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

Cultivating Relationships

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

Honoring The Children, 10:00 service

Sherri Mitchell, Guest Worship Leader

Revs. Amy Fiorilli & Sara Hayman, Worship Associates

PASA hosted forum w/ Sherri Mitchell after worship!

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

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Meeting ID: 469 537 6814

Phone: 646-558-8656

We are honored to have Sherri Mitchell as our guest worship leader today. Sherri Mitchell is a deeply respected member of the Penobscot nation, a lawyer, spiritual leader, author and activist.

In this collaborative worship service with our Belfast congregation, we'll acknowledge the significance and impact of the horrific uncovering of Native Children's mass graves at religious boarding schools in North America. Given the horrible grief and trauma being felt at this time, Sherri will lift this up and invite us to reflect on what our responsibility as white people might be in standing with and for Native people now.

Following this worship service, all are welcome to participate in a forum with Sherri, hosted by social justice lay leaders from our Ellsworth & Belfast congregations.

SUNDAY, OCT. 10

Care for the Earth

Rev. Sara Hayman & Vanessa Williams,

Collaborative Intern Minister, Worship Leaders

Apple Picking at 2pm Johnson's Orchard in Ellsworth!

- All are welcome!

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OCTOBER SERVICES CONTINUED

This Sunday, our Ellsworth and Castine congregations worship together and will honor Indigenous People's Day by reflecting on indigenous wisdom and cultural practices that more skillfully guide us to participate in caring for the earth and restoring our kinship relationship with all of creation.

SUNDAY, OCT. 17

I Choose You

Jeff Jeude, Worship Leader; Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Associate
Virtual Breakout Room w/ 8th Principle Taskforce Members After Worship
– All are welcome!

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We all have many different reasons for being here, but I like to think that we all have one common reason for being here: Love. Over everything else, we are here because we are the people who choose love. We do not have a bloodline, but we have a deep unconditional love that runs through us all. We choose that love. We choose each other. Our hearts echo, “I choose you, I am here, I am here, I am here.” Emma Merchant

SUNDAY, OCT. 24

Deepening Connections to Build Beloved Community

Rev. Sara Hayman and UUCE's 8th Principle Task Force Members,
Worship Leaders
Fall Congregational Mtg at 2pm on ZOOM!

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Deepening relationships among us is a big part of building Beloved Community in our spiritual home. In our journey to explore the 8th Principle, let's start with ourselves and our community: When you came to UUCE, what did you want to find? How curious and willing are we to listen to each other and share who we are? In this worship service, in the spirit of vulnerable sharing and conversation, we hope you'll stretch with us to deepen and widen the circle we create.

SUNDAY, OCT. 31

Igniting the Fuse: Honoring Our UUCE History

Rev. Sara Hayman & Wayne Smith, Worship Leaders; Rev. Charles Stephens, UUCE Minister Emeritus & Jude Lamb, Special Guests

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On this Sunday which marks the 156th anniversary of the founding of the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth, we will look back at some of the roots of our congregation. Who was behind the founding of our church and what were they were looking for when creating a new religious home? Come, learn more about our congregation's history and a few of its visionary and shaping ancestors.

OCTOBER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Fall Greetings,

Like many of you, I am looking forward to the day when we can safely return to in person worship and church school. As you can imagine, significant plans and tasks must be done before that can happen. Many conversations with my Religious Education colleagues, the COVID-19 Task Force, the RE Committee members and Rev. Sara have already occurred. On October 6th the parents will have a chance to make their needs known when we have a ZOOM Parent Meeting. Organizing the main classroom and assembling “kits” for the children have already begun. The nursery is being set up and we are adding a space in the nursery for our new Spirit Play class for children ages 4-6.

In October we will be exploring Cultivating Relationship in many ways, which will include: ZOOM Children’s Chapel; Zoom Parent meeting; an Email Lesson Plan; Multiple All Ages Gatherings and hopefully In Person church school, beginning October 24th.

Along with Spirit Play for our 4-6 year old children we will be offering a new UUA curricula for children and their parents/grandparents/caregivers.

Circle of Trees, a Multigenerational Tapestry of Faith Program, was brought to my attention by a colleague. She knew about our working on the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary and came across this curricula and thought it might be a good fit. Below is a description:

“Circle of Trees is a multigenerational program of eight workshops that nurture deep connection with trees, nature, and all of earth’s living creatures. The program uses trees as an entry point to understand and connect with life on earth. Across many cultures, trees are recognized as a symbol of life on earth—for example the biblical Tree of Life. Even young children understand trees as sustainers of life, fundamental engines of life on earth as we know it. Trees create and purify the air we breath. They house and provide resources for myriad creatures, including humans. They bring us peace, joy and delight.”



The goals of the program are:

- Provide a basic understanding of why trees are, literally, “providers of life”
- Identify threats to trees and the web of life and provide inspiration to take action.
- Explore using methods that are spiritual, non-intellectual, with the hope of fostering deep connection.
- Provide meaningful ways in which participants can actively promote the health of trees and by, extension, the web of life
- Reinforce the concept of interdependence as expressed in the seventh Unitarian Universalist Principle, “Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part”
- Affirm that stewardship of the earth is an explicit act of Unitarian Universalist faith

Circle of Trees will be offered in the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary on the 3rd Sunday from October 2021 to May 2022. children/parents/grandparents and caregivers are invited to dress warmly, wear a mask and be ready for some meditation, story and interactive movement activities.

October Religious Education Calendar:

Sunday, October 3rd: Exploring Cultivating Relationship ZOOM Children’s Chapel with Anne and Linda - 8:45-9:30 am.

Wednesday, October 6th: ZOOM Parent Meeting with Anne, Rev. Sara and Linda from 8:00-9:00 pm.

Sunday, October 10th: Exploring Cultivating Relationship email lesson plan; All Ages Apple Picking at Johnston’s Orchard 2:00-4:00 pm - mask required.

Sunday, October 17th: Circle of Trees In Person Session for Children/Parents/Caregivers in the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary 2:00-3:15 pm - Masks required.

Sunday, October 24th: Tentative In Person Church School 10:30-11:30 am (pre-registration required, outside unless inclement weather, facial mask required both outdoors and indoors). Spirit play and nursery provided with pre-registration.

Saturday, October 30th: All Ages UUCE Halloween Costume Parking Lot Party 2:00-4:00 pm - Dancing, Spook Walk, Bonfire with s’mores, Trunk Trick or Treating. Mask required.

Sunday, October 31st: Tentative In Person Church School 10:30-11:30 am (registration required, outside unless inclement weather, facial mask required both indoors and outdoors). Spirit Play and nursery provided with pre-registration.

MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN

In late September, I'm grateful I was able to spend 48 hours at the Alcyon Center on personal retreat. I highly recommend this local retreat center run by Kathryn Booth and Joan Jordan Grant, UCC ministers and Spiritual Directors. (<https://alcyoncenter.org/retreats>)

When I got to Alcyon and walked down the boardwalk to the front door of the main building, I noticed Joan standing in the doorway waiting to greet me. Seeing her there, some tight and tender place inside me loosened and gave way. I smiled and whispered to her (all I could manage in that moment), "I'm so glad to be here. Thank you."

On the best of days, it's a struggle to keep my daily practice with silence, with sitting still, with consciously breathing in and breathing out for a time, with doing this because I know it saves me, it grounds me, it helps me siphon off the anxiety or overwhelm that's often just below surface. During this time so full of planning and shifting gears and imagining and re-imagining how and when we'll come back together in person safely enough, spending time in silence is something I need to be able to be flexible and stay grounded.

We human beings need "deepening place," Joan Chittister writes. We need the daily experience of spacious moments that might help us connect and re-connect again in our bodies with spirit and soul, with the life force at work in all of us. May we all be making time and space to do this.

Yours in shared ministry,
Rev. Sara



Tuesday, September 21st
after sitting in the gazebo
with Joan and Kathryn
for morning meditation:

Remember this moment.

It's chilly.

It's turning to fall,

The red squirrel is buzzing in the woods.

The tide is out, mud and rock exposed.

Notice the gift of this day.

Know to be here now, all of me:

To soak in what's here. To rest. To feel.

To make room in me for Spirit to be felt,

Spirit that's a part of me always.



APPLE PICKING

AT JOHNSON'S APPLE ORCHARD

All are invited to go Apple Picking at Johnston's Apple Orchard

Sunday, October 10, 2:00-4:00 pm.



We will meet at Johnston's and pick apples for our individual use.
Masks are required at this time.

MONTHLY COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

Monthly Collaborative Anti-Racism Conversations

Starting Tuesday, October 12th at 4pm on ZOOM

Revs. Amy Fiorilli, Sara Hayman, Margaret Beckman and Collaborative Intern Minister Vanessa Williams will take turns facilitating these 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. All are welcome!

These monthly collaborative anti-racism conversations will begin again on ZOOM each 2nd TUESDAY from 4-5:30pm, October 2021 through May 2022. They are open to the members and friends of our three congregations. We hope you'll put these dates on your calendar now and plan to participate in the year ahead!

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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

Meeting ID: 469 537 6814

Phone: 646-558-8656



OCTOBER UUCE HIKES

Please RSVP to Join a Hike. Hikes will be cancelled if there are fewer than 4 hikers or inclement weather.

Wednesday October 13 1:00: Drumlin Path – Great Pond Mountain Wildlands, Orland

3 mile loop with some moderate ups and downs and some rocky uneven footing. Should be beautiful in the Fall. Meet at the Wildlands South Gate parking lot on Highway 1 just beyond the intersection with Hwy 176 - approximately 10 miles south from UUCE coming from Ellsworth. **RSVP Mary Murray**, marydmurray@comcast.net or text 239-699-0150



Saturday October 23 10:00: Great Head Trail – Acadia NP

2 mile loop of easy to moderate difficulty – a few rock scrambles, some uneven footing, but mostly flat. The Trail offers spectacular ocean views along a coastal headland. Meet at the trailhead at the Great Head parking lot, at the end of Schooner Head Road. This lot is small. It may help to park in the Schooner Head overlook parking lot and carpool to the Great Head lot, if possible. **RSVP Kathy Hall**, kathy-hall@comcast.net or text 804-514-0462.

OUR PLATE SPLIT for October is with **Next Step Domestic Violence Project**, assisting people in Hancock and Washington Counties whose lives are directly affected by domestic abuse.



UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

Oct-Dec 2021	Next Step Domestic Violence Project
Jan-Mar 2022	Families First Community Center
Apr-June 2022	Wabanaki Public Health

CIRCLE OF LOVE AND TRUST

Katherine Hubner, Host

4-Mondays at 6:30pm on ZOOM: October 18th, 25th, November 1st and 8th

All are welcome to join this 4-week series on Monday October 18th, October 25th, November 1st, and November 8th at 6:30pm

We will join together in a circle of love and trust. Be present with others in our beloved community. All are invited to share/check in with the group for 2-3 minutes. Each share will be silently lifted up and held by the group in this sacred space. Everyone is welcome to attend, sharing is voluntary and participants are asked to honor each other's confidentiality. For more information, feel free to contact Katherine at kather_81@yahoo.com

ZOOM INVITE:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/99548408011>

MEETING ID: 995 4840 8011

PHONE: 646-876-9923



A POEM

FROM OUR INTERN
MINISTER

Filling

By Vanessa L. T. Williams

9/26/2021

Who were you yesterday?
Who are you today?
Time it passes and
we are always in this moment
Alive,
Never in the past
Nor future,
Always the now,
We are,
Being,
Experiencing,
Telling of what we know,
Keepers of the past,
From our memory of the passed,
Our souls the constant
That bind together the moments,
Stringing minutes, hours, days,
Into years, decades, lifetimes,
Soul filling self;
Spirit filling soul,
Filling time,
Filling now,
Filling,
Being,
Who we are.

Thank you.

Warmly,

Vanessa



UUCE ZOOM DANCE PARTY

Friday, October 22nd 7:00-7:45pm

Put on your dancing shoes and join ACE for a fun filled event of music and dancing from the comfort of your own home. We welcome you to bring your musical requests. Let's have fun, laugh, and experience community in this lighthearted way. DJ's Katherine Hubner and Rev. Sara!

ZOOM INVITE:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/92224130578>

MEETING ID: 922 2413 0578

PHONE: 646-876-9923





Save
the
Date

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

for our first in-person Sunday service since March 2020 and our Fall Parish Meeting!

We are hoping to meet in person on Sunday October 24. **This will be followed at 2pm by a Zoom meeting to conduct our Fall Parish Meeting.**

Although we usually have meetings immediately following the service, we are making it later so that people who came to church will have time for lunch and to return home prior to the Zoom meeting.

Join us to hear about our current fiscal status; new audio-visual updates; and the new 8th Principle Task Force creation and charge. This latter item is an exciting step into the future of UU's by setting up and working with a new principle. The Committee on Congregational Engagement will be presenting a report on the steps they have taken to support established committees, as well as creating new ones. The Meeting Procedures Task Force charge will be presented; this was established to explore options to Robert's Rules currently used as our parliamentary procedure. And the Covid-19 Task Force will provide its most recent update on steps to be taken when in church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS AT 8AM!

All are welcome to come and be a part of this ½ hour weekly, contemplative gathering on ZOOM. With music, poetry, readings, silence and space enough for people to share their wisdom, we companion each other with love and gratitude into the day. Come, be nourished in this loving circle. ~ Rev. Sara
This link for Matins is good for the rest of the year!:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96669607701>

Meeting ID: 966 6960 7701

Phone: 646-876-9923

UUCE **COSTUME PARKING-LOT** HALLOWEEN PARTY

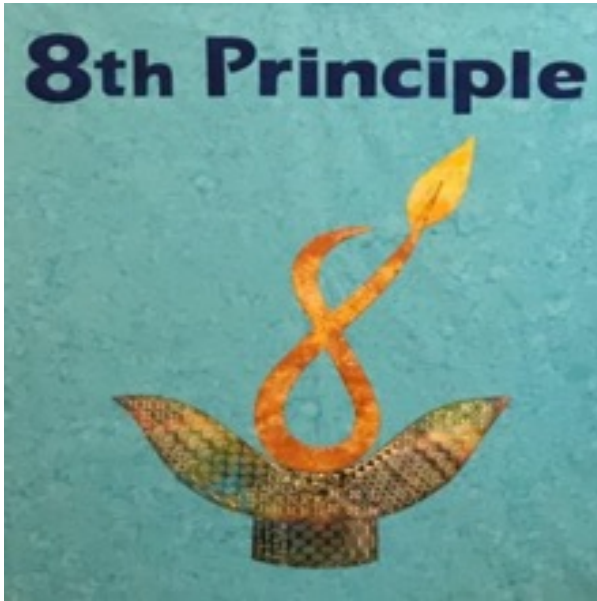
All are welcome to arrive in costume on October 30th for our UUCE Parking Lot Halloween Costume Party. There will be dancing, a SPOOK walk, a bonfire with s'mores and Trunk Trick or Treating. A mask is required and a donation of \$10.00/person or \$15:00/family suggested.

Pre-registration required and limited to 50 people.

Saturday October 30, 2:00-4:00 pm.



8TH PRINCIPLE TASK FORCE



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

The Board of Trustees of the UUCE recently approved the creation of an 8th Principle Task Force, which is charged to inform congregational members and engage them in conversations, with the vision and aim of journeying together and working toward the adoption of the 8th Principle by our congregation.

All of us look forward to talking with you, listening to you and answering questions. Members of the task force are Emma Macaillen, Barb Acosta, Haydée Foreman, Cecily Judd, Margarita Marnik, Marta Rieman, Jana Robinson, Karen Volckhausen, and Vanessa Williams.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS & YOU

FROM OUR UUCE BOARD PRESIDENT

Hello UUCE community, as we move into Autumn, I hope this finds you well in body, mind, and spirit. Your Board of Trustees held our retreat in August and resumed monthly meetings last month with a number of items on our agenda.



UUCE MEETING PROCEDURES: Last Spring you approved the updated UUCE Bylaws with the caveat that a task force be created with a charge to study possible procedures that provide more inclusivity during UUCE meetings. Currently, both board and congregational meetings use Robert’s Rules of Order and there is concern that XXX Your board unanimously approved a charge to the already formed task force to research the use of various methods of meeting procedures and to test at least 3 of these methods at board and congregational meetings (with the opportunity for committees and task forces to also experience the methods), getting congregational feedback and making a recommendation to the board and the congregation. For more information, [Click here to request a copy of the “Procedure of Conducting UUCE Meetings” document.](#)

THE 8TH PRINCIPLE: A number of years ago Paula Cole Jones, JPD (Joseph Priestley District—the mid-Atlantic district of the UUA, now subsumed into the larger Central East Regional Group, CERG) Director of Racial & Social Justice, developed the idea of the existence of 2 different paradigms in UU circles: the UU 7 Principles and Beloved Community (deep multiculturalism). After working with congregations on these issues for over 15 years, she realized that a person can believe they are being a “good UU” and following the 7 Principles without thinking about or dealing with racism and other oppressions at the systemic level. Jones also realized that an 8th Principle was needed to correct this, leading to an initial draft in 2013, which was refined and the UU Church of the Restoration in Philadelphia incorporated it into their Covenant at that time, then in May 2017 formally adopted it for themselves and recommended that the UUA adopt it.

The proposed 8th Principle states: “We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: 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.”

A group at UUCE began discussing, researching and furthering their education and requested that they be recognized as a UUCE task force to share the need for our UUCE beloved community to adopt the 8th principle. The board unanimously voted to create and charge a UUCE 8th Principle Task Force. [Click here](#)

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to request a copy of the “8th Principle Task Force” document.

You can read more about the 8th principle here: <https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/>

INSTALLATION OF OUR ENGINEERED AV TECH SYSTEM

An update on Hybrid Worship Services for UUCE:

As noted in the email from Rev. Sara and me, all the equipment for the tech system was ordered mid-July. Due to the pandemic, manufacturing and shipping both have delays that have happened. While we have received most of the equipment, we are waiting for the rest to arrive.

Sara’s office is fast becoming the TECH DESK area, and the wiring for both the sanctuary and the community room is starting to happen.

In the meantime, generous volunteers have been helping us ready spaces at UUCE. Sara’s office

We hope our new AV Tech System will allow a form of hybrid worship for the target date of October 24th. It looks like, even if all the hardware has not arrived, we will most likely be able to have a hybrid service, with audio and visual components, but not the full interactive service we will have once the system is installed.

We are working with the consultant and church volunteers on the installation.

Once received, we’ll work with our consultant and church volunteers to get everything installed for the 24th, with the possibility of the full interactivity coming once the hardware necessary for that arrives and is installed.

If you are interested in being trained on this new TECH System we’ll use for Sunday Morning Worship, please let us know!

Your board approved the Landscape & Grounds Committee proposal to thin the daffodil bulbs so the remaining plants will continue to bloom in the spring. The bulbs that were removed are available on October 16th for a donation to the L&G Committee reserve fund for future UUCE property improvements. Check the upcoming weekly e-News for more details or the website.

I look forward to seeing you at our October Congregational Meeting.

~ Gary Schellehamer, UUCE Board President

From the Gardens

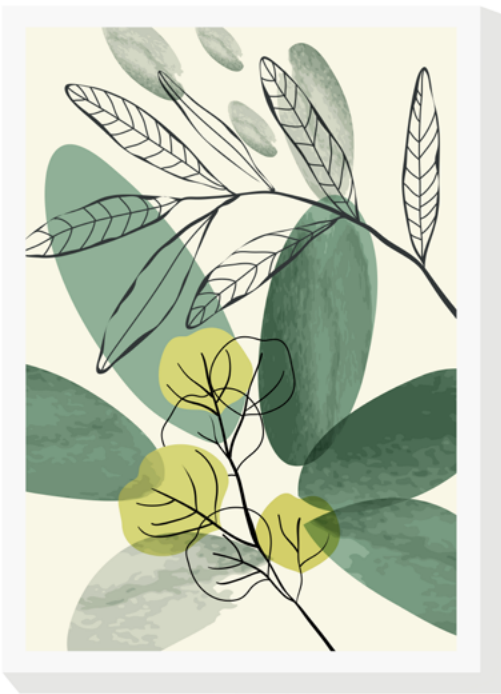
LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

William and Betty Jane MacMichael Memorial

After William died on January 6, 2009 at the age of 87 Betty Jane asked the UUCE Board of Trustees and was approved to “allow her to place a stone in memory of her husband, long time member, Bill. We enthusiastically endorsed this and asked that the Landscaping Committee work with Betty Jane as to a suitable location (and she should have ideas, since she knows our landscaping from soil up)”.

Bill passed away after a long struggle with Alzheimer’s Disease. Betty Jane passed away in March of 2021 at the age of 98. She was chair of the Landscaping Committee for about 20 years and would often bring in her own seedlings of heirloom tomatoes and others to sell as a fundraiser for the Landscaping Committee’s work. Her contributions to the gardens and landscaping were significant.

Look for the memorial stone in the sunken garden behind one of the benches.





Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

“LIGHTING THE F.U.S.E.” THE BUILD-UP TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF ELLSWORTH ON OCT. 31, 1865 PART I

Several seemingly disparate events, taken together, led up to the establishment of the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth in 1865. In 1802, the young Rev. Peter Nourse graduated from Harvard College and began yearly summer trips to the Ellsworth area where he finally settled and established a Congregational society in 1812. He was of the liberal persuasion. By 1810, Col. John Black had relocated to Ellsworth from which place he managed his very large land holdings in Maine. He was primarily engaged in lumbering. During the 1810s, members of the Jarvis family arrived in Surry where Leonard Jarvis II had also amassed large land holdings. His son Leonard III, a.k.a. “Leo,” arrived in Surry in 1816 after a 16-year stay in France and gradually became involved in politics. Leo’s younger brother Charles arrived in Surry in 1818 to manage their father’s lands and quickly became elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, representing Surry.

In 1820, Maine became a state, and Charles Jarvis worked hard to move Surry’s eastern boundary to the banks of the Union River. This move incurred the wrath of Col. John Black, Jarvis’s rival in business, who was already upset with Jarvis since he was becoming romantically involved with Black’s daughter Mary Ann. After an ardent written plea from Mary Ann to her father, he eventually relented and allowed the couple to marry on Dec. 15, 1820.

In 1821, Leo Jarvis became the sheriff of Hancock County, a position which he held until 1829, at which point he was elected to the U. S. Congress where he served for four terms, until 1837. Not to be outdone, his brother Charles was elected to four consecutive terms in the Maine House of Representatives, from 1832-1835.

On the religious front, William Ellery Channing delivered his famous sermon Unitarian Christianity in 1819 in Baltimore, which was subsequently published as a pamphlet and was widely circulated. Six years later, in 1825, the American Unitarian Association was established giving the Unitarian movement a solid foundation.

In 1828, Charles Jarvis hired David Dyer to construct his home on the Surry Road, which was considered a fine example of transitional Federal-Greek Revival styling. Within

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a year, however, his home suddenly became part of Ellsworth again as his father-in-law, Col. Black, succeeded in moving the Surry-Ellsworth boundary line back to its 1802 positions.

In 1831, Charles Jarvis's wife, Mary Ann, gave birth to their fifth child, Ann Frances Carr Jarvis, in the newly constructed Jarvis Homestead where Ann was to grow up. She later attended the public school classes in Ellsworth taught by Rev. Peter Nourse who had resigned from preaching in the Congregational church in 1835. In the words of historian Dr. Shannon Risk, Ann received "an education well above that of most girls in Maine" from a teacher/minister who was "more in concert with Unitarian beliefs...When Reverend Nourse took up a Unitarian ministry, he may have influenced the religious choices of students like Ann Greely. Greely's ancestry was linked to Channing's Unitarian Church, but her parents were Congregationalists. The charismatic Nourse advocated a church doctrine that allowed for more self-interpretation. Unitarianism lent itself to the reform movements of the day. Temperance workers and abolitionists looked to the Scriptures and directly to the life of Jesus to demonstrate that one should lead a sober life, and not enslave another human being. Woman suffragists also found value in the Bible, believing that, as separate souls, they too had the right to govern themselves. The suffragists felt that everyone was equal in the kingdom of heaven. Ann Greely remained partial to Unitarianism her whole life, and her 1914 funeral was conducted by a Unitarian minister."

As Rev. Nourse was in the process of retiring from preaching in 1835, those of his parishioners who had been fond of his style of preaching began Ellsworth's first attempt at establishing a Unitarian society. Among others, Charles Jarvis and his father-in-law John Black were instrumental in getting the Society off the ground, but in spite of firm financial backing and the calling of two (admittedly inexperienced) ministers, the effort failed in 1839.

In the meantime, Charles Jarvis was elected to the Maine Senate in 1836, and two years later became involved in the construction of a 100-mile military road between Mattawamkeag and Houlton. In February 1839, the (thankfully bloodless) Aroostook War



Ann Frances Carr (Jarvis) Greely

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had reached crisis level and Maine Governor Fairfield appointed Jarvis provisional land agent and, eventually, commander. By March, negotiations between the British and the US resulted in relaxed tensions and the volunteers under Jarvis's command were sent home. Jarvis remained involved with the military, and even ran a small military academy on his farm in northern Ellsworth which he placed under the command of his cousin Leonard Jarvis Whiting, a West Point graduate. In 1844, Charles was once again elected to the Maine House of Representatives.

In 1851, at the age of 20, Ann Jarvis purchased Thomas White's dry goods store on Main Street and turned it into a millinery shop called the "Old Stand." She thus became Ellsworth's first businesswoman and one of the first in Maine. As Risk stated: "This desire to travel her own road carried over into other things like woman suffrage.

In 1853, Ann married Everard H. Greely who was himself was engaged in a variety of business ventures, including groceries, coal, and the stable business. Ann kept up her millinery business and put off having her only child until 1867. Soon after her marriage, her father Charles Jarvis played a positive role in what was otherwise a sad chapter in Ellsworth's history. On the evening of October 13, 1854, Catholic priest Father John Bapst was tarred and feathered on Water Street after a dispute in an Ellsworth town meeting regarding which version of the Bible, Catholic or Protestant, should be used in the public schools. Bapst recovered from the incident and the next day, Sunday, he twice celebrated Mass. As Louis C. Hatch records in his history of Maine, "He was threatened with death, and his parishioners, armed with pitchforks and other rude weapons, gathered to protect him. A prominent Democratic politician, Mr. Charles Jarvis, induced them to disperse, taking the priest into his own house and promising to defend him with his life. The next morning Father Bapst again celebrated Mass and returned to Bangor."

With role models like her father, Ann was to become an avid temperance worker and suffragist, and her efforts came to a head in 1857 when the first suffrage petition was presented to the Maine State Legislature. She, along with her sister Sarah Jarvis and associate Charlotte Hill, put together a summer series of lectures on abolition and woman's suffrage, and were even able to secure the participation of abolitionist Wendell Phillips, suffragist Susan B. Anthony, and an African-American anti-slavery advocate, a Mr. Fowler of Boston. Included with the lecture series was a "woman's rights ball" in July of 1857 at Ellsworth's Whiting's Hall.

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STAYING CONNECTED

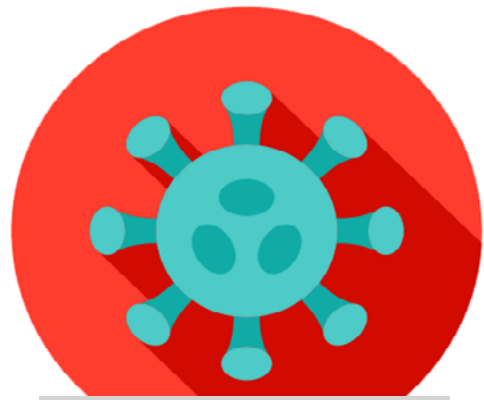
UUCE OFFICE

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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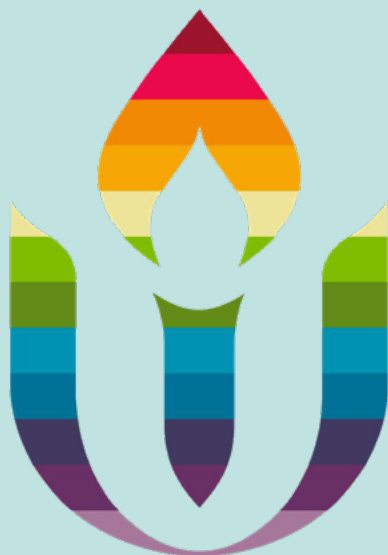
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Anne Ossanna:
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Marta Rieman:
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UUCE'S AFFIRMATION OF COVENANT

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.

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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Trustee: Sally Gervais to 2022	Moderator: John Fink

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

Adult Committee on Education: Emma Macaillen	Landscaping and Grounds: Bron Day
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