



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

Widening the Circle

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, FEB 6

What Does Sovereignty Mean to You?

3-Church Collaborative Worship Service

ZOOM ONLY & BEGINS AT 10AM!

Revs. Margaret Beckman, Amy Fiorilli & Sara Hayman,
and Vanessa Williams, CMT Intern Minister, Worship Leaders

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>
Meeting ID: 469 537 6814
Phone: 646-558-8656

In this 3-church collaborative worship service, your ministers invite you to think about what sovereignty means to you? Knowing that we are all vulnerable to having our rights away, what would it feel like (what does it feel like) to not have power or control over your life? What are we, white people, willing to face, risk and trust to be a part of insisting that the sovereignty of our indigenous siblings be honored?

Following this worship service, at 1pm in person at the Belfast UU and on ZOOM, the Belfast Social Action Committee is hosting a Community Letter Writing Party in support of LD 1626, "An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act." If possible, please consider preparing for this event by reviewing the general information at <https://wabanakialliance.com/>. All are welcome! Let's do all we can to help Wabanaki tribes in Maine be treated like the other 570 federally recognized tribes! Please use the same ZOOM link as today's worship service to participate in this Community Letter Writing Party.

FEBRUARY SERVICES CONTINUED

SUNDAY, FEB 13

Inclusion as We Widen the Circle

Vanessa Williams, Worship Leader

Marta Rieman, Worship Associate

Stories from the Heart with Carol Ronsinski at 9am!

To widen the circle we must first cast a circle. In this radius we must have a mind to share the good news of our faith; You cannot know, until you know. How can we be inclusive if we are not also including our faith in the space with those who do and do not look like us? Let us consider our liberal faith practice and how we might include others in it as part of our mission of “widening the circle”.

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SUNDAY, FEB 20

I live my life in widening circles...

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Helen Kazura, Worship Associate

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

This month’s worship theme is, “Widening the Circle.” One essential way we do this – more authentically and effectively invite others into spiritual community—is by deepening our connections and relationships with one another. How willing are you to show up and to share your truths and to listen others? How intentional practiced are we at sharing who we really are with each other?

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Phone: 646-558-8656

SUNDAY, FEB 27

Tell it the same, but different

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

This worship service is inspired by the life of Lee Maracle, an indigenous writer from Canada who was a member of the Sto:lo nation and had Salish and Cree ancestry. A gifted activist and storyteller, Maracle died suddenly in November of 2021. In this service, through story-telling we’ll honor the idea or belief that each of us has a truth (perhaps many truths) that we know we want to give voice to and honor in our living. What truth or knowing most speaks to you?

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Passcode: 264718
Phone: 646-876-9923

FEBRUARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mid-Winter Greetings! I am cozy in my home with the woodstove cranking on this snowy morning. As you most likely know, my weekly hours at UUCE will be reduced from 10 hours to 5 hours effective February 1, 2022. This decision was shared with the congregation by Rev. Sara at our Winter Parish Meeting on January 23rd. Along with the reduction of hours, will be a reduction of responsibilities and Religious Education offerings for our children. Typically the monthly schedule will be ZOOM Children's Chapel the first Sunday of each month at 8:45 am AND In Person Spirit Play during Multi-platform Worship. On the 3rd Sunday of each month there will be In-Person Spirit Play during Multi-platform Worship and All Ages In-Person Circle of Trees in the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary from 2:00-3:00 pm.

The schedule in February unfortunately is somewhat confusing due to ZOOM only worship on the 1st Sunday of the month and my Annual Mid-Coast Maine DRE Cluster Retreat the 3rd weekend of the month. Please see our monthly calendar below:

Sunday, February 6th: ZOOM Children's Chapel with Anne and Linda from 8:45-9:30 am; ZOOM only Worship Service 10:30 am

Sunday, February 15th: In-Person Spirit Play with Anne during Multi-platform Worship Service.

Friday, February 18th-21st: Anne will be unavailable while at her DRE Cluster Retreat

Sunday, February 20th: All-Ages In-Person Circle of Trees with Vanessa Williams in the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary.

Sunday, February 27th: ZOOM only Worship Service 10:30 am. Open to All Ages.

Topic: ZOOM Children's Chapel
Time: Feb 6, 2022 08:45 AM
Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89841181579?pwd=bnFhQWl2S2h5VjJmS2lxeTA4RDdhZz09>

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Passcode: 501175



MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN

Dear UUCE Members,

Welcome to our wonderful February NUUS! Many thanks to Lisa Williams for creating it each month, and to all of you who contribute articles and extend invitations to be a part of congregational life together.

Our monthly Soul Matters theme is “Widening the Circle.” How do we do that? What is asked of us and necessary if we’re truly to be engaged in building a more welcoming, diverse and inclusive spiritual community among us? Where are we falling short? What strengths do we have to build on? How imaginative and brave are we willing to be together to change?

This month, in worship and our small group ministry circles, we’ll make time and space in community to reflect on these questions and to call each other into living generous and courageous answers!

I love being your minister and look forward to seeing you!

Sara



Click video image to right to view video of Rev Sara ‘s Ministry Matters column.



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:

<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, February 13, at 9:00 a.m.** with **Carol Rosinski** interviewed by Jude Lamb.



MONTHLY COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

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

Thursday, February 3rd at 4pm
Rev. Amy Fiorilli, 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
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Phone: 646-558-8656



ALL ARE INVITED TO STAND BY OUR INDIGENOUS NEIGHBORS!

Green Sanctuary will host an Advocacy Breakout Session after church on **SUNDAY, FEB. 6TH**. Using Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) guidelines, we will write multi-purpose letters in support of LD 1626 and Wabanaki Sovereignty. The session will also include background to prepare interested UUCE member to testify at the public hearings (via Zoom) TBA by the state legislature.

OUR PLATE SPLIT for February 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

THE GREAT COUCH POTATO AUCTION OF 2022

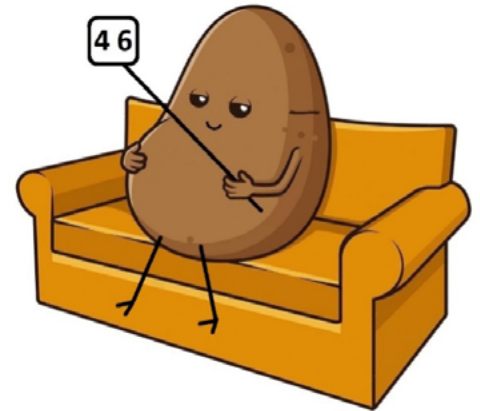
is now only one month away!

Our live auction, featuring events, outings, and some bigger items, will be held via Zoom on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26!**

And items in our silent auction will be up for on-line bids

FEBRUARY 12 - 26.

Bring your friends and neighbors! Watch your email and the Wednesday UUCE e-News mailings for updates as the date approaches and for instructions on how to register on our auction website as a bidder. (If you participated last year, you're already registered and on our mailing list.) No need to drive in the cold and dark, or socially distance, or even change out of your lounge wear – you can join in all the fun right from the safety and comfort of your own warm couch!



We are receiving a great array of attractive items and creative events and services! If you are still mulling possible donations, please scout closets, attics, barns, and garages for good-quality items; vouchers for your services, homemade dinners, parties, or adventures; event tickets; or any other imaginative thing. If you'd like to suggest a gift certificate from a restaurant or other business, or to donate one yourself, let us know. We are already canvassing lots of local businesses, but there are probably many possibilities we haven't thought of. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions. The more interesting things we can offer for bidding, the more fun it'll be!

We will be extremely grateful if you can send in descriptions and photos of your intended auction donations, or your ideas for donations **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** so we can get them added to our list and open a mostly-finished working catalog for your viewing pleasure the very next day! Storage space is available in the UUCE Board Room, but make sure anything you leave there has a label identifying the item, donor, and rough estimate of the value so we can set a good starting bid.

Many thanks from the Auction Team for your generosity! All the funds we raise will go to supporting UUCE and our regular charities, such as Loaves & Fishes.

****Please address any auction-related emails with donations, ideas, or questions to both:**

Jeff at uucellsworth@gmail.com and Margaret at mhthurs@gmail.com

“BUT WHAT DOES COVENANT MEAN; WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?”

FROM OUR INTERN MINISTER
VANESSA WILLIAMS



Dear ones,

The last 5 months I have learned so much from my experience amongst the 3 church collaborative of Maine, as your ministerial intern. Currently, I am learning how to integrate pastoral care skills alongside worship to see the care of the individual and the congregation as a whole.

In my time here and now in my final semester of divinity school I have come to appreciate the place and purpose of covenant in our faith spaces. When I first joined a Unitarian Universalist church in 2018 I found the emphasis on covenant new and a bit of a mystery. I came to recognize the repetition of these covenants as part of a spiritual practice of joining and engaging in community. It is in my final semester that I am really exploring and coming to understand what covenant means for and to us each.

Oxford English dictionary defines **COVENANT** as follows,

1. an agreement.
“there was a covenant between them that her name was never to be mentioned”

- o **LAW**

a clause in a contract.

- o **THEOLOGY**

an agreement which brings about a relationship of commitment between God and his people. The Jewish faith is based on the biblical covenants made with Abraham, Moses, and David.

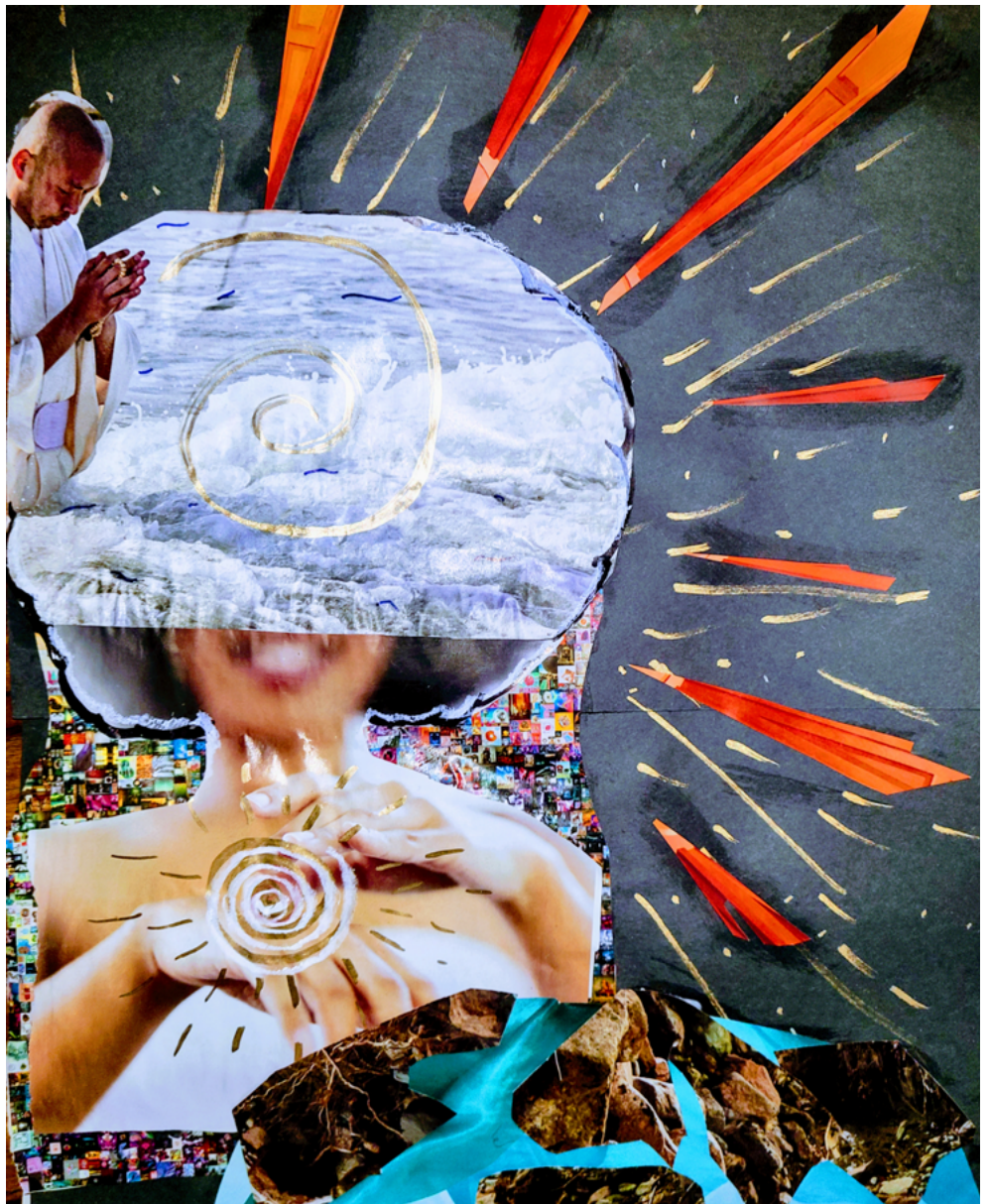
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But the definition provided here did not inform what I know is at the heart of covenant in UU churches. Synonyms of “promise”, “pledge”, “vow” included later with this definition expressed the emotional, spiritual component in this kind of agreement.

From my experience, yes, covenant is an agreement between people, but in their rarest form--with feelings exposed; markers of testament to the purpose and need for such powerful and yet delicate negotiation between human beings. Covenant is us being authentically human and through agreements upholding expectations and granting grace. This is a divine human spiritual contract. From this I now appreciate why covenant remains such an integral piece of this faith, in upholding each of its 7 UU principles.

My hope is that this exploration of covenant has filled you with curiosity and reaffirmed the value of covenant in our shared faith, as it has for me.

With greatest blessings,
Vanessa Williams



Prayer, Vanessa Williams

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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

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

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!



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82249988436?pwd=Z290RnRBVzcxKzlrL05KaGJzNHBOU09>

Meeting ID: 822 4998 8436

Passcode: UUCB

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US (Washington DC)

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US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 822 4998 8436

Passcode: 751984

FERRY BEACH RETREAT 2022



The ocean is calling you...

for 3 days - [AUGUST 23-26, 2022](#) - of relaxation, spirituality, creativity, music, worship, s'mores, bonfires, swimming, dancing, workshops and delicious food with members of the UU Belfast and Castine congregations. Registration for our Multi-church Summer Retreat begins March 1st and continues until June 27, 2022. A \$25.00 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is due for each attendee when you register. The balance is due by July 31st . Limited partial scholarships are available. Please contact Rev. Sara or Anne Ossanna for a confidential request. There are no hotel options this year. Onsite shared dorm rooms are just steps away from the ocean. The ADA rooms and campground are a short walk to the ocean. The fee includes housing for 3 nights, housekeeping, all programming and 8 delicious ALL YOU CAN EAT meals.

Pricing is on the following page:

FERRY BEACH RETREAT 2022

PRICING (ALL INCLUDE MEALS, EXCEPT DAY PASS)

___ Adults 18+ at \$325.00 each (includes SHARED dorm room with another adult in Underwood, housekeeping and 8 meals)

___ Adults 18+ at \$550.00 each (includes PRIVATE dorm room in Underwood, housekeeping and 8 meals) NOTE: Single parents with 1 or more child should reserve PRIVATE

___ Adults 18+ at \$325.00 each (includes SHARED twin dorm room with another adult in Quillen, housekeeping and 8 meals)

___ Adults 18+ at \$550.00 each (includes PRIVATE twin dorm room in Quillen, housekeeping and 8 meals) NOTE: Single parents with 1 or more child should reserve PRIVATE.

___ Adults 18+ at \$366.00 each (includes SHARED queen dorm room in Quillen, housekeeping and 8 meals)

___ Adults 18+ at \$575 each (includes PRIVATE queen dorm room in Quillen, housekeeping and 8 meals) NOTE: Single parents with 1 or more child should reserve PRIVATE.

___ Adults 18+ at \$375 each (includes SHARED family room with another adult in Quillen with queen bed and two twin beds, housekeeping and 8 meals)

___ Adults 18+ at \$625 each (includes One Adult and 3 children in Quillen with queen bed and two twin beds, housekeeping and 8 meals).

___ Adults 18+ at \$450.00 each (includes double ADA room, linens, housekeeping and 8 meals)

___ Clafin Cottage at \$1,350.00 (includes linens, sleeps 8 -2 queen bedrooms, 2 twin bedrooms)

___ Youth 9-17 at \$140.00 each (includes shared dorm/campsite, housekeeping and 8 meals)

___ Children (8 and under) \$35.00

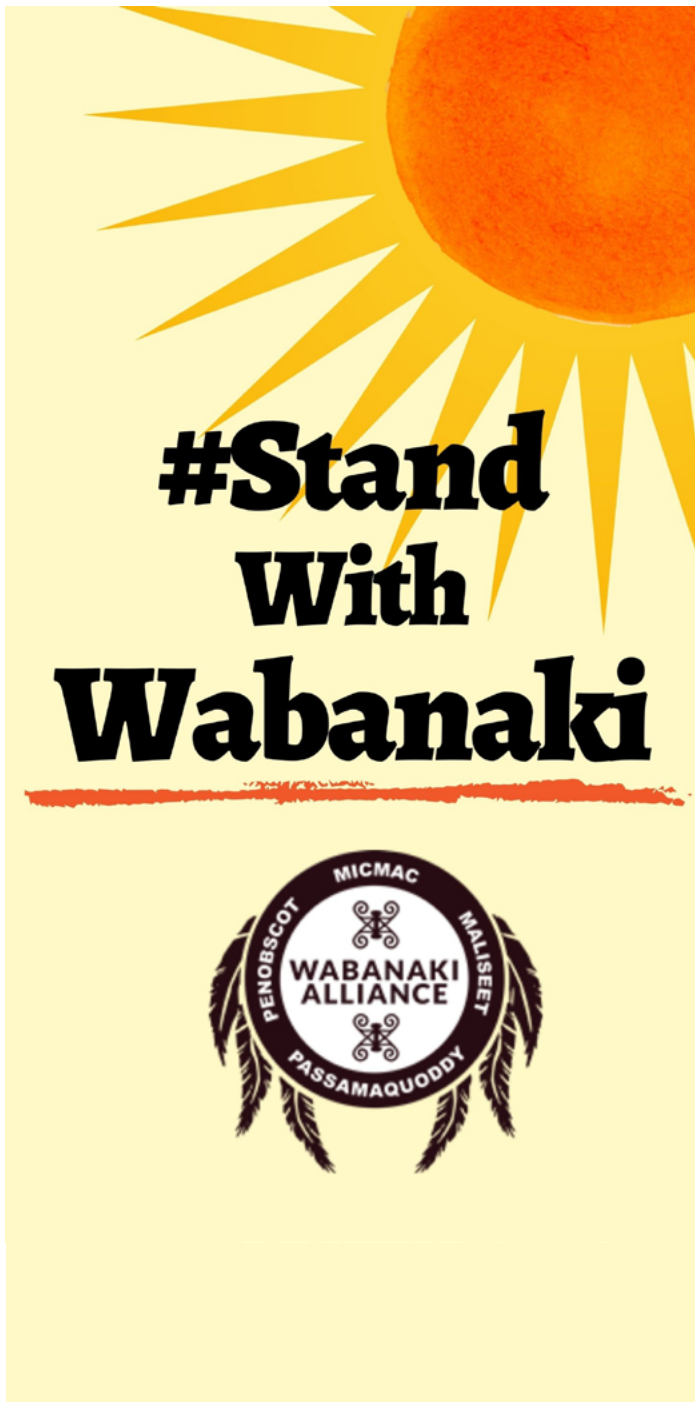
___ Tent Sites at \$120.00 per site for 3 nights

___ RV/Sites at \$144.00 per site for 3 nights

___ Large RV at \$150.00 per site for 3 nights

___ Adult 18+ Camper Meal Plan/Registration \$160.00 per person

___ Day Pass \$10.00 per day/per person for those staying off campus and \$25.00 per person
Registration fee for Programming. NOTE: Meals are not included



“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

- 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) for Your Local Paper
- Share on social media. Use the hashtag #StandWithWabanaki
- Redistricting: If your state representative has changed due to redistricting, please let [Doug Bird](#) know so that we can keep the PASA webpage up-to-date.

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 join us on **Sunday, February 20** for a breakout session after church. And keep watching the weekly e-news for the question and topic for the day, which will tie to Black History Month.

The 8th Principle Task Force is planning a series of congregational conversations related to the 8th principle in March and April. We anticipate sharing some reading or viewing in advance of each conversation as a basis of our discussion. Dates and proposed conversational topics are listed below.

TUES, 3/15 — Journeying Toward Spiritual Wholeness

TUES, 3/22 — Building a Diverse Multicultural Beloved Community

TUES, 3/29 — Dismantling Racism and Other Oppressions in Ourselves

TUES, 4/5 — Dismantling Racism and Other Oppressions in Our Institutions

TUES, 4/12 — Holding Ourselves and Our Church Accountable

All sessions are on Tuesdays, from **5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** and the same Zoom link will be used for all and will be shared in the weekly e-news. No need to sign up in advance. Everyone is welcome to come to any or all of the conversations, as your schedule permits.

We encourage you to join us, to hear more about the 8th principle, to discuss our own experiences with racism and other oppressions and to share any questions you have about the principle.

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

YARD SALE 2022 (YS22)

Mark your calendars! This year's yard sale will be **Saturday, June 18** and prep work for it will be Thursday & Friday, June 16 & 17. Come join the fun and camaraderie of YS22!

DONATIONS: If your winter indoor projects include cleaning out your closets and cupboards and bookshelves and basements and garages of things that no longer bring you joy, YS22 welcomes your donations! If your items are **CLEAN and IN GOOD WORKING ORDER** and not Auction-worthy, we'll take them! (Two caveats: no big exercise equipment and no old tube TVs). Pack them up in a box or bag clearly marked YARD SALE and leave them under the coat rack at church. They'll go into storage and then in June, they will find a new home where they DO bring joy and in the process, help raise money for UUCE. And some of the best things about our yard sale: it's **GREEN** AND it supports our local community! We're reusing, recycling and keeping things out of landfills, and folks can get things they need at really great prices.



Thank you to the kind and generous soul who left two boxes of food for Loaves & Fishes under the name tag rack in church!

Instead of dropping off future donations at UUCE, you can skip the middleman (UUCE) and take them directly to Loaves & Fishes. If you come by when they're open, they'll gladly take them from you; if it's after hours, the Loaves & Fishes van is parked out front and is left unlocked, specifically for after-hours donations - just put them in the back of the van. Someone is at Loaves & Fishes every weekday, so your donations - when dropped off at Loaves & Fishes - don't have to wait long to get to needy families.

“ACKNOWLEDGING...”

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT GARY SHELLHAMER



I want to thank those of you who attended the recent Congregational Meeting on January 23rd. When the meeting was being planned, I didn't realize just how much our committees and taskforces are doing, but with 13 committees or taskforces making brief presentations to those attending in addition to Alison Stephen's report as UUCE Treasurer and Rev. Sara's Minister's report, I was encouraged that even after 22 months of pandemic-caused adjustments, we are committed to our core congregational values and the mission of UUCE as well as our care and concern for our beloved community.

If you were not able to attend the meeting, it was recorded and <https://vimeo.com/671990813>.

We now have a way for our members and friends to keep up to date on committees and other UUCE groups. One report on Sunday was from our Committee on Congregational Engagement, which has prepared a guide about the committees and groups working to forward our mission, with information on what it is they do, a name to contact for more information if you are interested in joining the group, and, with the expansion of our website to include a members only section, the opportunity for committees to have their policies and events listed for members to keep up to date with actions planned by each group. A PDF is available online (www.uuellsworth.org, to access the document select members in the top bar and enter the members password (the members-only section password is available from the office). The office will be printing copies to present to new members so they have more information about all that our community does celebrating the sacred to nourish souls and live justice into the world.

I also want to acknowledge the Fiscal Matters Committee work. The pandemic has impacted our fundraisers and rentals and they are checking how we are doing with discussions on ways to reduce this year's expenses as well as starting to work on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 proposed budget. We are grateful for their attention to the financial well-being of UUCE.

Thank you to all of you for your support of UUCE with your time, talents, and treasure. Thanks also to the committees that had a spokesperson report to the congregation at the recent meeting.

Gary

SANKOFA CORNER



Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

REV. SYDNEY SCOTT BOOTH (1880-1946)

SOLDIER, MINISTER, SCREEN-WRITER, RADIO ARTIST

PART I

Rev. Sydney Scott Booth was born on March 7, 1880 in Aston, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, the eldest of the three children of William Henry Booth and Amelia Scott, both of Birmingham. His father was a jeweler living at 50 Barker St. in Aston, a ward of Birmingham. He was baptized on June 21 in the parish of St. George, Birmingham. His Booth ancestral line extends back to 1599 in Ridgeway, England, near Sheffield.

In the 1881 census, he is listed at age 1 living with his parents in Aston. His father, age 30, was a jeweler. In the 1891 census, we find him at age 11 listed as a “scholar” at a grammar school in Upper Holker, Lancashire. From 1892-1894, he was a student at King Edward’s High School in Birmingham.

On Feb. 19, 1900, in response to the need for volunteer troops to fight in the Second Boer War in South Africa, Sydney Scott Booth signed up as a recruit. He was at the time 20 years and 2 months old, was 5’ 11” tall, had a “fresh” complexion, grey eyes, and brown hair. After a physical examination conducted on that date in Buckingham, he was deemed medically fit for service in the Imperial Yeomanry. He served in South Africa from March 16, 1900 until Feb. 17, 1901. After a total service of 1 year and 41 days, he was “discharged at his own request from further services in connection with the War in South Africa.”

He came back to England and in the 1901 census he is found at the age of 21 living with his parents and two siblings at 213 Church Hill Road in Handsworth, a northwestern suburb of Birmingham where he was working for his father as a jeweler. However, unhappy with the prospects there, he decided to return to South Africa where he enlisted in the South African Constabulary in which he served until Aug. 12, 1902. He then made his way to Capetown where he again worked for a time as a jeweler.



Rev. Sydney Scott Booth in a 1940 South African Boer War veterans parade in Hamilton, Ontario.

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By December of 1904, he was back in England again where he became associated with Freemasonry and attended Masonic events at St. James Lodge in Handsworth. Although he maintained his membership there until February of 1908, in 1907 he nevertheless decided to leave England to seek his fortune in North America.

He traveled to Canada, arriving at Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 16, 1907. Between 1908 and 1910, he was enrolled in a divinity course at Bishop's College in Lennoxville, Quebec (near Sherbrooke) where he was studying for the Anglican ministry. After completing two years of study there, he engaged in missionary work in Quebec, Ontario, and even Florida. He had also come to North America to take up commercial work, and eventually decided to purchase 40 acres of land in Manatee County, Florida, 12 miles northeast of central Bradenton. He worked the land for a year growing fruit and vegetables and in the 1910 U.S. census, we find him on a farm in Mitchellville, Manatee County, Florida working alongside two of his cousins, Fred and Edward Booth.

On May 31, 1910, in a letter written in Rye, Manatee County, Florida to Rev. George H. Badger of New York, Sydney wrote:

I brought two of my cousins from your state down with me & we have located as above on a 37-acre tract. In all probability, as soon as I have seen them safely on the road to wealth, I shall be on way north again en route for England. I wanted to have a very serious talk with you about the ministry now that I have definitely withdrawn from the Episcopal communion, for I hate giving up the idea of having that branch of God's service to which I have felt called for so many years.

I left Lennoxville amidst such popular demonstration of regret that I was very greatly surprised & touched. Professors & students united in a strong effort to keep me there, but conscientious scruples would not have allowed me to rest if I had stayed. I hate false pretences (sic). Your suggestion about attending the Divinity School at Cambridge is, I'm afraid, quite impossible for me, & yet I suppose there is no other solution whatever.

Looking back over his father's period of study at Bishop's College, his son John later wrote that "he disputed with his professors over the validity of such doctrines as the immaculate conception and the virgin birth being taught in the seminary. This led him to question other elements of trinitarian theology to a degree that revealed he was unknowingly a Unitarian." A Rev. Hobart, one of his Anglican colleagues at Bishop's College, later wrote of

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him: “When I knew him, his mind was in a state of transition...Speaking from our point of view, I may say in all truth we have lost an excellent man in Mr. Booth.” Another associate from Bishop’s College, Chaplain Frederick George Sherring of Port Arthur (now Thunder Bay, Ontario), also expressed regret at his change in direction. “He attended Bishop’s College, Lennoxville, at two different periods & left each time, of his own free will. The difficulty I know in his mind was the doctrine of the Virgin Birth. Personally, I regret very much the cause which separated him from our Church & I feel we have lost a man capable of great work in the Master’s Vineyard.”

Another Anglican minister, Rev. R. J. Hutcheon, wrote of Rev. Booth in 1912: “I was well pleased with what I saw of Mr. Booth here last summer & fall. He seemed to me probably more than usually bright mentally & gifted with many social qualifications...He has an unusually good presence & I should judge also, unusually good speaking power. His line will not be scholarship or deep thought, but useful practical work.”

After a frost killed his entire crop in Florida, he left the farm in the hands of his cousins and decided to return to divinity studies. But first, love intervened. While in Toronto, on July 11, 1911, he applied for a license to marry Eliza Margaret Nicholls, of Starcross, Devonshire, England. He was listed as a “bachelor” and she a “spinster.” They were married nine days later on July 20 in Toronto by Rev. Edward A. McIntyre of the Anglican church. The couple spent the summer of 1911 in Toronto where Booth was offered, but ultimately turned down, a position which would have helped him financially as he prepared for another year at seminary. He eventually transferred to the Meadville Theological School, a Unitarian institution then situated at Meadville, Pennsylvania.

So, in Sept. of 1911, he left Canada bound for Pennsylvania where he would enroll at MTS to study for the Unitarian ministry. In the March 1912 edition of the Meadville Theological School Quarterly Bulletin, we find Sydney Scott Booth, of Toronto, residing at 669 Alden Street, Meadville, enrolled as a “special” student, probably reflecting the fact that he had transferred from an Anglican seminary. On Feb. 17, 1912, he made formal application for admission into the Fellowship of the Unitarian Ministry, and two months later, on April 3, we read in the Unitarian publication the Christian Register that, having satisfied the Committee on Fellowship of the Middle States and Canada, he was “hereby commended to our ministry and churches.”

On August 7, 1912, his first son, John Nicholls Booth was born in Meadville. Three months later, the newly minted father became also a newly minted minister after he was ordained and installed on Nov. 20, 1912 at the church in Waterville, Maine where he served through the end of October 1913.

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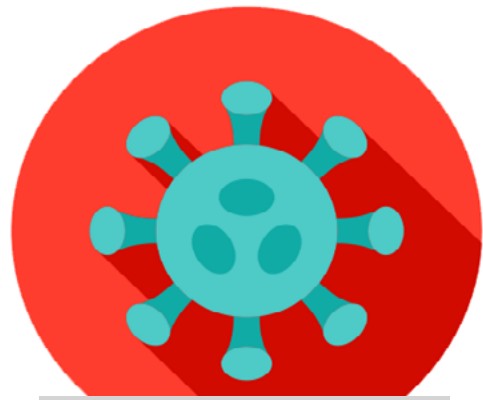
UUCE OFFICE

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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Gary Shellehamer:

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Karen Volckhausen:

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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 INFORMATION

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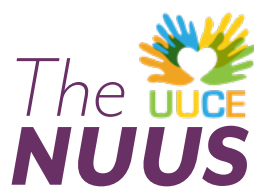
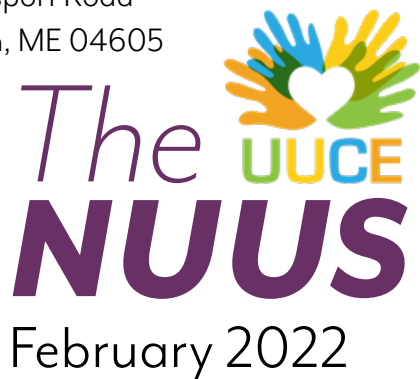
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Gary Shellehamer to 2021 (667-0034)	Vice President: Beth Pepper to 2023
Treasurer: Alison Stephens to 2024	Secretary: Susan Opdycke to 2022
Trustee: Robert Breeden to 2022	Trustee: Kathy Hall to 2024
Trustee: Sally Gervais to 2022	Moderator: John Fink

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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