January and February. Please contact me at aossanna@aol.com if you are interested in being part of that team.



## DECEMBER 2020 RE CALENDAR - STILLNESS

**SUNDAY, DEC. 6:** Children's Chapel with Anne and Linda from 8:45-9:15; Open Chat Room for children from 9:15 am-10:00 am; Email Lesson Plan Stillness - Step Away from Busyness.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 13:** Email Lesson Plan Stillness - *Listen for the Voices of Angels*



**SATURDAY, DEC. 19:** Collaborative *Fifth Dimension* with Belfast - 5 Characters Searching for an Exit 4:00-5:00 pm

**SUNDAY, DEC. 20:** Collaborative Children's Chapel with Anne, Linda and Danielle from 8:45-9:45 am; Open Zoom Room from 9:45-10:15 am; Email Lesson Plan Stillness - Rekindle Hope by Watching for the Light;

**HERE COMES THE SUN WINTER SOLSTICE GATHERING** in the parking lot at UUCE from DEC 20, 2:00-4:00 pm (Advance Registration via the UUCE office is required).



**SUNDAY, DEC. 28:** Email Lesson Plan Stillness - Wait for Freedom



## A SPIRIT OF ANTICIPATION

In my childhood, Christmas began on the first Sunday of Advent, when my mother hung the silver-and gold-foil angel on the brick fireplace. Each week she brought out more decorations, until the house was full of Christmas, culminating with the decorated tree we did not see until Christmas Eve.

My father took us out on long errands on the 24th — all the way to Sheffield to buy the Christmas hare, or visiting with godparents, or caroling under the brightly lit tree outside the town library. Then we went home, where we ate a simple supper and waited impatiently for the magic of Christmas to begin.

Our living room, when we were finally allowed into it, had been transformed. The tree sparkled with glass bulbs, colored lights, and *lametta* (tinsel). Presents were heaped underneath. The *Christkind* (Christ child) brought the tree and the gifts, we were told. We didn't know about Santa Claus until we went to school.

We weren't allowed to open our presents right away. First we had to light the final candle of our Advent wreath. We had to sit on the couch and sing carols,



both in English and in German. My father's rasping voice contrasted with my mother's clear soprano. The candlelight shimmered in her hazel eyes. We had to eat another round of cookies, baked in batches throughout the month — *nussemausen* and *lebkuchen* and raisin-studded *stollen* — as my parents sipped eggnog from tiny glasses.



Christmas Eve was all the more special because we had built toward it all month long. Each Sunday we lit another candle of our evergreen wreath, gathering around the table for hot chocolate and cookies and songs. We ended each session with a German song that counted down the days until December 24 (the proper date of Christmas, by the way).

The most fun of all was when we sang it on the 23rd, and heard my mother say "*morgen*" — "tomorrow" — Christmas would come.

The season of Advent mirrors that sense of anticipation. It's a time of waiting. A period of gestation, as the earth turns cold and people turn inward. In the Christian tradition, Advent is similar to Lent. A time to ponder our human frailty and look ahead to the promise of new life.

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!" wrote the prophet Isaiah in the sixth century BCE.

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Isaiah (or one of them; the prophecies were likely written by different people in different time periods) also spoke about making straight in the wilderness a highway for God; hammering swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks; and the wolf and the lamb living as one.

This is the dream at the heart of the Jewish and Christian traditions — a world united in peace and good will. It's the sentiment we read on Christmas cards and sing in carols. It's a dream we Unitarian Universalists share, as well.

This Christmas season will be different for most of us. Family gatherings will be small. Some of us will be alone on Christmas Day, or in the same couples or family groups as any other day of the year. There is much to mourn.

Yet the enforced isolation also holds a gift: a time to sink more deeply into the heart of the holiday. With beloved traditions on hold — Christmas parties, Christmas pageants, Christmas caroling — we have time to reflect on what it's all about.

The dream of world peace. The birth of hope, in all its many forms. The reminder that there is always new life and that it can come in the most unlikely of ways.

May this Advent season offer you moments of peace and of joy. May you be blessed by a spirit of anticipation, preparing yourself for new life ahead.

*Warmly,  
Bettina*

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 7 PRINCIPLES

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

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



## **UUCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Meeting of October 8, 2020**

**Present:** Pres. Gary Shellehamer, VP Beth Pepper, Sec. Susan Opdycke, Treasurer Sarah Curts, Rev. Sara Hayman, Collaborative Intern Minister Bettina Lehovec  
Trustees: Robert Breeden, Sally Gervais, Christine Bowman

Gary called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The thank-you cards have now gone out to the members of the Parking Lot Task Force.

#### **MINUTES:**

Sarah made a motion to accept the minutes, and Sally seconded. The minutes were accepted as written.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Fiscal Matters Committee and our Treasurer have created a "working budget" for FY 20/21 that reflects adjustments made with regard to expenditures given the anticipated loss of income for UUCE.

- Fundraiser income has been decreased.
- Cost savings in utility expenses have been projected due to limited use of the building.
- Cost savings in hospitality line-item of budget and reduced revenue projections for rental income have been made.

The board names their thanks to our Fiscal Matters Committee Members, Sarah Curts, Treasurer and Jeff Jeude, Church Administrator, for all their work in creating this "working budget."

#### **MINISTER'S MONITORING REPORT:**

- Thank you to Sarah Curts for all the additional work she has had to do over and above the original job description.
- UUCE Fall Parish meeting is on October 25 after the church service.
- Evelyn Foster is willing to work with Sara to develop a Leadership Development Team to operate under the minister's guidance and Program Council.
- Susan will talk with Evelyn about the job requirements to be on the PM&M Committee.
- Safe Passage has cancelled all trips for 2021. The Mid-Maine Youth Group has yet to be informed that the July, 2021 service trip has been cancelled.



**BY-LAWS TASK FORCE:**

Some progress has been made, and Pepper hopes to have the revised By-Laws ready for the Congregational Meeting in January.

**COVID-19 TASK FORCE:**

The team has met and written 3 new policies regarding building use:

- There is now a checklist to be used for individual and/or group use of UUCE;
- A protocol policy on UUCE facility use during the pandemic;
- And a policy to address the presence of an individual in the building who has tested positive for Covid-19 within the previous 14 days.

Pepper made a motion to accept these 3 policies; Sarah seconded. The motion passed and the policies accepted.

**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:**

Gary volunteered to be the 21/22 board representative on the Elections Committee.

**HOMEWORK:**

Please think about the types of spiritual leadership found in UUCE from the article from the Spiritual Leadership workshop packet.

Sally made a motion to adjourn, and Sarah seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan Opdycke*  
Secretary

**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.



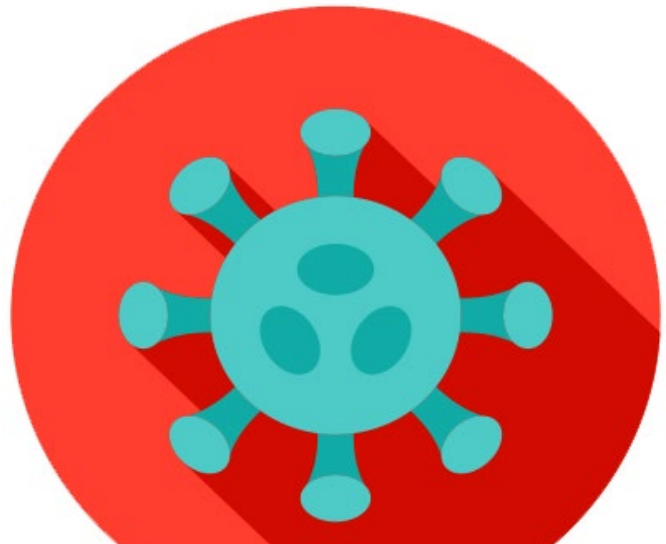
## UUCE OFFICE

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

### UUCE COVID-19 TASK FORCE CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SANKOFA CORNER



## WHO'S WHO ON THE REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE AT THE DOORWAY? PART 3

Wayne H. Smith  
UUCE Historian

[Note: Names written in **bold face** were also active in the activities of the Ellsworth Unitarian Church.]

### WALTER K. & PHILIP D. MASON

**Walter Kelliher Mason** was born on Sept. 20, 1893 in Ellsworth, the son of Fred Livingston Mason. In the summer of 1914, Walter was associated with a free mail delivery system in Ellsworth, and he was a letter carrier two years later when he married, on Nov. 4, 1916 in Ellsworth, **Maud E. Raymond**, born in October of 1878 in Ellsworth, daughter of Wallace L. Raymond and Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" McQuinn of Ellsworth. Unfortunately, their marriage did not last long for in October of 1920 their divorce was decreed on the grounds of cruel and abusive treatment. [Maud later married Walter Rupert Spaulding, born on Apr. 15, 1881 in Royalton, Vermont. Maud died on Oct. 16, 1963 in Ellsworth, and Walter died on Sept. 7, 1969, also in Ellsworth.] In June of 1931, Walter was arraigned before the Ellsworth Municipal Court on a charge of larceny. He pleaded not guilty and was adjudged not guilty. Walter died on Feb. 9, 1973 at a Bangor hospital. He was buried at Woodbine.

His brother **Philip Dutton Mason** was born in Ellsworth on Nov. 14, 1895. On Sept. 11, 1922 in Ellsworth, he married Ruth Hazel Treworgy, born on June 14, 1892 in Ellsworth, daughter of Charles J. Treworgy and Georgia A. Fernald, both of Ellsworth. Philip and Ruth had four children: May, Philip Dutton Jr., Hope, and Donald Treworgy. Philip worked as a telephone installation repairman for New England Telephone and Telegraph. He was extremely active in Masonry, was a member of the Arcadia chapter of the Masonic lodge of Ellsworth, and was for a time captain general in the Blanquefort commandery of the Knights Templar. He was also a member of the Anah Shrine temple in Bangor and the Hancock County Shrine club. Philip died on Feb. 6, 1951 at a Togus hospital in Chelsea. Ruth passed away in Ellsworth on Nov. 7, 1983. They were buried in Woodbine Cemetery.



### EMBERT C. & EVA N. OSGOOD

**Embert Chase Osgood** was born on Mar. 24, 1874 in Ellsworth, the youngest of the five children of Irving Osgood of Blue Hill and Alwilda M. "Allie" Foster of Bristol. On June 23, 1903 in Ellsworth, he married **Eva Belle Nealley**, born Feb. 28, 1880 in Ellsworth, the daughter of Joseph William Nealley of Ellsworth and Lettice Cornelia "Lettie" Chapin of Orrington. They took up residence at 35 Church Street in Ellsworth and had two children: **Katharine Chase**, known as "Kay," and Carl Chapin. In addition to taking up the reins of his father's photography business, Embert was also

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a director at the Union Trust Company. He was active in Masonry, a member of the Lygonia Lodge for over 50 years, and was also a member of the Arcadia Chapter and the Blanquefort Commandery. For 17 years he was also grand master of the exchequer of the Grand Lodge of Maine Knights of Pythias and chancellor commander of Donaqua Lodge. Eva was chairman of the board of trustees of the Ellsworth Public Library, a former president and secretary of the Ellsworth Literature Club, president of the First PTA in Ellsworth, secretary of the Woman's club, and president and secretary of the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Church. Embert died at a Bangor hospital on Sept. 5, 1957. Eva passed on Dec. 13, 1974 at her home in Ellsworth. They were buried at Woodbine Cemetery.



## HOLLIS L. RAMSDELL, JR.

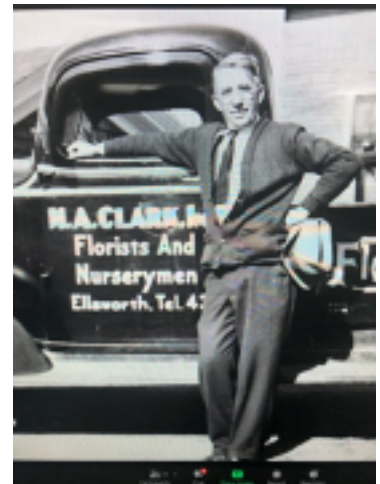
Hollis L. Ramsdell Jr. was born on July 2, 1923 "at the Oaklands" in Gardiner, Maine, the son of Hollis LeRoy Ramsdell of Lubec and Julia M. Estey of Ellsworth. He graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1940. He was active in the Bayside Grange and at the Unitarian Church. While a student at the University of Maine, he withdrew in 1943 to enter the military. He was a squad leader in Battery C, 486th Coast Artillery Battalion, Anti-Aircraft. He participated in the Normandy Invasion, took part in the battles of St. Lo, Falaise Gap, and Mons, and died of wounds in Belgium on Sept. 9, 1944. He was given a funeral service with full military honors four and a half years later on Sunday Apr. 24, 1949 at Woodbine Cemetery.

## NEAL A. & HELEN N. RAYMOND

Neal Alexander Raymond was born on Mar. 25, 1882 in Hancock, the son of Wallace L. "Wallie" Raymond of Presque Isle and Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" McQuinn of Ellsworth Falls. As such, Neal was the brother of three other active members of the church: **Grace**



**M. (Raymond) Royal, Maud E. (Raymond) (Mason) Spaulding,** and **Mary E. (Raymond) Lysaght,** the Raymonds being one of several significant "dynasties" in the church. On June 25, 1919 in Ellsworth, he married **Helen F. Nealley,** born on Nov. 4, 1889 in Ellsworth, daughter of Joseph William Nealley of Ellsworth and Lettice Cornelia "Lettie" Chapin of Orrington. They settled on High Street and had one son, John Ellis H. Raymond. In 1901, he worked as a florist with the Mary A. Clark Company, and in 1923, he became a member of the M. A. Clark firm, becoming president of the company in 1942. In that same year, Neal and Helen sold their High St. home, and in 1943, Neal was elected to the Ellsworth City Council, eventually becoming chairman. In 1944, he became a trustee of the soon to be constructed Eastern Memorial Hospital, and in 1946 he became president of the hospital. He was involved with the Lejok Lodge of the IOOF of Ellsworth, once serving



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as a noble grand, the Nokomis Rebekah Lodge, the Lygonia Lodge of Masons, the Arcadia Chapter, the Blanquefort Commandery, the Anah Temple Shrine of Bangor, the Bayside Grange, the Woodbine Cemetery Association, the Maine State Florist Association, the Ellsworth School District, and the Woodlawn Association. Not to be outdone, Helen was a Noble Grand of the Nokomis Rebekah Lodge of Ellsworth, Worthy Matron of the Irene Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and past president and treasurer of M. A. Clark, Inc. Needless to say, they were both active members of the Unitarian Church of Ellsworth. Neal died on Aug. 30, 1956 at a hospital in Damariscotta, and Helen passed on Dec. 5, 1973 in Ellsworth. They were buried at Woodbine Cemetery.

## JOSEPH & ETHELYN REMICK

**Joseph Warren Remick** was born on Nov. 8, 1874 in Ellsworth, the son of Joseph Warren Remick Sr. of Trenton and Cordelia J. Jordan of Ellsworth. On Oct. 17, 1900 in Trenton, he married **Bertha Ethelyn Jordan**, born on Feb. 23, 1879 in Trenton, daughter of John Wilson Jordan of Ellsworth and Susie J. Nichols, born in Maine but whose parents were from New Hampshire. Joseph and Ethelyn had three children: **Charles Edward**, Florence P., and Herbert Currier. After graduation from Ellsworth High School, Ethelyn attended the Eastern State Normal School in Castine, and was for 35 years a teacher in the schools of Hancock County. She was a member of the Study Club of Bar Harbor, the Unitarian Alliance, and the Bayside Farm Bureau. She was also very active in the 4-H Club and served as the Hancock County Club Project Leader. Joseph had worked for the S. S. Pierce Co. in Boston before returning to Maine in 1908 and starting a farm in Trenton in 1913. He was a past master of the Bayside Grange and a member of the Farm Extension Service of Hancock County. Joseph died Feb. 21, 1958 in Bar Harbor, and Ethelyn died on June 24, 1977 in Trenton.

## ANDREW HOWARD ROLLINS VICTORINE W. ROLLINS

**Andrew Howard Rollins** was born on July 23, 1884 in Ellsworth, the son of Charles F. Rollins of Ellsworth and Elvira F. Frost of Hancock. On Oct. 5, 1910 in Ellsworth, he married first **Victorine Bellatty Wyman**, born on Oct. 14, 1883 in Ellsworth, daughter of Edward Benjamin Wyman of Tremont and Ernestine B. Bellatty of Ellsworth. After graduating from Ellsworth High School in the class of 1903, Howard taught school for several years in Ellsworth, then worked for the U. S. Railway Postal Service for 42 years. He and Victorine had one daughter, **Ann**, who grew up in her parents' spacious home on Beals Avenue (see photo). Victorine was an active member of the Unitarian Women's Alliance, the Ellsworth Garden Club, and the East Surry Extension Association. After Victorine died on May 30, 1954 in Ellsworth, Howard married second, on Aug. 1, 1963 in Ellsworth, Mrs. Beulah Holt (Bunker) Blance, born on Aug. 14, 1897 in Gouldsboro, daughter of Henry Cobb Bunker of Hancock and Mary Frances Bunker of Gouldsboro. Beulah was also a member of the Women's Alliance. Howard died on May 8, 1973 in Ellsworth and was buried at Woodbine. Beulah died on August 22, 1976 in Charleston, South Carolina at the home of her daughter. She was buried at the Greenwood Cemetery in Winter Harbor.



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<b>Trustee:</b> Sally Gervais to 2022	<b>Moderator:</b> John Fink

## COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

<b>Adult Religious Education:</b> Mary Haynes	<b>Kitchen:</b> Evelyn Foster
<b>Aesthetics:</b> Linda Laing	<b>Landscaping:</b> vacant
<b>Auction:</b> Margaret Thurston, Lori Johnson-Pannier	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes:</b> Beth Pepper, Nina Turner
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance:</b> Mary Haynes	<b>Membership:</b> Nancy Avila
<b>Caring Committee:</b> Sally Francis	<b>Pastoral Visitors Team:</b> Nancy Guy
<b>Charitable Giving:</b> Rev. Sara Hayman, Nancy Guy	<b>Peace and Social Action Ministry:</b> Doug Bird
<b>Choir:</b> Haydée Foreman	<b>Publicity:</b> Susan Opdycke
<b>Collaborative Ministry:</b> Mack MacDonald, Gary Shellehamer	<b>Religious Education:</b> Linda Uberseder, Tobias Betancourt
<b>Committee on Ministry:</b> Karen Volckhausen	<b>Safety:</b> vacant
<b>Cookie Walk:</b> Rev. Sara Hayman	<b>Small Group Ministry:</b> Christine Bowman
<b>Eggroll Project:</b> Susan Opdycke	<b>Stewardship:</b> Bob Francis
<b>Parking Lot Task Force:</b> Mary Haynes	<b>Sunday Order of Service:</b> send to office@uuellsworth.org
<b>Ferry Beach Registrar:</b> Anne Ossanna	<b>Ushers:</b> Jon Thomas, Ken Hanson
<b>Fiscal Matters:</b> Connie Bailey	<b>Video Services Coordinator:</b> Lori Johnson
<b>Flowers:</b> Bronwen Day	<b>Wayside Pulpit:</b> Nancy Guy
<b>Governance:</b> Mary Haynes, Robin Lovrien	<b>Website:</b> Lisa Williams, Mike Arruda
<b>Green Sanctuary:</b> Gary Shellehamer	<b>Worship Arts:</b> Lori Johnson
<b>History/Archives/Library:</b> Wayne Smith	<b>Yard Sale:</b> Beth Pepper, Bill Fogle
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