

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

FIND DATES, DETAILS, & ZOOM LINKS FOR WHAT'S GOING ON AT UUCE IN APRIL:

ACE April Events & New Offerings

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SOUL MATTERS Packet



Wednesday MATINS



MINISTRY MATTERS

APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30 A.M.

“BECOMING”

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Beloved, I Am Here

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader; Marta Rieman, Worship Associate

Drawing inspiration from Sue Monk Kidds’ most recent work of fiction, *The Book of Longing*, on this Easter Sunday we invite you to imagine the depth of love and strength that the women in Jesus’s life embodied, particularly when he was killed. Where does that capacity to love through heartbreak come from? What might we learn and honor more today regarding a relational and steadfast love that does not turn away?

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SUNDAY, APRIL 11

When I am with you...

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader; Kay Wilkins & Bettina Lehovc, Worship Associates

Like it or not, we live in need of each other. None of us can go it alone. This Sunday, as part of kicking off this year’s annual stewardship campaign, we’ll reflect on the power of sharing our gifts in community, how our needs for connection and belonging are met in the experience of giving and receiving.

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Phone: 646-876-9923

APRIL SERVICES CONTINUED

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Doors of Change

Bettina Lehovec, Intern Minister & Worship Leader; Jeff Jeude, Worship Associate

Widespread vaccinations for Covid-19 bring new hope. But we know that any normal will be a new normal. How do we navigate this time of becoming? What is our role in creating the future we want to see? We'll explore these questions through the lens of a fantasy novel, *The Ten Thousand Doors of January*.

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Meeting ID: 948 6398 1125

Passcode: 546065

Phone: 646-558-8656

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Your way toward life...

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

Our monthly worship theme is BECOMING. In this worship service, we'll reflect on both the opportunities and responsibilities of living our 3rd and 4th UU Principles when it comes to becoming our better, more grown-up and caring selves: "Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations," and "A free and responsible search for truth and meaning."

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Phone: 646-876-9923

MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN

The people I love the best
jump into work head first
without dallying in the shallows
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.
They seem to become natives to that element,
the black sleek heads of seals
bouncing like half-submerged balls...

I love the people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,
who pull like the water buffalo, with massive patience,
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,
who do what has to be done, again and again...

- "To be of use," by Marge Piercy

The lines of this poem have come to mind
as I reflect on this year past and join with
others to plan for the year ahead.
"Treasuring Our Connection,"
this year's stewardship theme
is something you do.

In this pandemic time, you, my beloveds,
have shown up again and again.
As is your way, you have shared your love,
your energy and imagination
to keep our UUCE community strong,
active and purposeful in our gatherings and ministries.

As a congregation, we've been changed,
stretched in ways we hadn't imagined,
and yes, we're tired of being apart,
AND,
we're more deeply committed
to widening the circle, always;
to inviting more people in
and doing our work and bearing witness
and touching joy and strengthening the life in us together.

Thank you for sharing *your* life in our spiritual community,
Rev. Sara



2021 April Ministry Matters



Ministry Matter Addendum Video

Click video images above to link to the videos of Rev Sara 's Ministry Matters column and addendum.



UUCE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



It is difficult to imagine a more appropriate theme for our annual stewardship campaign this year, Treasuring Our Connection. Thank you, Lisa Williams for creating the beautiful logo that expresses so well the theme for this year. We have been able to maintain and even deepened our strong connection with each other and with UUCE as we continue to practice social distance as a safety precaution against COVID. Our annual stewardship campaign will take place **APRIL 11 TO MAY 2, 2021**. This is the time that we ask each member and friend of UUCE to make a financial commitment in support of our beloved church community. The Fiscal Matters Committee, chaired by Connie Bailey has worked very hard developing a proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 which starts July 1, 2021. Thank you Connie and each committee member for your tireless attention to the details of our financial needs. The proposed budget recognizes our goals as a community to continue our important work and recommends that we obtain \$128000 through pledges. This is a \$3000 increase over last year. Over the last few years we as a congregation hoped to bring the compensation of our minister, office administrator and intern more in line with churches of our size recommended by Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). This proposed budget does that at last. Rev. Sara, Jeff Jeude and others have worked especially hard this year to make sure we continue our treasured connection with each other, our values and our work in the community. This has been a challenge at times as we have stayed apart and were able to see each other only on zoom. What a year it has been! You will find the details of the budget proposal in the stewardship materials in both paper and electronic editions.

Some of you have chosen to make your pledges electronically rather than receiving paper copies of the stewardship information. We appreciate your commitment to our goals of becoming a Green Sanctuary. Paper copies of the stewardship materials will be mailed April 6 and you should have them in hand by our stewardship kick off Sunday April 11. We would appreciate receiving your pledge of financial support no later than April 28, 2021. We hope for and encourage 100% participation of all members and friends and value every donation. We appreciate all the ways each member and friend of UUCE gives to our beloved community in time, talent and treasure as we truly are Treasuring Our Connection.

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After the close of our stewardship campaign we will zoom together to review the proposed budget May 16 then vote for approval of the proposed budget at our parish meeting May 23. These are all important steps to insure that our beloved community continues to thrive.

Should you have questions about the proposed budget contact Connie Bailey at cbimagery@yahoo.com or me at bm41massie@gmail.com, 207-460-1682.

Your Stewardship Committee includes Evelyn Foster, Robin Lovrien, Dave Szarmach, Janet Szarmach, Rev. Hayman, Jeff Jeude, Gary Shellehamer and Betty Massie, Chair.



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

MONTHLY COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

2nd Tuesdays from 4-5:30pm on ZOOM



Your Collaborative Ministers: Revs. Amy, Rev. Sara, Rev. Margaret and Bettina Lehovec, 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 TUESDAY (note the change from Thursdays!) from 4-5:30pm, October 2020 through June 2021 and are open to the members and friends of our three congregations.

Next Conversation: Tuesday, April 13, 4-5:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>

Meeting ID: 469 537 6814

Phone: 646-558-8656



APRIL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Spring greetings! In March we explored Commitment with weekly Email Lesson Plans and 1st and 3rd Children's Chapel by ZOOM. There has been several requests for more frequent Children's Chapel and opportunities for the children to gather together outdoors for fun activities. In April we will have ZOOM Children's Chapel each Sunday morning at 8:45 am. We also have several fieldtrips scheduled for the warmer months starting in May. Below you will find the calendar for April events:

- APRIL 4** Easter Sunday - Children's Chapel with Anne and Linda - Meet Jesus, the Life and Lessons of a Beloved Teacher
- APRIL 11** Ramadan - Children's Chapel with Anne and Linda - Night of the Moon.
- APRIL 17** Fifth Dimension with Anne and Danielle - Elegy - Twilight Zone Season 1, episode 20.
- APRIL 18** Earth Day - Children's Chapel with Anne, Linda and Danielle - Wangari's Trees of Peace
- APRIL 25** Making Hopeful Predictions - Children's Chapel with Anne and Linda - The Day You Begin

~ Woyaya - Anne

ACE APRIL EVENTS

ADULT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (ACE)

AQUAMATION: A NEW METHOD OF BODY DECOMPOSITION

Zoom talk by Direct Cremation of Belfast

Friday, April 9, 1-2:30 pm

APRES VIE, Death and Dying Group's proposed new name thanks to Tom M. This presentation and Q&A will be recorded. Discussion to follow will not be. All UUCE are invited to attend.

May offering: Caregiving with Amy Wescott, LCSW, of Northern Lights Home Healthcare and Hospice. Date tba. Two sessions possible. Please Send me what you would like discussed to forward to Amy. em.macaillen@hotmail.com.

OTHER ACE NEWS

April surprise, **Winter Arts**, a short video of our pix and arts by Suzanne A, a popup Sunday Service feature via Sara.

- April 18: **Wayne's Story**, 9-10 am (see next page)
- April 22: **Movie night for all ages. BABE**, yes, the pig! 7pm. Stay after and talk pig wisdom!
- April 24: Three UUCE folks invited to Parish Lexington, MA, Workshop on 8th Principle.
- TBA: More re: **Classism with Bob D; Beginning Beloved Community/8th Principle opportunities.**

All ZOOM info will be sent near the date of the gatherings in the weekly and some via email.

Proposed 8th Principle: *We the member Congregations of the UUA, covenant to affirm and promote journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community that accountably dismantles racism and other oppressions in ourselves and in our institutions.*

Info available on UUA site. Check it out! Paula Cole Jones+, author.

em.macaillen@hotmail.com

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ACE APRIL EVENTS CONT.

ADULT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (ACE)

Stories FROM THE Heart

Interview with WAYNE SMITH

Sunday, APRIL 18 at 9:00 am

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.' Jude Lamb acts as Story Guide for this monthly series of biographic interviews with UUCE members.

Look for a zoom link in our weekly E-news the week before the interview.

“Upcoming Stories from the Heart” (mark your calendars!)

May 9, 2021: Evelyn Foster

June 13, 2021: Kay Wilkins

NEW ACE OFFERING

FIFTH DIMENSION FOR ADULTS

Grab some snacks, your favorite beverage and watch a Twilight Zone episode with Anne Ossanna on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 7:00-8:15 pm. Fifth Dimension is a UUA curricula that explores various episodes of the Twilight Zone series. We will watch an episode that last approximately 30 minutes and then have a discussion with guided questions for up to 45 minutes.

Rod Serling, a Universalist, was one of American television's most prolific writers and is best known for his science fiction television series, The Twilight Zone. He believed that the role of the writer was to "menace the public conscience." The Twilight Zone incorporated Serling's liberal social views on racial relations, war, gender roles, addiction, extremism, violence, ageism, consumerism, industrialization and other social issues of the time. The Twilight Zone gave voice to people who were often at the margins of society. The show questioned power and who holds the power, with corruption commonplace and no group immune to criticism. Viewers were asked to consider who had the power in society, whether power was used to help or oppress others, and how society might empower those who were shut out of power. In 1967 Serling said, "I happen to think that the singular evil of our time is prejudice. It is from this evil that all other evils grow and multiply. In almost everything I've written there is a thread of this: a man's seemingly palpable need to dislike someone other than himself."

We will watch Time Enough At Last, Season 1, Episode 20. Several themes run throughout this classic episode. Although the episode illustrates the fear that Americans felt about a possible nuclear war, it is chiefly a statement against anti-intellectualism. The unfairness of life and the idea of solitude versus loneliness are discussed, with the backdrop of "be careful what you wish for".



Join Zoom Meeting

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SPRING IS THE SEASON OF BECOMING

FROM OUR INTERN



My favorite Easter memory is this: Sitting at the kitchen table, helping my mother and older sister dye eggs. It was the first time I'd been invited into this ritual. Always before, I'd been on the receiving end: one of the little kids who raced around the yard hunting eggs in the morning.

Now I was a big kid, helping create the magic for the younger ones. Dipping hard-boiled eggs into cups of brightly colored water. Checking their progress and dropping them into the dyes again, watching them turn deep shades of turquoise and yellow and rose.

There was no sense of disappointment in moving from egg hunter to egg dyer. (Of course, we older kids got to hunt the eggs too!) Just pride, in being on the other side of the magic, creating the wonder for the little people I loved.

This was a moment of becoming, of moving from one stage of life to the next. These moments are not always so easy, we know! They can be awkward and unwanted and uncomfortable. But if we hold on to the inevitability of change, maybe we can hold on to the beauty in it too.

Springtime is a season that teaches us about change. Not as poignantly as autumn, when life goes dormant for a while. But just as ephemeral — the first snowdrops giving way to violets and trillium, early buds blossoming into full leaf. Each day becoming just a little bit warmer, a little bit longer, as the earth turns and we cycle toward summertime.

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The celebrations of spring — Passover and Easter — remind us of change. Passover commemorates the exodus from Egypt, that foundational event in Israel's history when a band of fugitive slaves became a nation.

Jews gathered for the Passover Seder relive the story all over again. It didn't just happen in the past, they remind one another. It happens each year, that pivotal story of leave-taking and risk. Trading the security of today for the uncertainty of tomorrow. Becoming what tomorrow calls us to be.

Easter celebrates the possibility of new beginnings. The good news that even death gives way to life! The medieval mystic Hildegard of Bingen coined the term *verditas* — or the greening power of Christ apparent in every greening bud and branch. There is some power in the world that will not be stopped: a life force energy that recreates itself.

These are truths to hold onto. One thing becomes another. Tomorrow calls us into growth we don't know possible today. Every becoming has an ending within it, but every becoming is a beginning, too.

May the spirit of growth and change bless all your becomings.

With love,
Bettina

OUR PLATE SPLIT for Plate split for APRIL will be with **neighbor4neighbor**, administered by Healthy Acadia, providing one-time mini-grants up to \$500 for seniors in Hancock and Washington counties with unexpected medical needs or other one-time challenges that can arise.



UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

Apr-June 2021 neighbor4neighbor

COLLABORATIVE NEWS FROM YOUR CMT

LATE WINTER/EARLY SPRING 2021 FAITH AND RENEWAL PROGRAMS

Exciting news! Our Collaborative Ministry Intern for 2021-22 is our own Vanessa Williams! Vanessa is a member of the Ellsworth congregation, and has been serving a part-time internship with UUC Castine this year. We welcome her into the collaborative ministry program, along with her husband, James, and daughter, Amelie.

There are several new collaborative offerings starting this month. The UUCB Climate Action Team and the UUCE Green Sanctuary Task Force are joining forces to sponsor a four-part series on **PLUGGING IN FOR A GREENER FUTURE: OPTIONS FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD**. The Zoom sessions will be from 7-8:30 p.m. each Monday from April 19 to May 10. For more information, contact Corliss Davis at cdavis5468@roadrunner.com or Doug Bird at birddoug137@gmail.com.



Bettina Lehovec will offer a five-part series on **CLAIMING YOUR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**. Spiritual leadership is for everyone. It's an orientation of the mind and heart that seeks to answer: How can I serve my congregation and world? How can our congregations equip each member and friend for this vital work? Five Thursdays via Zoom, 6:30-8 p.m., April 1, 15, 22, 29, and May 5. Contact Bettina for more info or to register: blehovec@gmail.com or (479) 521-4375.

Rev. Amy Fiorilli will lead **ADVENTURES IN UU HISTORY AND THEOLOGY** starting April 7. The class will meet via Zoom from 10-11:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays in April and May. Open to the three-church collaboration! Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about our faith. For more information, contact Rev. Amy at amyfiorilli@gmail.com.

Our next **COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATION** will take place on Zoom from 4-5:30 p.m. April 13. Rev. Sara Hayman will lead us in an exploration of the proposed 8th principle, which speaks to "journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions." Join us! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>

— Your Collaborative Ministry Team



Plugging in for a greener future: Options for your household

Join your fellow UUs from Belfast and Ellsworth at a four-part series on home energy choices!

Co-sponsored by the UUCB Climate Action Team
and the UUCE Green Sanctuary Task Force

Monday evenings on Zoom from April 19 – May 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

REGISTER

April 19: Heat pumps! A speaker from ReVision Energy will explain how heat pumps and heat pump hot water heaters work to save you money and reduce fossil fuel use.

April 26: Electric cars! Lawson Wulsin, Executive Director for A Climate to Thrive (ACTT) and EV specialist Gordon Beck will share the latest about electric vehicles and charging stations.

May 3: Solar power! – Chuck Piper from Sundog Solar, Kay Mann from PowerMarket, and a speaker from ReVision Energy will explain the ins and outs of rooftop solar, and the subscription and ownership models of solar farms.

May 10: The Governor's Climate Council! A speaker will update us on their recent report and its benefits for Maine households of all ages and income levels.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclfuGprzwjE9bJ0i7xVg_JQpWtQkaaRgqj

FROM THE GARDENS

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

One of the highlights of spring at UUCE is seeing the profusely flowering daffodils outside the French doors of the sanctuary. These are the Charles Edward Bassett Daffodils. Charles was born September 28, 1926 and passed away November 17, 2012. The approximately 2,100 bulbs were planted by him, his family, and some members of the church in 2008 and 2009. Charles was a beloved and active member of the UUCE family for several years before his death. Charles said that he had a dream, of planting a “host of daffodils” at the church as he had done at the school where he formerly taught in Port Jefferson, NY. He said that daffodils were his favorite flower and this love was inspired by William Wordsworth’s poem Daffodil. The Ellsworth American ran a story about Charles and his beautiful daffodils at the church in the May 19, 2011 edition.

The daffodil garden will be restored this fall, about two months after blooming, as the bulbs need to be divided now in order to encourage continued profuse blooming. After the bloom has gone by, the remaining leaves provide nutrients for the bulb and next year’s blooms.

We are so fortunate to have had Charles Edward Bassett among us and that he left us this beautiful remembrance of him. Enjoy!

Submitted by Betty Massie
Project of the Landscape and Grounds
Committee



FERRY BEACH REGISTRATION

August 24-27, 2021

Is the ocean is calling you for time away filled with relaxation, spirituality, creativity, and music?

If the answer is yes, then join us for this year's Three-Church Ferry Beach retreat for all the above and more, including worship, s'mores, bonfires, swimming, dancing, workshops and delicious food with members of our UUCE, UU Belfast and Castine congregations.

Registration continues until May 31st. Limited partial scholarships are available. Please contact Rev. Sara or Anne Ossanna for a confidential request. Please contact Anne Ossanna for registration form and send form and payment to:

Anne Ossanna: aossanna@aol.com
69 Great Pond Road
Franklin, ME 04634



There are no hotel options this year. Onsite shared dorm rooms are just steps away from the ocean. The ADA rooms and campground are a short walk to the ocean. The fee includes housing for 3 nights, housekeeping, all programming and 8 delicious ALL YOU CAN EAT meals. Costs below:

- Adults 18+ \$325.00 each (includes shared dorm room, housekeeping, programming and 8 meals)
- Adults 18+ \$375.00 each (includes ADA double room, housekeeping, programming and 8 meals)
- Youth 9-17 \$130.00 each (includes shared dorm or campsite with parent(s), housekeeping, programming and 8 meals)
- Children (age 8 and under) \$35.00
- Tent sites are \$120.00 per site for 3 nights; RV sites are \$144.00 per site for 3 nights; Large RV sites are \$150.00 per site for 3 nights
- Adult 18+ Camper Plan \$150.00 per person (includes programming and 9 meals)
- Day pass for individuals not staying overnight on campus \$10.00 per day per person plus \$25.00 Registration fee to cover programming. Meals not included.
- A la cart meals: Breakfast \$15.00 adult/\$11.00 youth/free ages 8 and younger; Lunch \$15.00 adult/\$14.00 youth/free ages 8 and younger; Dinner \$22.00 adult/\$17.00 youth/free ages 8 and younger.
- Optional: Lobster for Sunday dinner \$13.00 per lobster.



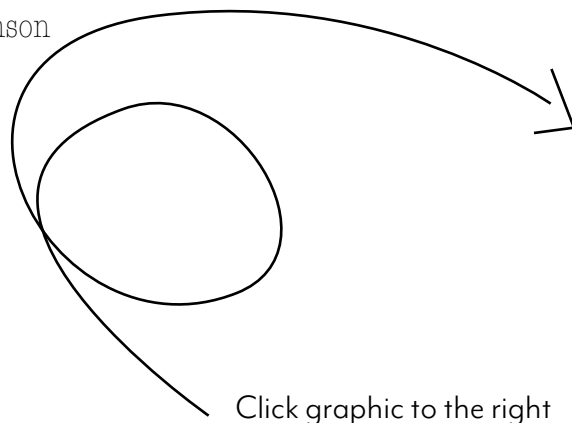
Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond
measure. ...

We ask ourselves,
Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented,
fabulous?

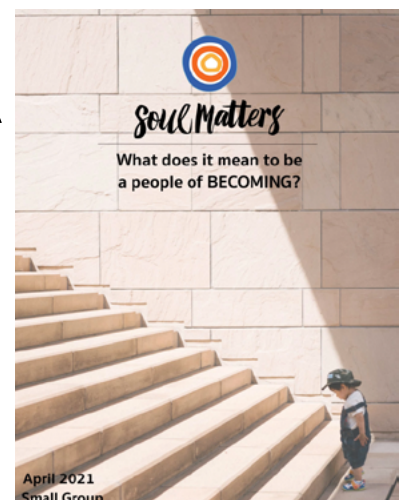
Actually, who are you not to be?

~ Marianne Williamson

APRIL'S THEME IS BECOMING



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for a link to the SOUL
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SIGNS OF SPRING

FROM OUR UUCE BOARD PRESIDENT

As we see signs of spring, there are also signs that UUCE is starting to plan for the year ahead. Your board has extended the lease for Loaves & Fishes as they envision their future including considering a much-needed expansion of their facilities and explore their options for better serving Hancock County. Our congregation's Stewardship Committee is starting our annual pledge drive for FY 2021-22; the Fiscal Matters Committee has presented a proposed budget (with a congregational meeting for discussion prior to the congregational vote at the annual meeting on May 23rd); the elections committee is working to find members willing to serve for the board as well as the office of treasurer; and the Bylaws Task Force has just released the draft of new Bylaws for congregational review (also with a congregational discussion and special meeting to vote on their updating).



Our members and committees continue to work for the good of the UUCE community and the world of which we are a part. To mention a few that quickly come to mind (and with thanks for the work they are doing for those that I neglect to mention), the Pastoral Care Committee (formerly the Caring Committee and Pastoral Visiting Team) has new leadership (welcome Eric); the COVID-19 Task Force continues exploring options for in-person/hybrid services; the Transforming UUCE group is working to upgrade our technology to make those new services continue to be meaningful for those who gather in person and those who choose to continue attending virtually; our Small Group Ministries are meeting virtually and planning on in-person meetings once the COVID Task Force's policy draft is finalized and adopted by the board; the Committee on Congregational Engagement is asking for input on what you want to see done (and are willing to do) for the good of our community and living our mission into our world; the fund-raising people are planning on supplementing our income—which is mostly derived from your generous pledges—by planning events (and waiting to hear if others like the Common Ground Fair will happen); the Membership Committee has held virtual meetings with people interested in becoming more involved with UUCE and also with people who are from away who have started attending services and have an interest in continuing their connection; and I am sure the Landscape & Grounds Committee members are anxious to move into spring and continuing their plans for and care of our property, as well as presenting a church policy draft regarding outdoor that the board approved. Additionally, we continue to explore the recent addition of our Breeze Church Management software as a way for data storage and updating as well as keeping us better connected.

Thank you for your commitment to our community. Your support and participation have kept us connected through the year we have been coping with the pandemic and, with a new normal being explored, we are moving together into UUCE's future.

~ Gary Schellehamer, UUCE Board President

BY-LAWS UPDATE

Most, if not all, of you have received emails with the board-approved proposed revised UUCE Bylaws. If you haven't and want a copy, please contact Jeff at uucellsworth@gmail.com.

We as a Congregation will vote on them at a Special Congregational Meeting set for **SUNDAY, APRIL 25** after church services on ZOOM. Please mark your calendars for that date because we will need a quorum in order to vote on them. To keep that meeting as short as possible, we will hold a Bylaws Congregational Conversation meeting on Sunday, April 11 after church services on ZOOM, where your questions and comments about the proposed revised Bylaws will be answered.

You're also welcome to contact me directly (text or call 757-746-7874; eapepper2@gmail.com) to discuss.

Thank you to my fellow Bylaws Task Force members: Robin Lovrien, Tom Martin and John Fink, and to Rev. Sara and the Board of Trustees - I couldn't have done it without you!

- Pepper
Chair, UUCE Bylaws Review Taskforce &
VP of our Board



STAYING CONNECTED

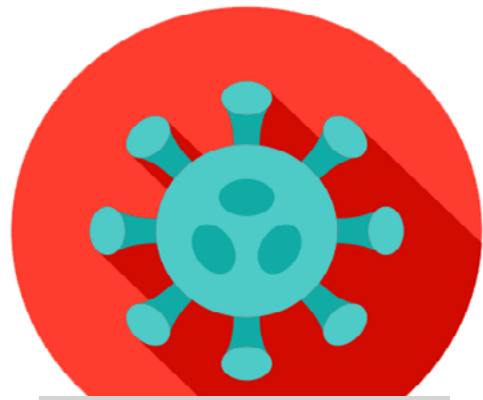
UUCE OFFICE

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

Mary Haynes:
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207-266-2207 (cell/text)

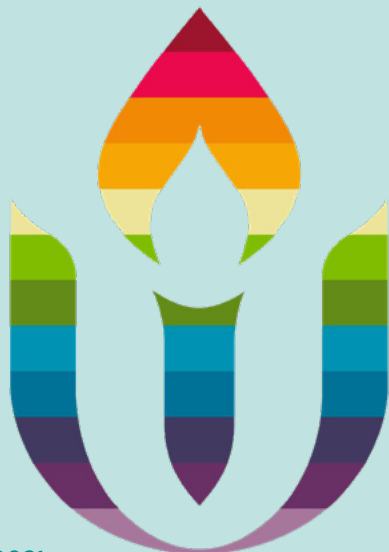
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Karen Volckhausen:
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UUCE'S AFFIRMATION OF COVENANT

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.

UUCE HISTORY

SANKOFA CORNER



Who's Who ON THE REMEMBRANCE PLAQUE AT THE DOORWAY? PART 7

Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

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

ELTON EDWARD BLACK

Elton Edward Black, known by his friends as “Blackie,” was born on Nov. 20, 1904 in Boston, the fourth of the five sons of Frederick Lewis and Lillian May (DeLong) Black, originally from Frankfort in Waldo County. In about 1914, the family moved from Boston back to Waldo County, settling first in Frankfort and later in Monroe where Elton was engaged in farming along with his father and brothers. On April 9, 1942 he registered for military service in Bangor and served for almost four years in the European Theatre of Operations. After being released from the Army on Nov. 2, 1945, he returned to farming in Monroe. On Aug. 18, 1946, he married **Ann Rollins**, born on Feb. 16, 1920 in Brewer, the daughter of **Andrew Howard and Victorine Bellatty (Wyman) Rollins** of Ellsworth. In 1948, the couple moved from Monroe to Ellsworth where they became permanent residents. He worked for a time with the Maine Central Railroad, and then worked for 19 years as a janitor with the Ellsworth School Department. The couple had two children: Albert Howard “Al” Black and Nancy Ann Black. Elton was active in the First Unitarian Church of Ellsworth and served for a time as trustee. He was also an active member of the Masons, and was even invited to be an honorary member of the Ellsworth High School Alumni Association, even though he had graduated from Frankfort High School. He died in Ellsworth on Oct. 2, 1976 and was buried in Woodbine Cemetery. A memorial service for him was held at the church on Oct. 9, 1976.



FLORENCE T. COLLAR

Florence Evelyn “Flossie” Tracy was born on July 30, 1906 in Franklin, the second of the three children of Solomon D. and Ada May (Small) Tracy of Franklin. On March 4, 1926 in Franklin, she married **Richard Lawrence Collar**, born in Franklin on July 15, 1906, the son of Nathan Raynes and Lena Evora (Clark) Collar of Franklin. The couple had three children: **Betty, Ruth**, and Dwight. After settling in Ellsworth, they operated the Ellsworth Public Market on Water Street for many years. When they retired, they moved to West Brookfield,

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Massachusetts. "Flossie" was a member of the Bayside Grange, a past Matron of the Irene Chapter of the Eastern Star, and was a member of the Unitarian Church. She died on March 17, 1977 in Beaverton, Oregon while visiting her son Dwight. She was buried in Franklin. Her husband later remarried and moved to DeLand, Florida where he died on March 24, 1994.

MABEL F. LORD

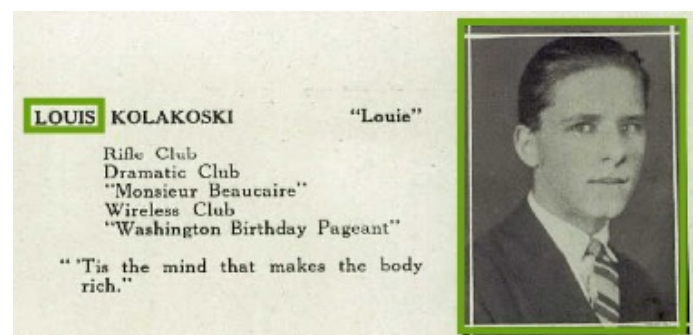
Mabel F. Lord was born on Nov. 16, 1880 in Ellsworth, the oldest of the four children of **Franklin S. "Frank" Lord** of Surry and **Adah M. Wood** of Ellsworth. She never married. In the 1910 and 1920 censuses, she is listed as working as a bookkeeper for the Water Department of Ellsworth. She graduated from the Bryant Stratton Commercial College in Boston and worked for the Edison Light Company of Boston, the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company of Ellsworth, and the Hancock County Creamery of Ellsworth. She was a life-long member of the Unitarian Church of Ellsworth where she was active in the Woman's Alliance, serving at various times as its president, secretary, chair of various committees, and also served as a delegate of the Ellsworth Church at the May Meetings in Boston. She was a member of the Hancock County Extension Service of Ellsworth and the Order of the Eastern Star where she served as past worthy matron and past secretary of the order and for years was its oldest member. At the age of 91, she attended the groundbreaking ceremonies of our new church building on Oct. 23, 1972, and at the age of 92 also attended the first church service held in the new building, as she promised she would. She died on Jan. 11, 1978 at a nursing home in Ellsworth, and was buried at Woodbine Cemetery.



Sisters Ruth Beal and Mabel Lord at the UUCE Ground-breaking on Oct. 23, 1972.

LOUIS W. COLLIER

Ludwig Walter "Louis" Kolakowski was born on Aug. 25, 1907 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, the oldest of the six children of Wladyslaw P. "Walter" Kolakowski and Stanislaw "Stasia, Stella, Estelle" Helchowsky, both originally from Poland. His father was listed as a tailor of men's suits in Johnstown, Pennsylvania in the 1910 census. In 1924, Louis graduated from Greater Johnstown High School, and continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh where he received his Bachelor's degree in sociology in 1929 and received a summer scholarship to do volunteer social work at the Greenwich Settlement. This was followed by a graduate fellowship where he taught elementary psychology while working on his first MA degree at the University of Pittsburgh. He also worked as a



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psychologist at the state prison while finishing his MA degree. This was followed by work in settlement houses in Pittsburgh from 1930 to 1939.

Sometime in the 1930s, Louis met and married **Alice Joan Bangratz**, born in Boston on July 24, 1905, the daughter of Émile Bangratz and Mathilde Burckel of France. Alice had attained an AM degree from Radcliffe College and had a Master's degree in education from Harvard University and like Louis worked as a social worker. The couple was to have three children, Robert, Richard, and Tamara. On Oct. 15, 1940, while living in Columbus, Ohio, Louis had to fill out a draft registration card. He wrote his name as Louis Walter Kolakoski, but later the "Kolakoski" was crossed out and changed to "Collier," with the notation "Changed by order from court" above the name change. He listed his employer as the Central Community House in Columbus, where he was executive director, responsible for fundraising, activity planning, and personnel training. He did all this while working on his second MA degree in community organization from the Ohio State University School of Administration, which he received in 1942.

A year and a half later, Louis and his family moved from Columbus to the Bangor area where he worked as the executive secretary of the Bangor-Brewer United Fund from 1942-1945 and worked hard during the war years to fundraise for the war effort and to plan ahead for the needs of the local community. From 1945-1946, he was connected with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration which was active from 1943-1947 working to find solutions for the hundreds of thousands of displaced persons. His wife Joan worked as home service director for the Penobscot County chapter of the American Red Cross.

In the 1950s, the Collier family moved from the Bangor area to Bar Harbor. From 1957-1959, Louis and his family took on the Bar Harbor Theatre Company as a family venture. Louis directed, among other plays, Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie," his wife served as the company's treasurer, their son Richard partnered with his father in the management of the company, and their daughter Tamara was in charge of the box office and the making of posters. Then from 1973-1978, he was co-producer of the Acadia Repertory Theater.

He was a member of the Ellsworth Unitarian Church. After he passed on July 1, 1978 in Bar Harbor, his memorial service was held at the new church building with both Rev. Arthur Foote and Rev. Harry Meserve officiating. His wife, Joan, passed in Ellsworth on March 10, 1999 and her memorial service was also held at UUCE. They were both interred at the Mountain View Cemetery in Bar Harbor.



Joan and Louis Collier

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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