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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 MAY:**

MAY SERVICES

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FROM THE GARDENS

... AND plenty MORE UUCE NUUS!



NEW MEMBERS



MINISTRY MATTERS



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# MAY WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30 A.M.

“STORY”

SUNDAY, MAY 2

## ***The Comfort of the Known*** ***New Member Recognition Ceremony!***

Bettina Lehovc, Intern Minister & Worship Leader; Rev. Sara Hayman, 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, MAY 9

## ***A Fierce and Tender Love***

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

Acknowledging the history and origins of Mother's Day in this country, a drawing from contemporary stories, this sermon and service will reflect on the fierceness of a mother's love—how that kind of love—builds up and cares for people, and endures sacrifice and pain to empower others.

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Phone: 646-876-9923

SUNDAY, MAY 16

## ***Savoring and Serving***

3 Church Worship Service, Covenant Release Ceremony with Collaborative Ministry Intern Bettina Lehovc

Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons, Guest Worship Leader; Bettina Lehovc & Revs. Amy, Margaret & Sara

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# MAY SERVICES CONTINUED

Just as seeds need soil and rain, our souls need nurture to grow into our best selves. What helps us to flourish and what gets in the way? Rev. Perez Simons will share her theological framework: Savoring and Serving as a way of healing ourselves and the planet, as a spiritual practice, as a social responsibility, as a way of honoring the life-force that moves through us and calls us to give back generously to the whole web of life.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814> Meeting ID: 913 6354 6682

**SUNDAY, MAY 23**

## **Story**

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader; Bob Dickens, 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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Phone: 646-876-9923

**SUNDAY, MAY 30**

## **Your way toward life...**

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

Yet to be determined – Updated information will be posted on the UUCE website and in our weekly Wednesday e-news communications

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Phone: 646-876-9923



# MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN

Blue Sky and hot one day, chilly wind and grey the next.  
It must be springtime in Maine!  
Thank goodness to the greening earth,  
for warmer and longer days that usher in new life.  
My Ministry Matters Column this month names my gratitude  
for so many good things in our UUCE community now.  
Thank you for all you do and give to help us thrive and grow.

Yours in shared ministry,  
Sara



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



# UUCE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Our annual stewardship campaign has been a successful effort. Thank you to each of you who have made a pledge of financial support to sustain our church community. We have not yet reached our goal of \$128000 towards our proposed budget for the 2021/2022 fiscal year but pledges are still coming in and we think we will get there. There are still several members and friends of UUCE who have not made a pledge of financial support and we hope that if you have not done so will send your pledge in asap. We hope for 100% participation as it takes all of us to support and sustain our Beloved Community. Over the next week or so members of the stewardship committee will be contacting each member and friend who has not pledged and will encourage you to do so. Every amount of financial support is much appreciated and helps us towards our goal of sustainability. There will be a congregational meeting May 16 to review the proposed budget and the proposed budget will be voted on at the parish meeting May 23. We hope you will attend both of these important meetings held on zoom.

With gratitude we are Treasuring Our Connection

Betty Massie

Chair

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

# New Members

Please join in welcoming the new members of our Beloved Community:



## Dixie Dahmen

Dixie Dahmen Moved to Maine from Colorado for job in bioinformatics at JAX shortly before by birth of first grandchild in Portland. Took Refuge and Bodhisatva vows on Buddhist path some time ago; am finding an even deeper commitment through spiritual companionship & heart-opening practices in the Wellspring program at UUCE. Looking forward to returning to volunteer work at libraries, in gardens, with hospice, & in food pantries. Also grow peonies, knit sox, & write haiku.



## Katherine Hubner

Hi. My name is Katherine Hubner. I live in Aurora with my partner Josh and our two cats. I started attending UUCE in April of 2020. In this past year I have enjoyed being in community with UUCE by participating in Wellspring, ACE and assisting as a service tech. Being a member of UUCE is important to me so that I may affirm my continued commitment to this community. I look forward to the opportunities to be of service while learning and growing spiritually.



## Jill Juede

Jill Juede and her husband Jeff moved to Corea, Maine, after the death of Jill's best friend and mentor, Emily Ginsberg. Jill had lived in Maine from 1997-2000, and her friendship with Emily blossomed. It was never in doubt where Jill's heart lived best – in the mountains, and woodlands, and rocky coasts of Maine, with lupine and sea glass and the sea breeze! Working with children, both in residential treatment, and now in the school setting, also makes her heart sing. Growing up in a traditional, mainline church environment, Jill was always on the lookout for opportunities to affect others with kindness, for social justice in her community and world, and for meeting folk who shared her goals of mindfulness, openness, and acceptance. She is happy to be joining just such a group at UUCE.



## Marjorie Loring

Relocating from the Everglades to Downeast Maine, Marjie carries with her childhood memories of exploring Maine's rocky coast, family gatherings with steamers and lobster, and raising her son in the Portland area. Maine has always been her heart home even when life has taken her off to other places. This past summer, facilitated by the ability to work from home, she happily returned to Maine. Together with Esther, her partner/wife of 20 years, they bought a home in Cherryfield. Marjie is equally passionate about Unitarian Universalism as her spiritual home, its role in local communities and in the world, and how as UUs we are working hard towards racial and social justice. She is a charter member of the River of Grass UU Congregation in Davie, FL and has served in various roles within that UU community. She is grateful for a rewarding career in academia as a college administrator where she facilitates leadership and staff professional development programs. Together Marjie and Esther have three grown children, three grandchildren, and a wonderful dog, Bodhi.

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**Jana Robinson**

Jana Robinson—who's she? Mother, gardener, volunteer, college-educated, reserved, occasionally crafty, armchair reader, anti-racist/anti-violence, full-time employee—not in any particular order. Grew up Methodist in cow & corn country in a small Illinois town. I married, lived overseas for a while, worked with people from many countries, backgrounds & faiths. I've worked with nonprofits & their boards: direct patient care, summer camps, domestic violence advocacy, scientific research and a community foundation. In most of these roles, I thought I was helping make people's lives safer or healthier or better. I've been so fortunate & so privileged! In returning to faith, I'm working to become responsible, to reach out to others & to learn & grow myself. I believe in listening to people, looking for the good, seeing the big picture, finding solutions, working together. Not sure I always live up to my own beliefs.

I like a quote from Erma Bombeck about meeting God & wanting to be able to say she'd used up all the talents she'd been given. I've a long way to go, but if I live to be 100 as planned, I may get closer to that goal.



**Esther Sampol**

Esther loves road trips and exploring new places. One of those favorite places to explore has been Maine. Since her partner/wife of 20 years, Marjie, has Maine roots, this area has always been a favorite travel destination. Esther grew up in New York and moved to Florida to raise her two children away from a busy metropolitan area. This past summer, as sort of an early retirement plan, they bought a house in Cherryfield. Talk about an adventure! After actively avoiding any type of organized religion, Esther became a UU some 20 years ago. But she often says that she has been a lifelong UU except for the small fact that she had never heard of UUs until she met Marjie. Being a UU resonates with her core. She is committed to fighting inequities for all people, and racial justice is at the top of her list right now. Esther taught English at a University in Florida until she retired a year ago. However, she continues to teach a few Student Life Skills courses online and it's just enough to keep her engaged and making a difference while enjoying the freedom of retirement. She has also been helpin out with UUCE's Webpage (Thank you!) Together Esther and Marjie have three grown children, three grandchildren, and a wonderful dog, Bodhi.



**Suzanne Aubrey**

After relocating to Yarmouth, Suzanne has reconnected to UUCE and is renewing her membership. She brings her technical experience to our services, for which we are grateful.

# MAKING CONNECTIONS, SHARING & LETTING GO

FROM OUR INTERN



Dear People of the Belfast, Ellsworth and Castine Congregations,

It is time to say goodbye. I feel tears pricking my eyelids as I type these words. Yet we know this is part of the internship journey — making connections, sharing for this little bit of time, and letting go.

What a year it has been! I arrived in the midst of pandemic lockdown and will leave just as things are opening again. I've met a few of you at outdoor work days and hikes, but the vast majority of our relating has been over Zoom. We have been delighted, together, to discover the strengths of this online platform. The level of intimacy that is possible in our little squares. The vibrant worship services. The inclusivity of online worship.

And we have grieved, together, the lives lost to the pandemic, the emotional toll of social distance, the ravages of police violence and unnecessary Black deaths. We've worked to open our minds and hearts, challenging one another to grow in our awareness of racial inequity, classism, and white privilege.

You have formed and shaped me as a minister and a person. In small groups and classes, in board/council and committee meetings, in worship planning and social action, in fundraisers and stewardship drives, you have taught me what it means to be a community of faith.

You have opened your hearts and welcomed me with generosity and kindness. Your encouraging words, your inspiring examples, the lessons learned, go with me. I will call on those in future times of doubt. I will remember your faces, shining so brightly over Zoom, and hold tight to the love that we have shared.

I hope you take my love and care with you, too.

I leave you with this blessing from the Irish poet John O'Donahue. It seems just right, read back and forth, a blessing for you and a blessing for me, a kind of covenant we make together even as we say goodbye.

## For Celebration

Now is the time to free the heart,  
Let all intentions and worries stop,  
Free the joy inside the self,  
Awaken to the wonder of your life.

See the gifts [this year has] given,  
Things your effort could never earn,  
The health to enjoy who you want to be  
And the mind to mirror the mystery.

Open your eyes and see the friends  
Whose hearts recognize your face as kin,  
Those whose kindness watchful and near,  
Encourages you to live everything here.

With love,  
Bettina

# PARTY FOR BETTINA LEHOVEC,

## Our Wonderful 2020/21 Collaborative Intern Minister

**Friday, May 14th from 7-8pm on ZOOM**

**(+ A hike up Great Pond Mountain the next day, Saturday, May 15th at 2pm with Bettina)**



It's hard to believe that Bettina's time with us is quickly coming to an end. What a blessing it's been to have her with us leading worship, facilitating groups and classes, being a part of so many conversations, and planning and dreaming together with us in so many ministry circles. We will miss her!

All are invited to come to this 5/14 gathering on Zoom to thank Bettina and wish her well in her on-going journey into UU ministry. There will be time to offer your blessing, gratitude and/or best wishes.



The following day, should you be so inclined, please join Bettina (Rev. Sara, Kathy Hall & Mary Murray, our new UUCE hike ministers!) at 2pm at the Great Pond Mountain trail head in Orland, off the Fish Hatchery Road, to enjoy one last time hiking together with Bettina.

Bettina's 5/14 Thank you & Goodbye ZOOM Party Invite:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91967887841>

Meeting ID: 919 6788 7841

Phone: 646-876-9923

**OUR PLATE SPLIT** for Plate split for MAY 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**

# MONTHLY COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays from 4-5:30pm on ZOOM



Your Collaborative Ministers: Revs. Amy, Rev. Sara, Rev. Margaret and Bettina Lehevec, 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. Bettina will facilitate the conversation on Tuesday, April 13th.

These monthly anti-racism conversations will happen each on ZOOM each 2nd TUESDAY from 4-5:30pm, October 2020 through June 2021 and are open to the members and friends of our three congregations.

Next Conversation: Tuesday, May 11, 4-5:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 469 537 6814

Phone: 646-558-8656

# NEW ACE OFFERING

## FIFTH DIMENSION FOR ADULTS

Grab some snacks, your favorite beverage and watch a Twilight Zone episode with Anne Ossanna on Saturday, May 8, 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 I Am the Night, Color Me Black, Season 5, Episode 27. This episode deals with the themes of racism and capital punishment. It was written in reaction to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and as an indictment on racism in the American South. Listen closely to the end of the episode where darkness is noted in other parts of the country and world.



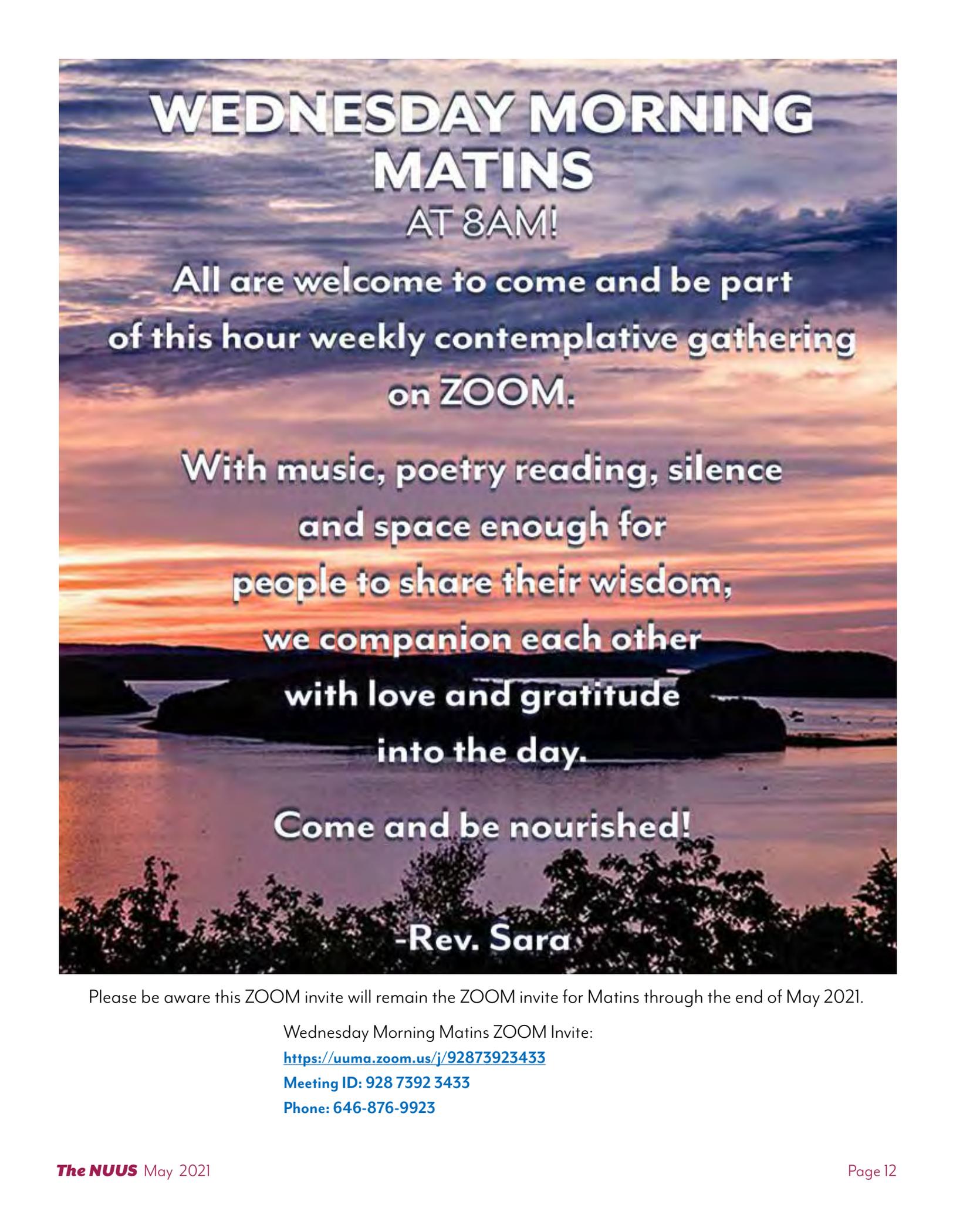
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# **WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS AT 8AM!**

**All are welcome to come and be part  
of this hour weekly contemplative gathering  
on ZOOM.**

**With music, poetry reading, silence  
and space enough for  
people to share their wisdom,  
we companion each other  
with love and gratitude  
into the day.**

**Come and be nourished!**

**-Rev. Sara**

Please be aware this ZOOM invite will remain the ZOOM invite for Matins through the end of May 2021.

Wednesday Morning Matins ZOOM Invite:

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

Meeting ID: 928 7392 3433

Phone: 646-876-9923



# MAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Spring Greetings!

In April the children explored the monthly theme of Becoming. We also started a Love in Action project, reclaiming the Outdoor Sanctuary. On a cold April Sunday, 17 children, parents and RE Committee members showed up to clear downed trees and limbs, rake and create a path to the Outdoor Sanctuary. Partnering with the Grounds and Landscape Committee, we hope to have this lovely space ready for use in September. The path will have woodchips for most of the trail. Wet and uneven parts of the path will have boardwalk that will be assembled by the children. Simple benches will also be assembled by the children to provide seating. A vote will come to the congregation at the May Parish meeting to name this space “The Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary”. While most of the work will be done by the children, parents and RE Committee members, there will be opportunities for the entire congregation to help in the months ahead.

Our Theme for May will be Story. We will have Children’s Chapel each Sunday in May except the last Sunday, when Anne will be on vacation. An email Lesson Plan will be sent to parents for that Sunday. We also will continue our Love in Action project and will begin our warmer weather fieldtrips.

May Religious Education Calendar:

**SUNDAY, MAY 2**

**Stories Remind Us Who We Are as Unitarian Universalists**

*Zoom Children’s Chapel 8:45-9:30 am*

**SUNDAY, MAY 9**

**Stories Remind Us Who We Are as a Family**

*Zoom Children’s Chapel 8:30-9:30 am*

**SUNDAY, MAY 16**

**Collaborative Chapel**

*Children’s Chapel with UU Belfast 8:45-9:30 am*

**Outdoor Sanctuary Work, 2-5 pm**

*Pizza from Finelli’s*

*For children, parents and RE Committee (Please bring rakes, and wear protective appropriate footwear and gloves)*

**SUNDAY, MAY 23**

**Stories Remind Us Who We Are as Living & Interconnected Beings**

*Zoom Children’s Chapel 8:30-9:30 am*

**SATURDAY, MAY 29**

**Field Trip to Birds Acre, 10:00-12:00 with Anne and Jude Lamb.**

**Jude will lead us on a search for Lady Slippers. Pizza from Finelli’s after the hike. Parents are invited to attend with their children.**

**SUNDAY, MAY 30**

**Stories Remind Us Who We Are as Living & Interconnected Beings**

*Zoom Children’s Chapel 8:30-9:30 am*

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**Here is the invite for each Children's Chapel in May:**

**Anne Noseworthy Ossanna is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: Children's Chapel**

**Time: Every week on Sun, until May 23, 2021, 5 occurrence(s)**

**May 2, 2021 08:30 AM**

**May 9, 2021 08:30 AM**

**May 16, 2021 08:30 AM**

**May 23, 2021 08:30 AM**

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0qc-6srTksHd0WuplKHZlJehWIPGTWb8Qd/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhqT8tHteXth6ORpx5B4-gKOjztnpdgqcNqwrIKgt7eFL8E-p1PoJYJO\\_S](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0qc-6srTksHd0WuplKHZlJehWIPGTWb8Qd/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhqT8tHteXth6ORpx5B4-gKOjztnpdgqcNqwrIKgt7eFL8E-p1PoJYJO_S)

Join Zoom Meeting

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# ACE...ADULT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION...ACE

## UUCE & THE 8<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPLE

The Proposed 8th Principle NE Workshop with Paula Cole Jones was attended by UUCE's team, Karen Volckhausen, Jana, Robinson, and Cecily Judd. Thank you for representing UUCE at this NE Forum.

**The 8th: 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 institutions.**

### May 9:

9 am (Sunday)

Featuring: Evelyn Foster with  
Jude Lamb.



## CAREGIVING



**May 14:** (Friday) 12:30-2 pm. All UUCE folks and Church partners in Belfast and Castine, are invited to hear Amy Westcott, LCSW, of Northern Light's Home Care and Hospice of HC speak on CAREGIVING. An Apres Vie Event. She will discuss the aspects of caring for a loved one at home by family and caregivers. Amy is not to be missed! Bring your questions and concerns.

*Uplifting! Warm! Engaging! Helpful! Caring! Welcoming!*

Amy Wescott is a Mainer, born and raised, who has served families throughout Hancock and Washington Counties for the past ten years as a hospice and home care social worker. Since 2014, she has served with her interdisciplinary team at Northern Light Home Care & Hospice, supporting individuals and their families to cope with chronic illness and end of life. Amy is inspired by the relationships and spirit of collaboration among countless community resources organizations also working to improve quality of life and independence at home for residents of Hancock County. She has a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from the University of Maine at Orono and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Southern Maine. Off duty, Amy enjoys time with family and friends, often exploring Maine's outdoors by foot or paddle board.

### May 28: 7 pm:

Adult documentary, **INVISIBLE.**  
The Truth and Reconciliation of the  
Wabanaki in the Dawnland/Maine.



# COLLABORATIVE NEWS FROM YOUR CMT

## SPRING 2021 FAITH AND RENEWAL PROGRAMS

Join us on May 16 for our last collaborative service of the year. We'll release our intern, Bettina Lehovc, from covenant, and celebrate our bonds as collaborating congregations.

Special guest worship leader Reverend Mariela Pérez-Simons will speak to us about "Savoring and Serving Life."

Mariela says: "Savoring and Serving is a theological and social framework to help us find a healing balance in life. Savoring and Serving as a way of healing ourselves and the planet, as a spiritual practice, as a social responsibility, as a way of honoring the life-force that moves through us and to give back generously to the whole web of life."

Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons (she/her) is a Cuban-American UU minister who teaches about religious naturalism, soul, social change, and emotional intelligence. Rev. Mariela was born and grew up in Cuba under a dictatorship at a time when religion was forbidden, which instilled in her a commitment to the freedom of individuals to seek truth and meaning on their own terms and create change in the world. She and her family became political refugees in the United States in 1995. Rev. Mariela earned a Masters of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School where she received the Charles Billings Prize in Preaching (given to a graduating student for excellence in preaching) and The Faculty Prize for Religious Leadership (given to a graduating student whose tenure at Meadville embodies the values of liberal religious ministry.) Her website is [www.revmariaela.com](http://www.revmariaela.com)

— Your Collaborative Ministry Team



# FROM THE GARDENS

## LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Landscape and Grounds Committee has been happily busy with preparing the gardens for the growing season. We have weeded, transplanted, spread topsoil and mulch and generally tidied our precious grounds. We have added two new beds to catch the eye when entering our parking lot and have planted and transplanted in those areas at the beginning and the end of the circular drive. The two metal benches, usually found at the entrance to the church, are being sanded and repainted and will soon be returned to their usual place on either side of the bright red front door. The Charles Bassett Daffodils are near peak blooming and are not to be missed. We have seen visitors coming to take pictures and just to enjoy the display. Other blooms are popping up all over and are well worth viewing. Taking advantage of the great spring weather, we have had such fun bringing our gardens to new life.



Bronwen Day, Chair

We are fortunate to have two beautiful flowering fruit trees given as memorials to our church. These trees have been the center pieces of our spring gardens over the years. The crabapple tree is seen from the sanctuary windows in the daffodil garden. It was donated in 1975 by Helen Boucek in memory of her husband, Vincent when he passed away that year. Her name was added to the memorial plaque when she passed away in 1999. They were both active members of our congregation.



The flowering cherry tree planted along the circular drive outside of the RE wing was given by Dot Noe in 1982 in memory of her husband Robert when he passed away. Her name was added to the plaque after she passed in 2007. They too were active members of our church family.

Look for the memorial plaques designating their names hanging from the low branches near the trunks of each tree. We are thankful for the beauty these two memorials have given us over the many years they have graced our grounds. They will be in full bloom in the next few weeks.

Submitted by Betty Massie

# FERRY BEACH REGISTRATION

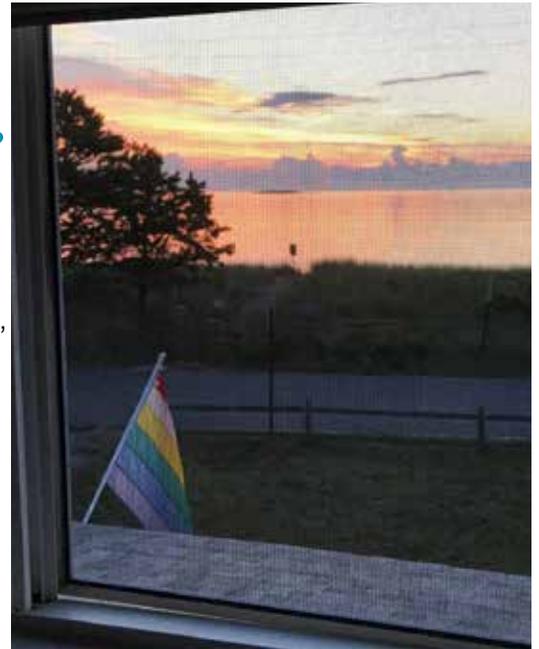
August 24-27, 2021

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:

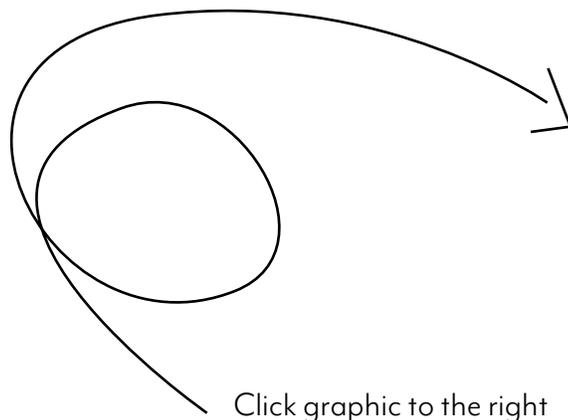
- Adults 18+ \$325.00 each (includes shared dorm room, housekeeping, programming and 8 meals)
- Adults 18+ \$375.00 each (includes ADA double room, housekeeping, programming and 8 meals)
- Youth 9-17 \$130.00 each (includes shared dorm or campsite with parent(s), housekeeping, programming and 8 meals)
- 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.



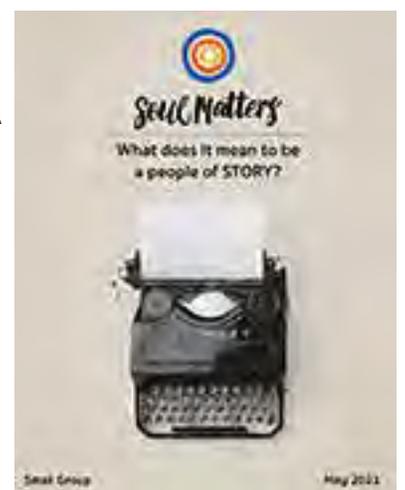
There is a you telling yourself  
another story of you.  
Listen to her.

-Pádraig Ó Tuama

**MAY'S THEME IS**  
**STORY**



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# MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

FROM OUR UUCE BOARD PRESIDENT

A welcome to our New Members, joining us at the beginning of May. Looking back at last month, April was been a busy month for UUCE.

We started our **Stewardship Pledge Drive for the FY 2021-22**. I want to thank those of you who **Treasure Our Connections** and have made your pledges and recognize and thank Betty Massie and the Stewardship Committee (Evelyn Foster, Robin Lovrien, Dave Szarmach, Janet Szarmach, Margaret Thurston, Rev. Sara Hayman, and Jeff Jeude). I also encourage those who have not yet pledged to please continue supporting our beloved community as we remain there for each other. By supporting our church we can do more for each other and join together do more for our world. Jacques-Yves Cousteau said, "It takes generosity to discover the whole through others. If you realize you are only a violin, you can open yourself up to the world by playing your role in the concert."



We also held a Congregational Conversation about our proposed **Bylaws** followed by a special meeting when they were accepted by vote of the congregation. Thank you to all who, after reviewing the draft sent to you prior to the meeting, made comments and suggestions either ahead of time or at the gathering. As noted, the board is seeking volunteers for a Task Force to address methods of conducting congregational meetings (we currently use *Robert's Rules of Order* and in the Bylaws review, members questioned if that method of conducting the meeting supported white supremacy). Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the task force.

As **Loaves and Fishes** 20-year lease was ending, the food pantry's need to expand led to their purchase of a large plot of land on Main Street for a larger food pantry building, community gardens, and more. While their future home is being planned and constructed, your board has extended their lease through December 2022 with an option to extend it for until their new site is move-in ready. We will miss their close-by presence but continue to support their work and applaud their plans to expand and create new programs.

Our committees, task forces, and groups continue their work focused on their interests and described in policies and charges, including a May 23 proposed budget for 2021-22 up for a congregational vote on May 23 (with a budget hearing held after worship services on May 16); a return to services that are a hybrid of in-person and online meetings; getting our grounds ready for spring; working to revive the outdoor sanctuary; planning the June 2021 Yard Sale; waiting--with duck sauce ingredients at the ready--to hear if the Common Ground Fair will take place this year (a special year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association), and much more.

May also looks busy, with new members, a **proposed budget hearing** (May 16) and our **Annual Congregational Meeting** (May 23) for adoption of the budget and election for president, vice-president, treasurer, monitor, and board member at large.

*Gary Shellehamer, UUCE Board President*

# STAYING CONNECTED

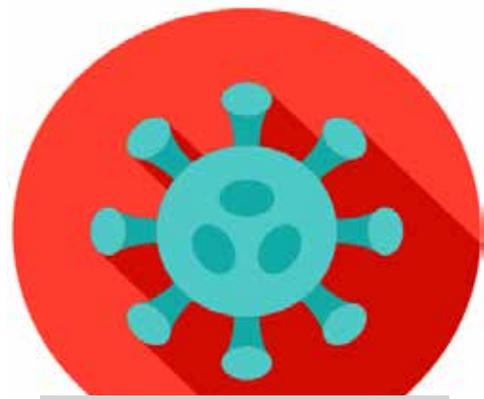
## UUCE OFFICE

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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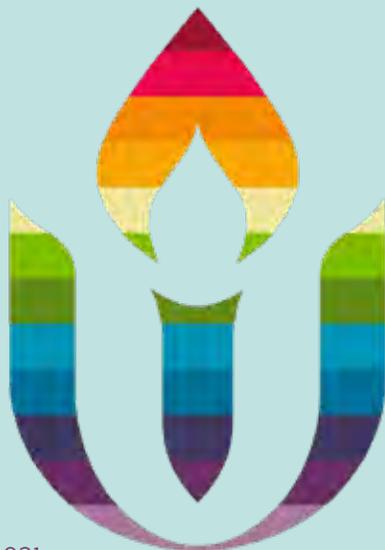
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## UUCE'S AFFIRMATION OF COVENANT

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 8

Wayne H. Smith  
UUCE Historian

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

### JEANETTE MASON STRATTON

Jeanette Mason was born on Jan. 7, 1920 in Newark, New Jersey, the second child and only daughter of **Fred Livingston Mason, Jr.** and **Gertrude Marie (Grapel) Mason** of Ellsworth. In 1944, she married a man named Miller and had four children by him, three girls: Judith, Jeanne, and Joyce, and one son: John Rockword Miller. On Aug. 6, 1971 in Ellsworth, she married Harry Langley "Hal" Stratton, born on Dec. 29, 1898 in Ellsworth to Henry Clifton Stratton and his second wife Annie J. Langley, both of Ellsworth. Jeanette died seven years later on April 11, 1979 in Rochester, NY and her husband followed her four years later, passing on June 22, 1983 in Ellsworth. She was buried in Woodbine Cemetery in Ellsworth.



The home of Fred and Gertrude Mason on Beale Ave. in Ellsworth

### FRED A. SHEA

**Fred Albert Shea** was born on Oct. 23, 1895 in Ellsworth, one of the five children of Michael A. Shea and Minnie Amelia Brown of Ellsworth. On June 9, 1924 in Ellsworth, he married **Eleanor Frances Alexander**, born on May 21, 1901 in Ellsworth, one of the two daughters of **Charles Edgar Alexander** and his wife **Georgia Harden "Georgie" Frazier**. Fred and Eleanor would go on to have one daughter, Ernestine. Fred found employment at Alexander's Pharmacy which had been founded on Main Street in Ellsworth by his father-in-law, and in 1928 he was one of only three in a class of twenty to pass the rigid examination allowing him to be certified as a registered pharmacist. Along with his wife, he eventually became the owner of the pharmacy which over the years became the site of many activities of the Women's Alliance in which Georgie played such an active role. Fred was also active in the Masons, the Blanquefort Commandery, and the Knights Templar. He was very active in the Unitarian Church, the Cordelia Stanwood Bird Club, and the Woodbine Cemetery Association. Fred died on June 13, 19980 at a hospital in Bangor, and his wife Eleanor died on Dec. 2, 1985 in Ellsworth. They were both buried in Woodbine Cemetery.



Eleanor and Fred Shea at a church supper

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## LEONA H. ROYAL

**Leona Gertrude Henry** was born on Sept. 18, 1910 in Woodland, Maine, the youngest of the nine children of Herman Everett Henry and his wife Ada B. Bishop of Aroostook County. A month after her 20th birthday, on Oct. 26, 1920, she married **Edwin E. Royal**, born on Jan. 12, 1902 in Eden, Maine (now Bar Harbor), the oldest of the four children of **Edwin L. Royal** of Ellsworth and **Grace M. Raymond** of Caribou. Edwin and Leona were to have two children: Richard E. Royal and Margaret L. Royal. Edwin was a barber in Ellsworth for 39 years. Both Edwin and Leona were very active in the Unitarian Church. Edwin died on Aug. 23, 1962 in Ellsworth, and Leona survived him by 19 years, passing on Aug. 2, 1981 in Ellsworth. They were both buried in Woodbine Cemetery.

## HORACE B. PEASE

**Dr. Horace Barnes Pease** was born in Albany, New York on March 3, 1908, the son of Herbert Dodge Childs Pease, originally of Charlestown, Massachusetts, and his wife Amy Barnes, originally of New Hampshire.



He graduated from Harvard College with a BS degree in 1930 and spent a year at Cambridge University in England before entering Harvard Medical School. After graduating from the HMS in 1935, he entered practice in Internal medicine in Springfield, MA. On April 3, 1940 in Middletown, NY, he married **Helen Kezia Buck**, daughter of Louis Ira Buck of New York and Florence Huxtable of Columbia, New York. After serving in the Army from 1942 to 1946, Horace and Helen later settled in Springfield and had two sons: Richard Warren Pease and David Murray Pease. Dr. Pease later served as Director of University Health at Central Michigan University, and came to Ellsworth in 1964 to practice family medicine as a member of the staff of Maine Coast Memorial Hospital. Dr. Pease died unexpectedly on Sept. 8, 1981 in Bangor. He and his wife had been active members of the Ellsworth Unitarian Church. After his death, Helen later married **Rev.**

**Harland Swan "Pete" Evans**, former minister at the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth, on Oct. 21, 1984. She died on May 19, 1987 at her home in Ellsworth. Pete died on Dec. 5, 2003 in Hampden.

## ROBERT A. NOE

**Robert Alexander "Bob" Noé** was born on March 11, 1908 in Southampton, Pennsylvania, the youngest of the three children on William Leeds Noe Sr. and Mary Emma Borsdorff of New York City. He was a graduate of the George School, a private Quaker boarding school in Middletown, PA. He later attended West Chester State Teachers College in West Chester, PA where he met his future wife, **Dorothy Marian "Dot" Hauck**. Dot was there studying music and Bob was studying history and French, graduating in 1932. When Dot saw him, she said, "He looked good to me." They dated for a long time as he wanted to finish his degree before getting

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married. Bob got his MA degree from Temple University in education, and another degree in history from the University of Arizona. They got married on Jan. 29, 1940 in Mexico City, Mexico. He eventually also got a Ph.D. degree in French from the University of Dijon, France. As Dot said, “He had the language.” Bob had also studied Russian, Chinese, and Spanish.



Robert A. Noy

For years Dot taught public school music in Pennsylvania and Bob worked at a nursery near Philadelphia doing landscaping. He was also a pilot and enjoyed doing aerial photography. From 1942 to 1954, Bob was a Navy captain in the Office of Naval Research engaged in setting up training programs in the use of new weapons in Central America, South America, and French Algeria.

Bob and Dot moved to Maine in January of 1953, and four days after he was released from active duty with the Navy, he enrolled for two and a half years of study at Bangor Theological Seminary. For him, according to an article in the *Bangor Daily News*, it was “a quest for the power which spurs men to super-human acts, a search for the imponderable force which enables them to accomplish the impossible when under pressure.” While at BTS, he and Dot realized that they were actually Unitarians. He had been raised in the Baptist faith, whereas Dot had been a Lutheran, but neither felt completely comfortable in those faiths. After he graduated from BTS in 1956,



Dot and Robert Noy

they came to Ellsworth and Bob spent six months as the not-yet-ordained student minister of the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth, then located on the corner of Main St. and Oak St. They lived in the church parsonage on Elm Street which had two bedrooms upstairs and a small attic, but in general they found the house too small. He also found that the work of a student minister was difficult work, especially during the winter when it snowed and only ten or twelve people would show up for Sunday services. Although the church was heated, all of the members were quite elderly and no one wanted to deal with the extremely cold weather

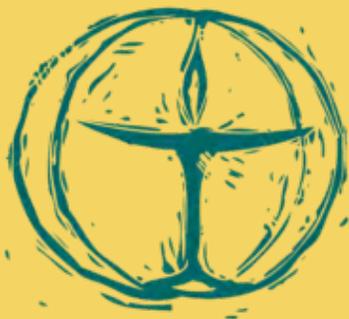
In 1956, Bob accepted a position at Mount Desert High School where he taught for two years. Then, in 1958, after receiving two weeks of summer naval training in Boston, the couple moved to Maryland where he accepted yet another two-year teaching position. But Maine was still calling to them, and beginning in 1960, they returned to Ellsworth and Bob became a well-loved teacher of French at Ellsworth High School where he worked for twelve years until 1972. In the spring of 1961, Bob and Dot purchased their home at 31 Elm Street from James Wiggin.

Bob died unexpectedly on July 24, 1982 when he fell while pruning a tree near his house. In addition to his blood relatives, he also left four Godchildren in Guatemala. His wife Dot continued to be active at UUCE until her death in Ellsworth on May 11, 2007 at the age of 96.

## 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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<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>Hospitality Ministry Coordinator:</b> Jeff Jeude
<b>Aesthetics:</b> vacant	<b>Landscaping and Grounds:</b> Bron Day
<b>Auction:</b> Margaret Thurston, Lori Johnson-Pannier, Jeff Jeude	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes:</b> Beth Pepper, Nina Turner
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance:</b> vacant	<b>Membership:</b> Nancy Avila
<b>Charitable Giving:</b> Rev. Sara Hayman, Nancy Guy	<b>Pastoral Care Ministry:</b> Eric Uberseder
<b>Choir:</b> Haydée Foreman	<b>Peace and Social Action:</b> Doug Bird
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<b>Committee on Ministry:</b> Karen Volckhausen	<b>Children's Religious Education:</b> Linda Uberseder
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<b>Ferry Beach Director:</b> Anne Ossanna	<b>Technology Coordinator:</b> Lori Johnson
<b>Fiscal Matters:</b> Connie Bailey	<b>Wayside Pulpit:</b> Nancy Guy
<b>Flowers:</b> Bronwen Day	<b>Website:</b> vacant
<b>Green Sanctuary:</b> Paul Kelley	<b>Worship Arts:</b> vacant
<b>History/Archives:</b> Wayne Smith	<b>Yard Sale:</b> Beth Pepper

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