



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

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Goods & Services AUCTION

... AND plenty MORE UUCE NUUS!



SOUL MATTERS Packet



Wednesday MATINS



STORIES from the Heart

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

“BELOVED COMMUNITY”

SUNDAY, FEB 7

Space, Rest and Beloved Community

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

Sikh justice activist and author Valorie Kaur often begins her teachings by reciting this prayer and affirmation, a part of her faith: “The Beloved Community begins in Divine Oneness and so does all it achieves.” Kaur describes the experience of Beloved Community as “when I am at home in my body and therefore at home in the world and so is everyone else.” In this service and sermon, we’ll explore how having space and rest to imagine and feel things deeply is a necessary and needed part of creating Beloved Community.

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93491409471?pwd=Z2pKM3ErdFAvVGFoWDdwUTg0N3haZz09>

Meeting ID: 934 9140 9471

Passcode: : 852601

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, FEB 14

There’s No Away!

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

What does Courageous Love or Revolutionary Love require of us, particularly when it comes to engaging our opponents or enemies? On this day that celebrates love, we’ll explore the challenges of embodying and practicing this depth of transformative love, why it matters and how we need each other in community to be able to do it.

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95664566471?pwd=enFoRVNEbXB6VFZsSzBhQXJPaGRiQT09>

Meeting ID: 956 6456 6471

Passcode: 811914

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, FEB 21

Jesus and the Beloved Community

Bettina Lehovc, Collaborative Intern Minister & Worship Leader

The Beloved Community of which Dr. King spoke — a community of love and justice grounded in racial and economic equality — has its roots in the basileia of God envisioned by Jesus of Nazareth. Let’s explore what this Jewish teacher and activist had in mind and how his vision challenged the status quo of his time — and ours.

FEBRUARY SERVICES CONTINUED

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Meeting ID: 925 6932 7360

Passcode: 762860

Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, FEB 28

TBA

Guest Worship Leader with Rev. Sara Hayman as Pulpit Host

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91005117541?pwd=Qzg2dUhHWm9ObU42eG43WjlBL2toUT09>

Meeting ID: 910 0511 7541

Passcode: 482368

Phone: 646-876-9923



JUST
breathe

WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS AT 8AM!

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

Please be aware this ZOOM invite 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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mid-winter greetings from my cozy home in Franklin. The fire in the woodstove warms by toes and thoughts of all of you warms my heart. I am enjoying the longer days and grateful when I return home from work and there is enough light to take a brisk walk at dusk.

In January we explored Imagination through email Lesson Plans, Children's Chapel, Fifth Dimension (Twilight Zone episode Kick the Can) and creating puppets for our ZOOM recording of The Big Orange Splot. We shared the recording during Time for All Ages on January 24th.

We will explore *Beloved Community* and **Black History Month** in February, below you will find our calendar for the month:

FEBRUARY 7: Email Lesson Plan-**Black Leaders are Honored**; Children's Chapel 8:45-9:30 am with Anne and Linda; Unsupervised Open ZOOM room 9:30-10:00 am.

FEBRUARY 14: Email Lesson Plan-**Love Grows beyond Boundaries**.

FEBRUARY 20: **Fifth Dimension** with our friends from UU Belfast-**Twilight Zone** episode Hocus Pocus and Frisby.

FEBRUARY 21: Email Lesson Plan-**Wounds are Healed**; Children's Chapel with our friends from Belfast 8:45-9:45; Unsupervised Open ZOOM room from 9:45-10:15 am.

FEBRUARY 28: Email Lesson Plan-**We Don't Run Away When Things Get Hard**.

Woyaya - Anne



UUCE ARMCHAIR AUCTION 2021



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



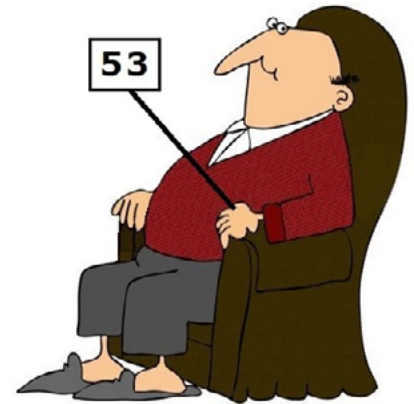
It's our first-ever on-line
UUCE Goods & Services Charity Auction!



Join us live on Zoom
February 27

Silent bidding runs
February 19 to 27

Watch your email for directions!



It's just three weeks now until our

**OUR UUCE ARMCHAIR AUCTION
on Saturday night, February 27!**

Our catalog is filling up with all sorts of attractive artwork, goods and services, as well as creative outdoor events and adventures! It will be ready to post live to the website in about a week, but we'll continue to add to the active list. If you still have items and ideas for events or services to offer, please get at least the general descriptions to us by Sunday, February 6, so they can be viewed in the catalog from the start. Feel free to ask any questions you might have about a potential donation.

>> Physical items -- if not being held at your home or elsewhere for pick-up -- should be brought to the church nursery by Sunday, February 13. <<

Our silent auction will be different this year: On-line bidding will officially open on Friday, February 19, following that night's raffle. You can scan the catalog any time, night or day, and keep entering bids for the things you like for eight full days. The silent-auction bidding will close at 6:30 p.m. on the 27th, an hour before we launch the live auction .

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We will raffle off an interesting new surprise each Friday night in February leading up to auction night. Watch your email and E-News for directions on how to register on the Auctria auction site [it's easy!], buy raffle tickets, and play along!

We'll tally the winning bids, package up the goods, and reserve the weekend after the auction for winners to pick up their items from the church. Plan to drive by on March 6 or 7 between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. and we will bring your treasures out to your car.

**** NOTE:** If you had bid on and won one of those events or services from last year's auction that got foiled by the Covid epidemic, we would like to make sure you know we will happily refund your payment if that is your preference. We can also issue credit in the form of "Armchair Bucks" for use in this year's event instead if you wish. Just let Margaret and Jeff know what you would like done.

Thank you for all your donations and enthusiasm so far! We look forward to seeing you on auction night!

~ Your UUCE 2021 Armchair Auction Team: Jeff Jeude, Lori Johnson, and Margaret Thurston



NEEDED:

A representative to MUUSAN from UUCE to coordinate with PASA on Maine legislative activities. Please visit <https://www.muusan.org/> to find out if you would like to take on this important role in the life of our church and let Doug Bird know if it is a fit for you.



THE GREEN SANCTUARY TEAM urges you to watch the video of the *Gulf of Maine's Climate Emergency Presentation* done by MDI AP Environmental Studies students. This group has done tremendous LOCAL work. UUCE member Lawson Wulsin of **A Climate to Thrive** helps to facilitate this video (click image below for link to video on Vimeo).



WELCOMING CONGREGATION

Ellsworth High Gender/Sexuality Diversity Alliance UPDATE

The Gender/Sexuality Diversity Alliance (GSDA) hasn't let the pandemic slow them down. NOTE the name change. The students thought that the name needed to be updated. In the spring they got permission to paint the crosswalks on school property and created rainbow crosswalks. This was after the City Council turned down the request to paint the city crosswalks rainbow colors. They are going back to the City Council to try again.

They formed partnerships with

- Healthy Acadia
- Heart of Ellsworth.
- Stores in Downtown Ellsworth

They are planning for *Pride Month* in June.

- Requesting rainbow flags be hung on Maine Street
- Planning for a Pride Parade - with a plan if there is a continuation of the pandemic.
- Planning for Pride Art Installation - Ellsworth Pride Zoo in June

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Are there UUCE folks who would like to help make Pride Zoo animals? Contact Doug Bird if you can help with carpentry and/or painting.

They are fundraising by selling masks. Stores where masks are available for \$10 are:

- Bliss
- Coastal Interiors
- Elizabeth's
- Flexit
- Fogtown (also online with beer delivery)
- Poppy & Polka Dot
- Second to None
- Sugar Mags (kids' sizes available)
- Toko
- Union River Book and Toy (kids' sizes available) 207 Maine



Stories FROM THE Heart

STORIES FROM THE HEART

FEBRUARY: Interview with Reverend Mark Worth

Friday, February 19 or 26 (TBD) at 7 pm

Who among us graduated from high school after the 10th grade, and went to college at age 16? Who rode in the victory parade in Paris, France when WW2 ended? Who wanted to study law and run for Congress? And what were their spiritual journeys leading them to us?

Join us, as this series of interviews allows a glimpse into life stories, and promises to take us 'on beyond coffee hour,' to know our friends on a deeper level. Hear their 'Stories from the Heart.'

(Watch for a zoom link in our weekly E-news closer to the date.)

CONFLICT AND CARING IN BELOVED COMMUNITY

FROM OUR INTERN



The Soul Matters small group packet for February begins with a quote from Henri Nouwen, who paraphrased someone else in saying, “Community is the place where the person you least want to live with always lives.”

Nouwen knew something about community life. A Catholic priest, prolific writer, and beloved spiritual guide, he spent the last ten years of his life living in the L’Arche community in Toronto. This is an intentional community where people with and without intellectual disabilities share life together.

Nouwen served as minister of L’Arche Toronto, learning more about love in those ten years than in the previous four decades of religious formation and service, he said.

The people who lived in L’Arche didn’t care about the carefully constructed façade of a pious man. His impressive list of credentials — Nouwen taught at Yale and Harvard for many years — meant nothing to them. What mattered was how he showed up in his day-to-day interactions.

They held up a mirror, showing him things he might prefer not to see in himself. One morning, on his way to a council meeting, a resident stopped him, wanting to speak.

Preoccupied, Nouwen brushed off the request. Later, the man telephoned.

“He was angry and he said that I preached beautiful theories about the Christian life that I never lived up to, and that I, supposedly a man of prayer, was selfish and rude.” (Nouwen, *The Only Necessary Thing*, p. 9)

I can imagine those words were hard to hear. But Nouwen recognized the truth in them. He recognized the gulf between his idealized self and the self that shows up in everyday life.

Often the hardest moments in our relationships are the most important, because they reflect our growing edges. They show us where we need to learn and grow.

This is a form of spiritual practice. Friendship. Parenting. Marriage. Co-housing. All those relationships that call us to practice our values, day after day, with real-life people that we care about.

Congregational life presents the same opportunity. A congregation comprises many people and personalities with differing opinions, goals, strategies, and styles. Many of us find both deep fulfillment and frustration in our engagement with the church.

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So we get to practice showing up with kindness and forbearance. We practice communicating through our conflicts. We practice putting relationships above the need to be right. We practice compromise, and we practice standing our ground. We practice naming our own truth alongside the truth of others.

Systems theory reminds us that we don't live in a vacuum. All elements of our communities are connected. We can label someone else the problem, but the likelihood is that we are a part of it, too.

Nouwen continued his quote this way: "Community is the place where the person you least want to live with always lives. ... That person is always in your community somewhere; in the eyes of others, you might be that person."

We improve the system as a whole by working on our own part within it. That's true for the larger community, as well — the state, the nation, the world. There will always be people who push our buttons. Whole swathes of populations we don't agree with. Yet instead of distancing ourselves, pulling in and closing rank, we can stay curious. Stay connected. And work on our own ability to hear, to speak truth, to love.

It's not easy. It's messy. And it's life.

I'll end with this quote by the Reverend Amy Zucker Morgenstern, who reminds us that "teachers are everywhere."

"In every person we meet, especially those who cause us discomfort, we find an opportunity for us to grow, to learn, to go further along the path of transformation that is our purpose in life. Every single one is our teacher. May the next [month] bring you many such moments of meeting that help you become the person you want to be, and may you welcome them with joy."

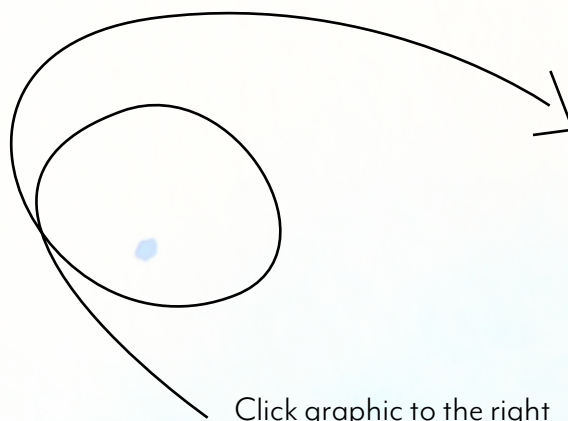
*With love,
Bettina*



FEBRUARY'S THEME IS **BELOVED COMMUNITY**



If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. ~Mother Teresa



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.

(Note: If you missed this deadline, please check with the office about available space.)

(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 or calling 207-667-4393. For more information on this offering, contact Wayne Smith at wayne@mrlanguage.com or 207-667-9482.

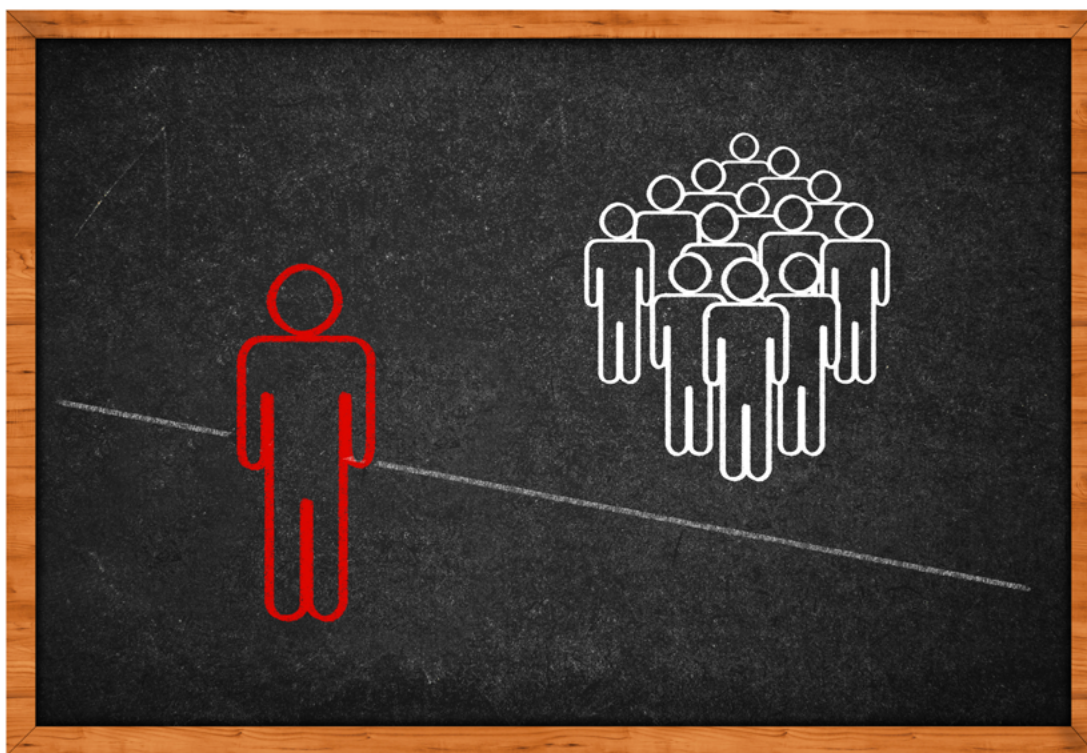
HISTORY OF UUCE CLASS ZOOM INVITE (for all 4 sessions):

<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 & 24** 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, 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 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



Loaves & Fishes

of Ellsworth

FOOD PANTRY

Serving Hancock County

COME JOIN THE FUN - and you get to **DO GOOD** too!

As I mentioned at the Winter Congregational Meeting, COVID has affected Loaves & Fishes (L&F), our local food pantry in two big ways: demand for services has greatly increased, while volunteers have greatly decreased. Due to the generosity of donors, L&F has kept the shelves well stocked, but the need for additional volunteers still exists. Under the old system, local churches and organizations “took a month” and each got their members to volunteer for that month; ours was August. But organizations were coming up short on volunteers before COVID and COVID exacerbated the issue exponentially, so a new volunteer system is needed.

L&F is looking for volunteers who can work a set schedule - like the first Friday of every month or every Wednesday morning or the second and third Mondays of the month and there are many jobs available: greeter, phone receptionist, order-filler, food-picker-upper (from Hannaford and Walmart, in the L&F van), shelf stocker, etc. Some jobs require computer skills, some require standing, some require lifting. All are done while masked and socially distanced from clients and other volunteers. If you are interested in this very rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Pepper (eapepper2@gmail.com or 757-746-78974) for more info.

~ Beth Pepper

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

COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



WHAT A LUCKY CONGREGATION! We have much for which to be grateful. In spite of months of pandemic distancing and closed doors, UUCE is doing well. We have nurturing worship and study offerings, fiscal matters and stewardship committees that are helping us to balance our collective \$\$s, our grounds are prepared for spring bloom, we have ways to dance and tell stories together and people reach out when they are aware of others needs. We even have vegetables ordered in case there is a Common Ground Fair in September! UUCE is alive and well thanks to hard work and creative thinking of our minister, staff and a few very dedicated members. I, for one (E.F.), am grateful to those who have helped us to thrive during this Pandemic. But I also know that being involved for many of us has been difficult or impossible due to the mandate for distancing. Consequently, we have lots of opportunities for involvement that are needed going forward. Now is the time for planning.

The Committee on Congregational Engagement has been charged with helping members and friends to find ways of being helpful and involved in the work of our church. They are studying the spots that need to be filled, changed or created so that we can have work more evenly divided among our members. If you are thinking about doing more or doing less (or different) ways of contributing to the life of UUCE the committee will be happy to hear from you. Eventually you may hear from one of us! When everyone shares in the work, UUCE will be even more amazing!

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

FROM THE GARDENS

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The well-constructed metal and wood bench in UUCE's circular garden was donated in memory of Carl Haskell, who likely never set foot in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth and it took some minor detective work to learn about who he was. Our treasured historian, Wayne Smith was able to find his obituary in the Bangor Daily News of August 2, 1997. The obituary had no indication of any connection to UUCE but did indicate that he lived in Steuben. Knowing that our beloved Margaret Thurston and her extended family know everyone who lives in Steuben, she was contacted and this hit the jack pot. Carl Haskell happens to have been her paternal grandmother's youngest brother, making him Margaret's great uncle. From there it is assumed that Richard and Mary Alice Thurston, long-time active and generous members of UUCE, likely donated the bench as a memorial in 1997, during which time several active gardeners at the church were developing the sunken garden. Richard and his wife, Mary Alice Thurston were actively involved in that landscaping project. Margaret did not know there was a memorial to someone in her extended family located on the church grounds!

Charles Henry Haskell III (Carl) was born September 26, 1906, the second youngest of 10 children and passed away July 31, 1997, from injuries sustained from a fall. For many years, according to his obituary, he worked on the Rockefeller Estate on Mount Desert Island as a gardener specializing in trees. He was also a woodsman, blueberry farmer, and outdoorsman. Margaret describes Carl as "very quiet and solitary and that the current social distancing precautions due to COVID would not have changed his life one bit."

Richard Thurston is Margaret Thurston's paternal uncle. He passed away at the age of 91 on February 17, 2013. Mary Alice Thurston passed away at the age of 74 on June 1, 2004. According to Margaret, "Richard was one of my father's two brothers, the youngest of the three boys (all deceased now). Carl was their uncle, their



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mother Marion Haskell Thurston's baby brother and one of 10 Haskell siblings who survived infancy, all born in the same house in Steuben. His given name was Charles Henry Haskell III; he was born in 1906 in Steuben (in the big white house by the church on the town square; just adding that pic for Robin - she'll know the one just down the road from her!) and died in his cabin farther down the Rogers Point road in 1997. He was a woodsman, blueberry farmer, outdoorsman, and reputedly a very good baseball player in his youth. He spent very little time indoors, so that outdoor memorial bench was quite apropos."

This beautifully constructed memorial bench is in need of restoration, and perhaps someone in our congregation has the skills and interest in doing so or might know of someone who does this kind of restoration work. In either case, please contact me at 460-1682.

~ Submitted by: Betty Massie in consultation with Margaret Thurston and Wayne Smith



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.

THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER AND, ..

FROM OUR UUCE BOARD PRESIDENT

As much as I appreciate the reflective calm and quiet of darkness, the increased light, both actually and symbolically, is giving me a hope for creating a new “normal” as the world adjusts our reality.

I appreciate the way UUCE continues to adjust: our use of technology as a part of how we worship and keep our community connected; our newly established Committee on Congregational Engagement; the actions our PASA Ministry is taking for justice for our earth and our its inhabitants; the adult RE programming with its many events and activities being announced; and our Fiscal Matters and Stewardship committees as they plan for the upcoming budget and pledge drive (with thanks to Connie Bailey for agreeing to chair the former and Betty Massie’s chairing of the latter). I also want to recognize the work that continues by our existing committees, task forces and groups.



A special thanks to the Committee on Ministry as they contacted me and worked with the board as a decision was made to close the church for one day because of potential politically-motivated unrest (with special thanks to Bob Dickens for making sure the building was securely locked and Jeff Juede for getting the message out to the congregation).

By the time you read this, we will have held our January Congregational Meeting, with a focus on voting for members of the Elections Committee, an update from the Bylaws Task Force, and a report from the Green Sanctuary Team as we move UUCE forward.

On another topic, don’t forget the new way we are doing the Annual Auction. You can bid from the comfort of your home. Also, kudos to the auction team for the great idea to have raffles for prizes prior to the event! Remember to log in and bid for the goods, services, and events that are offered. (And check out the auction team’s blooper video on the UUCE Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffrey.juede/videos/1977622835712814>).

Returning to my opening thoughts, as the days bring more light, let me end with the words of Amanda Gorman’s “The Hill We Climb:”

“The new dawn blooms as we free it
For there is always light,
if only we’re brave enough to see it
If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

~ Gary Schellehamer, UUCE Board President

BREEZE CHMS

A NEW CHURCH DATABASE



UUCE prepares to begin fully utilizing **Breeze Church Management Software**, as well as slowly transitioning to **Google Drive** for document storage, and finally, introducing folks to **Auctria**, which is the program for this year's UUCE Armchair Auction!

We realize this might cause some TAO (Technology Anxiety Overload)
Fear not! Help is on the way.

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY, Jeff Jeude, Church Administrator, will offer helpful support and training to ease you into the possibilities of controlling more of your information with the church office from the comfort of your home or mobile phone.

WEDNESDAY, 9:00-11:00 feel free to call in for one-on-one support. 667-4393

WEDNESDAY, 11:00 – join in on Zoom to learn the basics and get assistance.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365014314?pwd=OXFwTGdaSldBdU5pVzNwOUJwNEVwQT09>

WEDNESDAYS, 3:00-3:30 feel free to drop by the office, mask on, safety protection in place for a hands-on demonstration. Choose the time and option that works best for you.

During that time, you will be able to:

- Verify your church contact information and committee/group affiliations.
- Receive your auction link.
- Learn how to register for classes and other events.
- Learn how to verify your pledge and giving history and make changes if needed.
- Learn how to use the newest online directory to find members and friends.

Visit our webpage for help on registering for BREEZE: <https://uuellsworth.org/breeze/>

UUCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

Meeting of December 10, 2020

Present: All were present except Susan Opdycke. Christine Bowman took the Minutes.

MINUTES:

Amendments were made to the November Board Meeting Minutes in L & F section, bylaws and Covid-19. A motion to accept the minutes, as amended, was made by Pepper and seconded by Sarah. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 15 boxes of Christmas cookies were sold prior to the Cookie Drive-by
- Pledge income looks ok.
- \$2800 has come in for plate income to date for FY 2020 – 2021.
- Quickbooks is currently being used. It is 3-4 yrs. old and updating may be needed.

MINISTER'S MONITORING REPORT:

- Collaborative Internship Ministry program for 21-22 year – The board was asked for their support for this ministry program. Sara shared that this will be the 5th year of the program. Vanessa is being considered for this coming year and her primary site would be in Belfast w/Rev. Amy. The stipend has not been increased since it began. The stipend is not in the range that UUA recommends. To be within the UUA range would mean a \$5000 increase. Each minister is asking their congregations to support an increase of \$1,000 (\$333.33 each) from \$13,050 to \$14,050 as a reasonable stipend. Sara will send out the job description. The three churches are responsible to fund the stipend.
- Pepper made a motion to accept this decision and Sarah seconded. All voted in favor to increase to the stipend.

PRESENTATION ON BREEZE CHURCH MANAGEMENT DATABASE SOFTWARE:

- Breeze is a software program developed for churches to manage information and to create directories. The monthly subscription cost for this software is \$50 and can be managed from the FY 2020-21 operating budget.
- Sarah reported that people can have different access to the software. Members could check on their pledges or other records; it also allows people to be tagged by different interests, committees, affiliations, talents etc. Belfast UU staff have nothing but positive things to say about it. Gary likes that it has a calendar function and could serve as info center for people to check on meetings, events etc. Sarah encouraged board members to learn more at "breeze.com" (one specifically for churches).
- Gary requested a motion to authorize subscribing to Breeze as a new church data management program. Sarah made a motion to accept, Robert seconded and motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF UUCE COVID-19 FACILITY USE POLICIES:

- Because the US & ME CDC guidelines are constantly changing, the Board realizes that our UUCE COVID-19 policies need to automatically reflect these changes.

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- Sarah made a motion that UUCE COVID-19 Facility Use policies automatically be updated to reflect US & ME CDC guidelines, Christine seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED UPDATED UUCE BYLAWS:

- Pepper presented the proposed amendments to the current By-laws. She focused on organizing each item and simplifying some.
- The Board discussed the amendments and made suggestions.
- Sally made a motion to accept the proposed revised By-Laws as presented. Sarah and Robert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pepper moved to adjourn the meeting, Sally seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Respectfully submitted, Acting Secretary Christine Bowman, Secretary Susan Opdycke

STAYING CONNECTED

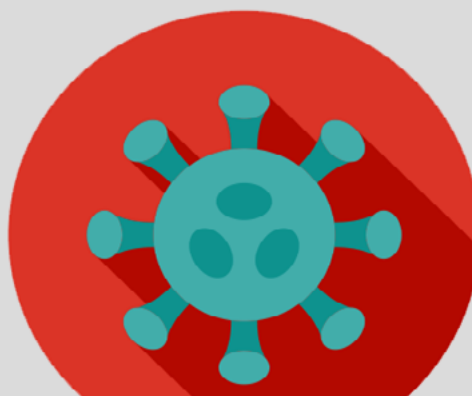
UUCE OFFICE

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.

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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- Penel Houghton:
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- Anne Ossanna:
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374-5612 (work)
207-479-6338 (cell/text)
- Marta Rieman:
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- Gary Shellehamer:
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UUCE HISTORY

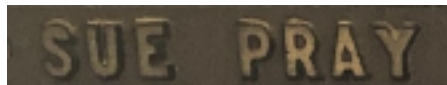
SANKOFA CORNER



Who's Who on the Remembrance Plaque at the Doorway? PART 5

Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

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



Susan Mae "Sue" or "Susie" Remick was born on Nov. 10, 1872 in Ellsworth, the daughter of Joseph Warren Remick of Trenton and Cordelia J. Jordan of Ellsworth. On Dec. 29, 1894 in Ellsworth, she married Jedediah Frye "Jed" Pray, born on Oct. 14, 1868 in Bar Harbor, the son of Ephraim H. Pray of Pretty Marsh and Vandora "Dora" Carver of Trenton. Jed and Sue went on to have two daughters: Caro W., who married Cecil W. Chalmers, and Doris Cordelia, who married Robert Sang. [My father grew up across the street from Sue Pray and he used to say "When Sue Prayed, Doris Sang." - Wayne Smith] In 1907, we find Sue being elected secretary of the Bayside Grange, an organization that she remained active in. Unfortunately, Sue sued Jed for divorce in 1928 on account of "utter desertion." By the 1940s, Sue had become involved in the activities of the Unitarian Church. In November of 1944, she was chairman of the Parish Supper held to welcome incoming minister Rev. J. Ernest Bryant and his wife. Later, on March 28, 1945, she was one of the speakers at the Lenten Service. She lived out much of her life at her home on the Bayside Road, but passed away on Jan. 10, 1967 in Contra Costa County, California. Her ashes were deposited in a vault at the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, California, but she is also memorialized as "Ma Sue" in the Remick Cemetery on the Bayside Road.



Leon Colin Summers was born on Feb. 19, 1894 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of William Dudley Summers of Corsham, Wiltshire, England and Annie Sherlock of Birmingham, England. On April 21, 1922 in Lexington, Massachusetts, he married Dorothy Elizabeth Wilson, born on Dec. 23, 1895 in Hudson, Massachusetts, daughter of John M. Wilson of Scotland and Helen B. Bowker of New Hampshire. Colin and Dorothy lived first in New Hampshire where they had two children, Elizabeth and Sylvia, then they moved to New Jersey where they had four more: Robert Colin, Dudley Wilson, Helen B., and Dorothy A. Colin worked as the general sales manager of the American Thread Company. After his wife Dorothy passed in 1953, Colin began spending his summers in South Gouldsboro where he made his home with a widow, Mrs. **Eleanor Carlson**, a fellow New Jerseyite who summered in the area and who was quite active in the Unitarian Church. Colin died in Ellsworth on Feb. 23, 1973 and requested that in lieu of flowers, donations were to be made to the Ellsworth Unitarian Church Building Fund.

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HERBERT S. BEAL

Herbert Spencer Beal was born on Nov. 15, 1895 in Ellsworth, the son of Clifton Hill Beal of Ellsworth and Lucy Ellen Severance of Winterport. In 1911, he began working in the jewelry business of Harvard Jordan on Main Street. This was interrupted in June of 1917 when he enlisted as a soldier during World War I and served in the Muse-Argonne campaign in France. After his discharge in June of 1919, he became a charter member of the Frank E. Whitmore Post of the American Legion and returned to the employ of Harvard Jordan. On June 25, 1923 in Ellsworth, he married **Corace Geneva Smith**, born on June 25, 1901 in Ellsworth, the daughter of William Corliss “Willie” Smith of Maine and Inez E. Daniels of Ellsworth. Together they had three sons: William Smith “Billy,” Robert Bowles, and Sheldon Clifton “Ted.” In 1926, Herbert purchased the State Street jewelry business of Edward B. Joy and moved it to Main Street. This business was later passed down to his son Ted and grandson Lloyd. Herbert was a member of the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce and other business associations. He was active in Masonry and was a trustee of the Unitarian Church. His wife, Corace, was a very active member of the Woman’s Alliance of the Church and spent many hours every year making May baskets for the annual Alliance fundraiser. Herbert died unexpectedly in Ellsworth on Sept. 5, 1945 and was buried in Woodbine Cemetery. Corace continued her activities at the Church for many years, passing away in Ellsworth on Mar. 29, 1987 and was laid to rest beside her husband.



ALEXANDER A. & SUSAN A. CHALMERS

Alexander A. Chalmers was born on Nov. 27, 1872 in Fetteresso, Scotland, just south of Aberdeen, the son of Alexander Chalmers of Tarves, Aberdeenshire, Scotland and Margaret Ann Greig, of St. Nicholas, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. By 1893 he had emigrated to Quincy, Massachusetts where, on Dec. 20, 1893, he married Susan Amelia “Minnie” O’Brien, born on Jan. 2, 1875 in Pugwash, Nova Scotia, daughter of Alexander O’Brien and Marie E. Bird, both of Wallace River, NS. Settling in Quincy, the couple had the first three of their five children: George Alexander, Harold Wendell, and Cecil Wallace. Around 1898 the family had returned to Nova Scotia where daughter Mina Ruth was born, and the Canadian census of 1901 found them living in “Polling District No. 12” in Cumberland County, NS. By 1903, the family had moved to Vinalhaven where daughter Jean was born, but soon after they moved to Stonington where Alexander worked as a granite cutter for about 14 years. Around 1917 they were living in the Boston area, but they had returned to Stonington in 1918 where he died on Christmas Day of that year. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Stonington. After his death, his widow had moved the family to Boston by 1920. In 1930 she was living in Medford, but by 1935 she had moved to Quincy where she spent the rest of her life. She passed away on Jan. 28, 1966 in Quincy, and was buried in the Mt. Wallaston Cemetery there.

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HAROLD W. CHALMERS

Harold W. Chalmers was born on March 31, 1896 in Quincy, Massachusetts, the second of five children of Alexander A. Chalmers of Fetteresso, Scotland and Susan Amelia “Minnie” O’Brien of Pugwash, Nova Scotia. At the age of 22, he entered into military service from Stonington and served in World War I. He lived in Boston, Medford, and Quincy, Massachusetts and worked as a “steamfitter.” Little more is known of his life except that he spent his later years in the Ellsworth area and died at a nursing home in Sullivan on Sept. 29, 1974.

Irene Hume Wadsworth was born on May 24, 1874 in Eastport, Maine the second of three daughters of Henry Howard Wadsworth and Emma Augusta Bucknam, both of Eastport. Her life centered around social activities in the Eastport area, including the Eastport New Country Club, the Eastport Public Library, and the Women’s Club. She

IRENE H. WADSWORTH

worked as a bookkeeper in a hardware store, and lived for many years with her older sister Mary, the two women taking care of their father after their mother passed. Irene was connected to the Raye family of mustard fame, her younger sister Helen having married John Wesley Raye, and she was an aunt to **Augusta (Raye) Bromley** who was active at UUCE during the transition from the old building to our present location. Irene died in Eastport on Jan. 26, 1957.

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.



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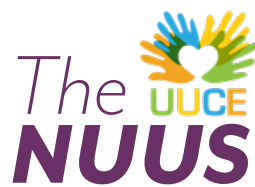
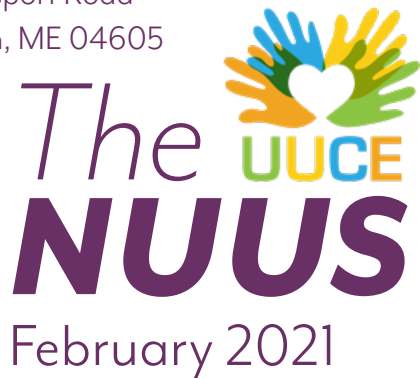
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Trustee: Robert Breeden to 2022	Trustee: Christine Bowman to 2021
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COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

Adult Committee on Education: Emma Macaillen	Hospitality Ministry Coordinator: Jeff Jeude
Aesthetics: vacant	Landscaping and Grounds: Bron Day
Auction: Margaret Thurston, Lori Johnson-Pannier, Jeff Jeude	Loaves & Fishes: Beth Pepper, Nina Turner
Building & Maintenance/Safety: vacant	Membership: Nancy Avila
Caring Committee: Sally Francis	Pastoral Visitors Team: Nancy Guy
Charitable Giving: Rev. Sara Hayman, Nancy Guy	Peace and Social Action: Doug Bird
Choir: Haydée Foreman	Publicity: Susan Opdycke
Collaborative Ministry: Mack MacDonald, Gary Shellehamer	Children's Religious Education: Linda Uberseder
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Eggroll Project: Susan Opdycke	Technology Coordinator: Lori Johnson
Ferry Beach Director: Anne Ossanna	Wayside Pulpit: Nancy Guy
Fiscal Matters: Connie Bailey	Website: vacant
Flowers: Bronwen Day	Worship Arts Associates: Lori Johnson
Governance: Mary Haynes, Robin Lovrien	Yard Sale: Beth Pepper
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