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

Nurturing Beauty

MAY WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 A.M.

MULTI-PLATFORM WORSHIP ON MAY 1, 8, 15, AND 22.

ZOOM ONLY WORSHIP on MAY 29, the 5th Sunday this month!

SUNDAY, MAY 1

...the beauty we nurture together

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Paul Kelly, Worship Associate

Eileen Brennan Outdoor Sanctuary Dedication Service at 2pm!

Plate Split Sunday to benefit Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness!

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Phone: 646-558-8656

The late Irish poet and priest John O'Donohue once said, "the human soul is hungry for beauty...When we experience the Beautiful, there is a sense of homecoming." On this first Sunday in May, we'll celebrate the power and generosity of the beauty we aspire to create and nurture together as part of being this Unitarian Universalist congregation.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

What Women Want

Rev. Mark Worth, worship leader

Karen Volckhausen Worship Associate

A sermon titled, "What Women Want" might be a risky subject for a man to take on. In the 18th century, women's rights pioneer Mary Wollstonecraft gave us this comment, "I do not wish women to have power over men, but over themselves." Mark will offer some thoughts, and will also ask the women who are present in the sanctuary and on Zoom for their opinions.

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MAY SERVICES CONTINUED

SUNDAY, MAY 15

You Are Beautiful!

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Jill Jeude, Worship Associate

UUCE Budget Hearing on ZOOM (time to determined)

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Our Universalist heritage beckons us to discover and celebrate the beauty and dignity of every person and being. Drawing inspiration from the late, beloved artist and author Ashley Bryan, in this service, we'll lift up the life-saving power of honoring the beauty in ourselves and others as a source of healing in the world.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

How could anyone ever tell you...

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Marta Riemen, Worship Associate

UUCE Annual Congregational Mtg at 2pm on ZOOM!

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Passcode: 885785
Phone: 646-876-9923

“In difficult times, carry something beautiful in your heart.” - Blaise Pascal
What does it take to “carry something beautiful in your heart” when you’re struggling or in pain? How do we help each other do that? Why does it matter?

SUNDAY, MAY 29

ZOOM ONLY WORSHIP SERVICE!

Disabilities: Inclusion, Accessibility, and Identity

Pey Carter, Guest Worship Leader

Kay Wilkins, Worship Associate

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Meeting ID: 974 2694 8074
Passcode: 408808
Phone: 646-876-9923

Join guest speaker, Pey Carter, as they talk about their journey from able-bodied to disabled as well as disability theology and how congregations can be more inclusive and accessible to everyone.

Pey Carter is in candidate status with the UUA and will be graduating this June with an M.Div. along with a concentration in Social Justice and Ethics. They will be starting the D.Min. in Social Transformation program at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities this fall. Pey's focus in ministry is storytelling and narrative justice and prophetic leadership, particularly around the topics of disabilities, mental health, sexual trauma, and queer liberation. They live in Eau Claire, WI with their two kids, Whitby and Abbey. You can learn more about Pey at www.linktr.ee/peycarter.



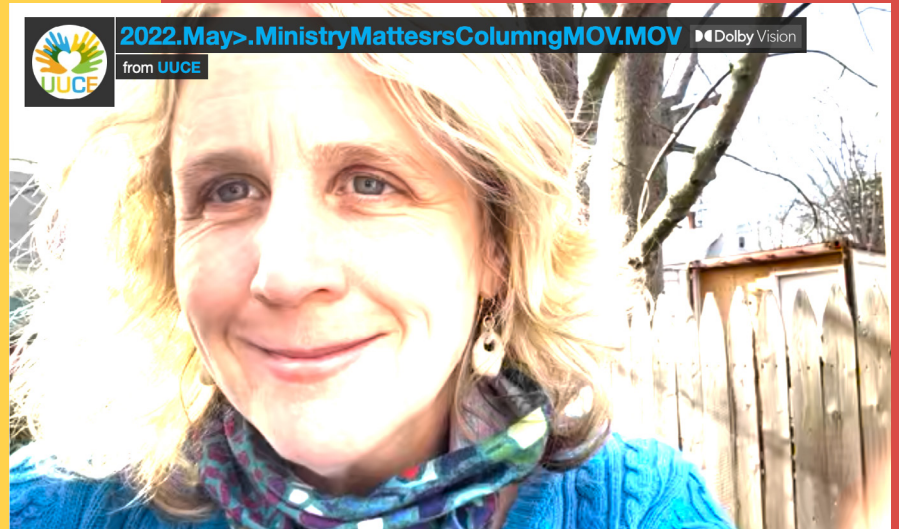
UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

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.

MINISTRY MATTERS

REV SARA HAYMAN



Dear UUCE Community Members,

I hope you are well and staying strong in these trying times.

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

As I write this, I'm aware that our annual **Stewardship Campaign** is still underway and heading toward the finish line! To date, 75 members and friends have pledged \$120,600 bringing us closer to our goal of \$134,800. This means we have just \$14,200 to go to reach this goal! THANK YOU to every single person (and couple and family!) who has contributed! We are so lucky to have such generous people in this congregation. With everyone's help, we're still hopeful we can reach our goal. (Here's a link to our 2022/23 ON-LINE PLEDGE FORM should it be helpful to you: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSds2YMwuo_1-SRdziOA4d3frn-QnZUBrbLcgzBul2xbTPZbXA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0).

To all UUCE Members: Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend our annual **Budget Hearing** on **Sunday, May 15th on ZOOM** (time yet to be determined), and UUCE's **Annual Congregational Meeting** on the following **Sunday, May 22nd at 2pm on ZOOM**. (ZOOM links will be shared in the weekly e-news and Sunday morning announcements.) Come and exercise your rights and responsibilities as a member of UUCE to elect new leaders, vote on the 2022/23 Operating Budget, and vote to adopt and affirm the proposed 8th Principle. I, for one, am deeply grateful for the work of our 8th Principle Task Force, and I'm hopeful about the prospect of our congregation's commitment to the 8th Principle and our continued anti-racism and anti-oppression work together.

In the weeks to come, you'll be hearing and reading more about various spiritual deepening classes and experiences that will be offered this summer and fall at UUCE. We want you to be and feel nourished by all you do and share in our congregation. Thank you for being such generous and caring people.

I look forward to seeing you on ZOOM still and in-person when the time is right for you.

With love and gratitude,
Rev. Sara

MAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I am home and settled in with my rescue puppy Happy after two weeks of exploring the Four Corners region of the USA. Exploring slot canyons, National Parks and Santa Fe was just what my body and spirit needed. I am now a slot canyon junkie and have 5 new slot canyons on my bucket list for next spring to explore. May is a very full month, so please pay close attention to the RE Calendar:

Sunday, May 1: ZOOM Children's Chapel with Anne and Linda - Ramadan 8:45-9:30 am; In person Spirit Play with Anne during Multi-platform worship with Anne.

Sunday, May 8: In person Spirit Play with Anne during Multi-platform worship.

Sunday, May 15: In-person Spirit Play with Hazel during Multi-platform worship

Sunday, May 22: In person Spirit Play with Anne during Multi-platform worship.

Saturday, May 28: All Ages Lady Slippers Hunt with Jude Lamb at Birds Acre at 10:00 am and then pizza at Pat's Pizza at noon (pay for your own pizza and beverage)

Sunday, May 29: Zoom only worship, no RE offerings.



Topic: Children's Chapel
Time: May 1, 2022 08:45 AM Eastern
Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86098245664?pwd=KzlmR2JyV3JYWG5NUGJLUGtzYVRqUT09>

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98466# US (Washington DC)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86098245664>



Wednesday Morning Matins
Zoom Invite:
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96669607701>
Meeting ID: 966 6960 7701
Phone: 646-876-9923

WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS at 8 am

All are welcome to come and be a part of this ½ hour weekly, contemplative gathering on ZOOM. With music, poetry, readings, silence and space enough for people to share their wisdom, we companion each other with love and gratitude into the day. Come, be nourished in this loving circle.

Rev. Sara

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

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.





CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 22 at 2 pm

Join us on Sunday, May 22 at 2pm via Zoom, for our annual Congregational Meeting. Topics to be considered include the Minister's Report, the Treasurer's Report, discussion of the annual budget, and the elections of board members. At this time only the Secretary's position is open, with only one candidate, Bob Francis, on the ballot. If anyone else is interested, please contact Kathy Hall (kathy-hall@comcast.net)

Congregational issues to be voted on will include:

- The 2022-2023 Operating Budget
- Whether or not to accept the 8th Principle
- Election of Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Additional topics will include:

- A report from the Covid-19 Task Force
- Loaves and Fishes Slide Show and announcement

LADY SLIPPERS WALK

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 10-11:30

AT BIRDS ACRE

All are invited to look for Lady Slippers on Saturday, May 28th at Birds Acre with Jude Lamb and Anne Ossanna. We will gather at the Birds Acre parking lot at 10:00 am to begin our hunt for Lady Slippers and most likely some wild mushrooms. We will finish at 11:30 am and if you are feeling hungry, we will head over to Pat's Pizza for lunch at noon in their outside dining. Lunch is on you! Hope to see many of you there. This is a simple hike, but if you have mobility or balance issues, you might want to bring some hiking poles.





**RACISM
STOPS
WITH YOU
AND ME**

MONTHLY COLLABORATIVE ANTI-RACISM CONVERSATIONS

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

Thursday, May 5th 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.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814)

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

Meeting ID: 469 537 6814

Phone: 646-558-8656

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FROM OUR INTERN MINISTER VANESSA WILLIAMS



Ministerial formation is a unique and significant process of understanding self, and through this growing wiser and closer to others. As a racial minority in this faith, this region, this country how this manifests for me is in many ways different that the experience of many of my peers. In formation both unnecessary and the needed protective layers of self are removed in the process, to grow anew. This poem is a reflection of the experience of vulnerability and growth in the formation process, particularly for members of minority and/or marginalized groups.

Vulnerable;
Stripped down to the root,
The wick of my personhood,
Bark removed,
The damp core of wood exposed,
Formation is just this
--Formation;
Here from a ready made structure
It requires this stripping,
For the careful identification of scars
And gnarled roots;
Grow anew

New bark, new buds,
And blooms will form,
This regrowth is slow,
Unperceivable without a microscope,
Without awareness,
But it occurs nonetheless,

New growth forms skin,
A new skin,
A different skin,
Not only providing protection,
But also allowing breath;
Porous,
Not just a barrier,
But filtering in
The good.



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.”

VOTE TO ADOPT 8TH PRINCIPLE is on agenda for May 22 Annual Meeting!

We are preparing to vote at our May congregational meeting on adoption of the 8th principle. Join the 8th Principle Task Force for an open conversation to explore what this will mean for UUCE. Zoom link will be in weekly e-news.

Tues., 5/17. 5:00 p.m.—Open conversation about VOTE TO ADOPT 8TH PRINCIPLE

We so appreciate the interest of all who have attended both our monthly breakout sessions and our weekly conversations in March and April. Because of both Mother’s Day and the many other church calendar activities in May, the 8th Principle Task Force has not scheduled an after-church breakout session. Do join us instead on Tuesday, May 17 for a conversation before we vote.

The 8th principle task force has requested that the Board of Directors consider the creation of a new task force to look at how the church might implement actions related to the 8th principle and continue working against oppression and toward an open and welcoming diverse community. We would be glad to know who might be interested in participating in this work.

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

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*



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**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.**



Peace & Social Action
living justice into the world



Join Zoom Meeting

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US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 822 4998 8436

Passcode: 751984

SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

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

Last Wednesday of the month

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!

YARD SALE 2022 (YS22)

Saturday, June 18

Set up: Thursday & Friday, June 16 & 17

Woo hoo! UUCE's annual yard sale is next month - Saturday, June 18! If you haven't started cleaning out your boxes and closets and drawers and basements and attics and garages, there's still time! If it's CLEAN and IN GOOD WORKING ORDER, we'll take it!* (*no big exercise equipment and no tube TVs, no matter how clean or how well they work - sorry 😞). If you can hold onto your donations until Thursday, June 16, that'd be ideal because then you can drop it off right at the Junction (507 Washington Junction Rd, Hancock), where we'll be holding the sale. If you really need to get rid of it sooner, you can bring your boxes or bags (marked YARD SALE) to church and leave them under the coat rack.

As always, we are asking for volunteers on **Thursday 6/16** and **Friday 6/17** for set up and on **Saturday 6/18** for the sale itself and then clean up (haul away "leftovers" to Goodwill or the curb or UUCE or back in our shipping container right there at the Junction). Look for sign ups coming your way later this month.

This is a lot of fun, a great fundraiser for the church and it's GREEN (reduce/reuse/recycle) it's also a fantastic way to bond with your fellow UUCE peeps! And you might even find a treasure or two that you just can't live without! Come join the fun!



THANK YOU...

FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT
GARY SHELLHAMER



Dear UUCE, when you read this, we will be wrapping up our Stewardship Pledge Drive for FY 2022-2023 operations. I want to thank you for your continued generosity to our Beloved Community. Thanks also to our Fiscal Matters and Stewardship committees for their work on an operating budget and the raising of the necessary funds to have a balanced budget.

As we move further into spring, the final proposed budget will be fine-tuned and we will hold our Budget Hearing on May 15th and the Congregation will vote on the budget at the May 22nd Annual Meeting at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

We will also elect a new Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Thank you to Susan Opdycke for here service to UUCE over the past years. We will also vote on our Congregational adoption of the 8th Principle: *“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 the members of the 8th Principle Task Force for the discussions about the 8th Principle as we begin the journey of building an inclusive community and deal with bias and injustice in ourselves and our institutions.

And thank you too for giving back to UUCE, not only by pledging for the year to come, but also by giving of your time and talents to our committees and groups.

Sincerely,
Gary



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!

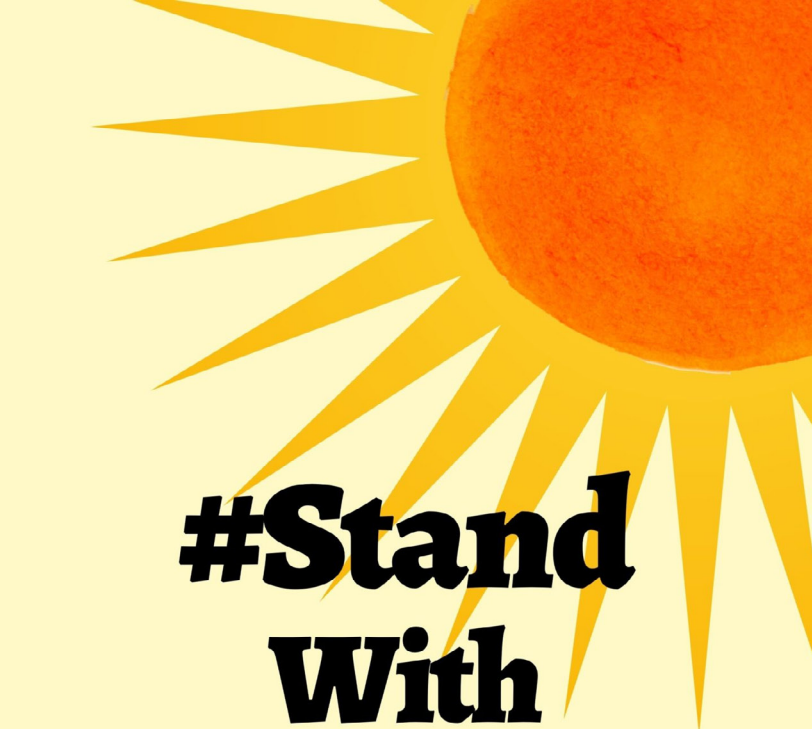
Name: _____ Phone: _____

Congregation: _____

Email: _____

Who will be attending the weekend?

Name	Adult 18+	Youth 9-17	Under 8
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			



#Stand With Wabanaki



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

WHAT 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.

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MINISTRY

Peace & Social Action
living justice into the world

REV. GEORGE ARCHIBALD RILEY (1905-1955)

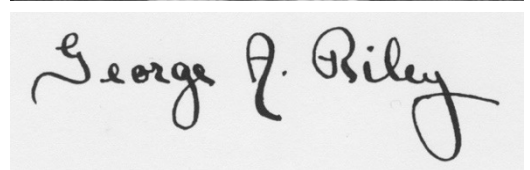


Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

George Archibald Riley was born on September 4, 1905 in Reeds Ferry, a neighborhood of Merrimack, New Hampshire, the oldest child of John William Riley, a farmer from New Brunswick, and Isabella James (MacLay) Riley from Scotland. As a student at Manchester (NH) High School, from which he graduated in 1924, he was known as a serious student and also an outstanding athlete. Although he came from a Methodist and Presbyterian background, he entered the liberal Universalist Tufts College and the Crane Theological School in 1924 where he majored in theology and graduated with the class of 1928, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. While at Tufts, he was the circulation manager for *The Tufts Weekly*, a student newspaper. He was also a member of the Beta Kappa fraternity. Beside his name in the 1928 yearbook is the quote: "They're only truly great who are truly good"

His first practical experience in ministry was a summer assignment in Berlin, NH in 1926, followed by a second assignment in Nottingham, NH in 1927. He served as acting minister in the Universalist Church of Marlboro, MA from Dec. 1927 to June 1928, and had a stint at the Universalist church in South Paris, ME from then until May of 1929. After a few years of association with the Universalist denomination, he wrote to the American Unitarian Association (AUA) saying: "I would like to enter the Unitarian ministry because I feel that it is more liberal than the Universalist, affords more opportunity for constructive work, and is the denomination in which I would find myself the more at home."

His first formal call to Unitarian ministry was here at the Ellsworth church, where he began serving on December 1, 1929 and was ordained here on Jan. 12, 1930. Representatives of the AUA were expected to be present at the ordination, but on the drive from Bangor they were beset with a flat tire and their inexperienced taxi driver didn't know how to replace it. Of course, no one had



a cell phone in 1930, so they had no way to let anyone at the church know that they wouldn't be able to make it, and several "scathing" remarks were made by members of the congregation. Eventually, all was forgiven.

It was during Rev. Riley's third year of work at the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth, and the third year of the Depression, that Ellsworth was hit with the devastating fire of Sunday, May 7, 1933. Our church building was not affected, and Rev. Riley was lucky that his home at 60 Hancock Street narrowly escaped the fate that befell his neighbors across the street. During the rehabilitation work that followed the fire, a member of the AUA happened to pass through Ellsworth and found Rev. Riley "efficiently officiating behind a coffee pot." An AUA official then wrote to Rev. Riley: "There is something about serving the **tables** of the Lord, but I should think that serving the **cups** of the Lord would be even better, for a cup of hot coffee does hearten one a lot."

Rev. Riley later wrote to the AUA: "This has been an exceedingly difficult year in Ellsworth. Besides the general depression, there has been the fire, the extended banking reorganization, and the deaths of some of our people whom we could ill afford to lose. I think, however, that we will be able to make both ends meet and can look for better times another year."

While in Ellsworth, Rev. Riley continued his studies at the University of Maine, receiving an M.A. Degree in 1935 in Economics and Sociology. His thesis was entitled "History of Tanning in the State of Maine." He completed his pastorate in Ellsworth on November 24, 1936, and was feted with a farewell party that evening with the entire parish in attendance.

Among his accomplishments in Ellsworth, he increased church membership, formed a Young People's Religious Union (YPRU), organized a Laymen's League chapter, and helped the church prosper generally. At the state level, he served for two years on the executive committee of the Unitarian State Conference, was chairman of the Resolutions Committee, assisted in planning a Laymen's Ministers conference in Kennebunk, and was on the committee for the Annual Retreat at the Bangor Theological Seminary. He also served for five years as president of the Hancock County Conference of Unitarian Churches during which time attendance increased to over 400 participants. While in Ellsworth, he served as chairman of the annual Red Cross drive for two years, and also helped organize a Community Forum in Ellsworth which met at the local theatre on Sunday afternoons for two winters.

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Riley also engaged in social service work, and for five years was chairman of the municipal committee on child welfare, in charge of delinquent children and mothers' aid cases. He worked with the state social service worker over a period of five years in the Ellsworth area. He was also active in various sports events, including organizing a church basketball league and directing a town baseball team, and won the singles championship in a county-wide tennis tournament organized by the Ellsworth Outing Club. He also enjoyed travel, and over the course of two summers he traveled to Scotland, England, Scandinavia, Germany, France, Czechoslovakia, Holland, and Denmark and gave presentations on his travels in many forums.

After his pastorate in Ellsworth, he became minister of the Channing Church in Rockland, Massachusetts from 1936 to 1942. During this pastorate, he continued his studies at the Harvard Divinity School, and was granted the S.T.B. degree (Bachelor of Sacred Theology) in 1941.

On August 28, 1938, in Rockland, he married Mary Louisa Lamar of Rockland. The couple had two children: a daughter, Isabel MacLay Riley, born in Boston in March of 1941, and a son, John William Riley, born on May 20, 1943, also in Boston. The couple eventually separated.

Rev. Riley later went on to serve Unitarian congregations in Roslindale (1942-1946) and Clinton, Massachusetts (1946-1948). On May 1, 1949, he was installed as minister of the Castine Unitarian Church where he served for one year.

Rev. Riley was also an educator and taught American and modern European history in private and public schools. He served on the faculties of Emerson College (in 1944), the Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge, and the Maine Maritime Academy. In addition, he served as program director of boys' summer camps in Massachusetts and New Hampshire for several seasons.

He died in Abington, Massachusetts on March 23, 1955 at the age of 49, and he was buried in South Weare, New Hampshire. His wife, Mary, later remarried a man named Swift and moved to Nevada.

Mr. W. Beach Miller, writing in *The Unitarian Yearbook, 1955-1956*, wrote: "George A. Riley was a man of steadfast spirit who never wavered in his loyalties. Sincerity was the keynote of his life and ministry. He sympathized with all men in their troubles and his ministry reflected his keen sense of social responsibility. He was only intolerant of injustice and sham. His devotion to his profession and family caused him to neglect his own health. For years he worked without a vacation or even a brief period of rest."

STAYING CONNECTED

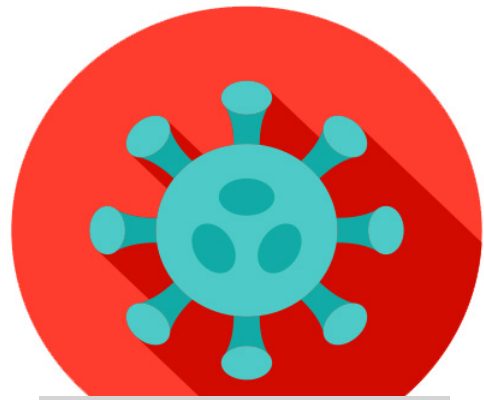
UUCE OFFICE

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

You can ALWAYS reach him by phone at 573-330-4677 and email either office@uuellsworth.org.

Support to Set-Up ZOOM Meetings for Church Gatherings

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



COVID-19 TASK FORCE

UUCE COVID-19 TASK FORCE CONTACT INFORMATION

Mary Haynes:

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207-266-2207 (cell/text)

Anne Ossanna:

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Marta Rieman:

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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

Minister Rev. Sara Hayman: 610-2872 (cell) sara@uuellsworth.org	Children's Religious Education Coordinator Anne Ossanna: 565-2057 aossanna@aol.com
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Gary Shellehamer to 2021 (667-0034)	Vice President: Beth Pepper to 2023
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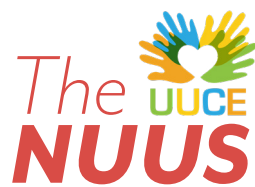
COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

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

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