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

Living with Intention

JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, JAN 2

“What Hunger Has Your Heart?”

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

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Phone: 646-558-8656

In this month's Soul Matters packet, Katie Covey suggests setting intentions is different than setting goals or resolutions. Goals and resolutions she says, “push us out” into future possibilities, whereas “to set intentions, we must listen to our inner voices which tell us who we truly are.” On the cusp of this new year, Rev. Sara, Karen and others will invite you to reflect on your own heart's knowing. What do you need to be aware of and practice to live well in this new day and new year?

SUNDAY, JAN 9

Intent vs. Impact: Considering What Matters

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader
Helen Kazura, Worship Associate
[Stories from the Heart at 9am!](#)

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“Living with Intention” is important, and, when it comes to peoples' lives and identities, author and blogger Jamie Utt suggests, too, that “the impact of our actions can be profound and wide reaching.” In this service, we'll reflect on accountable re: privilege and the impact our action has on others for better or for worse.

JANUARY SERVICES CONTINUED

SUNDAY, JAN 16

A Beautiful Death

Marta Rieman, Worship Leader

Kay Wilking, Worship Leader

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

Circle of Trees at 2pm – All are welcome!

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During this month of focus on living intentionally, I want to share with you my personal experience of a beautiful death, that of a man who told his nurse that the day he died was the best day of his life. I hope you will not fear coming to a service about death; my wish is to offer you hope as we all face that inevitable fact of life.

SUNDAY, JAN 23

Start Your Day with Intention

Jeff Jeude, Worship Leader

Vanessa Williams, Worship Associate

Winter Congregational Mtg at 2pm on ZOOM!

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Mark Twain said, "If it's your job to eat a frog, it's best to do it first thing in the morning. And if it's your job to eat two frogs, it's best to eat the biggest one first." join us as we explore ways to start our days with intention.

SUNDAY, JAN 30

Praxis: Attention, Intention, Action

Jim Fisher, Worship Leader

Jill Jeude & Marta Rieman, Worship Associates

Please be aware, this is a ZOOM ONLY Worship Service!

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Social change is an alignment of Knowledge, Attitude and Practice or KAP. We become mired when beset with "KAP gaps" arising from internal conflicts and external constraints. To traverse these KAP gaps, practitioners of mindfulness suggest that we align our attention, intention and action, by listening, reflecting and acting.

JANUARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who donated baby items and made financial contributions to our Love in Action Annual Reverse Advent to benefit Bounty for Babies. Your generosity is a blessing to families throughout Hancock county ensuring all infants have access to essential products.

Our theme for January is Living with Intention.

January 2nd: 8:45-9:15 ZOOM Children's Chapel (See link below); In-person Nursery, Spirit Play with Christine and Soul Matters with Anne during Multi-platform worship.

January 2: Zoom Meeting
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January 9th: In-person Nursery, Spirit Play with Christine and Soul Matters with Anne during Multi-platform worship.

January 16th: In-person Nursery, Spirit Play with Christine and Soul Matters with Anne during Multi-platform worship; Circle of Trees at 2:00 pm in the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary open to All Ages.

January 23rd: In-person Nursery, Spirit Play with Christine and Soul Matters with Anne during Multi-platform worship.

January 30th: Zoom Worship, no Religious Education offerings.



MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN

"In the midst of winter, I discovered there was in me an invincible summer."

- Albert Camus

Dear Ones,

Welcome to the new year, 2022!

May it be good to you and yours and to all of us!

I will be on vacation and study leave from

Monday, January 10th through Monday, January 31st.

I hope you, too, will find time for rest and renewal and living more intentionally in sync with the winter season's rhythms of stillness, listening and turning within.

It continues to be such a privilege to be your minister and a part of creating ministry with you.

Yours, in shared faith,

Rev. Sara

Click video image below to view video of Rev Sara 's Ministry Matters column.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU UUCE

for this year's wonderfully successful
DRIVE BY COOKIE-WALK FUNDRAISER!

We hoped to raise **\$1750** with our pandemic necessitated
2nd Annual Drive-By Cookie Walk Fundraiser on December 18th.

We asked you to bake cookies and

27 of you baked over **220** dozen cookies!

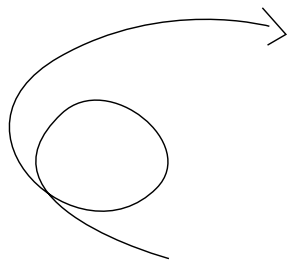
We sold **58** boxes before the Cookie Walk.

We sold **10** boxes at the Cookie Walk.

We received an additional **\$250** in donations
which means we raised **\$1,950** and exceeded our goal!

Thank you, thank you,
dear UUCE Community members for all you did—
baked, decorated, packed & sold boxes of holiday cookies—
to make this annual fundraiser such a success!

Love,
Rev. Sara



Click image to right to view
a terrific slideshow and
video from the Cookie Walk.



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

Stories
FROM
THE  Heart

Stories from the Heart returns on **Sunday, January 9,**
at 9:00 a.m. with **Marta Rieman** interviewed by
Jude Lamb.

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

*Interested in delving into the spiritual between services?
Interested in the big picture questions?*

Join with others from the 3-church collective of Belfast, Ellsworth and Castine as we consider these questions, one for each session, together.

Led by intern minister Vanessa Williams, this group will meet the last Wednesday of the month via Zoom. Join meetings as you are able; No sign-up necessary.

Let's talk!

Last Wednesday of the month
January 26, February 23, March 30, April 27, and May 25
1:00 - 2:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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OUR PLATE SPLIT for JANUARY is with **Families First Community Center**, a family center with residential and outreach programs for families with children in Hancock, Maine.



UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

Jan-Mar 2022

Families First Community Center

Apr-June 2022

Wabanaki Public Health

WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2022

Please join us for the Winter Congregational Meeting to be held via Zoom on January 23, 2022 at 2PM. You will hear the latest from our Treasurer, learn about our tech system updates and training schedule, as well as a number of committee reports.



COUCH POTATO AUCTION 2022!

Happy new year, everyone! It's now time to mark your calendars and begin thinking in earnest about preparations for our second on-line Goods & Services Auction, scheduled for **SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 26, 2022!** Last year, we held our first Internet-based fundraiser: the UUCE Armchair Auction. This year, we'll keep cozy with a Couch Potato Auction!

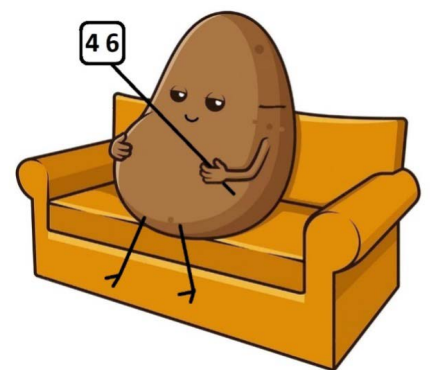
Zoom will allow us to avoid worries about winter weather by using the same platform for the live portion of the auction. And our Auctria website will host the catalog of silent and live items up for bids.

Please check your closets for high-quality items you might donate for the auction, from kitchen gadgets to artwork to furniture, and consider gift certificates, events or services you could offer. Recent offerings have included group dinners, picnics, hikes, parties, boat rides, and one-day classes of various sorts; members have provided services such as yard and garden work, handyman jobs, pet-sitting, and more. Send along descriptions of items you wish to donate, along with a photo if possible, and an estimate of the value. Then watch the weekly e-News, February NUUS, Facebook, and email for announcements when the catalog is filling up and ready for viewing on the website.

Our world-renowned auctioneer team of CJ Lammers and Beth Pepper are lined up to emcee the live bidding, with tech wizard Suzanne Aubrey at work behind the scenes to make sure the event goes smoothly.

Several others have volunteered already, but we'll need a few more helpers. Please contact Margaret Thurston (mhthurs@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping plan and manage auction preparations, or if you'd be available the night before and night of the event to spot bidders, record the bids, and assist with odd jobs. Get in touch, too, if you have questions or ideas for bringing more fun and funds to this big fundraiser!

Save gas! Save lives! Plan to tune in to be part of the festivities on February 26, and support UUCE from the comfort of your couch. See you there!





MONTHLY COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

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

Next Conversation is Thursday, January 6th at 4pm on ZOOM

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 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!

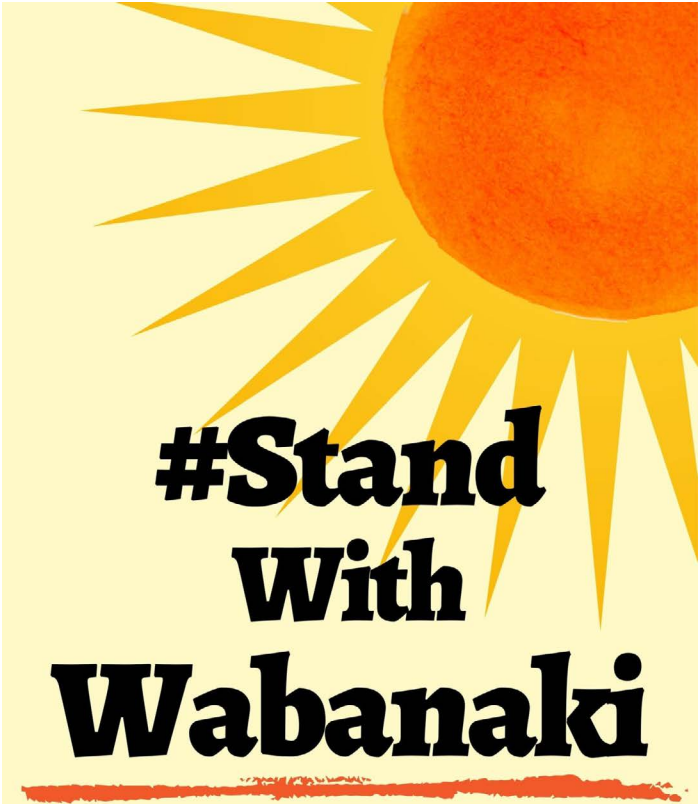
Join Zoom Meeting

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[us/j/4695376814](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814)

Meeting ID: 469 537 6814

Phone: 646-558-8656



#Stand With Wabanaki



“As Unitarian Universalists, we acknowledge that the land we now call Maine — the land on which our churches are built — is the ancestral land of the Wabanaki Tribes. **But land acknowledgements must be more than mere ritual acts.** As UU’s we are called to work actively on de-colonizing our institutions, to examine the painful history of tribal-state relations in Maine, and to commit ourselves to become anti-racists and allies to the tribes.” Read more from the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network .

WHAT WE CAN DO

- Attend the Jan. 8th meeting of MUUSAN to hear Rena Newell, the Passamaquoddy Tribal Representative in the Maine House of Representatives speak about Wabanaki sovereignty and LD 1626. Register
- Write to Governor Mills and your state legislators in support of LD 1626. See the toolkit from Wabanaki Alliance. Find contacts for your state policy makers on the PASA page.
- Write a Letter to the Editor (LTE) of Your Local Paper
- Share on social media. Use the hashtag #StandWithWabanaki

GREEN SANCTUARY TASK FORCE

As we move into the New Year and contemplate what it means to “Live With Intention” (January Soul Matters), many of us wonder what more we can do as individuals to protect our Mother Earth. Please click on the link to take you to Yes! Magazine’s - 100 Things You Can Do to Help in the Climate Crisis <https://www.yesmagazine.org/issue/a-new-social-justice/2021/11/15/climate-crisis-100-ways-to-help>

“REFRAMING NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS”

FROM OUR INTERN MINISTER
VANESSA WILLIAMS



Dear ones,
Welcome to 2022! I must admit I am a bit nervous, but excited still for what this year has in store. As 2021 wrapped up I informed one of the congregations I serve that I will be making new year’s resolutions; this is something I ordinarily avoid because of my negative association with them. But, I am reframing them. I am looking at things I am grateful for and/or that bring me joy, and looking to create more of this in my and others’ lives.

A quote by Brene Brown states,

“Joy and Gratitude are spiritual practices bound to a belief in human interconnectedness and a power greater than us.”

There is a direct correlation between gratitude and joy, both of which we ought not celebrate only on specific holy days. Joy and Gratitude can be found in the everyday moments of our lives, whether in a baby’s smile, a warm hug, snowflakes, falling stars, found memories, or even a simple cup of coffee. The beauty of life can light up with joy and gratitude if we are open to experiencing it.

For one, I am grateful and joyous for the opportunity to be in formation, learning and worshiping along side you all as intern minister, in each of your unique congregations of beautiful souls! For me this is a truly a blessing, and “my cup overflows”.

And for you—as this new year dawns, this is me wishing for you all a blessed, joyful 2022 in both the ordinary and extraordinary in all that you experience and do!

Blessed be!
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.”

We are all always glad to engage in conversations with you, find out what you are reading, what you think about the 8th principle, hear your perspectives on racism and other oppressions with which you’ve had experience, hear about your successes in addressing such situations that put people down.

And here’s a photo of the 8th principle library in the RE wing. Please—see what’s available.

“You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, or who have ever been born.”

-James Baldwin

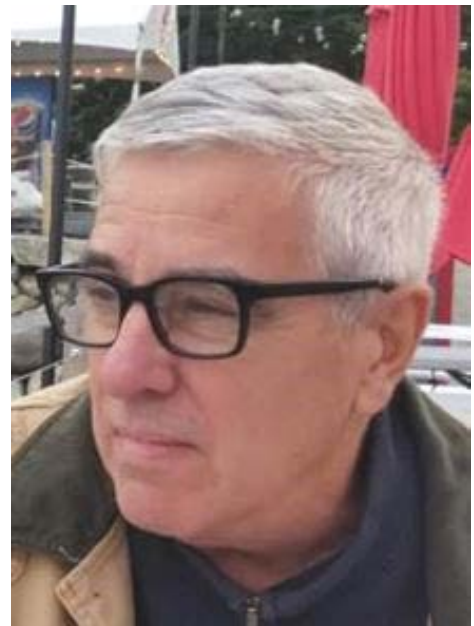


We are planning to hold a series of conversations related to the 8th principle in March and April. Dates and conversational topics yet to be confirmed. Come to just one, or all, as your schedule allows. And if you’ve a suggestion for a topic, please reach out. More information will be available in the February NUUS.

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

“REFRAMING NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS”

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT
GARY SHELLHAMER



Dear UUCE Community,

I hope whatever holidays you celebrate at this time of year, you found joy.

As we enter 2022, I want to express my thanks to all of you. You have been there for UUCE as we navigated almost 2 years of dealing with an ever-changing pandemic, from learning to Zoom, to continuing to contribute to our community, to being there for one another. We learned more about Policy-Based Governance and also about Breeze, our church management system. You approved new bylaws--including asking for and volunteering to serve on groups to address our methods of conducting meeting, you set up a taskforce to guide UUCE in conversations about the adoption of the 8th Principle. Volunteers joined a Committee on Congregational Engagement and signed up for a revived Building Committee. You created an outdoor sanctuary, monitored the Covid-19 changes and advised with church policies to keep us safe. You supported our fund-raising events. Your vote last year calling for a UUCE worship presence online you discussed and approved the purchase and installation of a system to make that presence as interactive as possible. All the while, our existing committees and groups continued to donate their time and talent to UUCE.

Please join together on **January 23 for the Congregational Meeting** as committees and taskforces update us on all that they have done.

I look forward UUCE’s journey in 2022, joining in our commitment to our beloved community, planning for the future of UUCE, and living our core values through our mission: “Celebrating the sacred, we gather in loving community to nourish souls and live justice into the world.”





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>

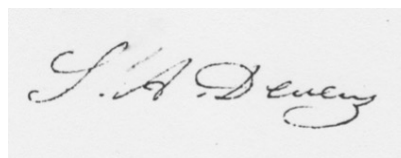
<https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/>

SANKOFA CORNER



Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

REV. SAMUEL ADAMS DEVENS (1808-1891)



Signature of Samuel Adams Devens

Rev. Samuel Adams Devens was born as Samuel Devens on October 27, 1808 in Charlestown, Massachusetts, the fourth of the eleven children of David Devens of Charlestown and his wife Abigail Adams. Abigail's father Zabdiel Adams was a first cousin to U. S. President John Adams, making Samuel a first cousin twice removed to the second president and a second cousin once removed to the sixth president, John Quincy Adams.

At the age of twenty, he legally changed his name to Samuel Adams Devens, just in time to be graduated from the Class of 1829 of Harvard College under that name. During his final year at Harvard, he wrote his "Dissertation on Volcanoes" and served as Librarian of the famed Hasty Pudding Club, of which Ellsworth's first Unitarian-leaning minister Peter Nourse was also a member. He also served as a proctor for a year or two. One of his Harvard classmates was Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes.

In 1830, Devens was enrolled in the Divinity School at Harvard from which he graduated in 1833. He served as a supply minister at various churches for a time, and on June 8, 1834 he preached his first sermon at the First Parish Church of Castine, Maine (now the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine) just a month and a half after the previous pastor, Rev. William Mason, had resigned after a pastorate of 36 years. Devens remained in Castine for about half a year, but in the middle of February in 1835 he felt the need to move on. In his own words, "*the powerful action upon my system of an atmosphere saturated with salt-vapors made it necessary for me to obtain a release from the Society at Castine and seek a more Southern clime,*" and by "southern clime" he meant Boston.

His stay in Boston was short-lived as he soon came to the attention of the Prudential Committee of the newly formed First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth. As Mary Ann Greely's church history records: "Mr. Devens arrived in Town the last of July and commenced the duties of a public teacher on Sunday, August 23, 1835." Devens later wrote:

The only place for worship that could be obtained at the outset was a schoolroom in the second story of a building near the bridge that crosses Union River. Everything that passed over the bridge shook the building and pulpit very much and not perceiving the

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cause at first, I thought it was an earthquake. In a few Sabbaths we obtained the use of the Baptist Church for a little while, and at length removed to the Court House which was to be our permanent place of worship. This was a new building and but partially completed. The Society finished the Courtroom, erecting open pews, a very convenient pulpit and singing-seats, at an expense of five hundred dollars. The larger part of this sum they expected the town would refund. A Sabbath School was formed which flourished very well, and a Benevolent Society among the ladies – which was the means of doing considerable good. A subscription for the erection of a church was started at the expiration of a few months, and an amount of \$2700 easily obtained.

The Prudential Committee had arranged with the selectmen of Ellsworth to use the Town House (what we now call the old Court House) for the meetings of the Society and regular Sunday services began on Sept. 6, 1835. On the evening of October 13, 1835, a meeting of the Prudential Committee was held at Charles Jarvis' office. The chairman was instructed to invite Mr. Devens to continue as a preacher with the society for a term of nine months at \$600 a year.

During the next few months, Devens conducted several pulpit exchanges with Rev. William Daniels Wiswall who was by then working as a supply minister at the church in Castine. On April 9, 1836, at a meeting of the Prudential Committee, it was voted that the pulpit be supplied for the ensuing year, commencing May 1, 1836, and that Rev. Samuel Devens not be hired to preach. It was voted unanimously that the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Devens. The members present were "willing" that Rev. Mr. Wiswall be hired to preach a limited time and that the Standing Committee "wait on him" for that purpose.

Most likely, Devens then returned to the Boston area and by July 16, 1837, he was serving as pastor at the First Congregational Society in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Just over a month later, on August 20, 1837, he was officially ordained in a ceremony at Dr. William Ellery Channing's Federal Street Church in Boston.

Other big events were about to happen to the now Rev. Devens. On February 7, 1839, he was married in a ceremony in Boston to Mrs. Sarah Ann Winslow (Taylor) Kennedy, the widow of John Kennedy, and he most likely had some role in the raising of her 12-year old son William Taylor Kennedy.

Devens continued to preach at Unitarian churches at various places in New England, though specific details are hard to find. His Harvard classmate and friend Andrew Preston Peabody wrote that Devens' "life-work as a Christian minister was cut short midway by failure

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of health,” but he does not elaborate on the nature of Devens’ ill health. Devens nevertheless continued to pursue his love of travel and writing about his travels. Much of what is known of him comes from his only book: *Sketches of Martha’s Vineyard and Other Reminiscences of Travel at Home, Etc.* published in Boston in 1838.

On July 5, 1851, Devens applied for a U. S. Passport while in New York City stating:

I Samuel Adams Devens do swear that I was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts on or about the 19th day of October 1808, that I am a citizen of the United States, and am about to travel abroad.

The passport applications describes him as follows:

Age, 42 years.	Chin, Round.
Stature, 5 Feet 5 Inches English.	Hair, Brown.
Forehead, High.	Complexion, Fair.
Eyes, Blue.	Face, Oval. Has a flesh wart on left side of his mouth.
Nose, Ordinary.	Accompanied by his wife born 1807.
Mouth, Medium.	

Amidst all of his travels, he still continued doing occasional preaching, and his last service in the ministry was in Charleston, South Carolina, not long after the Civil War. His wife, Sarah, died in Boston in 1876. In 1880, we find Samuel A. Devens, clergyman, age 71, widower, living with his nephew George H. Devens, clerk in iron foundry, age 43, single, as boarders in the household of William and Eliza Lang at 13 Chester Square in Boston. It was in that home that he died at 6:00 in the afternoon of December 1, 1881 of a cerebral hemorrhage.

His obituary, in the Dec. 2, 1891 edition of the Fall River Daily Herald, noted:

His extensive travel and culture and old time courtesy made him a most interesting companion. His heart beat warmly for the poor and oppressed; he was generous to a fault, and ever ready with a helping hand. His death will be a sad blow to many who depended upon him alone for a kind word or material assistance.

STAYING CONNECTED

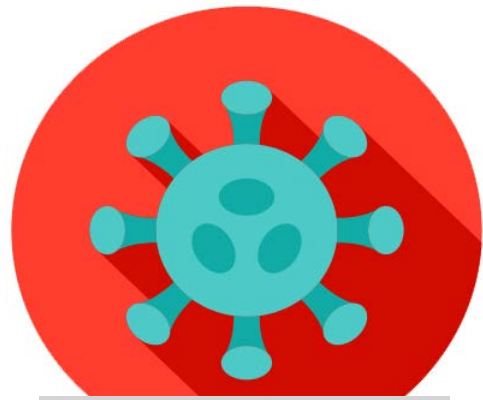
UUCE OFFICE

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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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.

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Adult Committee on Education: vacant	Landscaping and Grounds: Bron Day
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