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

Opening to Joy

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, DEC. 5

Turn me into song....

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

This month's worship theme is OPENING TO JOY. It's what we want, isn't it—to be open to joy, to be able to laugh for real, to feel delight coursing through us? When it happens—when we feel joy—it's good, soul-nourishing medicine. In this service and sermon, we'll consider both what holds us back and what encourages and more readily equips us to experience joy.

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97011222800?pwd=WmpDQzBxcVVRVEJjSUNWbWZpTitMdz09>
Meeting ID: 970 1122 2800
Passcode: 773486
Phone: 646-558-8656

SUNDAY, DEC. 12

Joy and Struggle

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Jill Jeude, Worship Associate

In their song This Joy, singers in the Resistance Revival Chorus proclaim that our intrinsic and collective joy cannot be locked up, shut down or taken away, even during our darkest struggles. If we pay attention, if we root ourselves in love, joy is there alongside the struggle. In this service, we'll reflect the idea and reality that joy collected over time fuels resilience. Joy, after all, is an act of resistance.

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Meeting ID: 968 2685 3526
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DECEMBER SERVICES CONTINUED

SUNDAY, DEC. 19

Winter Solstice: Music and Musings

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Tori Bell, Worship Leader

8th Principle Virtual Break-out Room Conversation after worship!

Circle of Trees Winter Solstice Celebration at 2pm

in the Outdoor Sanctuary – All are welcome!

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94781348268?pwd=dzhUV2NSOU10ZEdlUGNBcUFVVlF HUT09>
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Passcode: 519089
Phone: 646-558-8656

As we approach the time of the Winter Solstice, we invite you to open yourself up to hear and feel the possibility of finding joy at the end of darkness. Come, enjoy music and readings that give voice to this bit of wisdom.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24

at 7 pm

Christmas Eve Worship Service: Come, Christmas!

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Bob Dickens, Worship Associate

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/92049113184?pwd=ZVVKTWZDTFla2l4cnVleGF3Uk8zQT09>
Meeting ID: 920 4911 3184
Passcode: 565172
Phone: 646-876-9923

Come, Christmas, writes Maureen Killoran. *Come, Love. Come, Hope. Be born in our unready hearts on this silent and holy night.* Tonight, we gather in body and spirit to sing beloved carols and re-tell an ancient story about the vulnerability and power of love that's born and re-born, again and again, into this world.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

Yet to be determined

Please be aware, this is a ZOOM ONLY Worship Service on 12/26!

More information will be forthcoming

in our weekly Wednesday emails

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94410894797?pwd=cEliRUJWUEJiTVpkai tpVFdZd20xUT09>
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Passcode: 227722
Phone: 646-876-9923

OUR PLATE SPLIT for November 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

MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN

Dear Ones,

Years ago, I copied these words by Angelus Silesius into my journal that's full of beloved poems and quotations I mean to live by:

"If in your heart you make a manger for his birth, then God will once again become a child on earth."

In all you do and share in this season of holy days, may the stars shine brightly above you, may peace shine softly within you, and may the love of Christmas light your way.

Rev. Sara



Click video image to the left to link to the video of Rev Sara 's Ministry Matters column.





CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT VESPERS SERVICES

THREE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (ONLY ON ZOOM):

December 1st, 8th and 15th at 7:00pm

All are welcome to come and be a part of these contemplative worship gatherings. With readings, music, silence and time to share, we'll listen together to hear some of wisdom at the heart of this season of holy days: waiting in darkness, longing for hope and the promise of the light's return.

ZOOM INVITE TO ALL three Vespers:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5157959121>

Meeting ID: 515 795 9121

Phone: 646-876-9923

WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS at 8 am



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

Wednesday Morning Matins Zoom Invite:

(This ZOOM Link is good for the rest of 2021!)

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

Meeting ID: 966 6960 7701

Phone: 646-876-9923

REVERSE ADVENT BOUNTY FOR BABIES

December 1st is the start of our 3rd Annual Reverse Advent for Bounty for Babies. From December 1-20 all are invited to donate needed items or cash donations to our Love in Action partnership with Loaves and Fishes. Together we will make sure families with infants and toddlers in Hancock county have the supplies they need to keep the littlest ones in our community clean, well feed and thriving. Please only donate according to the list of needed items. If you prefer to donate cash, it can be done through our website. Donations may be dropped off at UUCE by coordinating with Jeff. Please reach out to Anne Ossanna at 565-2057 or aossanna@aol.com if you have any questions about the Reverse Advent.



December 1	Size 5 Diapers	December 11	Baby Lotion
December 2	Baby wipes (unscented please)	December 12	Size 6 Diapers
December 3	Size 6 Diapers	December 13	Baby Shampoo/Body Wash
December 4	Diaper Rash Cream	December 14	Size 4 Diapers
December 5	Baby Body Wash	December 15	Diaper Rash Cream
December 6	Size 3T-4T Pullups	December 16	Size 3T-4T Pullups
December 7	Baby Wipes (unscented please)	December 17	Size 5 Diapers
December 8	Size 4T-5T Pullups	December 18	Size 6 Diapers
December 9	Baby wipes (unscented please)	December 19	Size 4T-5T Pullups
December 10	Size 5 Diapers	December 20	Baby Wipes (unscented please)

UUCE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 11, 1-3:30 pm

Rev. Sara & Members of UUCE's Membership Committee invite you to stop by and enjoy seeing old and new friends at UUCE's Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 11th from 1-3:30pm. All are welcome to join in the fun: Help hang a few ornaments on the Holy Days tree in the sanctuary, peek into the new tech office, and visit our religious education classrooms. Weather permitting, plan to visit the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary and pick up your candle for our Christmas Eve Service. Drop off your Reverse Advent Offering gifts for our Bounty for Babies ministry and help decorate a few Cookie Boxes for this year's Drive-By Cookie Walk fundraiser. It will be wonderful to see you and to wish you well in this season. For more information, contact Jody Murphy, Membership Committee Chair at murphyjodyann@gmail.com.



UUCE'S 2nd ANNUAL DRIVE BY COOKIE- WALK FUNDRAISER

Saturday, December 18, 1-3 pm

Attention, attention, dear holiday cookie bakers! We're in need of many, many holiday cookie bakers! Please email Robin Lovrien at robin.uuce@gmail.com if you're willing to help. We're aiming to sell 75 boxes filled with 3 dozen homemade cookies for \$25 each and that's a LOT of cookies! We're asking for minimum of 6 dozen cookies of any kind so we'll have enough to fill all the boxes. Thank you in advance for helping us with this annual holiday fundraiser.

Robin Lovrien & Rev. Sara





MONTHLY COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

1st Thursdays from 4-5:30pm on ZOOM

Next Conversation is Thursday, December 2nd at 4pm on ZOOM
Vanessa Williams, Collaborative Intern Minister, Facilitating

Revs. Amy Fiorilli, Sara Hayman, Margaret Beckman and Collaborative Intern Minister Vanessa Williams will take turns facilitating these monthly conversations 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 1st Thursday 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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814)
Meeting ID: 469 537 6814
Phone: 646-558-8656

CIRCLE OF TREES

WINTER SOLSTICE GATHERING

All are invited on **DECEMBER 19TH** to the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary to our December Circle of Trees that will honor the Winter Solstice. We will gather at **3:00 PM** for an hour of storytelling, poems, readings and interactive movement. This is an all ages gathering that will require masks and pre-registration as we are limited attendance to 50 people. Please contact Jeff if you would like to attend. Please dress warmly and wear sturdy boots. Seating will be available. In the event of inclement weather, less than 20 people preregister or higher levels of community spread of the COVID-19 virus this event will be canceled. Please reach out to Anne Ossanna at 565-2057 or aossanna@aol.com for questions.



In the Gardens

LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

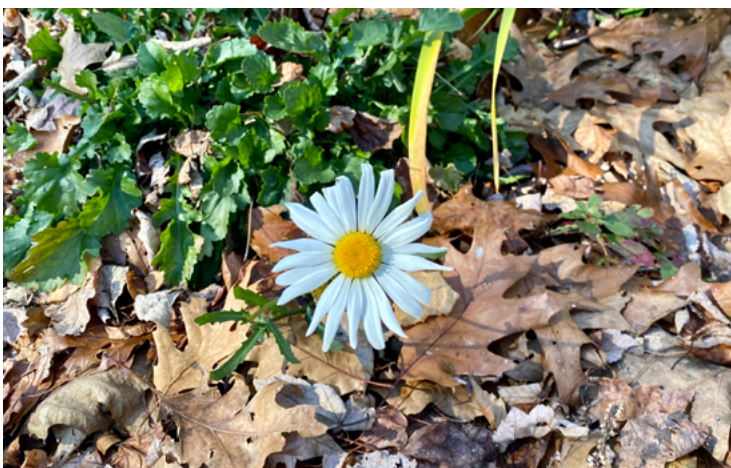
This month it's more about "on the grounds" in back of the church - an area not often viewed by many.

Painting of the fascia boards has begun and as Margaret Thurston and Bronwen Day started this project, they realized the areas around the windows also needed to be painted. This work will continue in the spring.

We now have a ramp leading out from the back door of the sanctuary - constructed under the direction of Ken Hanson, chair of the Building Committee.



Thanks to the vision and dedication of Paul Kelly and Kate O'dell of the Green Sanctuary Committee, we now have a functioning compost system in place. This past summer the church gardens benefited from the processed compost (black gold) that it generated.



The plants in the gardens have all been cut back and will lay under a bed of leaves until the spring. One last lone daisy.

The Winterberry and Holly have produced an abundance of beautiful red berries that the birds are feasting on. The cherry tree before the birds ate all of the fruit.

“GRATITUDE AND NOTES FROM AN INTERN”

FROM OUR INTERN MINISTER
VANESSA WILLIAMS



Since commencing the 3-church collaborative internship in August 2021 life has been a whirlwind of activity for me. And this last month things opened up that allowed this collaborative internship to really take precedence.

In August, due to constraints around Covid-19 precautions, my Clinical Pastoral Education in a hospital (required for school and by the UUA for ministers in training) was delayed; and as a result, pushed into my internship year. Thus, as September started my responsibilities included clinical placement hours, seminary classes, and internship (as well as also being called “Mom”, of course)—Being the ever determined individual I thought, “I can do this.”

Considering my workload, in their experienced wisdom, the three ministers of Ellsworth, Castine, and Belfast allowed me to arrange my full-time internship a bit differently. I then imparted part time in internship, along with everything else. By early November my (300) clinical hours were done; and I had engaged enough with the 3 congregation to have many of you then eager and ready for more time working with me. Amid doing all these things I have been ever grateful and motivated by little reminders received via email or otherwise from congregants lifting me up and commenting on my work—these gifts are priceless!

Now going forward full-time, I am excited about groups I am planning to run within the congregations, involvement in holiday planning and festivities, and all that comes next! From me to you, I bestow gratitude and best wishes as we move into the winter holiday season. Blessing to you all!

In gratitude,
Vanessa Williams



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.”

Please visit our church’s website, <https://uuelsworth.org> and the 8th Principle pages, under the *Get Involved* drop-down menu.

And check out the lending library in the religious education wing. We’re collecting books and articles related to racism, anti-racism, as well as other oppressions. If anyone has books on racial equity or other issues of oppression and would like to share them, we’d be glad to have you reach out.

Join us on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19** for our third 8th Principle break out session after church.

We look forward to the discussion sessions on UU principles that Pam Person and Liz True will start in January.

**She prayed -it wasn't how I prayed.
He ate – it wasn't what I ate.
She spoke – it wasn't my language.
He dressed – it wasn't what I wore.
She took my hand – it wasn't the color of my hand.
He had a family – it wasn't like my family.
She had a house – it wasn't like my house.
But when they laughed – it was how I laughed!
And when they cried – it was how I cried.**

Members of the task force are Barb Acosta, Haydée Foreman, Cecily Judd, Marta Rieman, Jana Robinson, and Karen Volckhausen.



The **Build Back Better Act** has passed the House of Representatives and will soon make its way to the Senate. The Act as it now stands represents a compromise with conservative Democrats and is not everything progressives wanted. But it still contains a lot that will benefit our nation, such as: an extension of the child tax credit; more than half a billion dollars for climate measures; affordable housing; universal Pre-K; paid family leave, and medical leave for all workers; stronger labor protections for workers; expanded access for older citizens to home and community-based care; deportation protection for undocumented immigrants for five years; support for lowering the cost of some prescription drugs; addition of hearing services for Medicare recipients; and expanded access to healthcare, among other provisions.

Unfortunately, our Representative, Jared Golden, voted against the Act despite the fact that a majority of Mainers favor the bill.

TODAY'S SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

1. Tell Jared Golden you are disappointed in his vote. (Click here for a letter you can sign through the League of Conservation Voters.)
2. Thank Rep. Chellie Pingree for her vote in favor of BBB.
3. Urge your Senators to vote in favor of the bill.

For more information on Build Back Better, visit Indivisible's resource guide.

For contacts of all of your state and national representatives, click here or use Resistbot from your cell phone.

PASA meets the **THIRD THURSDAY** of every month at 4:30 pm.
To learn more about PASA, visit our web page or contact Barb Acosta.

GREEN SANCTUARY

We were honored to have Penobscot Tribal Historian James Francis attend our most recent task force meeting. James is also a screen writer and producer, and his commentary on the recently released film "Bounty" (based on the Phips proclamation of 1755) inspired discussion of a UUCE film series for early 2022. Along with "Bounty" and James' own "Invisible," the series would include older films like "The Penobscot People and their River".



JUBILEE THREE ANTI-RACISM TRAINING

LEARNING TOGETHER ABOUT SYSTEMIC RACISM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2021, 6:00 PM - SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021, 6:30 PM

COST \$160

This 2 ½ day workshop is open to anyone who wants to journey toward making a stand against racism. The training includes presentations, discussions, videos, exercises, and small group work.

Workshop Goals are:

- To develop a shared analysis of racism and its individual, institutional, and cultural manifestations, and
- To begin to apply this common understanding to the history, culture, and institutional structure of our society, and to envision the next steps in taking action.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register (links to Central East Region's website).

PRINCIPLES DISCUSSION SERIES

The Membership Committee invites you to join the Principles Discussion series this winter. Pam Person and Liz True will lead a discussion of the 7 principles and explore the proposed new 8th principle during 4 sessions starting **January 9th** on Zoom from 2 to 3 pm. Although Pam and Liz will introduce the principles and moderate the discussion, the sessions are designed to be active discussions by the participants. Are you new to the principles or looking to learn more about how to live the principles? Do you understand, accept, like, dislike or want to learn more about the principles? What is the new 8th principle that our congregation task force is exploring?

Please complete the registration form linked here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Nm2jl8vpxKU3Mg3dpa9INc81BstZfkj8WBIIMLSgDEw/edit>

by January 1st as participation will be limited to 20 to allow all time to participate in discussions. Sessions will not be recorded so participants can feel free to talk openly.

Contact Liz at eatrue9@gmail.com or Pam at phpwp@aol.com with questions.

January 9 – Introduction of the principles and principles 2 & 3 (and why we are saving 1 for last)

January 16 - Principles 4 & 5

Break due to congregational meeting

January 30 – Principles 6 & 7

February 6 – Principle 1 and Principle 8

RESOURCES (available if interested, but no need for you to review - there won't be a test)

THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES | UUA.ORG

<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles>

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these Principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.

<https://www.uuworld.org/articles/how-uu-principles-purposes-were-adopted>

<https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/>



Stories from the Heart will begin on Sunday, January 9, at 9:00 a.m. with Marta Rieman. Watch for the start of the 2022 line up in January.

GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION 2022

First alert, folks: UUCE will hold its annual Goods & Services auction on line again this winter on Saturday evening, **FEBRUARY 26, 2022**. Our first Internet-based fundraiser was the **UUCE ARMCHAIR AUCTION**; this year we'll expand our comfy seating with:

COUCH POTATO AUCTION 2022!



Zoom served us well last time, so we'll build on that experience and avoid worries about February weather by using the same platform for the live portion of the auction. And the catalog of silent and live items up for bids will again be available to peruse on line via our Auctria website.

You'll be happy to know our world-renowned auctioneer team of CJ Lammers and Beth Pepper have consented to once again call our live auction! And tech wizard Suzanne Aubrey has offered to operate behind the scenes to make sure the Zoom event rolls as smoothly and professionally as possible.

We'll need a few more helpers. Please contact Margaret Thurston (mhthurs@gmail.com) if you'd like to help with planning and managing auction preparations starting in the new year, or if you'd be available the night before and night of the event to help with spotting bidders, recording bids, and helping keep the wheels spinning in the right direction. Also get in touch if you have questions or ideas for making it even more fun!

PLAN TO TUNE IN FOR THE FESTIVITIES ON **FEBRUARY 26**
AND SOME FINE LOOT AND EVENTS, AND SUPPORT UUCE
FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR LIVING ROOM!

SANKOFA CORNER



Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

REV. WILLIAM DANIELS WISWALL (1787-1853)

William Daniels Wiswall was born Lot Wiswall on Oct. 23, 1787 in Milford, Massachusetts, the seventh of the nine children of Timothy and Diadama (Daniels) Wiswall of Milford. He grew up in Milford and at the age of 21 was one of the young men of Milford to show up to march against an expected British attack on the town. The attack never happened, but the threat persisted and eventually erupted in the War of 1812. Nevertheless, on April 3, 1809, the town “voted to give the soldiers that turned out or were drafted in Dec. 1808 Two Dollars each, for their holding themselves in readiness to march at a minute’s warning.”

Lot Wiswall later enrolled at Harvard College from which he graduated in 1816 with an A.B. [Bachelors] degree. During the Commencement exercises on August 28, he appeared with three of his classmates on what was called a “Conference on astronomy, anatomy, the instincts of animals, and the moral and intellectual nature of man, as affording proof of an intelligent Creator.” Three years later, he began taking classes towards an A.M. [Masters] degree at Harvard’s famous Divinity School where he studied between 1819 and 1823. On Aug. 15, 1821, during the reading of dissertations by the Gentlemen scholars, we find Lot Wiswall speaking “On the defects of self-love as a principle of action.” He received his A.M. degree that very month.

On the evening of Aug. 24, 1826, “Lot Wiswall, of Cambridge,” was one of the eleven passengers aboard the steam brig New York which was sailing just off Petit Manan light. Around 9:00 p.m., a fire was discovered on the vessel, and the passengers had but ten minutes to escape in life boats to Petit Manan Island. The vessel was entirely consumed including nearly all of the passengers’ baggage. One unfortunate gentleman, a Mr. Milo J. Whiton of Lee, Massachusetts, lost a trunk containing \$1800 in cash.

Mr. Wiswall went through a course of divinity studies at Harvard, and as late as September 1826, the name “Lot Wiswall” is still listed among the records of Harvard University as a “Candidate for the Ministry,” but for certain reasons, he appears to have never formally graduated. He supplied Unitarian pulpits in various places, but never settled as a pastor. He lived mostly in Cambridge.

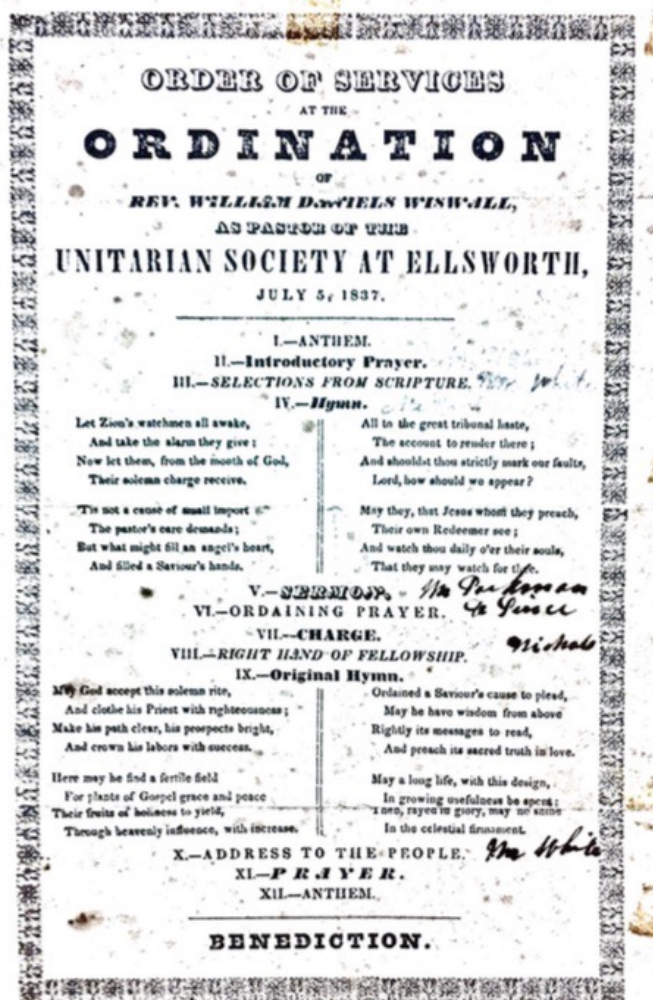
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For whatever reason, Mr. Lot Wiswall decided to change his name in 1833. In the List of persons whose names have been changed in Massachusetts, 1780-1883, under Middlesex County, we find: “[t]hat Lot Wiswall, of Cambridge, may take the name of William Daniels Wiswall.” Two years later, Rev. William Daniels Wiswall, had found a short-term position preaching to the Unitarian congregation in Castine, Maine starting on Dec. 24, 1835 and going into 1836, whereupon he returned to the Boston area. By that point, the small community of Unitarian thinkers in Ellsworth became aware of him and began negotiations to lure him to Ellsworth. He finally accepted their invitation and on July 5, 1837 he was formally ordained by the fledgling Ellsworth congregation. His pastorship was brief and by 1839 the congregation was running into financial difficulties and was on the verge of failure and Rev. Wiswall was not rehired.

By the age of 52, Rev. Wiswall had met 38-year old Ann Payson, born on Sept. 12, 1801 in Charlestown, Massachusetts, the daughter of Samuel and Grace (Welsh) Payson of Charlestown. The couple were married on Oct. 6, 1840 in Charlestown. He immediately planned to erect a handsome mansion on his family’s homestead in Milford. Work had already begun on the foundation when his wife suddenly died on June 8, 1841 in Chelsea, MA and all of his plans were scuttled. The work on the house was abandoned and the ruins of the unfinished mansion remained for years.

His wife’s death may have had a significant effect on his life. Five years later, famed Unitarian preacher Rev. Theodore Parker once hired Wiswall to substitute for him at the church in West Roxbury. Although Wiswall did show up at the church, for some reason he didn’t preach. In Rev. Parker’s preaching records for Jan. 18, 1846, he noted: “No preaching! (Wiswall was present!)”

Rev. Wiswall died on Nov. 30, 1853 in Roxbury, Massachusetts. His cause of death was listed as “paralysis.”



STAYING CONNECTED

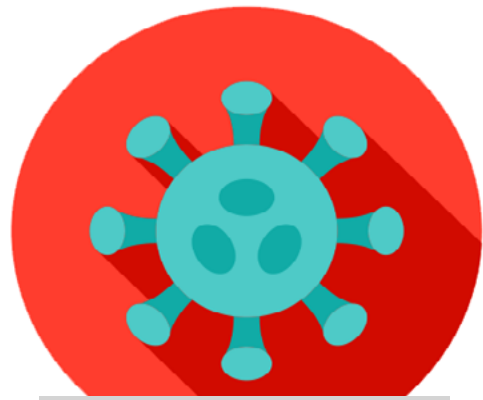
UUCE OFFICE

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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Marta Rieman:

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207-479-7250 (cell/text)

Gary Shellehamer:

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Karen Volckhausen:

667-9212 (home)
207-266-9212 (cell/text)

BREEZE CHECK-IN /REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

We now have a page on our UUCE website with an instructional video made by our own Jeff Jeude. Here is the direct link: <https://uuellsworth.org/sunday-service-check-in/>

You can also reach it by simply going to our main page and clicking on the MEMBERS tab and then clicking on SUNDAY SERVICE CHECK-IN.

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.



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.

CONTACT US

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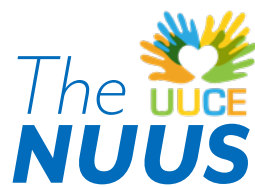
COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

Adult Committee on Education: vacant	Landscaping and Grounds: Bron Day
Aesthetics: Margaret Thurston	Loaves & Fishes: Beth Pepper, Nina Turner
Auction: Margaret Thurston, Lori Johnson-Pannier, Jeff Jeude	Membership: Jody Murphy
Building & Maintenance/Safety: Ken Hanson	Pastoral Care Ministry: Eric Uberseder
Charitable Giving: Rev. Sara Hayman, Nancy Guy	Peace and Social Action: Barb Acosta
Choir: Haydée Foreman	Publicity: Susan Opdycke
Collaborative Ministry: Robin Lovrien, Mack MacDonald, Gary Shellehamer	Children's Religious Education: Linda Uberseder
Committee on Ministry: Karen Volckhausen	Small Group Ministry: Mary Murray
Congregational Engagement: Margorie Loring	Stewardship: vacant
Cookie Walk: Robin Lovrien	Ushers: Jon Thomas, Ken Hanson
Eggroll Project: vacant	Technology Coordinator: vacant
Ferry Beach Director: Anne Ossanna	Wayside Pulpit: Nancy Guy
Fiscal Matters: Connie Bailey	Website: Esther Sampol
Flowers: Bronwen Day	Worship Arts: vacant
Green Sanctuary: Paul Kelley	Yard Sale: Beth Pepper
History/Archives: Wayne Smith	Youth Advisor: Bob Dickens
Hospitality Ministry Coordinator: Jeff Jeude	

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The inherent worth and dignity of every human being;
Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
Acceptance of one another and encouragement
to spiritual growth in our congregations;
A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
within our congregation and in society at large;
The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.