



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

## Renewing Faith

### MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, MAR 6

#### ***I know this rose will open...***

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
Marta Rieman, Worship Associate

In her book, *Faith: Trusting Your Own Deepest Experience*, author and Buddhist teacher Sharon Salzberg suggests that, “no matter what we encounter in life, it is faith that enables us to try again, to trust again, to love again.” What do we have faith in? What do we aspire to trust whole-heartedly, especially when times are hard? How do we help each other in this spiritual community to find and deepen our own sense of faith?

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SUNDAY, MAR 13

#### ***Remembering Faith, Hope, and Strength***

Vanessa Williams, Worship Leader  
Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate  
[Stories from the Heart with CJ Lavertue at 9am!](#)

Things occur in our personal lives, and in the broader world, from which we feel the need to grasp on to hope and faith and hold it close as ever. Overtime, with monotony our grip loosens, our gaze relaxes and we begin to forget our great need of these things. But, current events have again reminded us of this need. Let us find solace in remembering what faith, hope and strength we have, together.

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# MARCH SERVICES CONTINUED

SUNDAY, MAR 20

## ***“This Sacred and Magnificent Earth”***

Rev. Charles J. Stephens, Minister Emeritus

Kay Wilkins, Worship Associate

8th Principle Virtual Break-out Room Conversation after worship

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I have been celebrating the Earth all of my life and it never loses its appeal for me. I realize more and more that I am, that we are not distinct from the earth. Looking at the abundance of life rising up and flowering around us we too are lifted up and sense our wholeness with the earth. As the tree of life grew, we humans became one of its glorious and significant branches. It is time to recognize and celebrate our blessed unity with our sacred mother.

SUNDAY, MAR 27

## ***It is enough...***

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Jill Jeude, Worship Associate

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In her poem titled, “It is enough,” Anne Alexander Bingham invites us be aware of our mortality with a degree of calm and acceptance. “It is enough,” she writes, “to know the atom of the body will remain...It is enough to know that as long as long as there is a universe, I am a part of it.” What do you have faith in, what do you trust and hold onto when it comes to facing your mortality?



### UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

Jan-Mar 2022

Families First Community Center

Apr-June 2022

Wabanaki Public Health

# MARCH 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, March 6:** Zoom Children's Chapel with Anne and Linda 8:45-9:15 am (link below); In-person Spirit Play with Anne and Nursery with Maeve during Muti-Platform Worship Service.

**Sunday, March 15:** In-person Spirit Play with Anne during Multi-Platform Worship Service.

**Sunday, March 20:** In-person Spirit Play with Anne and Nursery with Maeve during Multi-Platform Worship Service; All Ages Circle of Trees in the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary 2:00-3:00 pm.

**Sunday, March 27:** Zoom Worship Service, no Religious Education offerings.

Woyaya - Anne



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# MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN

Welcome to our March NUUS, Beloveds! I hope you enjoy reading about activities and ministries in our congregation and find a way to get involved—we want and need you, too!

My Ministry Matters Video column this month is rooted gratitude, and in it, I also share a few updates about changing Covid protocols and policies re: practices in-person worship services. Many thanks to our COVID-19 Task Force members who are helping to guide us consider and plan to implement incremental changes in a safe enough fashion while continuing to encourage folks to honor their own boundaries and needs. You will always be able to join us for worship on ZOOM! I am more grateful than I can say that we're coming through this pandemic still deeply connected to each other and committed living our principles and values.

Please know you are welcome to reach out to me at any time should you have questions or appreciate more conversation about anything related to our church. Your voice, your presence, your gifts of generous engagement make all the difference in the world!

With love and gratitude,  
Rev. Sara



Click video image above 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* will be on Zoom on **Sunday, March 13,** at **9:00 a.m.** with **CJ Lavertue** interviewed by Jude Lamb, Story Guide.



## **MONTHLY COLLABORATIVE** ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

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

**Thursday, March 3rd at 4pm**  
**Rev. Sara Hayman, 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>  
**Meeting ID: 469 537 6814**  
**Phone: 646-558-8656**



# GREEN SANCTUARY TASK FORCE

## WRAP YOUR EARTH DAY OBSERVANCE WITH INDIGENOUS WISDOM

On **April 18 and 25**, Green Sanctuary will host two evenings of indigenous film and discussion, culminating with a presentation by James E. Francis, Penobscot Tribal Historian. James co-produced the film “Invisible,” our feature film on April 25th. He has curated exhibits at the Abbe and Hudson Museums and at Harvard University, and served on the Wabanaki Studies Commission, implementing the Maine Native American Studies Law. James studies the relationship between indigenous people and the landscape.

Also included in the series will be “Penobscot: the People and their River” and “Nebi: Abenaki Ways of Knowing Water.” Both evenings will be presented via Zoom. Please mark these two Monday evenings on your calendar.

# YARD 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. And it’s time to start thinking about what you might contribute to YS22 from your household!



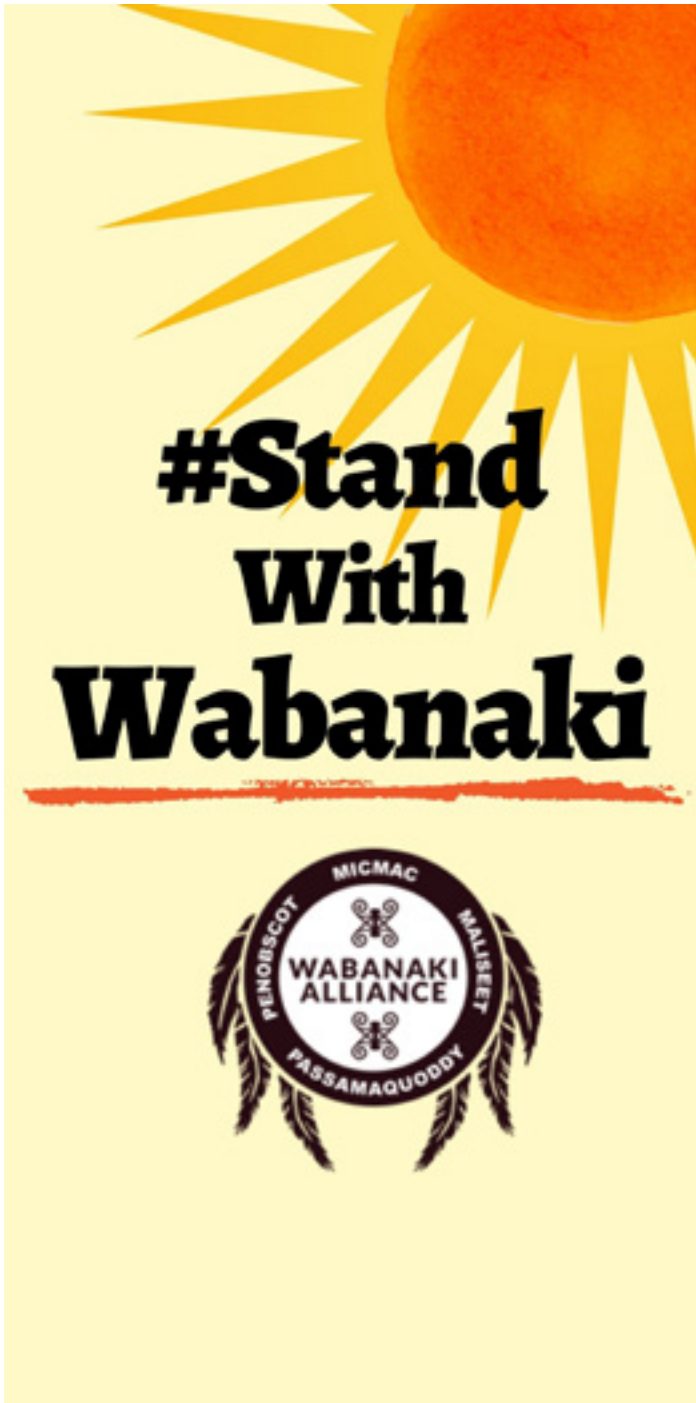
THE ELLSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL GENDER AND SEXUALITY DIVERSITY ALLIANCE (GSDA) is on the agenda for a rainbow crosswalk discussion at the March Ellsworth City Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm on **Monday, March 21st**. They will need as many Ellsworth resident supporters in attendance as possible, as their opposition is mobilizing against them.

**Please email the City Councilors to show your support of the rainbow crosswalks.**

Their email addresses are as follows:

[dhamilton@ellsworthmaine.gov](mailto:dhamilton@ellsworthmaine.gov)  
[mblanchette@ellsworthmaine.gov](mailto:mblanchette@ellsworthmaine.gov)  
[glyons@ellsworthmaine.gov](mailto:glyons@ellsworthmaine.gov)  
[chanson@ellsworthmaine.gov](mailto:chanson@ellsworthmaine.gov)  
[sohalloran@ellsworthmaine.gov](mailto:sohalloran@ellsworthmaine.gov)  
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[rmiller@ellsworthmaine.gov](mailto:rmiller@ellsworthmaine.gov)





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 ARE YOUR CONCERNS?

**Your e-mails and phone calls do matter!**

### **ResistBot**

The fastest and easiest way to contact your representatives, get ready to vote, and civically engage. Just click on the link above, sign up, and then start sending texts!

Visit the [PASA web page](#) for more information.



# “REDISCOVERY”

FROM OUR INTERN MINISTER  
VANESSA WILLIAMS



Recently, I have been thinking about the connection between the Soul Matters themes of *Widening the Circle* of last month and that for March, of *Renewing Faith*. In exploring these together, I find there is a rediscovery of what brought me to Unitarian Universalism; and followed the call for UU ministry. As I created the content in the Inclusion by Widening the Circle service for February, I remembered what it was that I found so captivating in the Unitarian Universalist faith, so much so that I wished to share it with others.

And by seeking to widen the circle I recognize that as Unitarian Universalists must acknowledge what it is that we would want to share this faith with others for. In this light we are coming back to rediscover our own beliefs and to understand them in a different way. We are not widening the circle for the sake of adding more followers to the Unitarian Universalist roster, but to share in what it is that we found so great about Unitarian Universalism with the world over.

In widening the circle, we are welcoming more into the fold of the truths we are aware of, and those we are still in search of. Additionally, we are increasing our own awareness of what it means to be Unitarian Universalist and creatively finding ways of living into our UU faith and principles.



May this spiritual rediscovery be exciting, adventurous, and nourishing to the spirit;

May this rediscovery of faith bring insight and illumination to you as if it is newfound!

Blessed be.  
Amen.

*A Gift, Vanessa Williams*

# SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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

**Last Wednesday of the month  
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

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# THE HAMMER HAS FALLEN ON UUCE'S COUCH POTATO AUCTION OF 2022! AND WE MASHED IT!

Thank you, UUCE, for making our 2022 auction so successful and so much fun! With all your contributions, and new friends brought in, and generous bidding, we came in well over our goal – within a potato chip's reach of \$12,000!

Remember there will be continuing sales of the beautiful new UUCE garden calendars and artists' notecards throughout the year. Just check in at the office to get yours. And there are plenty of tickets available at the **summer Toddy Pond party**, as well as a few seats and opportunities still open for other events and services auctioned off Saturday night:

- **Customer Video-Making by Sue Aubrey – \$195**
- **Wood-Burning Class with Jana Robinson – \$35**
- **Summer Drumming Circle with Eileen Mielenhausen – \$50**
- **Learn to Dance with Paul Kelly and Kate O'Dell – \$60**
- **Sing-Along on the Patio with Christine Bowman – \$45**
- **Saint Patrick's Day Dinners by Evelyn Foster – \$55** (and worth every penny!)

We also have **puzzles, purses, necklaces**, and a few other items from the silent auction remaining available in the church for a while longer, so check those out in person in the church board room (but not before March 5th ) if you get the chance!

Meanwhile, if you won items in the auction, you can drive by UUCE at 121 Bucksport Road to pick them up. We'll have helpers on duty this Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6, from 1 to 3 PM. Pull up to the door and we'll bring out your treasures!

If you have not yet received your auction receipt, or if you have any questions about charges, please contact Jeff at [office@uuellsworth.org](mailto:office@uuellsworth.org) .

Once again, many thanks are due to our auctioneering team: CJ Lammers, Beth Pepper, and Jim Fisher; recorders Liz True and Haydée Foreman; tech director Sue Aubrey; business canvasser Sally Gervais; publicity makers Esther Sampol, Susan Opdycke, and Nancy Guy; auction co-organizers Lori Johnson, Jeff Jude, and Katherine Hubner; and of course, our Rev. Sara Hayman, for making it all happen so successfully!

*With my gratitude, Margaret Thurston*



# 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. Please contact Anne Ossanna for additional information: Email - [aossanna@aol.com](mailto:aossanna@aol.com); Text - 1 (207) 479-6338; Landline - 565-2057.

Pricing & Registration Form is on the following pages:

# 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

Form is on the following page:

# UU ELLSWORTH/BELFAST/CASTINE MULTIGENERATIONAL FERRY BEACH RETREAT – AUGUST 23-26

Registration will occur by mail starting March 1, 2022 and must be received by June 27, 2022, payment in full is due by July 31, 2022. You are registering for 3 nights housing (dorm or campsite) 8 meals and housekeeping fee. Note: You must include a \$25.00 per person non-refundable program fee when you register!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will be attending the weekend?

Name	Adult 18+	Youth 9-17	Under 8
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## 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.”**

### WHAT DOES THE LANGUAGE IN THE PROPOSED 8TH PRINCIPLE MEAN?

We are preparing to vote at our May congregational meeting on adoption of the 8th principle. Join the 8th Principle Task Force and your fellow congregational members for a series of conversations to explore what this will mean for UUCE. 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.** The same Zoom link will be used for all and will be found in the weekly e-news. We encourage you to call or email Jeff in the church office to say you plan to attend, although no advance sign up is required. Everyone is welcome to come to any or all of the conversations, as your schedule permits. Additional readings and viewings will be suggested in the weekly e-news. Or check out the resources listed on the church’s 8th Principle web pages.

We welcome everybody. Come hear more about the 8th principle, discuss our experiences with racism and other oppressions and share any questions you have about the principle.

We’re also beginning to look ahead at what adoption of the 8th principle might mean for our church and what kinds of conversations we need to have. We’re considering holding a series of conversations about UUism and racism in the future. Let us know if you might be interested in attending or helping host.

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

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## JUBILEE III ANTI-RACISM TRAINING

Several of us on the 8th Principle Task Force have attended the Jubilee III Anti-Racism Training that's put on by Paula Cole Jones, Leon Spencer and Lutricia Callair. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Honolulu is providing this Zoom training the weekend of March 25-27—Learning Together about System Racism. The training agenda includes: History of racism and resistance to racism in the Americas; defining racism; effects of racism on people of color and on white people; dismantling racism; and claiming and shaping an anti-racist identity. Cost is \$170. Registration deadline is March 20. Registration at <https://www.paulacolejones.com/> (Note that event takes place in Pacific Time Zone and you must adjust for EST.)



# “ANTICIPATING SPRING”

## FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT GARY SHELLHAMER

Welcome to March (and anticipation of Spring) as UUCE continues working to be there for you with services—whether you choose to attend worship in person or online—and events and activities, keeping our community connected as we live our faith into the world.

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, UUCE is keeping track of federal and state CDCs information and recommendations, enabling connections with the health and safety of our members and friends in our plans. I am grateful you had the forethought to vote to have multiplatform services and to approve purchasing and setting up our tech system. As I write this, the snow is falling and I am thanking our auction committee who met the challenges of the pandemic and the weather, moving our Couch Potato Auction online.



Artwork by Liz True

At our January Congregational meeting, it was wonderful to see that even with the restrictions COVID-19 has caused, our committees and groups continue to work for our beloved community.

Nearing the two-year mark in pandemic-caused changes to UUCE’s normal, our Fiscal Matters Committee, Rev. Sara, and the board are reviewing the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year operating budget and recommending actions to maintain the financial well-being of UUCE.

Fiscal Matters is also working on a proposal for the next fiscal year to be reviewed by the board and presented at a budget hearing prior to a congregational vote on the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Hand in hand with that, our Stewardship Committee is beginning the task of a pledge drive.

For the past few years, I have worked with Stewardship on the drive and recall one statement by Bart Frost on the blog Blue Boat Home about pledging:

One of the best things about church is that it is an intentional community where you can live out your values. In a world where almost everything is based on a transactional “fee-for-service” system, church is one place where things operate differently. A church shares its services with you joyfully, until you decide that you feel ready to give joyfully back. Giving is an important part of the mutual relationship we have with our riches and with all of the people in our faith.

Our pledge drive focuses on one of the three T’s we individually can joyfully give to UUCE: Treasures, with the others being our Talents, and our Time.

UUCE has been there for you and I urge you to joyfully pledge for our 2022-2023 Fiscal Year operating budget.

Additionally, I hope that those with time and talent can offer to join our Stewardship Committee and help with the pledge drive. If you are willing to join the group, please contact me ([president@uuellsworth.org](mailto:president@uuellsworth.org) or 667-0034).

Thank you.

Gary



Artwork by Kaitlyn Miller



Wayne H. Smith  
UUCE Historian

# REV. SYDNEY SCOTT BOOTH (1880-1946)

## SOLDIER, MINISTER, SCREEN-WRITER, RADIO ARTIST

### PART II

After accompanying his wife to New York City where she and their son John boarded a ship for a visit to their home in England, Rev. Booth came to the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth in November of 1913, sent by the American Unitarian Association. He had been appointed superintendent of the Hancock County Conference of Unitarian churches, and was acting as pastor-at-large of the churches in Ellsworth, Bar Harbor, and numerous other locations. This was done in accordance with a plan drawn up by the President of the Hancock County Conference and former FUSE minister Rev. Arthur Coar. His first sermon in Ellsworth was delivered on Sunday Nov. 9, 1913. As the Ellsworth American noted: "He made a most favorable impression upon all who heard him...Mr. Booth's parish...includes Bar Harbor and practically all the southeastern section of Hancock county...Next week he plans to visit Sullivan, Winter Harbor, and Prospect Harbor. Mr. Booth has an office and study in the Peters block."

*As Mary Ann Greely wrote in her 1917 History of the First Unitarian Society, The vigor and executive ability of Mr. Booth found expression in the enthusiasm of the Society and the work so long omitted was taken up with zeal. Representative congregations assembled for the Sunday morning services when, in place of a regular choir, a chorus of young women sang most acceptably... According to custom, our church united with the other Protestant churches in a Thanksgiving service at which Mr. Booth preached the sermon... In December, Mr. Booth interested the other churches in a "Go-to-Meeting-Sunday" on the plan adopted in larger cities with the result that after an unusually large attendance at the morning services, when everyone was asked to go to the church of his preference, an enthusiastic union service was held in the evening. On the following Sunday nine people formally united with the Unitarian Church at an impressive consecration service.*

Booth's son John, writing some 20 years later, relates that his father found it challenging to maintain his family on his relatively paltry minister's salary, so from 1913 to 1915 he began writing movie scripts for the fledgling motion picture industry. Scripts submitted

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to the Edison Studios, Universal Pictures, Balboa, and Vitagraph, including *The Minister's Temptation*, *A Sense of Humor*, *On the Great Steel Beam*, *Five Strings to the Beau*, and *Romance of Gervaise and Elise*, ended up being turned into films that played in both North American and British theaters.

In a January 1914 article in the *Ellsworth American*, we read:

*The writing of the scenarios or plays for the moving-picture has become a legitimate and remunerative business for many people, and the cry of the film-maker is still, "more, more," to meet the enormous demand. But these photo-plays must measure up to a standard, and a knowledge of techniques and methods is required. Rev. Sydney S. Booth, pastor of the Ellsworth Unitarian church, is one of those photo-play writers who has made good. While he modestly disclaims any right to be called a "master," the fact that one of his plays was pronounced a "classic" of last year by one of the big film companies tells its own story.*

In the same edition of the paper, five columns are devoted to presenting a feature article: "The Photo-Play: Some Interesting Points on Writing for the Moving Pictures" by Sidney S. Booth. In it, Booth presents a step-by-step guide to writing a scenario, including preparing a synopsis, placing the synopsis on top of the completed manuscript, writing your name and address on the top of the scenario sheet, numbering each page in the margin, etc. He ends the article with a long list of "Don'ts," including "Don't write impossible stories. Don't write about what you know nothing of. Don't write the obvious. Be original. Don't forget you have been given brains. Use them!"

On March 4, Rev. Booth set sail from St. John, New Brunswick to join Mrs. Booth at her home in England. He was expected to be away for about ten weeks (although it was fully ten months before he returned to the United States). Mary Ann Greely, continuing her historical narrative, wrote, "In March, Mr. Booth was called to England by the illness of his wife." Ms. Greely seemed hesitant to share the exact nature of his wife's "illness," but we soon find him aboard the ship *Virginian* sailing from St. John, New Brunswick to Liverpool for the birth of his second son, Edward Scott Booth, born in Teignmouth, Devonshire on Mar. 21, 1914.

He preached briefly while in England, at churches in Gloucester, Evesham, and Taunton, and was listed as living at 13 Edgerton Park Road in Exeter, Devonshire in the 1915 *Besley's Directory of Exeter and Suburbs*. While there, he wrote a three-column article for the *Ellsworth American* entitled "English Notes." He comments on the Easter weather, his preaching at the Unitarian churches in Evesham and Gloucester, visits to a cathedral, a train ride to the seaside resort of Paignton where he first saw an "aeroplane" take off "and then rise like a great dragonfly into the air." He also condemns the "execrable" service at a

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local restaurant, writing, “It aroused my American ire so that I felt compelled to enter a strong protest.” He ends the article on a family note:

*Our babies thrive apace. The elder one, John, is an exemplar of perpetual motion, the younger one, Teddie, an exemplar of perpetual sleep and eat, with an occasional howl to relieve the monotony.*

Booth and his family of four departed England on January 22, 1915 on the ship *Devonian* sailing from Liverpool to Boston. In the 1916 and 1917 Boston city directories, he is listed as working as a “representative” at 14 Federal Street, Room 304, although his residence was at Waverley. He served as acting pastor in the Waverley Unitarian Church from Feb. 1916 to April 1917. His third son, Roger Hamilton Booth, was born in Boston on Oct. 2, 1917.

On Sept. 12, 1918, he registered for the Draft while he was living at “The Parsonage” on Pleasant Street in South Natick. He stated that he was an alien from “Great Britain (England),” and that he was employed as a clergyman at the Eliot Unitarian Church and the Unity Church in Natick. From April 1918 to April 1919, he served churches in South Natick and Natick. It appears that these pastorates constituted the last time he worked as a minister, and he formally withdrew from Unitarian ministry on May 8, 1923 as he had become engaged in business.

Information taken from various sources shows that he did a lot of moving around during the 1920s. The 1920 U.S. Census lists him as a “representative” of a “business institute” (the Alexander Hamilton Institute) while living at 148 Oakley Rd. in Belmont, MA with his wife and three sons, however by 1921, he was residing in Quincy, MA. The 1922 Boston city directory has him working as a “repairer” at 8 Beacon Street, Room 88, yet his home was still in Quincy. The 1922 city directory for Quincy, locates their home at 66 Monroe Rd. and has him working as a representative for “N. E.” The 1923 Boston directory notes that he had moved to Youngstown, Ohio. The 1924 city directory for Mansfield, Ohio lists him as manager of Scott Shoe Shop, and has him residing at 568 Garfield Place in Mansfield. The 1924 city directory of Youngstown lists him as president and secretary of Scott Shoe Shops Company, with a residence at 1403 Ohio Ave.

On July 13, 1926 we again find him traveling back to England, arriving from Boston into Liverpool aboard the ship *Celtic* as a 3<sup>rd</sup> class passenger at the age of 46, occupation: salesman. He returned from that trip a month later aboard the ship *Homeric*, leaving Liverpool on Aug. 25 and arriving in New York on Sept. 1. The ship’s manifest gave his permanent address as Cleveland, Ohio, and citizenship: England. Interestingly enough, he was described as having a tattoo on his right forearm.

The 1926 city directory of Cleveland, Ohio lists Sydney S. Booth as a salesman for the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada and has his address as 1859 Grantham Road in

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Cleveland. The 1927 directory, has him working as an announcer for WTAM Broadcasting Station, and lists his home address as 878 Montford Rd. in Cleveland.

On Oct. 22, 1928, he purchased a railroad ticket for travel from Cleveland to Hamilton, Ontario, and on Oct. 27, he entered Canada to visit his cousin, Wilf Hollingsworth, of 14 Hillcrest St. in Hamilton, yet stating that he would be residing at 46 Tuxedo Ave. in Hamilton. He apparently found Hamilton to his liking, and 14 years later, in 1942, his son John listed his father's address as: 167 Rosslyn Ave. South, Hamilton, ON. John was following in his father's footsteps as he was then a student at the now Chicago-based Meadville Theological Institute at the corner of Woodlawn Ave. and 57th Street.

Rev. Booth died on March 5, 1946 in Hamilton. His occupation was listed as "agent in advertising." He was buried at the Woodland Cemetery in Hamilton on Mar. 7, 1946.

His son, Rev. John Nichols Booth, visited the Ellsworth church on Aug. 13, 1959, and signed the guest book as follows:

Booth, John Nicholls, Minister "*The Second Church in Boston*" and son of *Sydney S. Booth, minister of the Ellsworth Church around World War I.*



# STAYING CONNECTED

## UUCE OFFICE

During this time of mandated isolation to curtail the spread of Covid-19, the Church and Office remain closed. Church Administrator Jeff Jeude is working remotely most of the time, but coming into the office on Wednesday, from 11:00 to 3:00.

You can ALWAYS reach him by phone at 573-330-4677 and email either [office@uuellsworth.org](mailto:office@uuellsworth.org).

### Support to Set-Up ZOOM Meetings for Church Gatherings

Jeff is able to schedule church-related ZOOM meetings. If you need to schedule a ZOOM meeting for your church purposes, please email him at [office@uuellsworth.org](mailto:office@uuellsworth.org) or call the church at 207-667-4393 on Wednesdays when he's physically in the building, typically 11:00 a.m. to 3p.m. If your need is urgent and Jeff has not gotten back to you, please call, text or email Rev. Sara Hayman at 207-610-2872 or [sara@uuellsworth.org](mailto:sara@uuellsworth.org). If possible, please give us several days notice to schedule these ZOOM meetings.



## COVID-19 TASK FORCE

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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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<b>Trustee:</b> Sally Gervais to 2022	<b>Moderator:</b> John Fink

## COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

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