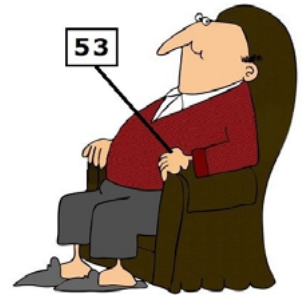




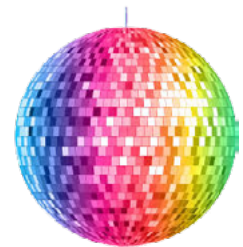
Celebrating the sacred, we gather in loving community  
to nourish souls and live justice into the world.

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Goods & Services AUCTION



UUUCE Dance Party



SOUL MATTERS Packet

# JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

## “IMAGINATION”

SUNDAY, JAN 3

### ***Imagination helps bring the world alive!***

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader; Helen Kazura, Worship Associate

How does imagination help us to revere the world and other beings more sincerely? How does having imagination help us to know and experience the holy as we understand it? Come, consider these questions with us and why we believe they matter.

1/3 UUCE Worship Service ZOOM invite:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93415691891?pwd=NnRIU3RzQzVNQzhETGR2VmRMcWp3UT09>

Meeting ID: 934 1569 1891

Passcode: 878598

SUNDAY, JAN 10

### ***There is More Love Somewhere***

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

What is the role of imagination when it comes to creating a better world in the here and now of our lives? Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to imagine more inclusive, loving, justice oriented and interconnected ways of living. What creates imagination compelling enough to inspire such changes?

1/10 UUCE Worship Service ZOOM invite:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97136701126?pwd=TEF4MklCT0RlWEowRXJ5eVIDVGvWQT09>

Meeting ID: 971 3670 1126

Passcode: 794764

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, JAN 17

### ***“Wells We Did Not Dig, and Vineyards We Did Not Plant”***

Rev. Mark Worth, Worship Leader; Bettina Lehovc, Worship Associate

On this Martin Luther King weekend, and just a few days before the inauguration of our new president and vice-president, Mark will reflect on the challenges ahead. How can we, the people, solve our political differences, heal our nation's wounds, and deal with the many needs of our society?

1/17 UUCE Worship Service ZOOM invite:

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# JANUARY SERVICES CONTINUED

SUNDAY, JAN 24

## ***Imagination as the Path of Spirit***

Jeff Jeude, Worship Leader; Anne Ossanna, Worship Associate

Acclaimed Irish poet, philosopher and best-selling author John O'Donohue states, "As you enter the future with freedom, possibility comes to meet you..." Join us this Sunday as we exchange the word "imagination" for "freedom" in O'Donohue's statement. How does our ability to "imagine a future" correspond to those paths we make as we journey through life? Join us to explore the future you never imagined.

1/24 UUCE Worship Service ZOOM invite:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94328264970?pwd=MWcybXNjT2dIVGNOUGUrMmUIId082UT09>

Meeting ID: 943 2826 4970

Passcode: 953799

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, JAN 31

## ***The Imagination of Covenant***

Bettina Lehovec, Worship Leader; Marta Rieman, Worship Associate

Covenant is a weighty word with a long religious history and continuing importance in the UU faith. But what does it mean for you? Let's think about covenant in terms of imagination: imagining the community of faith we want to be.

Winter Congregational Meeting at 12 pm on ZOOM!

1/31 UUCE Worship Service ZOOM invite:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98139937890?pwd=c2Q4TG0vbkRyOWdWOUpsZHZGcUJndz09>

Meeting ID: 981 3993 7890

Passcode: 298741

Phone: 646-876-9923





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Winter Greetings!

In December we explored Stillness through our weekly email lesson plans, Fifth Dimension and two Children's Chapel sessions. The children are enjoying their Open Zoom Room after children's chapel. We began working on a play with our friends from Belfast that we hope to share with all of you. In January we will explore Imagination and hopefully record our play.

## JANUARY 2021 CALENDAR

**JANUARY 3:** Email Lesson Plan - **Imagine a New You**

ZOOM Children's Chapel with Anne and Linda- 8:45-9:15 am

Open ZOOM ROOM 9:15-10:00 am

**JANUARY 10:** Email Lesson Plan - **Imagine by Dreaming**

**JANUARY 16:** ZOOM Fifth Dimension - **Kick the Can**, 4:00 pm with our friends from Belfast. (elders use their imagination and wisdom to find a way to stay young at heart)

**JANUARY 17:** Email Lesson Plan - Racial Justice Sunday: **Imagine a Better World**  
ZOOM Children's Chapel with Anne, Linda and Danielle 8:45-9:45 am (we will record our play)  
Open ZOOM ROOM 9:45-10:15 am

**JANUARY 24:** Email Lesson Plan - **Think Outside the Box**

**JANUARY 31:** Email Lesson Plan - TBA  
Anne is off.





JUST  
*breathe*

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS** AT 8AM!

All are welcome to be part of this half hour intimate and contemplative worship space.

In January, Rev. Sara will host the 1/5 Wednesday Matins and Bettina Lehovec, Collaborative Intern Minister, will host on the remaining Wednesday mornings: 1/13, 1/20 and 1/27.

Please be aware this ZOOM invite is a new one and will remain the ZOOM invite for Matins through the end of April 2021.

**Wednesday Morning Matins ZOOM Invite:**

**<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/92873923433>**

**Meeting ID: 928 7392 3433**

**Phone: 646-876-9923**

# MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN

As I write this article on the cusp of a new month and year, I recognize part of me is ready, anxious even, to bid 2020 farewell! Enough already with this pandemic that's still raging and coming much closer in; enough with necessarily not seeing beloveds, with missing the warmth and energy that rises when we are able to be physically together! Life has changed this year for all of us I suspect and for our congregation, too. Not knowing exactly or all of what that means, I do know there's no going back simply to what was. There's only the opportunity to move ahead into what's becoming, what's possible, new and yet-to-be-imagined ways of being church together again, a church still built on the core values of courageous love, whole-hearted connection, awe and authenticity. It's exciting and daunting at times and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else, with any other people.



And so I ask you, beloveds, the very same questions I'm asking myself:

- What have you learned this year about who you are and what you need?
- What insights do you want to hang onto—to bring with you into creating a new kind of normal that *will* arrive in time?
- What things (struggles or hardships) do you choose now to set down, knowing that “enough is enough” somehow and that there are other, more honest and courageous ways you want to live?



I am grateful to be able to take some time off this month, vacation and study leave from January 12<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. I will be taking these questions with me, making room in my days to listen for and imagine my own answers. I will be resting some, which will look like reading, being out in the cold and beauty of this place and staying cozied-in at home with Camino and Sarah. I'm so grateful for this opportunity and for winter's invitation to turn inward and replenish our souls in slower-paced and grounding ways. May you, too, find ways to replenish and renew your spirit and soul.

Yours, in shared ministry,  
*Rev. Sara*

# UUCE ARMCHAIR AUCTION 2021

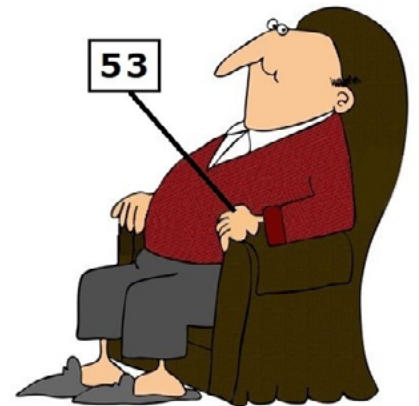
Let the cold winds howl!  
You can play from the comfort of your own living room!  
Skip the drive in ice and snow and bid in your jammies!

It's our first-ever on-line  
UUCE Goods & Services Charity Auction!



Join us on line  
February 27, 2021

*Mark your calendar now and  
watch for details!*



IT'S HAPPENING! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR 2021  
UUCE GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27!

The whole event, live and silent, will be on-line thanks to a nifty auction software program (that has been pre-tested by other UUs). No need to come out in the cold -- you can bid on all the usual types of items right from home! Even if home this February is Florida or Texas or someplace a long way from Ellsworth!

**If you have good-quality items, services, or events you'd like to donate for our auction**, or creative ideas to share, please notify Jeff Jeude in the office, Margaret Thurston, or Lori Johnson (all in the directory). If you need to get something out of your house, you can bring it to church, label it with your name and identifying information, and leave it in the nursery.

We will be launching an auction website and post the catalog of live and silent offerings much earlier this year. There are already a bunch of good things lined up!

# UUCE DANCE PARTY

ON ZOOM-FRIDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 7-8PM

Rev. Sara Hayman & Katherine Hubner,  
Co-DJ's. Come, move and have fun with  
friends...another way of being and feeling  
alive!

Email or text either of us your favorite dance  
tunes. All are welcome to come and no one  
has to be there.

**1/8 UUCE Dance Party ZOOM Invite:**  
**<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/92055055637>**  
**Meeting ID: 920 5505 5637**  
**Phone: 646-876-9923**





# DANCING THE OLD YEAR GOODBYE

FROM OUR INTERN



In a dance retreat I attended recently (over Zoom! Who knew that was possible a year ago?), the instructor asked us to revisit 2020 in dance.

“Focus on your spine,” he directed. “What’s ‘in back’ of you? What has this year been like? What are you carrying that you want to let go?”

He had us start at the end of the year, with the most recent months, and then move backward in time...through the fall...and then the summer...the springtime months of May, April, March...and finally, the first two months of 2020 that now seem so long ago.

I was surprised by the recollections that surfaced as I danced the past year. “I left home in 2020!” was the first one that came. Somehow I hadn’t realized the impact until I danced it in that moment.

I remembered the months of preparation, focused largely on getting my house ready to rent; but also on saying goodbye, to people, to places, to the familiar routines of my life.

My months as your collaborative intern minister have been anything but routine! What they’ve been is rich, full, rewarding. Overwhelming at times (that sense of overwhelm came back as I danced September and October), but always a gift, a once-in-a-lifetime opening into dreams I barely knew I had.

I am very grateful. I can’t imagine a more loving and supportive community than I have found here. In all three of our congregations. In our fabulous ministers (I don’t have words enough to sing their praises). In the collaborative model that is both a challenge and a joy.

As I danced the big transition from Northwest Arkansas to Maine, I had the sense of a hand behind my back, a warm, supportive force propelling me forward. A current that’s been both guiding and supporting me in this endeavor.

What is that force? Is it the friends and family who support me in my personal life? The people in my home congregation who saw a minister and let me practice on them? The outpouring of support I’ve found here? My years of effort and desire, of preparation and study? My own efficacy, something I’ve struggled to accept? My privilege as an educated white woman with some financial means? The hand of Divine Mystery?

I believe it is all of those things, working in concert to create a life. I am blessed indeed.

As I danced further back in the year, I revisited the strangeness that this pandemic year has been. I remembered that I couldn’t even say goodbye to my dearest friend in the way I wanted to—although she did break her quarantine protocol and hug me at the end.

I remembered two deaths — not apparently Covid related (although with hindsight, we’re not so sure). They were both elderly people with underlying conditions that I helped care for last winter. Walking with them through their dying is a loss I still grieve.

I danced for the many losses of this pandemic year — the lives lost, the livelihoods, the normalcy we take for granted, all our lives upended like never before. I danced for the collective worry, the isolation, the loneliness, the fear.

And also for the community formed over Zoom, the opportunities created, the relationships deepened, the resilience and grace with which we’ve gotten through the year.

I danced to create space in which new realities can emerge. A whole new year! Whatever that will bring.

Won’t you join me in dancing in the year to come? ~ Bettina





# Death Cafe

## VIRTUAL FORUM

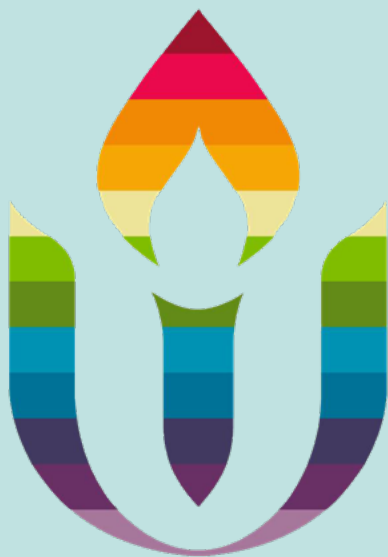
Death Cafe is an international movement that provides an opportunity for people to gather (virtually) and examine issues surrounding life and death in a relaxed, open, safe atmosphere. Death Cafe is not a bereavement or support group, but rather an open forum for respectful discussion. For more information on Death Cafes, visit <https://deathcafe.com>

UUCE, in collaboration with the Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County, and the MDI Palliative Care Advisory Committee will host a Death Cafe on:

Wednesday, January 27, 10:00am- 11:30am over Zoom.

Registration is required by Friday, January 22.

To register, or if you have questions about this event, please contact Lori Johnson at 667-2531 or by email at [LJohnson@hospiceofhancock.org](mailto:LJohnson@hospiceofhancock.org)



### 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 ON CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



**Welcome 2021!** It is that time for self examination--for making resolutions and for planning improvements. At UUCE it appears that too few people are now carrying much of the responsibility. We find committees without leaders, unfilled tasks and committees that have difficulty functioning. And yet our congregation is rich with interested and talented people who would help but don't know where to best use their time and talents. At present, we have no organizational authority or mechanism to help us get into positions where we feel the right fit. To this end, Rev. Sara has established a Committee on Congregational Engagement.

Our congregation has abundant talent and creativity but we need to be invited to make thoughtful choices from among the many volunteer jobs. The Committee on Congregational Engagement will be responsible for tracking and making available all lay responsibilities needed to keep our church community functioning smoothly. New tools are being created to help each of you to explain your own preferences, gifts, availability and talents. It will also offer help in keeping workers informed and connected to other entities in the church. It will be aware of vacancies and a way to identify new workers. We aim to get to the place where we consider our volunteerism as a spiritual practice.

In 2021, please think about your own working relationship to UUCE. The committee is new and needs each person to consider carefully your own involvement as you respond to survey questions or personal contacts. Please speak to any of the committee members about your own interests, needs or questions.

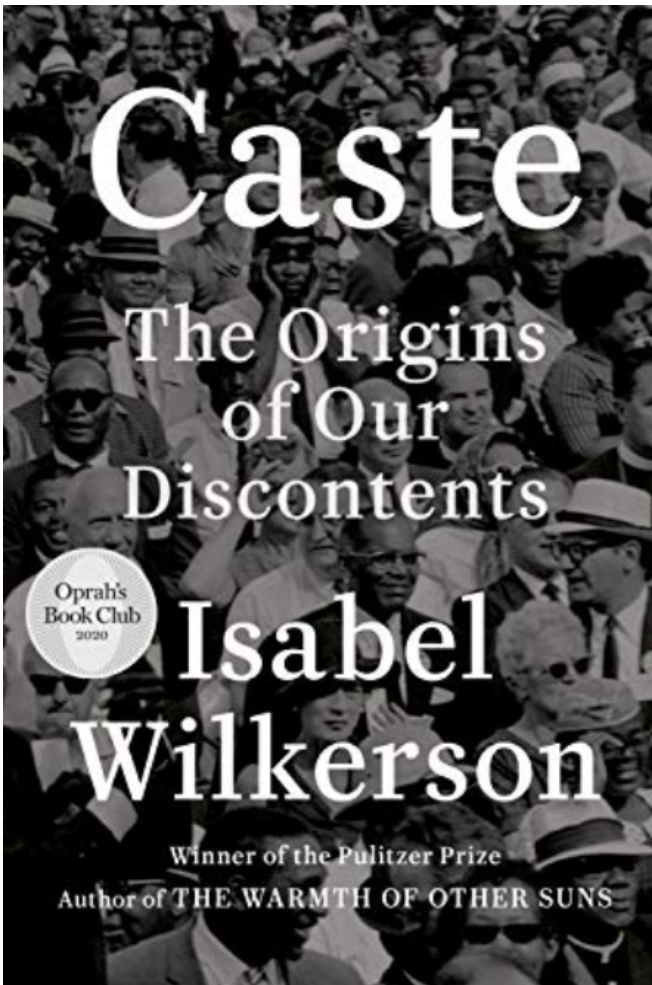
Members of the committee are Kathy Hall, Nancy Avila, Gary Shellehamer, Beth Pepper, Susan Opdyke and Evelyn Foster.

~ Evelyn Foster, Chair

## DECOLONIZATION AND US TASKFORCE

INVITES YOU

A Book Study on *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson will be held via Zoom on alternate Thursdays starting February 4<sup>th</sup>. The exact number of sessions TBD. Rev. Sara and Doug Bird will co-facilitate the discussion in another attempt to understand where we UUCE members and friends get our perspectives. The question at the end will be, “What do we do next?” Please email the church office or Doug Bird at [debird04609@gmail.com](mailto:debird04609@gmail.com) by January 28<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in participating.



From August 2020 “The New Yorker”

“Caste is insidious and therefore powerful because it is not hatred; it is not necessarily personal,” she writes. “It is the worn grooves of comforting routines and unthinking expectations, patterns of a social order that have been in place for so long that it looks like the natural order of things.” The caste model moves white behavior away from subjective feelings (what motivates these people to do what they do) and into the objective realm of power dynamics (what they do, and to whom). The dynamic that concerns Wilkerson the most is how a dominant caste stops a low-ranking caste from gaining on it.

# COMMUNITY CARING, KUDOS, AND CONCERNS

FROM OUR UUCE BOARD PRESIDENT

**A**s we move into 2021, I want to thank all of you for your continued sense of community. Pandemic fatigue is real, but you continue to be there for one another and for our congregation.

As the pandemic continues, we find it having an impact on UUCE, and we ask you to remember our members and friends who have tested positive for the virus, keeping them in your thoughts, wishes, and prayers.

Thank you to the church's COVID-19 Task Force for continuing to monitor the changing situation and suggesting ways for us as individuals and as a congregation to be as safe and stay as well as possible in these times.

And, on a sweeter note, thanks to the planners, cookie bakers, cookie decorators, tech-support people, box decorators, cookie packers, and onsite distribution members (as well as those of you who purchased cookies in support of UUCE and for the tasty treats). Like the reimaged yard sale that exceeded our revised goal (and adding a thankful nod to the financial numbers folk and committees for fundraising events who, due to the pandemic, worked on the revisions), our re-created Cookie Drive-By not only met but passed its goal.

Next up, the revision of our Annual Goods & Services Auction. I imagine it as sort of a virtual UU-Bid, but I trust the planners for that event as well as the donation seekers and those who contribute goods for the auction to come up with detail and help UUCE as we deal with the evolving situation. (And, looking at the recent weekly e-News, I see they have!)

My present concern for UUCE is that we need to identify people with time and talents that they can give back to our church. The Stewardship and Fiscal Matters committees need volunteers who have talents for financial planning and managing fund pledge drives and time to address the committees' charges to join them. Neither committee currently has a chair. Fiscal Matters has created a new method of meeting their charge: a coordinator for the committee and individuals on the committee being responsible for a portion of the duties of FMC, reporting their findings to the committee and UUCE treasurer. Stewardship is facing the annual pledge drive for 2020-2021—which is only a few months away—with a need for a chair, co-chairs, or a revised method of meeting their charge. If you are willing to use your time and financial/fundraising talents, please contact me.

Connected to the church finances and the upcoming pledge drive (and much more—read on), UUCE is introducing an online church management system, Breeze. This application allows us to accomplish a variety of things while working in one location: an online database of members of UUCE; a calendar of events and meetings; a way for individuals to maintain their own page and access their giving records; a way to create a cost-efficient annual directory; and financial records for the treasurer and committees that need access to that information. As we explore the capabilities of this system, I hope you will take advantage of what it can do for your involvement with the church and to help our UUCE community.

Finally, as we enter a new year, I want to say how grateful I am to be a part of this community that cares, adapts to stay connected, and assists our congregational and personal spiritual growth. A new year is like starting a new chapter in your life, and the life of our beloved community. It's our chance to write an incredible story for yourself and for UUCE. Happy 2021 to us all.







## JANUARY'S THEME IS IMAGINATION



I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death. ~Robert Fulghum



Click graphic to the right for a link to the SOUL MATTERS pdf online.



# HISTORY OF UUCE CLASS

IN FEBRUARY, 2021!



4 Sessions on Sundays afternoons offered by Wayne Smith:  
February 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 2-3:30pm on ZOOM!  
Registration by February 1st through the church office requested!  
(See ZOOM Invite for all 4 sessions below)

Come learn more about the history of our UU Church of Ellsworth from 1771 – 2021.  
Drawing from his extensive research about our church history, Wayne will cover the following ground at these sessions:

- Part I: 1790-1865: The Unitarian Question comes to Maine; Attempts to form a society
- Part II: 1865-1913: Ann Greely; Establishment and Growth of the Unitarian society
- Part III: 1913-1971: Ups and Downs in the 20th century; Divisions and Healing
- Part IV: 1971-2021: New Building, New Goals; Working towards the future

Folks are encouraged to attend all four sessions, and it's ok if you can only come to one or two. Please register by February 1st for this Adult Religious Education class through Jeff in the church office at [uucellsworth@gmail.com](mailto:uucellsworth@gmail.com) or calling 207-667-4393. For more information on this offering, contact Wayne Smith at [wayne@mrlanguage.com](mailto:wayne@mrlanguage.com) or 207-667-9482.

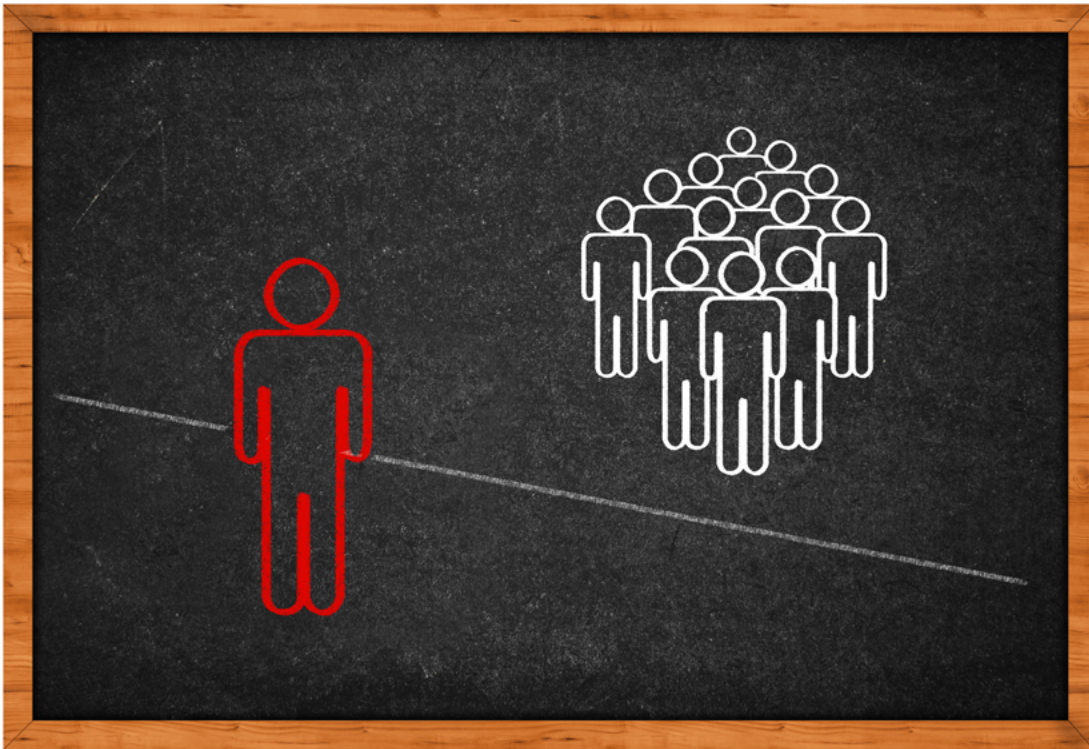
**HISTORY OF UUCE CLASS ZOOM INVITE (for all 4 sessions):**  
**<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93991001568>**  
**Meeting ID: 939 9100 1568**  
**Phone: 646-876-9923**



# DISCUSSION GROUP ON CLASSISM

TWO SESSIONS ON WEDNESDAYS MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup> FROM 4-5:30PM

(See ZOOM INVITE below)



As Unitarian Universalists we need to think about what classism is, how it plays out in our congregations and what we, as individuals and congregations, can do about it. Come be part of this two-session discussion group. There's room for up to 10 people to participate. Registration is required by February 26th through Jeff in the office via email, [uucellsworth@gmail.com](mailto:uucellsworth@gmail.com), or voicemail at 207-667-4393. Readings will be sent to those who register to prepare for these discussion groups. Attendance at both groups is strongly recommended. For more information about this offering, please contact Bob Dickens at [bobdickens@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bobdickens@myfairpoint.net) or call at 207-667-7925

**ZOOM Invite for Discussion Group on Classism:**

**<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97679520338>**

**Meeting ID: 976 7952 0338**

**Phone: 646-876-9923**



# Spirit Play™

COMING SOON TO UUCE!! PLANNING & HELP NEEDED

We are hoping that we will be able to meet, in person, in the Fall of 2021 and would like to offer a new program to some of our youngest children (ages 4-6). *Spirit Play* is a Montessori based program which uses a storytelling format. Stories are based on UU values, our principles and our sources, and children are encouraged to “wonder” about a wide range of ideas.

In preparation, there is much to be done and I will need your help. A work group will be formed to establish the foundations for this program. This involves making materials/props for stories, classroom set-up and recruiting of storytellers and classroom guides. Some of these tasks would make good winter work. If you would like to help prepare for *Spirit Play*, or if you would like to create some needed items, please let Christine Bowman know. For more information see: <https://www.spirit-play.com> or contact Christine at [ccs9762@aol.com](mailto:ccs9762@aol.com).

~ Christine Bowman

**OUR PLATE SPLIT** for JANUARY is with the **Wabanaki Public Health**.



**UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:**

**Jan-Mar 2021 Wabanaki Public Health**

**Apr-June 2021 neighbor4neighbor**

# FROM THE GARDENS

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE

You have surely enjoyed viewing the beautiful Lunaform Urn outside the sanctuary and perhaps our newer members and friends have wondered about its history.

The urn was donated to UUCE by Dartha and Paul Reid in 2016 when they moved from their home in Lamoine to their current home in Ellsworth. The urn was donated in memory of Dartha's mother Mrs. Dorthy S. Warriner (DOB September 19, 1912; DOD December 29, 2006) who gave the urn to them in about 1998 and it was a much prized work of art at their home in Lamoine. Mrs. Warriner lived with Dartha and Paul after she retired from a career in business at the age of 65 and helped care for their children. Mrs. Warriner was a frequent visitor to UUCE and loved gardens. Dan Farrenkopf, co-owner of Lunaform and good friend of Dartha and Paul, helped move and install the urn from their home in Lamoine to UUCE. Amy Thompson, who was chair of the grounds committee at the time, and Dan chose the best place for the urn.



It has been suggested that the urn would be an appropriate receptacle for the ashes of beloved members and friends of UUCE and Dartha and Paul would be pleased for this to happen. The urn does have a drain hole in the bottom which makes it appropriate for this use. A decision of the UUCE Board of Trustees is necessary for that use to be approved. The urn is such a wonderful addition to our gardens and is particularly stunning when Charles Basset's daffodils are in bloom. Thank you Dartha and Paul for this loving donation.

~ Submitted by Betty Massie in consultation with Dartha Reid; a project of the Grounds Committee





# HOW TO USE VANCO FOR DONATIONS TO UUCE

PLATE DONATIONS, MONTHLY PLEDGE, ETC.

## How to Use Text Giving

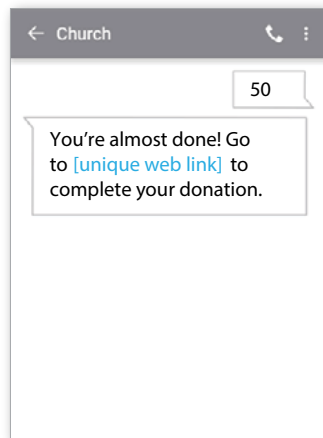
Giving is as easy as sending a text with Vanco.

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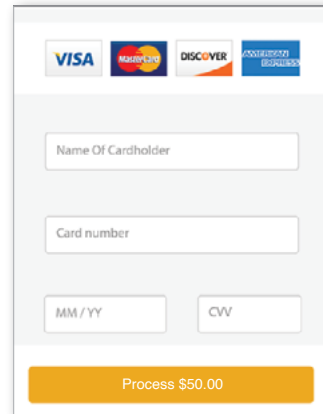
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Enter your 10-digit text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.



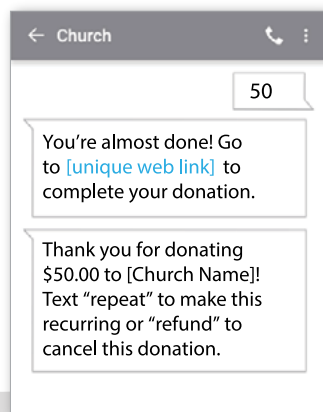
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You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."



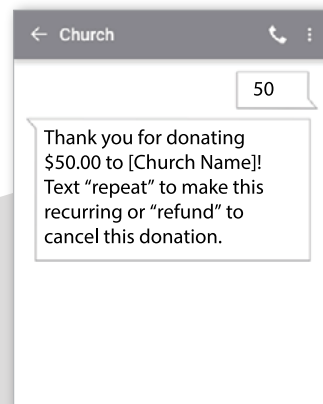
### 3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.



### 4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



# BREEZE CHMS

## A NEW CHURCH DATABASE



UUCE has a new church database, which we will be rolling out in the new year – Breeze CHMS!

Breeze CHMS is CHURCH Management Software which can be accessed through their website or their app. We will be introducing you to various aspects of Breeze in the coming weeks and months. When you log in, you'll have access to three areas:



My Profile



People



Events

### MY PROFILE

- Contact & Directory Information - your mailing and email addresses, your phone number and how you would like to be notified of cancellation due to bad weather, etc. as well as your ability to opt in to the church directory
- Areas of interest – Committees and Small Groups - these may have been supplied from the visitor card or some point in your journey or you can update them now

You can update your contact information and many of the items in your profile, and you can control how much, if any, of your contact information is displayed

Only congregants who have logged in will be able to access our online church database. You can control whether your address, email address, and phone numbers are visible

### PEOPLE

Here you can view the names of current UUCE congregants. Contact information may display based on the congregant's privacy settings.

### EVENTS

Conveniently access the calendar from the church website to see what's going on without leaving Breeze. If you have any questions about this new software, please contact Jeff Jeude in the church office: [office@uuellsworth.org](mailto:office@uuellsworth.org)

# UUCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## MINUTES

Meeting of November 12, 2020

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

Gary called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pepper has a new email account; please use it to send church business to her.  
There have been a lot of responses to the Cookie Walk survey in favor of having it.

### MINUTES:

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Pledge income four months into the fiscal year is \$57,009, 45% of our annual budget
- Plate income for the month of October was \$893; more than 2x the revised budget!
- Total revenue as of October 31 is \$70,661; 40% of the revised annual budget.
- Expenses are running \$23,000 under budget, primarily due to timing of bills coming in.
- The church made its first payment on the parking lot loan in October.
- We are awaiting the bill from Jay Fowler for the parking lot expansion project.

### MINISTER'S MONITORING REPORT

- 82 People were reached in the congregational phone check-in in October. People were not interested in volunteering for committees at this time.
- Evelyn is heading up the Leadership Development Team. Kathy Hall, Pepper, Gary, and Nancy Avila will also be on this team. A mentoring relationship will exist within the team.
- Sara will be taking a winter break from 1/11/21 through 1/31/21.
- The Winter Solstice Event will be held on 12/20/20. There must be a minimum of 20 pre-registered people for the event to be held.
- The Thanksgiving Walk must have a minimum of 10 people pre-registered to occur.
- The Stewardship Committee still needs a chair for the upcoming 2021 campaign.
- An anonymous donor contributed \$100K to the Belfast UU Church.

# **BOT MINUTES** CONTINUED

## **BY-LAWS TASK FORCE**

Beth Pepper, leading the By-laws Taskforce, hopes that the BOT will be able to look at the new by-laws at the December meeting. The by-laws need to be sent out to the congregation prior to the January meeting so that everyone has an opportunity to see the changes made and to know what they will be voting on to accept at that meeting.

## **LOAVES AND FISHES**

The president of Loaves and Fishes met with Sara, Gary, and Pepper about the expansion of their building/space. Expansion of their building to the back of their existing space would work well for the church. They are currently interested in purchasing the land that their building sits on, as well as land to accommodate growth.

At present, Loaves & Fishes has a 20-year lease with UUCE that is ending soon with a fee of \$1.00. Certain donors to Loaves & Fishes are hesitant to donate to a capitol campaign if Loaves & Fishes does not own the land. Sentiment of Board Members in this preliminary conversation is a preference to retain ownership and there was conversation regarding other options.

Loaves and Fishes is also exploring the option of purchasing property and a building in another location.

Next steps:

- Loaves & Fishes will contact UUCE with updates.
- Loaves & Fishes will contact the Ellsworth City Code Enforcement Officer and report back to UUCE about these things: requirements regarding the food pantry expansion and whether or not the pantry could have access through the Bridge Hill apartments street
- Pepper summarized the Board's questions and concerns and agreed to share them with Andy Matthews, Loaves & Fishes Board President.

## **COVID-19 TASK FORCE**

Pepper made a motion to accept the new COVID-19 policies regarding the UUCE Facilities usage, and Sally seconded. Pepper also made a motion to keep line 7 in the Protocol for UUCE Facility Use in alignment with the governor's expectations due to COVID-19. Sarah seconded and both motions passed.

## **HOMEWORK**

Please prepare for discussion about the types of spiritual leadership found in UUCE from the article from the Spiritual Leadership workshop packet for the BOT meeting in January.

Pepper made a motion to adjourn, and Robert seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Opdycke, Secretary

# STAYING CONNECTED

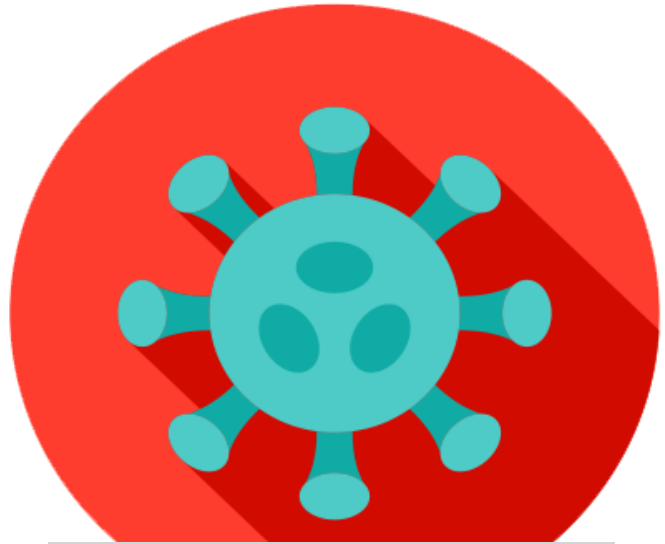
## UUCE OFFICE

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Karen Volckhausen:

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# UUCE HISTORY

## SANKOFA CORNER



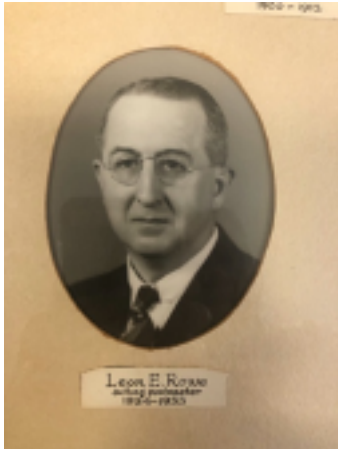
## Who's Who ON THE REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE AT THE DOORWAY? PART 4

Wayne H. Smith  
UUCE Historian

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

### LEON & SUSAN ROWE

**Leon Elmer Rowe** was born on Sept. 16, 1885 in Ellsworth, the son of Elmer Eugene Rowe of Dover, Maine and Luella Augusta Davis of Ellsworth. On Sept. 12, 1917 in Ellsworth, he married **Susan**



**Elizabeth "Susie" Jordan**, born on Nov. 24, 1883 in Ellsworth, the daughter of Frederick M. Jordan and Caroline Susan Black, both of Ellsworth. They had one daughter: **Margaret J.**, who married church member **John F. Ackerman**. In 1913, Leon was responsible for "planting" 1 thousand yearling trout in Patten's Pond. He began working for the post office in 1907 and continued there for 55 years. He was Secretary of the Board of Examiners, and became acting Postmaster in 1934 for a year. He was active in various Masonic Lodges and in the Unitarian Church. Susie was a member of the Women's Alliance and the Ellsworth Order of the Eastern Star. Leon died on Mar. 8, 1957 in Ellsworth, and Susie followed him on Sept. 26, 1958 in Ellsworth. They were buried in Woodbine Cemetery.



### DONALD G. ROYAL

**Donald Gordon Royal** was born on Dec. 15, 1906 in Ellsworth, the second son of Allen Percy Royal and Grace A. Joy, both of Ellsworth. On Sept. 10, 1928 in Ellsworth, he married Louise Alexander, born in Ellsworth on Mar. 14, 1907, daughter of **Charles Edgar Alexander** and **Georgia Harden "Georgie" Frazier**, both of Ellsworth. Donald and Louise had a total of five children: **Charles A.**, **Dorothy A.**, **James K.**, **Helen Louise**, and **David Alexander**. In 1935, Donald passed the examinations given by the Maine board of pharmacy and worked for a time in Alexander's Pharmacy in Ellsworth. In 1947, Donald was elected president of the Ellsworth Masonic Club, and the next year he was elected president of the Ellsworth PTA. In 1949, the family moved to Bucksport where he had been working for the paper mill firm for several years. He was active in various Masonic bodies and was installed as eminent commander of Blanquefort Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar in 1950. He also



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was a member of the Ellsworth Lodge of Odd Fellows. He and Louise later moved to Millinocket where he worked for Great Northern Paper Co., retiring in January of 1972. He died on Aug. 29, 1972 in Millinocket. Louise survived him by almost 30 years, passing on Jan. 26, 2002 in Brewer. They were buried in Woodbine Cemetery.

## EDWIN E. ROYAL

**Edwin E Royal** was born on Jan. 12, 1902 in Eden (now Bar Harbor), the son of **Edwin L. Royal** and **Grace M. Raymond** of Ellsworth. On Oct. 26, 1930 he married **Leona Gertrude Henry**, born on Sept. 18, 1910 in Woodland, Maine, daughter of Hermon C. Henry of Caribou and Ada Bishop of Fort Fairfield. Edwin and Leona had two children: Richard E. and Margaret L. He worked as a barber in Ellsworth for 39 years. He was a member of the Unitarian Church and the Lygonia Lodge of Masons. He died on Aug. 23, 1962 in Ellsworth. His wife, Leona, outlived him by 19 years. She was a member of the Unitarian Church, the Eastern Star, and the Kris Kringle Club in Ellsworth. She passed on Aug. 2, 1981 in Ellsworth. They were buried at Woodbine Cemetery.

**Edwin L. Royal** was born June of 1872 in Ellsworth, the son of Sewell Tenney Royal of Ellsworth and Lydia Marshall

## EDWIN L. & GRACE M. ROYAL

of Trenton. On Dec. 15, 1900 in Ellsworth, he married **Grace M. Raymond**, born on Jan 9, 1877 in Caribou, daughter of Wallace L. "Wallie" Raymond of Presque Isle and Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" McQuinn of Ellsworth. The couple had four children: **Edwin E.**, Elizabeth M. "Ella," **Raymond H.**, and **Robert L.** Edwin worked as an electrician and was killed on a job on Water St. by a shock of 2300 volts due to a defect in the wiring system. His widow Grace filed suit against the Bar Harbor & Union River Power Company, but the final verdict was in favor of the defendant. Grace lived for another 41 years after her husband's death and attended the Unitarian Church in Ellsworth. She died on Jan. 22, 1956 at her home, 60 Court Street in Ellsworth. She was buried in the family lot in Woodbine Cemetery.

Rev. Thomas Jefferson Van Ness was born on June 29, 1859 in Baltimore, Maryland, the son of William W. Van

## REV. THOMAS VAN NESS

Ness of Claverack, New York and Marie Rebecca "Mary" Saladin of Maryland. On July 5, 1886 in Boulder, Colorado, he married Ann M. "Addie" Sewall, born on Oct. 6, 1859 in Dexter, Maine, daughter of Joseph Addison Sewall of Scarborough and Ann Edwards Foss of Dexter. The couple had two children: Ann Eleanor and Cornelius William. Rev. Van Ness was a noted Unitarian minister who had pastorships in Brookline, Massachusetts and at the Second Church, Boston. His family had a summer home in Prospect Harbor, and he came to Maine on a regular basis to visit with family and preach during the summers in Bar Harbor and other locations. He was a world traveler, and frequently spoke to groups about his travels through the (then) warring countries of Europe. He also traveled to China. He began his missionary work in Denver, and later, while he was headquartered in San Francisco, his "beat" extended from Puget Sound to the Gulf of California.



THOMAS VAN NESS  
Minister of the Second Church in Boston

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Rev. Van Ness died in Boston on Mar. 14, 1932. His wife had preceded him in death in 1924.

MARION J. WYMAN

**Marion Julia Wyman** was born on Mar. 3, 1885 in Ellsworth, the daughter of Edward Benjamin Wyman of Tremont and Ernestine B. Bellatty of Ellsworth. She was a sister to **Victorine Bellatty Wyman** who married **Andrew Howard Rollins**. She worked as librarian at the Ellsworth Library for 25 years, retiring in 1955. She was a member of the Unitarian Church and active in the Women's Alliance. She also belonged to the Ellsworth Garden Club, the Ellsworth Women's Club, the Maine Library Association, and was an honorary member of the Ellsworth Literary Club. She passed on June 27, 1958 at a nursing home in Ellsworth, and was buried in Woodbine Cemetery.



## 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.



## 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.





## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<b>President:</b> Gary Shellehamer to 2021 (667-0034)	<b>Vice President:</b> Beth Pepper to 2021
<b>Treasurer:</b> Sarah Curts to 2021	<b>Secretary:</b> Susan Opdycke to 2022
<b>Trustee:</b> Robert Breeden to 2022	<b>Trustee:</b> Christine Bowman to 2021
<b>Trustee:</b> Sally Gervais to 2022	<b>Moderator:</b> John Fink

## COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

<b>Adult Committee on Education:</b> Emma Macaillen	<b>History/Archives:</b> Wayne Smith
<b>Adult Religious Education:</b> Mary Haynes	<b>Hospitality Ministry Coordinator:</b> Jeff Jeude
<b>Aesthetics:</b> Linda Laing	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes:</b> Beth Pepper, Nina Turner
<b>Auction:</b> Margaret Thurston, Lori Johnson-Pannier, Jeff Jeude	<b>Membership:</b> Nancy Avila
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance/Safety:</b>	<b>Pastoral Visitors Team:</b> Nancy Guy
<b>Caring Committee:</b> Sally Francis	<b>Peace and Social Action:</b> Doug Bird
<b>Charitable Giving:</b> Rev. Sara Hayman, Nancy Guy	<b>Publicity:</b> Susan Opdycke
<b>Choir:</b> Haydée Foreman	<b>Religious Education:</b> Linda Uberseder, Tobias Betancourt
<b>Collaborative Ministry:</b> Mack MacDonald, Gary Shellehamer	<b>Small Group Ministry:</b> Christine Bowman
<b>Committee on Ministry:</b> Karen Volckhausen	<b>Stewardship:</b> Bob Francis
<b>Cookie Walk:</b>	<b>Ushers:</b> Jon Thomas, Ken Hanson
<b>Eggroll Project:</b> Susan Opdycke	<b>Technology Coordinator:</b> Lori Johnson
<b>Ferry Beach Director:</b> Anne Ossanna	<b>Wayside Pulpit:</b> Nancy Guy
<b>Fiscal Matters:</b>	<b>Website:</b> Lisa Williams, Mike Arruda
<b>Flowers:</b> Bronwen Day	<b>Worship Arts Associates:</b> Lori Johnson
<b>Governance:</b> Mary Haynes, Robin Lovrien	<b>Yard Sale:</b> Beth Pepper
<b>Green Sanctuary:</b> Paul Kelley	<b>Youth Advisor:</b> Bob Dickens
<b>Grounds Committee:</b> Bronwen Day	

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