

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

Awakening

APRIL WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

MULTI-PLATFORM WORSHIP ON APRIL 3rd , 17th and 24th
ZOOM ONLY WORSHIP on April 10th, the 2nd Sunday this month!

SUNDAY, APR 3

The world invites your participation!

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

Plate Split Sunday to benefit Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness!

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94066159021?pwd=OE5sTkI0Z2prMINObiZRT2tUMTV4dz09>
Meeting ID: 940 6615 9021
Password: 858069
Phone: 646-558-8656

Awakening is this month's worship theme! It's time to move, to loosen up, to begin to stretch and release the tightness of fear, or worry or overwhelm that too often grips us and constrains life. To be awake, alert, alive requires that we be willing to show up—body, mind and spirit—take risks for love and for life. Blessed are the seeds waiting in the darkness for the call of spring!



UUUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

Apr-June 2022 Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness

Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness, dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of the Tribal community members through connection, prevention, and collaboration.

APRIL SERVICES CONTINUED

SUNDAY, APR 10

ZOOM ONLY WORSHIP SERVICE!

Don't Resist Planting

Vanessa Williams, Worship Leader

Vanessa Williams, Worship Associate

Stories from the Heart with Connie Bailey at 9am!

New to UUCE Gathering on ZOOM after worship!

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Hillel the Elder, a prominent first century Jewish scholar of the Talmud, is believed to have said this: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" This Sunday, we'll reflect on our calling as faithful people to care for ourselves, for each other and to provide for those yet to come. What we give and share as part of building and sustaining community serves both our needs and the future needs of those we'll likely never know. Come celebrate the transforming power of living generous lives.

SUNDAY, APR 17

Easter Sunday: Embracing the Mystery

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Kay Wilkins, Worship Associate

New to UUCE Gathering on ZOOM after worship!

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91410996842?pwd=R2IPUHNkWEIGb0F5WIR5RVRGVTVWdz09>

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Passcode: 264837
Phone: 646-558-8656

We Unitarian Universalists are of many minds when it comes to the meaning of Easter and yet, the truth of resurrection and our ability to experience it is real! On this Easter Sunday, come and enter into wisdom of this ancient and sacred Mystery Play of birth, life, death and resurrection.

SUNDAY, APR 24

Welcome Home

Jeff Jeude, Worship Leader

Helen Kazura, Worship Associate

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Passcode: 859567
Phone: 646-876-9923

Rumi writes: "The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you. Don't go back to sleep." There are so many things beckoning for our attention as we arise each day, and we couldn't possibly attend to them all. If we ground ourselves in the here and in the now, we will notice those things of importance.

SUSTAINING BELOVED COMMUNITY

2022-2023



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH OF ELLSWORTH

Your Stewardship Committee welcomes you to the kick-off of our 2022-23 pledge drive, running from April 10th to May 1st, 2022. To save paper and postage we encourage as many people as possible to pledge online. You do not have to pay your pledge online in the future to make your pledge online now. If you requested the online form for last year's pledge drive we will automatically send it to you this year. Hard copies of the stewardship materials will be printed and mailed about April 6th. Please email Jeff Jeude at uucellsworth@gmail.com to say that you are opting out of receiving hard copies of printed material for the stewardship campaign and will make your pledge electronically. He will send you a secure link so that you can make your pledge.

Remember to save these dates:

April 1: The final day to sign up with the UUCE office for online pledging:
uucellsworth@gmail.com or 667-4393

April 10: Stewardship Drive Kick-off, the drive runs through May 5

April 29: Join us between 4 and 6:30 p.m. as we celebrate UUCE's connection, our service to our core values and mission, and (depending on pandemic data for our health and safety) an in-person gathering of fellowship, fun, and food.

Thank you for all you do for UUCE! We urge you to please make a pledge to sustain our beloved community.

MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN

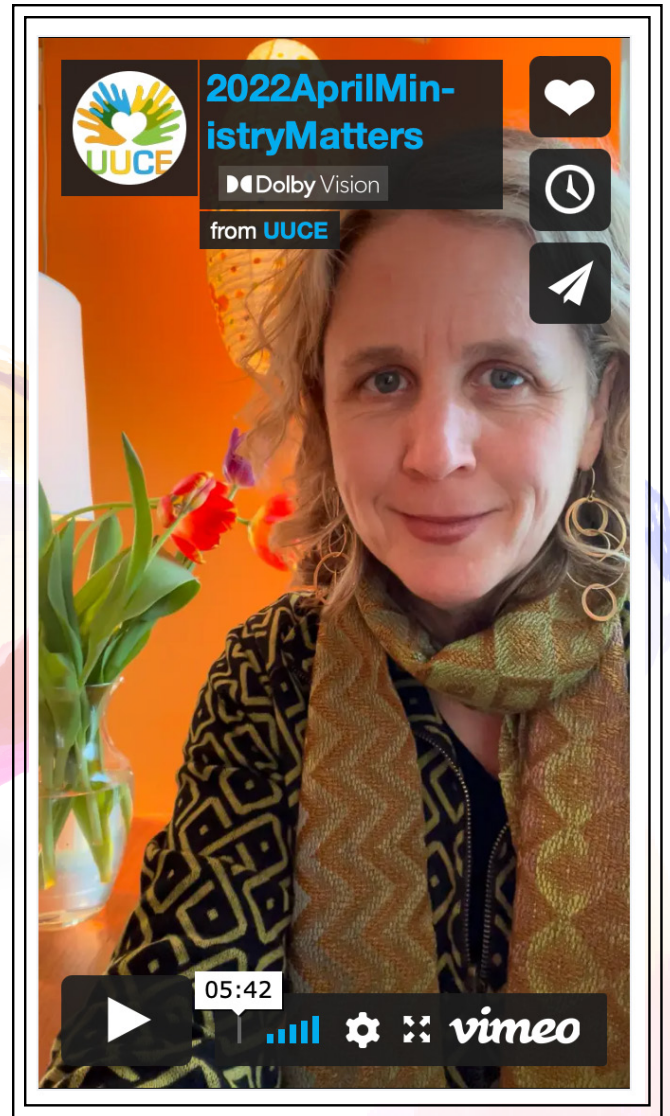
*Blessed are the seeds
waiting in the darkness
for the call of spring.*

*May the life within us be
nurtured by our efforts
to pay close attention;
to see who we are,
and name what we long
to become.*

*When you love life,
life will love you back.*

I wrote these words above into my Sacred Journey journal eight years ago when a dozen or so of us gathered at Evelyn Foster's home to welcome the new year. What a blessing it is to find them again, and to be part of a spiritual community that invites us to listen to and honor the invitations and wisdom of each season. It's early spring here in Maine, and evidence of life's return abounds. I hope you feel it in your being, too.

With love and gratitude,
Rev. Sara



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

APRIL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Anne will be on vacation from April 4th through April 23rd. She will be traveling to the Four Corners region and will have limited email and cell phone access. She will be checking her email and cell phone text messages when she has internet and cell phone reception and will respond as she can.

April 3rd: ZOOM Children's Chapel with Anne and Linda-Ramadan-Zoom link below;
In-person Spirit Play with Anne during Multi-platform worship

April 10th: Zoom worship, no RE offerings

April 17th: In-person Spirit Play with Hazel during Multi-platform worship

April 23rd: Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary Spring Clean up – 2:00-4:00 pm –
Pizza provided; Rain date April 24th

April 24th: In-person Spirit Play with Anne during Multi-Platform worship



Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86085734057?pwd=U0RhSkpFTUlzMI15bnpIM0twWFQ2UT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kblodxEAbK>

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.”

Thank you to all who have attended our monthly breakout sessions and weekly conversation series on the many aspects of the 8th principle we will be voting on at the May annual meeting. They have produced rich conversations and learning for all of us.

OUR WEEKLY SERIES CONTINUES

SESSION 4-Tues. 4/5

Dismantling Racism and Other Oppressions in Our Institutions, 5-6 pm.

SESSION 5-Tues, 4/12

Holding Ourselves and Our Church Accountable 5-6 pm.

The same Zoom link will be used for all sessions and will be shared in the weekly e-news. You are welcome to join any or all. We encourage you to call or email Jeff in the church office if you plan to attend although advanced sign up is not required.

Our monthly breakout session for April is canceled due to the Easter holiday. Watch the e-news for other potential events.

Don't forget the wonderful library that this committee has developed with the leadership of Jana Robinson. It is in the hallway across from the Board Room and you can check out any book that interests you at any time.

Members of the 8th Principle Task Force are: Barb Acosta, Haydee Foreman, Cecily Judd, Marta Rieman, Jana Robinson, Karen Volckhausen, and Rev. Sara Hayman.

We welcome a conversation with you!



MONTHLY COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

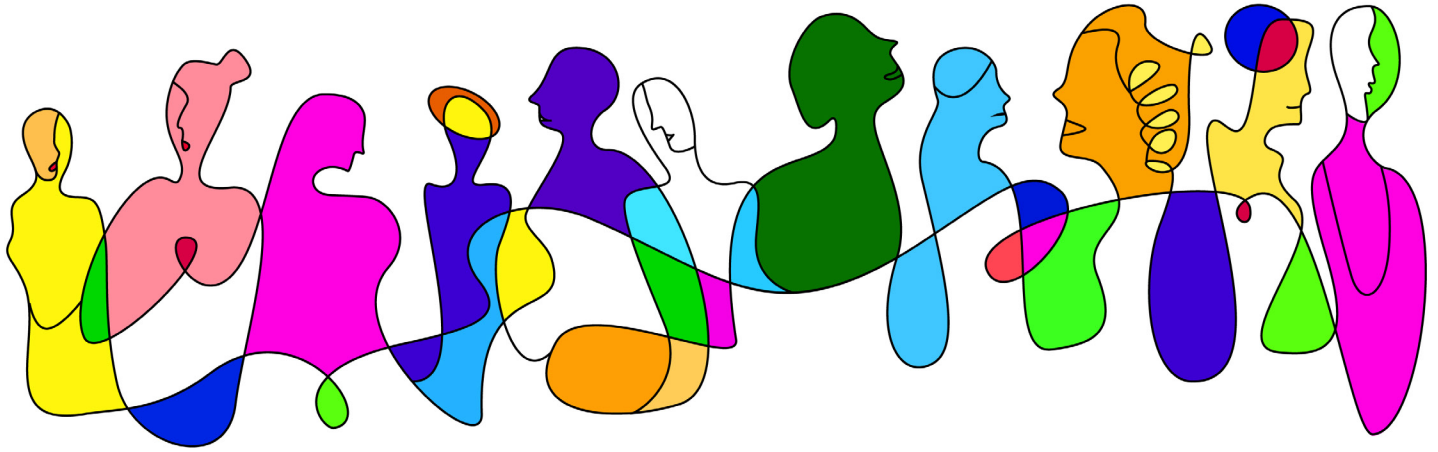
1st Thursdays from 4-5:30pm on ZOOM

Thursday, April 7th 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
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>
Meeting ID: 469 537 6814
Phone: 646-558-8656



A NEWCOMER'S GATHERING AT UUCE

HOSTED BY REV. SARA & UUCE'S MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Sunday, April 10th in person after church

OR Sunday, April 17th on ZOOM after worship

Are you new to our UU Church of Ellsworth?

Are you interested in learning more about our congregation?

Are you wondering how or if you might like to get more involved?

**Are you hoping there are ways to meet others
and begin making more connections?**

Are you curious to hear what membership entails?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, please know you are warmly invited to come to one of two Newcomer's Gatherings scheduled at UUCE in April. Come, meet Rev. Sara, folks from our Membership Committee and others new to our congregation. We'd love to know what brings you to UUCE and to more intentionally welcome you into our congregation? We promise to answer any questions you have! For more information, please contact Rev. Sara at sara@uuellsworth.org or Jody Murphy, Membership Committee Chair at murphyjodyann@gmail.com.

YARD SALE 2022 (YS22)

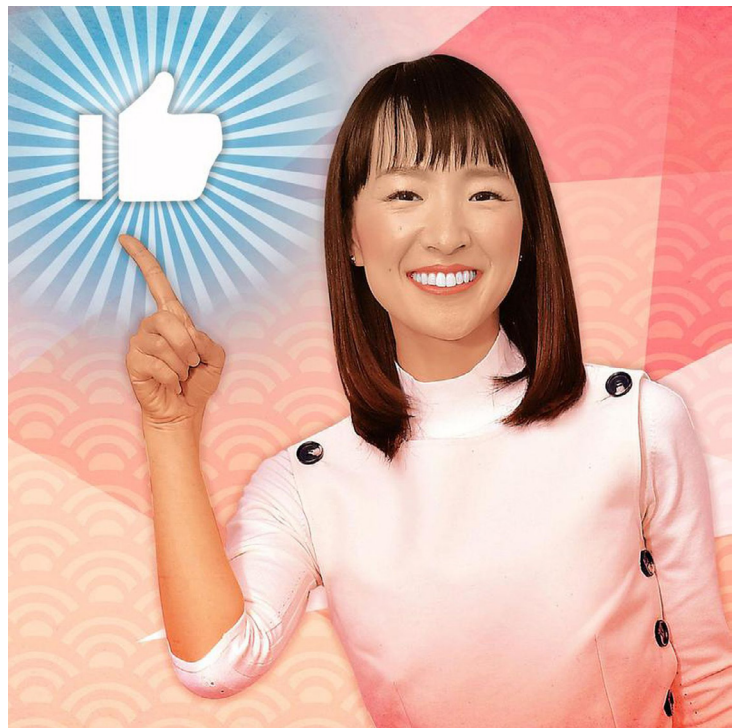
Saturday, June 18

Set up: Thursday & Friday, June 16 & 17

The UUCE yard sale is only 2-1/2 months away! Time to dig into your closets and basements and garages and kitchen cabinets and spare bedrooms and attics and dresser drawers and then, ask yourself in your best Marie Kondo voice,

"Does this spark joy?"

Kondo advises to start the process of tidying up by "quickly and completely" discarding whatever it is in the house that doesn't spark joy. Pepper advises to pack it up for the yard sale - because it's sure to spark joy for someone else. And did you know: Cleaning and organizing things properly can be a spiritual practice in Shintoism, which is concerned with the energy or divine spirit of things (kami) and the right way to live (kannagara). Kondo says that her method is inspired by the Shinto religion.



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, April 10, at 9:00 a.m.** with **Connie Bailey** interviewed by Jude Lamb, Story Guide.

EILEEN BRENNAN OUTDOOR SANCTUARY SPRING CLEANUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD FROM 2:00-4:00 PM.

All are invited to help with Spring Cleanup of the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary on **Saturday, April 23rd from 2:00-4:00 pm**. Please bring rakes, wear protective shoes, work gloves and be prepared for ticks and blackflies. We will work on raking the pathway and sanctuary and fencing. Pizza will be provided. Rain date is April 24th.





GREEN SANCTUARY TASK FORCE

WHAT TO WATCH NOW

THE PENOBSCOT - ANCESTRAL RIVER, CONTESTED

TERRITORY. A beautiful and culturally sensitive explanation of the Penobscot Nation v. Mills controversy. The film paints a picture of stewardship that's so close to home we can reach out and touch it. If you haven't already seen it, watching this film will give you the background you need to make sense of the struggle. (50 minutes on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/618187110?ref=em-share>)

NEXT UP

Watching "The Penobscot..." will also prepare you for the **Indigenous Film Series** that UUCE's Green Sanctuary Task Force will be hosting **Monday, April 18 and April 25th at 7PM**. These two events will be in "real time." The final night will include a discussion with Penobscot Tribal Historian James Francis. Castine and Belfast congregations have been invited to join us.

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST FROM 2:00-3:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

The Dedication of the Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary

will be held on Sunday, May 1st from 2:00-3:30 pm and ALL are invited to attend.

There will be live music, meditations and an opportunity to share memories of our beloved Eileen. Pre-registration is required, please contact Jeff as we are limiting this to 50 people.



GRATITUDE FOR A NONANXIOUS PRESENCE

FROM OUR INTERN MINISTER
VANESSA WILLIAMS



I have learned much in ministerial formation since starting seminary in 2019. I have learned framework for entering and leading in ministry; I have learned and practiced preaching; I have learned how to meet people where they are pastorally. While there are many more lessons integrated into my life and still in progress, I think the one most integral to my continuation as a minister is my work in developing a non-anxious presence.

A nonanxious presence, first described by Rabbi Edwin Friedman is the demeanor of one “who provides a calm, cool, focused and collected environment that empowers others to be relaxed” (Wheeler).

In seminary we are told this is key in ministry from the first day of study. As we investigate theology, our own inner workings and how to minister this non-anxious presence is repeatedly lifted up. We get it, or at least think we do—until faced with a crisis. It is then we realize we need help, leverage, a means of handling the complexities of ministry and life gracefully.

As graduation is closing in the pressure is mounting for me. And in short Murphy’s law of “anything that can go wrong will go wrong” has been the running trend. And I, cannot say I’m coming through unscathed, but I’ve retained a certain level of composure and steadfastness that I cannot imagine having had before seminary.

While I am grateful for all the lessons of academic study in seminary, it has been in the real life scenarios of ministry, including with and to my internship congregations that I most credit this growth. When things are getting particularly challenging I reflect on the *Serenity Prayer*, and remind myself to breathe. Just breathe.

Such a simple practice and reminder to maintain stability is ironically one that is a challenge to learn. In this process of ministerial formation we empty ourselves, only to look at the pieces and reassemble (or discard) them to form a more stable, grounded, ministerial persona, secured with nonanxious presence. I cannot say I am fully formed, or even will be upon graduation date. But the skills and presence gained will not dissipate, they are part of me now. And for this, to you dear congregants, I am grateful.

John Wheeler. “Five pragmatic tools to become a nonanxious presence: Tips and tricks for being a mindful counselor”. Counseling Today. June 26, 2018. American Counseling Association. <https://ct.counseling.org/2018/06/five-pragmatic-tools-to-become-a-nonanxious-presence-tips-and-tricks-for-being-a-mindful-counselor/#>

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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

**Last Wednesday of the month
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>

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SUSTAINING BELOVED COMMUNITY

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT
GARY SHELLHAMER



The word sustain is from the Latin *sustinere* and is about supporting, preserving and enduring. It derives from a combination of words: *sub* (base) and *(teneo)* support. As the theme of this year's Stewardship Pledge Drive, Sustaining Beloved Community--recognizing how together we are the base that works to not just maintain but to nourish and grow UUCE.

Almost 70 percent of our operating budget comes from your pledges. They are the foundation of our community. Your pledge enable us to maintain our facility and to continue working on our community connection, our mission, and our core values through actions within our circle of UUCE members and friends, as well as into our world.

This month, your Stewardship Committee will be contacting you to sustain UUCE through your pledge for the coming fiscal year. Like last year, we will be encouraging people to pledge online, doing what we can to reduce the use of paper and address environment/climate issues. If pledging online, you can fulfill your pledge payments either online or by check during the coming year.

Thank you to the Fiscal Matters Committee, Rev. Sara, Treasurer Alison Stephens, and the board for crafting and approving a budget to sustain UUCE as we evolve how we live our core values and mission and keep our connection strong.

And with gratitude that you, our beloved community, continues to sustain UUCE.

On a different note:

I want to thank Doug Bird for calling attention to the Gender/Sexual Diversity Alliance of Ellsworth High School requesting Ellsworth City Council about Rainbow Crosswalks in the downtown.

I also want to thank Rev. Mark Worth for attending the city council meeting to advocate for their request.

I was not able to attend the council meeting but wrote a letter sent to each member of the council in which I supported the student alliance. Because, in part, I spoke as a member of UUCE who is serving as board president, I want to share the letter with our beloved community:

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I encourage the Ellsworth City Council to approve the request by the Gender/Sexuality Diversity Alliance of Ellsworth High School for the painting of rainbow street crossings in the downtown of the city. As the President of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth, a resident of the City, and a gay man, I encourage Ellsworth to recognize the value of all our citizens, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity (as well as a number of other self-defining characteristics that make us each unique and valuable individuals).

As the President of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth, our covenanted principles within the Unitarian Universalist Association recognize the worth and dignity of all individuals; an acceptance of one another; the need to strive for justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; and the recognition that we are interdependent with one another and with our world.

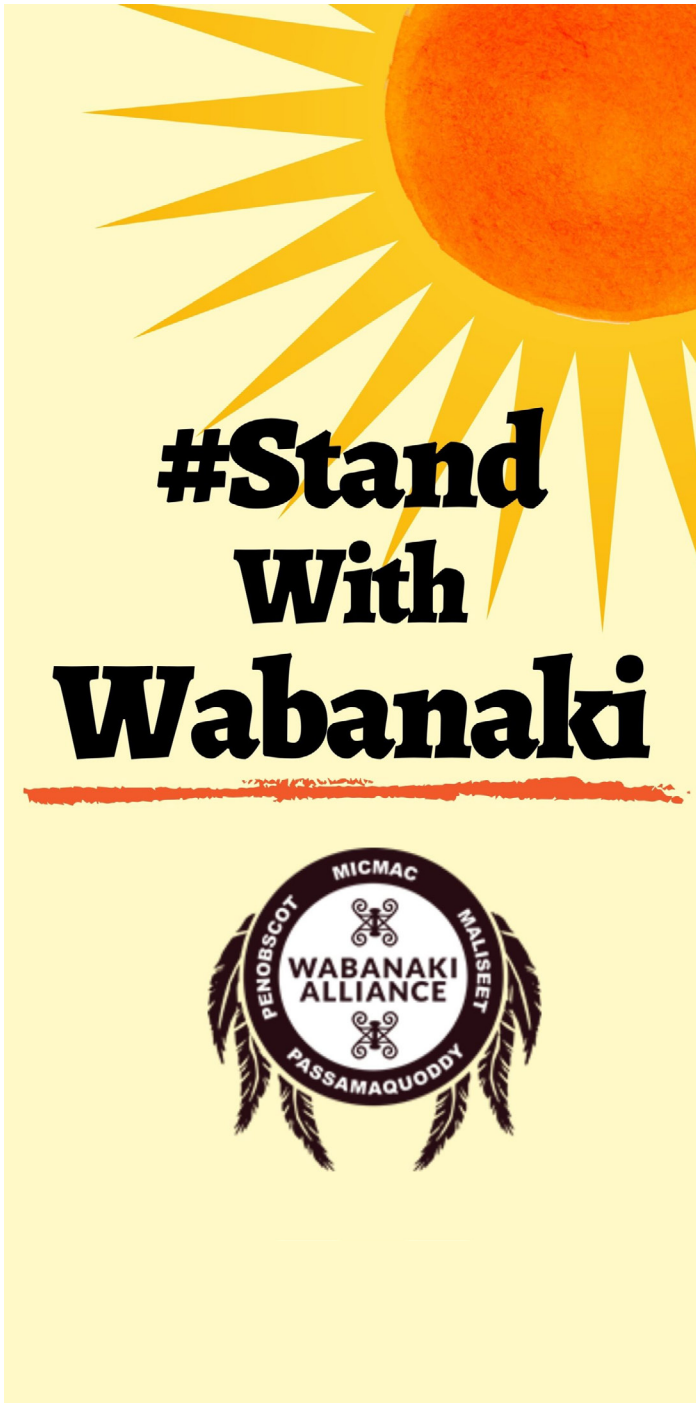
As a gay man--with memories of growing up with verbal and physical assaults, questioning my own value because of how I was treated, and feeling that I needed to hide my true orientation from others--I hope for acknowledgement that we are now more accepting of our differences as we work together for the betterment of our world.

Approving the painting of the crosswalks is a small token of acceptance in our community.

The council voted 4-3 to approve the painting of the crosswalks and I have asked the student's advisor to let me know when the painting will be done in case there is anything volunteers from UUCE can do to assist in the project.

- Gary





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.



LET'S SEND A DELEGATION FROM UUCE TO THE PPC MARCH ON JUNE 18!

RSVP early.

If we have enough people, we can try to get a bus from Ellsworth.

WE MUST DO M.O.R.E. *Mobilizing, Organizing, Registering and Educating for a Movement that VOTES!*

All Roads lead to Washington D.C.

JUNE 18, 2022

Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls in 2022

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH Poor People's Campaign A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL **KAIROS CENTER** FOR RELIGIONS, RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

WWW.POORPEOPLESCAMPAIGN.ORG



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; 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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2.			
3.			
4.			



Wayne H. Smith
 UUCE Historian

A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF JOHN THOMAS (1847-1902)

John Thomas was born sometime around September 1847 in Charleston, South Carolina. By the early 1850s, he and the members of his family were sold to an elderly white woman. He remained with her until he was 18 years old (around 1865) but was freed when President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863.

An unidentified Ellsworth woman wrote the following account of how Mr. Thomas ended up in Ellsworth. “At the close of the war of the rebellion, as the Union troops were marching through Charleston, S. C. to take transports for the North, a group of boys attracted by the regiment band followed the soldiers to the dock. As one of the young officers stepped aboard the ship, he turned to a boy who stood by his side and asked him if he would like to go North. The officer was Francis Jackson Garrison, a son of the great abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison. The boy was John Thomas. Arriving in Boston, the officer carried his ward to his father’s house, where in the years before the war so many fugitive slaves had found shelter. Here he stayed for several months until Mr. Garrison sent him to Ellsworth in response to an application from Hon. Samuel Waterhouse for a trustworthy boy.” Mr. Waterhouse was a founding member of the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth on Oct. 31, 1865, and it was in that year that the young John Thomas began attending functions at the church. He stayed with the Waterhouse family until Mr. Waterhouse moved with his family to Iowa sometime in the late 1860s.

By the time of the 1870 Census, Mr. Thomas was listed as one of two domestic servants of John Black, Jr. and his second wife Sarah (Jordan) Black who were living at the Black residence on the Surry Road:

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	" Sarah	44	F	W	Keeping House			Maine
536537	Jordan Deborah	71	F	W				Maine
	Pratt Phebe A	19	F	W	Domestic Servt			Maine
	Thomas John	22	M	M	Domestic Servt			So. Carolina

Sunday School records of the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth indicate that Mr. Thomas became associated with the FUSE community at the time of its inception. The Society was formed on Oct. 31, 1865 and Sunday School classes were established at the outset. The earliest records we have of individual classes date from 1874 and among the nine students in Miss Flora E. Osgood's class number 12 is: "John Thomas - colored," age 26, resident of Surry Road (John Black Jr.). John was ten years older than the rest of his classmates. He continued attending Miss Osgood's class for at least three years. In 1875, at age 27, he is among the ten students in her class, and in 1876, at the age of 28, he is one of her 13 students.

John remained with the Black family for about twenty years. Mr. Black died in 1879 and the following year, the 1880 census taker listed him as a black male, age 32, working as a servant in the home of Sallie Black and her mother Tempy Jordan. His profession/occupation was recorded as: "Works on Farm." Mrs. Black died on Oct. 8, 1890, having outlived her mother by two days, and the home was closed. After Mrs. Black's death, John began a decade of residence in the household of Isaac M. and Catherine B. (Caswell) Grant on West Main Street, next door neighbors of Everard and Ann Greely and it was there that we find him on June 12, 1900, when the census taker did the rounds of Ellsworth. At some point during his residence with the Grants, he had the opportunity to travel again to Boston where he paid a visit to William Lloyd Garrison, Jr. He was well remembered and kindly welcomed to the Garrison home, every courtesy being shown to the elderly colored man.

It was in the Grant home on Water Street that he died on Thursday, March 6, 1902 of heart disease. He had been employed by the Grants for about ten years. He had been in poor health for about a month, during which time he was tenderly cared for, and he had even been out and about the day before his death. He was 57 years old at the time of his death and unmarried. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a constant attendant. His funeral services, held at the Methodist church on Saturday, March 8, 1902 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. J. P. Simonton officiating, were largely attended and "no more touching tribute to a life of righteousness was ever given than was offered by the pastor." "A man of whom no one can ever say a word of harm," said a prominent businessman on the day of the funeral. "I hope everyone can speak as well of me when my turn comes,"

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said a boy who had listened to the comments on every hand as the funeral passed up Main street.”

How wonderful it is to see “the tribute which a whole town offers to a humble life which has been lived in its midst – a life of self-respect, temperance in all things, and faithfulness.”

He had the distinction of being Ellsworth’s only colored resident, and was well known in the vicinity. “John Thomas...was Ellsworth’s link between the present and a past that has gone down to history as the most memorable epoch in the life of the nation.”

“Lacking education, and of simple mind, John yet possessed principles that would do credit to many of larger pretensions. He was thoroughly honest, and a loyal servant. By frugality, he saved a little money, and at one time owned small interests in several Ellsworth vessels. This he lost, and of his savings little if any remained at his death. John Thomas will long be missed in Ellsworth.”

“From the viewpoint of the world, it was a most commonplace life, yet this ex-slave, without education, doing the humblest work, through strict morality, integrity, and faithfulness in small things as in great, has left behind him a reputation of which many a more favored man might be proud. With a simple-hearted faith in humanity, he became the victim of many a joke – thoughtless, rather than cruel, yet it may be said of him that he had the respect of all his fellow citizens.”

Memorial Resolutions

Whereas, Our Divine Master has removed from our Epworth league* our worthy brother, John Thomas, therefore be it

Resolved, That we have lost a true and devoted Christian brother, an honest, upright man, one of whom no unkind word can be spoken.

Resolved, That in our league and church our worthy brother will be sadly missed.

Resolved, That our charter be draped for thirty days, and a page of our records devoted to his memory.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to *The Ellsworth American* for publication.

Mrs. Florence A. Blaisdell,
Miss Minnie Woods,
Walter Bonsey,
Committee on resolutions.

* Epworth League – a Methodist young adult association.

STAYING CONNECTED

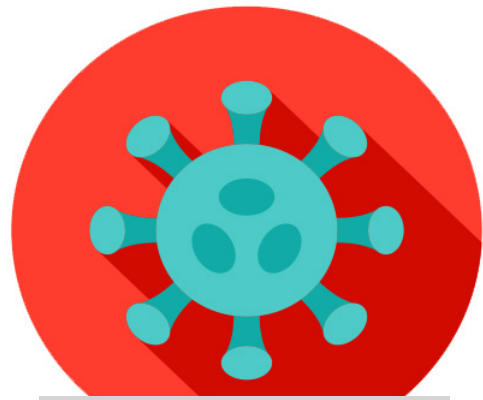
UUCE OFFICE

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

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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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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
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Choir: Haydée Foreman	Publicity: Susan Opdycke
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Eggroll Project: vacant	Technology Coordinator: vacant
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Fiscal Matters: Connie Bailey	Website: Esther Sampol
Flowers: Bronwen Day	Worship Arts: vacant
Green Sanctuary: Paul Kelley	Yard Sale: Beth Pepper
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