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



MINISTRY MATTERS

BY SARA HAYMAN



Dear Ones,
On the cusp of a new year arriving—the 3rd year of living with and adjusting and re-adjusting to on-going impacts of the pandemic—I pause a moment to breathe and see and feel that we are

making our way, however challenging it may be or seem at times.

Many thanks to all who helped make the Holy Days and festive holiday activities of December special—from gathering on-line in the evening for Advent Vespers services, to so many people so generously supporting our annual Drive-By Cookie Walk

fundraiser, to having special music twice in worship on Sundays, to caroling for a few beloveds outside their homes, to Rev. Mark Worth’s presence helping to lead our Christmas Eve Service—there is so much to be grateful for and I am! THANK YOU for your part in creating and sharing the loving spirit of our spiritual home.

Here’s some wonderful news to share: Please join me in welcoming our new Administrative Assistant, Ellen Sedgwick! (See the article in this newsletter that more fully introduces her.) Ellen begins her work with us this month, 10 hours a week with regular office hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am -3pm. What a help this will be!

Ellen is a potter and College of the Atlantic graduate who lives in Surry with her partner and

young children. She brings a wealth of knowledge, warmth and organizational skills to this newly structured position. Thank you for making a point to say hello as she works to get acquainted with our community and how it works. We're very fortunate to have Ellen on board, and, we're equally lucky that Jeff Jeude will continue working 4-hours a week as our Fiscal Administrator/Bookkeeper. Jeff and Ellen already work well together and I know they'll make a big difference in helping things to run smoothly and be well-supported at church.

I am more grateful than I can say to have my Winter Break ahead of me, two weeks of vacation and one week of study leave from Tuesday, 12/27 – Monday,

1/16,23. In addition to visiting with family, I'll be spending some time at the Alcyon Center in Seal Cove on personal retreat, and making time each day for rest & renewal and planning & preparing for the year ahead.

In closing, I want to share a meditation my friend and colleague Wendy Williams passed along to me. It's by Kayleen Asbo and called, "Blessing for the New Year." May you be a blessing for others and feel yourself blessed in this new year.

Yours, in shared ministry,
Rev. Sara

BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

Kayleen Asbo

As the hours of darkness begin to slowly wane from the winter sky,
so too may the fearful places of your heart unclench their grasp on your life.
As the presence of light begins to grow with greater sureness with each passing day,
may your own courage blossom to open more brightly to truth and love.

Let this be the year that you turn off the television and silence the talk radio chatter
in order to pick up the writing pen, the paintbrush,
and watch the candle slowly burn.

May this be the year that you delight
in seeing how much joy you can extravagantly spread.
May you discover just how much beauty you can recklessly shower
upon this thirsty world.

May this be the year that you tune both the dusty piano in the corner
and the inner listening of your care-worn heart
so that both can play in harmony with the chorus of creation.

May you break the invisible yardstick of impossible expectations
and learn that just as you are,
you are enough.

May this be the year that you cease trying to march to an imagined ideal
and, instead, wrap your arms around the messy wonder your life really is,
hold it close
and do the tango.

Let this be the year you befriend your soul in its radical particularity,
not forsaking it yet again for the bland demands and cravings of the masses.
Instead, may you elope with the wildness of your own true calling,
marry your soul to its deepest longings and invite the hungry world to the
wedding feast.

JANUARY WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30 A.M.



ZOOM-Only Worship

Sunday, January 1st

Ushering the New Year Centered!

Helen Kazura & Marta Rieman, Worship Leaders
with other Worship Arts Team Members

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96022168819?pwd=Y0ZmQ2RLZzBvZGpRd2tqRVRRUTNTdz09>

Meeting ID: 960 2216 8819

Password: 315747

Phone: 646-558-8656

Let us usher in the new year with readings and reflections on finding our center. Do you have a favorite reading to share or a personal story or reflection on ways to ground yourself in truth and rediscovering your essence; feeling well, stable, inspired and hopeful? On this New Year's Day, we'll make room to share, listen and help inspire each other to live well on this threshold of the new year.

Multi-Platform Worship

*** Sunday, January 8th**

Let Your Life Speak

Jeff & Jill Jeude, Worship Leaders

Stories from the Heart at 9am with Barb Acosta!

R.E. Classes today!

Plate Split Sunday – to benefit Beth C Wright Cancer Resource Center

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Phone: 646-558-8656

“Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it, I must listen to my life telling me who I am.” Parker Palmer is the founder and Senior Partner Emeritus of the Center for Courage & Renewal,[4] which oversees the “Courage to Teach” program for K–12 educators across the country and parallel programs for people in other professions, including medicine, law, ministry and philanthropy. How does one balance the innate need to “control” their life with the courageous need to let that life speak? Jill and Jeff were fortunate to hear Parker speak at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri alongside their favorite folk singer, Carrie Newcomer. Together, these two silent Quakers have a lot to say about finding the center of one’s life.

* PLEASE BE AWARE this Sunday (1/8), the Sanctuary will be a “Masks Optional” space and the Community Room will be a “Masks Required” space for worship.

Multi-Platform Worship

* **Sunday, January 15th**

UUCE Annual Martin Luther King Service: Owning the Dream
UUCE's Peace & Social Action Ministry

R.E. Classes today!

On January 15th, members of UUCE's Peace & Social Action Ministry will lead the service on Owning Martin Luther King's legacy. We will explore his work and how we can continue his work to dismantle racism and other forms of oppression. How can we work towards an inclusive beloved community continuing the work of Martin Luther King? Will we work together to fight white supremacy while we look deeply at our own actions? The dream continues and we have much work to do. Let's us unite in Love.

* PLEASE BE AWARE this Sunday (1/15), the Sanctuary will be a "Mask Required" space and the Community Room will be a "Masks Optional" space for worship.

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Phone: 646-558-8656

Multi-Platform Worship

* **Sunday, January 22nd**

...to take each other's hand
Rev Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Multigenerational Worship Service!

A woman I once knew who was living with cancer shared her definition of what balance in our lives is, an understanding informed by her yoga teacher. "Balance," she said, "is always a matter of corrections," coming back to center again and again. American Buddhist teacher and author Sylvia Boorstein writes, "equanimity doesn't mean keeping things even; it is the capacity to return to balance in the midst of an alert, responsive life." What helps you find and feel centered, steady and grounded in your life? Just back from vacation and study leave, in this service Rev. Sara shares her thoughts and invites you to reflect on this question, too.

* PLEASE BE AWARE this Sunday (1/22), the Sanctuary will be a "Masks Optional" space and the Community Room will be a "Masks Required" space for worship.

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Meeting ID: 925 2415 4373
Password: 100452
Phone: 646-558-8656

ZOOM-Only Worship

Sunday, January 29th

...to build a center that can hold
Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader
Marta Rieman, Worship Associate

January Congregational Mtg at 11:45am on ZOOM! (same ZOOM)

In her book, See No Stranger, Sikh-American justice activist and author Valorie Kaur writes, "deep wisdom resides within each of us," and "listening to our deepest wisdom requires disciplined practice." At this time when it seems so much is unknown and at risk and unravelling, how do we help each other live from a more centered place? What equips us to more lovingly and constructively respond instead of react to the world around us?

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Meeting ID: 918 1453 1803
Password: 134787
Phone: 646-558-8656

UUCE PAJAMA PARTY AUCTION 2023!!



Happy new year, everyone! It's now time to mark your calendars and begin thinking in earnest about preparations for our third annual on-line Goods & Services Auction, scheduled for

**Saturday evening,
February 25, 2023!**

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

Please check your closets for high-quality items you might DONATE for the auction, from kitchen gadgets to artwork to furniture, and consider gift certificates, events, or services you could offer. Recent offerings have included group dinners, picnics, hikes, parties, boat rides, and one-day classes of various sorts; members have provided services such as yard and garden work, handyman jobs, pet-sitting, and more.

Send along descriptions of items you wish to donate, along with a photo if possible, and an estimate of the value to Katherine Hubner (Kather_81@yahoo.com) or Jeff Jeude (uucellsworth@gmail.com) by February

1st. Silent Auction bidding is scheduled to begin February 15th.

Keep an eye out for more updates in the weekly e-News, February NUUS, Facebook, and email for announcements when the catalog is filling up and ready for viewing on the website.

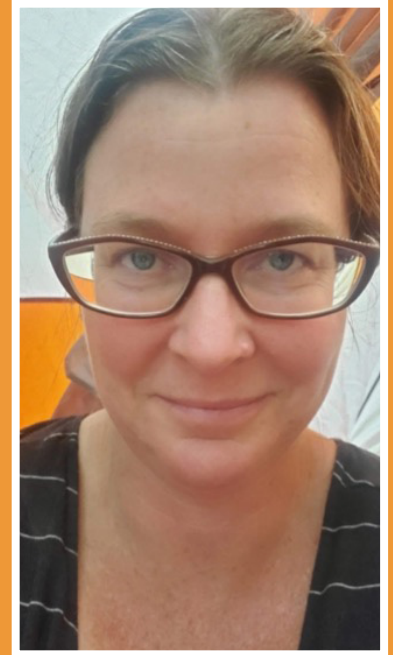
Our world-renowned auctioneer team of CJ Lammers and Beth Pepper are lined up to emcee the live bidding, with tech wizard Suzanne Aubrey at work behind the scenes to make sure the event goes smoothly.

We are looking for a few more helpers to make this fun event happen. Please contact Jeff Jeude (uucellsworth@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping plan and manage auction preparations, or if you'd be available the night before and night of the event to spot bidders, record the bids, and assist with odd jobs. Get in touch, too, if you have questions or ideas for bringing more fun and funds to this big fundraiser!

Plan to tune in to be part of the festivities on February 25, and support UUCE from the comfort of your couch. See you there!

UUCE Welcomes New Church Administrative Assistant, Ellen Sedgwick!

UUCE is pleased to announce the addition of our New Church Admin, Ellen Sedgwick. She joins Jeff Jeude in the newly created dual roles in church administration. Jeff will continue to serve as bookkeeper and financial administrator, and Ellen will skillfully handle all the communications, scheduling, and incumbent worship preparation tasks! Ellen plans to have regular office hours in January! Below is a brief note of introduction from her. We're so glad to have Ellen come on board!



Hi. I'm Ellen and I'm pleased to join the UU staff as a part time administrative assistant. I'm excited to get to know you all and work together to support the UU church! I live in Surry with my family and work as a studio potter making functional pots for the everyday. I love the beautiful area where we live and being close to the sea.

I'll be in the office beginning in January on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am -3pm. I look forward to meeting you and what lies ahead. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Best,
Ellen Sedgwick**



*Let the beauty you love be what you do.
There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground.*

8TH PRINCIPLE JOURNEY TASK FORCE

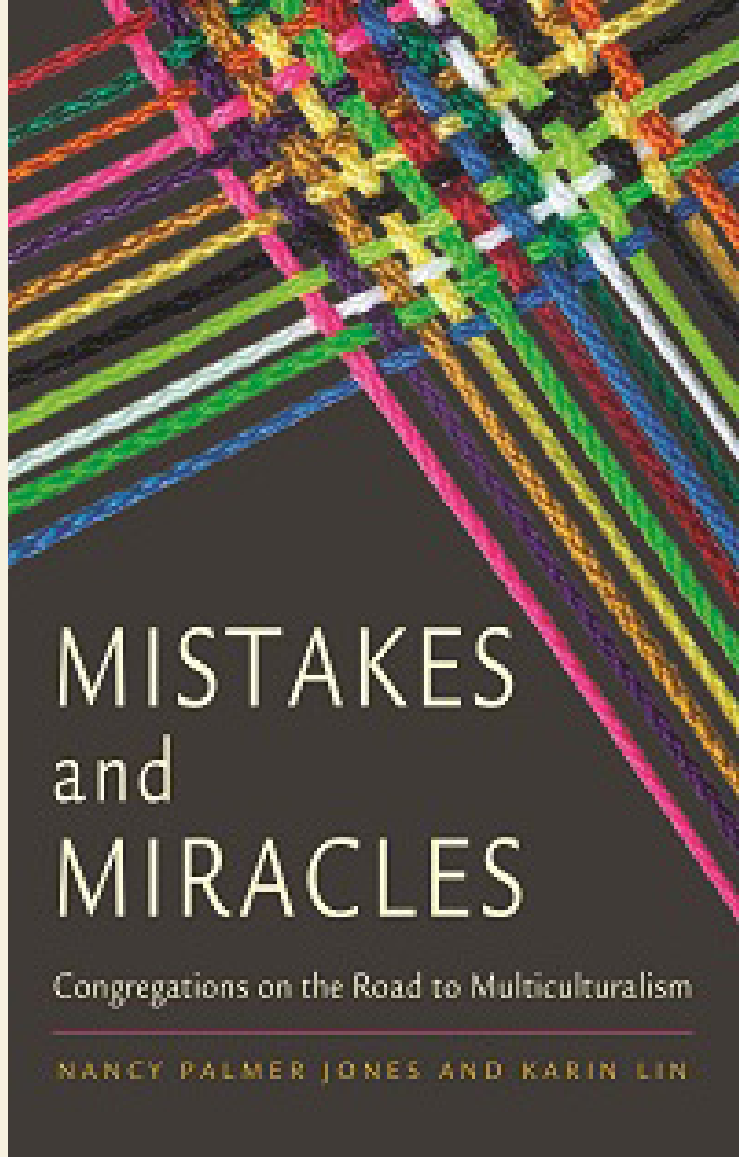
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Now that UUCE has adopted the 8th Principle, how do we go about creating a multicultural, antiracist Beloved Community? How can we learn from other congregations that have gone before us, and how can we prepare ourselves for some of the frustrations and disappointments, as well as hopes and wonder, as we embark on this journey together?

Join us for a UUA common read of *Mistakes and Miracles*

by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin

This book study, to be led by Cecily Judd and Barb Acosta of the 8th Principle Journey Task Force, will take place through four 90-minute sessions **Thursdays at 4:30 pm every two weeks via Zoom:**



- Jan. 19** **Session 1:**
**Every Congregation
Has a Story**
- Feb. 2** **Session 2:**
Let's Talk About Power
- Feb. 16** **Session 3:**
History and Hope
- Mar. 2** **Session 4:**
Strategy and What's Next

Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. to reserve your place! Books are available for \$20 each, but will be available to anyone who wants to participate regardless of ability to pay.

Please email Muzz at isabmuzzy@gmail.com to register and if you have any questions.

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.”

RACIAL EQUITY TRAINING IN BAR HARBOR

Bar Harbor Racial Equity Working Group is hosting two racial equity workshops, 1 See below for Bar Harbor live/virtual racial equity training in Bar Harbor in Jan.20-introductory and March 3-Advanced, both 12-2:30 pm.

These trainings, “From Good Intentions to Measurable Action: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility” will be taking place on January 20th and March 3rd. There will be an introductory level training (January) for those who are new to the history and impact of Racial Injustice or for those who would like a refresher on this work, followed by a more advanced training (March) for those looking to explore further ways to bring this vital work into their homes, organizations and communities. Trainers are David Patrick and Desiree Vargas of the Racial Equity and Justice Organization in Bangor.

Cost: \$90, at present limited to 50 participants.

Location: hybrid meeting in person on MDI and virtually on zoom

Date/time: January 20, 2023, 12 PM-2:30 PM – Introductory Training

March 3, 2023, 12 PM-2:30 PM – Advanced Training open to those who have attended the introductory training, or REI Phase 1, or have done equivalent previous work

Register: TBD

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Article II Study Commission and Bylaws recommendation

Article II Study Commission. The Article II Study Commission’s will submit its recommended draft language for a revision of the Article II section of the bylaws to the UUA board for discussion in January. The board will review the recommendation and include the issue the June 2023 General Assembly agenda. Article II of the UU bylaws addresses principles and sources. FMI see the [Article II draft feedback website](#).

The UUA Board will soon appoint members to a Bylaws Renewal Team to lead the work in lead the work in reimagining and rewriting the UUA Bylaws as called for the in the 2022 General Assembly Business Resolution: [Renewing UUA Bylaws for Theologically Grounded and Mission-Focused Governance \(PDF\)](#). For more information see <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/board/announcements/call-bylaws-renewal-team>.



Stories from the Heart will be on holiday break in December. On **January 8** Barbara Acosta will tell her life story.

ZOOM for Stories from the Heart:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85142950735>
ID: 851 4295 0735
Phone: 646-558-8656



UUCE PLATE SPLIT FOR THE UPCOMING MONTHS:

January - March 2023

BETH WRIGHT CANCER RESOURCE CENTER providing respectful, hands-on and timely support for citizens of Hancock and Washington Counties, offering hope, knowledge, and support for everyone affected by the disease.

UUCE BOARD ELECTION COMMITTEE 2023-2024

Kay Wilkins, Helen Kazura, and Candace Hubbard have volunteered to be on the Election Committee to choose a slate for the next Board of Trustees.

The outgoing Election Committee thanks them for stepping forward to do this important work. While these three meet the minimum number for the committee, additional members may come forward to help with this process before by contacting Kathy Hall, Linda Uberseder or Doug Bird or at the Congregational meeting in January.

Thank you,
Kathy Hall, Linda Uberseder, and Doug Bird



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

NOTE: Wednesday Morning Matins is on break until Wednesday, January 18th!

I will be on vacation and study leave from Tuesday, 12/27 – Monday, January 16th and during that time, we will NOT be having Wednesday Morning Matins (12/28, 1/4 and 1/11). Please come back to Matins on Wednesday, January 18th at 8am! All are welcome to 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.

I look forward to being in this circle with you!

Rev. Sara

I look forward to being in

- Rev. Sara

Thursday Evening Vespers

[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



UUCB ONLINE EVENING VESPERS at 6pm

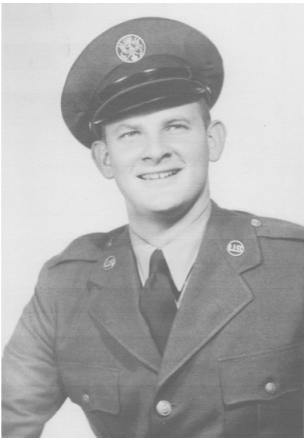
Our weekly time of rest, renewal, and reflection Thursdays at 6pm. Join UUCB Rev. Amy each week for a 30-minute online service to help settle our minds and hearts, provide nourishment and comfort through music, word and ritual. Everyone is welcome. ~ Rev. Amy



Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

REV. EDWARD ALBERT “TED” SMITH (1929-1991)

Edward Albert “Ted” Smith was born on August 25, 1929 in New York City, the second son of Stanley Ritch Smith, originally of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Ruth Rene Ludmar, of New York. His father became engaged in business in New York City as early as 1920, and by the time of the 1940 census, he was identified as president of an insurance firm making over \$5000/year (\$106,325 in 2022 dollars), and had, in addition to his wife and two sons, both a butler and a maid in his employ, both African-Americans. Unfortunately, his father died in 1943 and his mother never remarried.



Edward Albert “Ted” Smith

Ted attended Trinity Preparatory School in New York City for two years, and graduated from the summer program at Jesse Lee Academy in West Redding, CT in 1949. From 1950 to 1952, he took theology courses at the Bangor Theological Seminary and also

attended the University of Maine at Orono, majoring in history and psychology. Then, from 1952 to 1956, he continued his theology studies at BTS and received his B.D. (Bachelor of Divinity) alongside his B.A. in 1956. Throughout his education, he spent summers working as a stone mason for Buckingham & Schultz, and as a

salesman for silversmiths Black, Starr, & Gorham from 1948 to 1949. From 1950 to 1951, he worked as a ranch hand at the Circle B Horse Ranch in Lodi, California where he spent his time “breaking broncos.” From 1953 to 1956, he also got involved in radio work, serving as disc jockey and Assistant Program Director at WGUY - CBS in Bangor. Towards the end of the Korean War, he served in the Air Force, working in radar and Special Services.

He applied for fellowship with the American Unitarian Association in 1956. One of his references was his high school principal, Geoffrey Graham, who wrote: “If enthusiasm, sincerity, energy, the ability to love and to be warmly received are qualities which lead to success, then I believe that these qualities will endear Mr. Smith to the people of Ellsworth.” At any rate, the congregation voted enthusiastically on Oct. 14, 1956 to hire Mr. Smith as their new minister, and he arrived in Ellsworth soon after, taking up residence in the church parsonage at 40 Elm St. He arrived with a large backlog of student debt and in the middle of a cold winter with high heating costs and an automobile in sore need of repairs, so his financial status was challenging. He requested aid from the AUA’s Ministerial Aid Committee and was presented with a check of \$400 which went a long way towards resolving his past debts.

Ted’s ordination and formal installation was held on Feb. 17, 1957 and was attended by a

The First Unitarian Society
of Ellsworth, Maine
cordially invites you to attend the
Ordination
of its minister
Edward Albert Smith
on Sunday, the seventeenth day of February
nineteen hundred and fifty-seven
at seven-thirty in the evening

number of dignitaries from the local churches and by members of the faculty at Bangor Theological Seminary. Following this, Rev. Smith set to work on an every-member canvass and an

effort to increase church membership. He also got to work on an important personal matter: getting married.

Rev. Smith married Miss Marion Ellen Piper, born in 1937 in Harmony, Maine to Bion Sewell Piper and Florence Ellen Wood of North Anson, in an informal wedding on July 3, 1957 at the Ellsworth Unitarian Church to which everyone was invited.

Services for the 1957-1958 church year began on August 4, 1957. Just one month later, veteran church member A. Evelyn Lord dashed off a letter to Rev. Tom Sinclair, Director of the Northern New England Unitarian Regional Office, complaining about the behavior of so many of the freshly-minted ministers that have begun their ministerial careers at the Ellsworth church over the years. In the letter, after complaining about several former ministers, she said: We all like Mr. Smith very much and he has very good sermons. He is most kind and we all like him personally...I think his greatest difficulty is procrastination.

Be that as it may, Rev. Smith was indeed keeping busy. In a letter to Tom Sinclair written on September 19, 1957 he wrote: I have enlisted the aid of the local Congregational minister in establishing a service regularly for the inmates of the county jail. No clergyman has gone near there in years, and it remains my conviction that not all the persons the church can serve are to be found in the pews on Sunday morning.

Regardless of his efforts, his salary remained miserable at best. Tom Sinclair took up the

issue with Rev. Leon Fay at the AUA, writing on October 4: [Ted] went behind in his finances before completing his theological education. As long as he chooses to remain in Ellsworth, there is no real hope of salary increase for him. I have warned him against taking on much of any outside work for fear it would be a neglect of his primary responsibility. Ted is a big, happy, good-looking, loveable chap. He is very friendly and is a real man, as well as minister to the church... As far as his indebtedness is concerned, I have no way of knowing what if anything might be done to give him a little relief. I believe he is as worthy of it as any man I know in our ministry.

Ted himself addressed a letter to Rev. Fay on Nov. 7. Among his major points: Ellsworth is one of the here-to-fore forgotten Unitarian outposts. Maine has for a while been close to stagnation where our churches are concerned... Practically all of the other denominations realized a liberalizing effect from the new radicals at that time, and when they became liberal, or more liberal than before, the unique mission of the Unitarians faded somewhat.... However, with the advent of strong neo-orthodox tendencies in the existing Congregational Churches here, in the seminaries, and on the national scene, the true liberals are again in the position of offering a unique type of religion... I believe that the Society in Ellsworth will someday be a strongly functioning, and perhaps even strongly influential church, and I am happy for the opportunity to dedicate my efforts to this end.

In the same letter, Ted also pointed out some of the problems of the Ellsworth church: Our present church is a neo-Byzantine, pseudo-Gothic, post-Victorian mongrel type of structure. It is ugly, and gray, and with three furnaces operating it is quite cold in the winter. It is so situated that parking is an impossibility, and the wiring is such that the organ, the furnaces, and the light cannot

operate collectively. We must either freeze, worship in utter darkness, or dispense with music.

He also spoke about plans for the future: We would like to sell the present building and put up a smaller, more functional edifice. It would be something we could heat, with parking space, plumbing, many windows and a lot of light. We have in mind something cheerful, bright, simple, inexpensive, and with a large enough vestry or parish house to facilitate many evening activities throughout the week. At present this is impossible.

In a letter to Tom Sinclair on the 26th of the same month, Ted seems to have a less optimistic view. [I] had hoped to remain in my first church for many years, particularly since we both love it here. But it might be the best thing for me to abandon plans for a new building here, and find another church elsewhere.

Leon Fay, responding to Ted's earlier letter, said that he had forwarded Ted's letter on to Rev. Richard Gibbs, head of the Extension Department at the AUA. Significantly, Gibbs is the minister who later would come to Ellsworth to assist us in our transition from the old, "ugly, and grey" church, to a temporary location in the OddFellows Hall, and eventually to our current location. He sent Ted a number of resource materials and reproductions of new churches.

In a January 1958 letter to Rev. Fay, Ted speaks of his "triple ministry," referring to his work at the church, at the county jail, and also at the local hospital. He also states: There is no way I can over-emphasize the need, or the potential of this area. But I cannot get people to come to church and freeze. I won't even try. There must be some way to waken people out of the complacent rut, worn deep by years of doing nothing toward growing. Guess I'll just keep looking until I can find it.

Ted continued his work as "Director of Rehabilitation" at the Hancock County Prison

which, he said, is proving a most rewarding experience. It is really beginning to take shape now, and while results will be a long time in coming, I am certain that they will justify whatever effort I can make... With these activities to chew on, I feel somewhat less discouraged with the Unitarians' seeming indifference to their church.

Rev. Smith wrote to Rev. Leon Fay once again on April 27, 1958 saying I resigned my position here, as of 30 July, in favor of a call to the Houlton Church. He then adds: We expect the baby momentarily and I am quite excited about that. Indeed, Robin David Smith was born in Ellsworth on May 5, 1958. Rev. Smith began serving at the First Church of Houlton in August 1958, and was formally settled there as part of the rededication of the church on March 1, 1959. After two years in Houlton, in 1960 he accepted a call to the First Church (Unitarian) of Peterborough, New Hampshire where our recent intern, Rev. Lane Fisher, is currently serving as minister.

In his later years, Ted and Marion lived in Mount Vernon, Maine. Ted died on July 27, 1991 at a hospital in Damariscotta. Marion followed him 27 years later, passing on Feb. 19, 2018 at home in Mount Vernon.

One last memory of Rev. Smith comes from UUCE friend Mary White who shared this picture of him entertaining a group of Sunday School kids from the church at a Sunday School outing in 1957. Mary confesses that she was captivated with his rendition of "Jimmy Crack Corn and I Don't Care." That's her in the center of the photo, laser-focused on Rev. Ted.



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.



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.

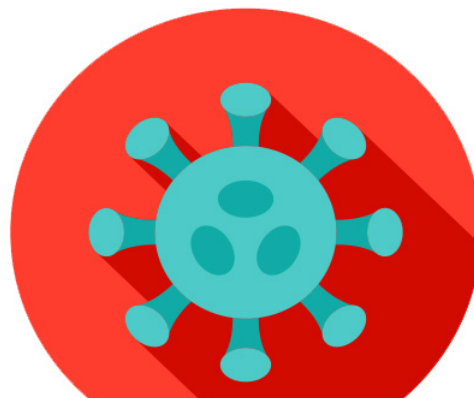
UUCE OFFICE

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:

667-7596 (home)
207-266-2207 (cell/text)

Anne Ossanna:

565-2057 (home)
374-5612 (work)
207-479-6338 (cell/text)

Marta Rieman:

667-7584 (home)
207-479-7250 (cell/text)

Gary Shellehamer:

667-0034 (home)
202-494-3593 (cell/text)

Karen Volckhausen:

667-9212 (home)
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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Minister Rev. Sara Hayman: 610-2872 (cell) sara@uuellsworth.org	Children's Religious Education Coordinator vacant
Church Office Administrator Ellen Sedgwick: 667-4393 office@uuellsworth.org	Music Director & Pianist Wayne Smith: 667-9482 wayne@mrlanguage.com

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Gary Shellehamer to 2023 (667-0034)	Vice President: Beth Pepper to 2023
Treasurer: Alison Stephens to 2024	Secretary: Bob Francis to 2024
Trustee: Mary Murray to 2023	Trustee: Kathy Hall to 2024
Trustee: Sally Gervais to 2023	Moderator: John Fink

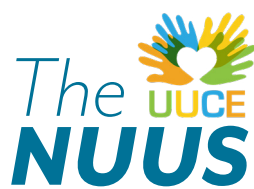
COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

Adult Committee on Education: vacant	Landscaping and Grounds: Bron Day
Aesthetics: Margaret Thurston	Loaves & Fishes: Beth Pepper, Nina Turner
Auction: vacant	Membership: Liz True
Building & Maintenance/Safety: Susan Opdycke	NUUSletter Editor: Lisa Williams
Charitable Giving: Rev. Sara Hayman	Pastoral Care Ministry: Kay Hansen
Choir: Haydée Foreman	Peace and Social Action: Barb Acosta
Collaborative Ministry: inactive at this time	Publicity: Susan Opdycke
Committee on Ministry: Karen Volckhausen	Children's Religious Education: Linda Uberseder
Congregational Engagement: Evelyn Foster	Small Group Ministry: Mary Murray
Cookie Walk: vacant	Stewardship: Doug Bird
Eggroll Project: vacant	Ushers: Jon Thomas, Ken Hanson
Ferry Beach Director: vacant	Technology Coordinator: vacant
Fiscal Matters: Connie Bailey	Wayside Pulpit: Nancy Guy
Flowers: Bronwen Day	Website: Esther Sampol
Green Sanctuary: Paul Kelley	Worship Arts: vacant
History/Archives: Wayne Smith	Yard Sale: Beth Pepper
Hospitality Ministry Coordinator: vacant	Youth Advisor: vacant

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The inherent worth and dignity of every human being;
Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
Acceptance of one another and encouragement
to spiritual growth in our congregations;
A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process
within our congregation and in society at large;
The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.