



# The NUUS



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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,

Welcome to our August NUUS!  
We are so glad you're here.

I'm just back from almost two weeks away, one week spent at the School of Myth in Dartmoor, England with Martin Shaw, and the other week spent with my beloved exploring the hill walks of Dorest County where my Newfoundland ancestors came from in the 1670s. I'm so lucky and so grateful for the richness of my life and the gift of my privileged work with you.

I hope you're well and that I'll see you soon.  
*Rev. Sara*



Click [HERE](#) for Rev. Sara's August Ministry Matter's Video



# AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES

**SUNDAY, AUG. 4, 2024**

**Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**

***All real living is meeting...***

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Associate

Plate Split Sunday to benefit the Land Peace Foundation  
UUCE Annual Picnic at Lamoine Beach today, 1-4pm!

Drawing inspiration from Jewish theologian Martin Buber's quote, "All real living is meeting," in this worship service, Rev. Sara reflects on the power of truly meeting and seeing one another. How do we strengthen that muscle of seeing one another with love and compassion? What gets in our way? What helps us to do it more readily and why does it matter? Come, reflect on these questions in community and make a commitment to be an active part of creating the world you want to live in.

8/4 Worship Service Zoom Meeting: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94435093804?pwd=XW9DqASzZs9wnMoTbI2FzZ3iS2qqw7l>  
Meeting ID: 944 3509 3804  
Passcode: 600740  
Phone: 646-558-8656

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**SUNDAY, AUG. 11, 2024**

**Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**

***The Path of Belonging***

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Kathleen Hall, Worship Associate

**New Member Welcome Ceremony!**

On this day we welcome new people into membership in our congregation, we invite you to reflect on the power of choosing to part of a spiritual community. What does true belonging look like in community? What gets in the way or hinders your willingness and courage to join and share more of yourself with others?

8/11 Worship Service Zoom Meeting: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94647905114?pwd=JSIO0BvznBearj6WcMAvy2akgDaNF.l>  
Meeting ID: 946 4790 5114  
Passcode: 897213  
Phone: 646-558-8656

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**SUNDAY, AUG. 18, 2024**      **Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**  
**Growing Salmon Spots**  
Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

When we're feeling tight, anxious, worried or running hard and fast, we forget just how to soften, how to slow down, savor and listen more deeply in ways that might help us hear more of the wisdom at work in our own hearts. What helps you to settle, to deepen your connection in meaningful and enlivening ways to Source, to each other, stranger or friend?

8/18 Worship Service Zoom Meeting: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93498406809?pwd=LcG2VO95ExCry2kYISDuhga9GZarHh.i>  
Meeting ID: 934 9840 6809  
Passcode: 106472  
Phone: 646-558-8656  
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**SUNDAY, AUG. 25, 2024**      **Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**  
**The Humanist Soul Matters**  
Jim Fisher, UUCE Lay Worship Leader  
Marta Rieman, Worship Associate

Our search to give our lives meaning and a lasting legacy raises questions beyond the realm of science. Where do humanists turn in matters of the soul?

Jim Fisher, long time UUCE member, is a life-long Unitarian Universalist. Jim lives in Blue Hill with his wife Donna Madonna and serves as Town Manager for Deer Isle in addition to being a part of many theater and music interests. We are grateful for Jim's willingness to lead worship from time to time at UUCE.

8/25 Worship Service Zoom Meeting: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94468546702?pwd=brA4OYtdJLqmAmtxvCEQqkocK3TN4O.i>  
Meeting ID: 944 6854 6702  
Passcode: 773914  
Phone: 646-558-8656





# Annual UUCE Church Picnic at Lamoine Beach

Sunday, August 4th, 2024

from 1-4pm

Tomorrow, Sunday, August 4th, 2024  
from 1-4pm

Bring something to put on the charcoal grill and/or a potluck dish or delight to share, your lawn chair, your swimsuit & towel and any beach games you want to play! Come, join in the fun and get to know new and old friends! All are welcome!

## UUCE Dragonfly Party

at Pepper & Lise's House on Toddy Pond in Surry

Saturday, August 17th 2-7pm - rain date Sunday,  
August 18th

Parking limited so please carpool from church if you can!

Donation of \$10 person/\$15 family requested to benefit UUCE -  
this was a 2024 Cabin Fever Reliever Auction Item.

Registration through the office required by emailing  
Ellen, Admin, at [uucellsworth@gmail.com](mailto:uucellsworth@gmail.com).

Come sit on the deck or the dock, jump in the pond, go for a  
ride in a kayak or paddle board or in Sarah Nicholson's Boston  
Whaler and enjoy delicious food and the deep nourishment of  
spending time with friends in a gorgeous place.



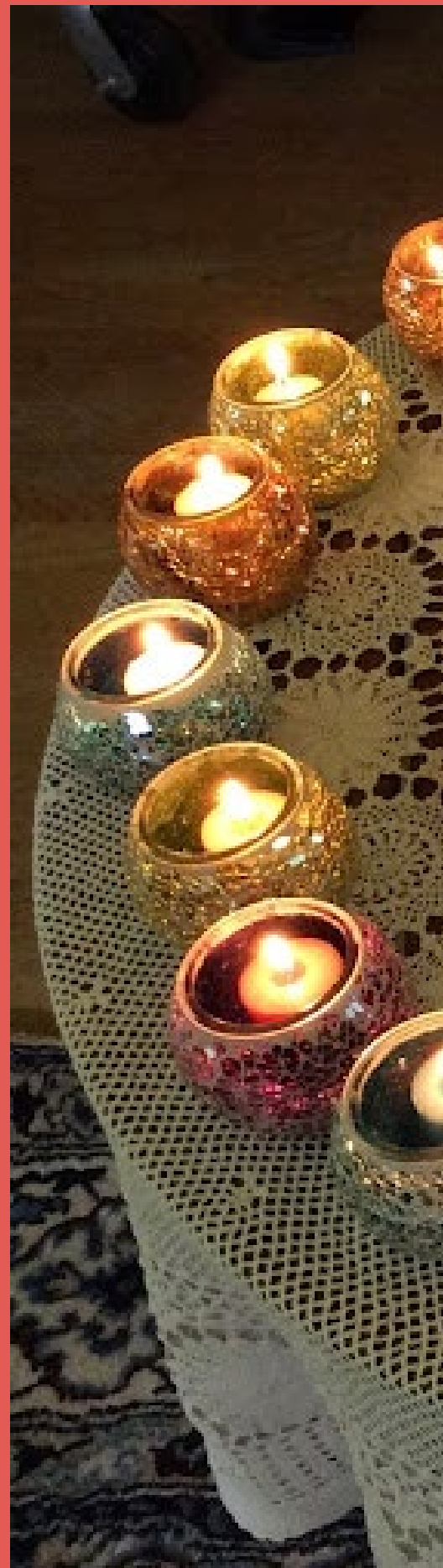
**Rev. Sara is offering a new**  
**UU WELLSPRING**  
**SPIRITUAL**  
**DEEPENING COURSE**  
**at UUCE In-Person on**  
**Sunday afternoons beginning**  
**in October:**

**LOVE AT THE CENTER:**  
**UU Values & Covenants**

Registration through Ellen in the office  
required by September 20th (uucellsworth@gmail.com)  
Minimum Registration of 7 participants for this class to happen.  
Maximum of 9 participants.

This small group, 13-session spiritual deepening program provides an in-depth exploration of our shared UU faith within the context of our personal identities and experiences, diverse communities, and relationship with the world. This new UU Wellspring program includes opportunities for small group ministry, deep listening, spiritual practice, spiritual companionship/direction, study of UU theology and transformational self-awareness. Participants will also experience personal story-telling.

Talk to Rev. Sara if you want to know more or have questions.  
The final schedule for class sessions will be determined with input from registered participants. View this 15 minute video on YouTube re: his new UU Wellspring Program here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mgo65vFi7E>



# THE FLOWER MINISTRY IS SEEKING MORE PEOPLE TO DONATE FLOWERS... AND HERE'S HOW TO DO IT!

Every Sunday someone donates flowers to church for our altar. Linda Tarlow organizes this effort as Chair of the Flower Ministry. The Ministry needs more donors to step up for this duty. Donors receive recognition in the Order of Service and may choose to donate in memory of a departed loved one (human or pet), to celebrate a birthday or to honor an accomplishment. There are many ways that a donation of flowers can be used to recognize others with love, respect and enthusiasm. And here's how to do it!

**SIGN UP:** Contact Linda Tarlow at church every Sunday, or by email [lindatarlow@gmail.com](mailto:lindatarlow@gmail.com) or by telephone (207) 812-0199. Tell her the date you've chosen, and if you'd like to acknowledge someone as part of your donation. If you like, Linda can help you draft your message for the Order of Service. Linda can also help you arrange your flowers and get them to the altar. Just let her know what you need.

**BUY THE FLOWERS:** If you have flowers in your garden - well, lucky you. However, the best place to buy flowers is Shaw's. The best selection is on Saturdays, but if you go before church on Sunday you'll still find something lovely. You won't need to spend more than \$20.00.

**BRING YOUR FLOWERS TO CHURCH:** You can bring the flowers to church on Saturday if you like - but make sure you know the combination to the front door lock in case no one is at the church when you arrive. If you decide to bring them with you on Sunday, plan to arrive around 10:00. You'll want to trim off stems that are too long and place your flowers in a vase. Special scissors for cutting stems and a wide variety of vases are available in the curtained closet across from the coat rack. If you want to really have fun, you can pick out an altar cloth to coordinate with your flowers. There is a selection of altar cloths in the closet.

And that's it! The Flower Ministry looks forward to working with each of you to ensure a lovely altar each Sunday.



# THE LANDSCAPE AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE HOSTED the Ellsworth Garden Club on July 20th. We took a tour of the gardens and enjoyed refreshments afterwards in the Outdoor Sanctuary.





## UUCE CHOIR

**Did you think about joining the choir this past year but never got around to it?**

**Did you sing with us, have a wonderful time and want more?**

**Do you have kids or grandkids or neighbors who would just love an approachable singing experience?**

Come join us for the first rehearsal of the season on September 8 and singing in church service on September 15. Please email Tori at [toribell14@gmail.com](mailto:toribell14@gmail.com) with any questions.



## FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT BETH PEPPER

Happy August, one and all!

Are you watching the Olympics? Did you see the USA women's rugby team win the bronze medal over Australia with the football equivalent of running a kickoff back for a touchdown with no time left on the clock??? Well, in case you missed it, here it is: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sa7nXjx\\_Jj4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sa7nXjx_Jj4)



The Board holds its annual retreat in August, where we will identify goals we'd like to achieve for the congregation in the upcoming year. It's a day of camaraderie and getting to know one another better and getting psyched for the year ahead. Lise will be away that week, so Rugby & Bean (our pups) and I look forward to hosting it.

Also upcoming is our annual picnic, this Sunday, 8/4, at Lamoine Beach (not Lamoine State Park - keep going on that road until you come to the ocean). It's from 1-4 and bring any or all of the following: a dish or something to grill to share, a chair, your best cornhole-tossing form, your bathing suit and a towel.

In the middle of the month, on Saturday, August 17, from 2-7, Lise & I (and Rugby & Bean) are hosting our annual auction item, the Dragonfly Party, at our home on Toddy Pond. We'll have food and drinks; our floating dock, kayaks, a canoe, a paddle board, rides on Sarah Nicholson's Boston Whaler; and LOTS of fun and camaraderie with all the folks we have signed up to attend. If you can make it but didn't sign up for it in February during the auction, no problem! Just let Ellen know (UUCEllsworth@gmail.com) and get her your \$10/individual or \$15/family donation. Parking is tight (neighbors are NOT away this year), so please carpool when possible.

Lastly, Sen. King wrote back to me in response to the letter I sent him (and President Biden, Sen. Collins, Rep. Golden, and Rep. Pingree) with UUCE's ceasefire resolution. His reply is included in this NUUS.



July 10, 2024

Elisabeth Pepper  
President, Board of Trustees  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth, Maine  
121 Bucksport Road  
Ellsworth, ME 04605-2257

Dear Elisabeth,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, preceded by the deadly attacks on Israel by the terrorist organization Hamas. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I am deeply engaged on this issue. I recognize that historical acrimony within the region is deep-seated and complicated.

The tragic loss of life is heartbreaking and appalling, and the rise of violence has created a dark stain on the possibility of a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. That is why a diplomatic path forward is critical. America has a leadership role to play in ensuring this conflict reaches a peaceful resolution that prioritizes civilian safety. Israel has every right to defend itself from terrorism, but their manner of doing so is costing innocent lives and is degrading its reputation here and around the world. Finding a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict should remain our country's top diplomatic priority.

In the difficult days since October 7th, I have been working to help find that peaceful resolution. To best understand the conflict, its origins, and conduct, I have traveled to the region several times, including as recently as January 2024, and met with Israeli officials, including Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and members of his cabinet (see here: <https://www.pressherald.com/2024/01/09/sen-king-returns-from-israel-after-joining-call-to-minimize-civilian-casualties-in-gaza/>). That trip included additional meetings with leaders of neighboring Arab states, multiple U.S. personnel, the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, intelligence analysts, and military officers engaged in the region. In addition, I have met with Palestinians and their advocates in Washington and Maine.

The harrowing images from Gaza of the devastation, coupled with the recent news of over a hundred dead while seeking aid, underscore the gravity of this moment. That's why I wrote the President directly, urging him to seek solutions that prioritize the safety of civilians and the de-escalation of violence. As I mentioned, I also met with Prime Minister Netanyahu in mid-January and told him what I believe: the bombing campaign is causing too many civilian casualties and is doing more harm to Israel than Hamas and should be suspended. We must be unequivocal in our nation's stance that civilians must not be a target in this war. That also means being honest about the role Hamas terrorists are playing in making this goal as difficult to achieve as possible. By basing their operations within civilian infrastructure and blocking humanitarian aid that could save lives, they have prolonged and perpetuated the suffering of the Palestinians they claim to represent.

Although many are urging a unilateral ceasefire by Israel, I remain wary of the benefits such a measure would provide to Hamas, a terrorist organization that remains a genocidal threat to Israel's existence. Simply put, I support a ceasefire, but it must apply to both sides. Hamas has fired 15,000 rockets into civilian areas of Israel since the start of the war. Most of these have been blocked by Israeli air defenses, but the fact that civilian deaths in Israel have been prevented is not due to any restraint or concern about civilians on the part of Hamas. If Israel stops its counterproductive bombing campaign, it must also be met with similar restraint on the part of Hamas and assurance that it will not face a repeat of October 7th.

It's also important to recognize that without an agreement that secures the release of hostages, the prospects are dim

for the survival of those who remain alive. Without the space created for regional diplomacy by a restored mutual ceasefire, the political conditions for durable peace and security will remain unreachable, and escalating regional conflict will continue to threaten U.S. national security.

I also share your concern about the pause in funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). This comes after allegations that a dozen UNRWA employees participated in the October 7th attacks, with some even participating in the holding of hostages within Gaza. While I recognize the critical role the UNRWA has provided to Palestinians, a thorough but swift investigation must be conducted. That's why I joined my colleagues in the Senate on a letter to President Biden that calls for just such an investigation to ensure accountability so that U.S. assistance to UNRWA can promptly resume. I was encouraged to hear that the independent review group appointed by the UN Secretary-General has recently completed their report and provided 50 recommendations (see here: <https://www.un.org/en/situation-in-occupied-palestine-and-israel/allegations-against-unrwa-staff>).

You may be interested to know that the national security supplemental package signed into law in April 2024 contained \$9.15 billion in humanitarian assistance to provide food, water, shelter, medical care, and other essential services to civilians in Gaza and the West Bank, Ukraine, and other populations caught in conflict zones across the globe. I continue to maintain the fact that Israel has every right to defend itself from terrorism. At the same time, how it goes about this matters. While I believe that Israel clearly needs replenishment of its air defense capacity to protect itself against missiles and rockets from both Hamas and Iran, I would have voted to restrict the furnishing of offensive weapons—particularly those that have proven so destructive to innocent Palestinians in Gaza—had I had an opportunity to do so. As is often the case, however, the package we were presented with did not include all the options I would have preferred. That's why I'm glad this bill included reporting requirements that entail a detailed plan to describe how the resources provided will be used, along with certification of the policies and procedures in place to prevent diversion, misuse, or destruction of assistance and requirements that the Secretary of State and USAID Administrator to inform Congress of any such instances.

I'm encouraged by President Biden's decision to build a port along the coast of Gaza on the Mediterranean Sea to boost the amount of aid that Palestinian civilians receive. As it stands, the civilians in Gaza are trapped—prevented from leaving by Hamas and unwelcome in bordering countries like Egypt even if they can escape. Providing aid to the Palestinian people is a moral imperative for the United States. To ensure its effectiveness, I've publicly urged that we deploy a hospital ship to Gaza and establish a sea-borne capacity to deliver aid, which the port proposed by the President would facilitate. This way, the U.S. can expedite the secure delivery of humanitarian relief in a war-torn region while reducing the risk of diversion of this aid by Hamas. One ship could supply a volume of aid equivalent to 800 trucks. France and Indonesia have successfully sent medical vessels to the area, demonstrating that such an endeavor can be done if sufficient precautions are taken. I will continue to urge this administration to adopt this approach and demonstrate our country's commitment to relieving the suffering of those trapped in this conflict.

Additionally, I remain adamant on addressing the urgent need to contain the violence and prevent its spread to the West Bank and the north of Israel. I commend President Biden's recent actions in issuing an executive order giving the State Department and Treasury Department the authority to impose sanctions against four Israelis involved in attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank. These sanctions block the access of sanctioned individuals to any property or interests held in the U.S., impose a visa ban on entry to the U.S., and prohibit any American from transacting with the sanctioned person.

The goals moving forward are clear but by no means simple. Ensuring that the hostages taken are released and returned to safety, delivering aid to the Palestinian people, and reaching a mutual ceasefire agreement will require a fundamental shift in perspective on both sides. Preventing further escalation of this tragic conflict is of global importance. I am hopeful that the steps outlined above—a dramatic increase in humanitarian aid, an end to bombing and rocket attacks by both sides, the release of hostages, a mutual ceasefire, and the ultimate establishment of a Palestinian state that does not threaten its neighbors—will lead to a resolution that will finally move us toward sustainable peace.

This is one of the most deep-seated and complex conflicts in the modern world, but this moment may be the time to finally find a path to its resolution—and peace. I intend to do all in my power to make that happen.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts on this fluid situation. I will continue closely tracking developments in this conflict from my position in the Senate. We must continue to strive for stability for the people of the region. Please stay in touch as this issue continues to evolve.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.  
United States Senator

Please visit my website, [www.king.senate.gov](http://www.king.senate.gov), for information on meeting with me or my staff. You may also email me directly through my website's contact page—it's the best and fastest way to reach me.

# MULTI-CHURCH FERRY BEACH FALL RETREAT

**WILL BE  
OCTOBER 4-6, 2024!**

*REGISTER AT UUCE*



# WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS AT 8 AM

Continues while Rev. Sara is on Sabbatical



Are you longing for a more intimate space to connect with others in our UUCE community? Do you enjoy poetry, music of all kinds, reading, silence and time for sharing in community? If so, please come! All are welcome to be a part of this ½ hour weekly, contemplative gathering on ZOOM where we companion each other with love and gratitude into the day. While Rev. Sara is on sabbatical, regular attendees of Matins will share responsibility for hosting, creating and facilitating this sacred worship space. We hope you will come!

**Wednesday Morning Matins Zoom Invite:**

**<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96669607701>**

**Meeting ID: 966 6960 7701**

**Phone: 646-876-9923**



*Dr. Wayne H. Smith*  
UUCE Historian

# BILL & SUE CLARK

**William David Clark** was born on July 18, 1935 in Washington, DC, the son of David Spotswood Clark, and grandson of Dr. Taliaferro “Toliver” Clark, a former assistant surgeon general of the US Public Health Service. His mother was Martha Loman from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. She studied mathematics at George Washington University and then got a job as statistician with the US Public Health Service where she met and fell in love with David. Bill never knew his



**Dr. Taliaferro Clark**

biological father because his parents later divorced, and his mother married his stepfather, Paul Bruyere, a world-class mathematician and a great guy, and Bill called him Dad.

Bill grew up in DC, only about three blocks from the world-famous Rock Creek Park, “one of the great urban parks in the world.” He spent a lot of time at the Washington Zoo and visited all of Washington’s museums. He also spent a lot of time living with his mother’s parents on a farm in Gaithersburg, Maryland, about 40 miles northwest of DC. His parents were both atheists, but his grandmother told him that if he was a good boy, he was guaranteed a place in heaven. Bill went to school in Gaithersburg where everyone was segregated into three groups of people: Blacks, Whites, and Catholics. Bill went to a Congregational church in DC, but in 7th grade he reached a turning point: He couldn’t recite the prescribed creeds because he didn’t really believe in them, and he felt that if he were to tell a lie, he’d never make it to heaven.

Bill attended Woodrow Wilson High School in DC, renamed Jackson-Reed High School in March 2022 in honor of the school’s first Black teacher and its first Black principal. For college, he started out at Washington College in Chestertown, MD for a couple of years. In an attempt to overcome his shyness, he tried out for a play, which terrified him, but he gradually got used to it. Over the two years at Washington College, he had several parts in various plays, and he actually enjoyed it. Not knowing what he wanted to do, he dropped out of college and joined the Marine Corps for four years. Later in life, he realized that that was the most effective way of “rebellious against my parents.” The Korean War ended soon after he enrolled, so he got to enjoy being a veteran without ever having experienced combat. After “an amazingly great four years,” he got an early discharge and ended up going to Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts where he got a degree in geology.

Bill says the best thing about going to Tufts was that was where he met Sue. Sue was born Susan Dearborn Stanwood on May 28, 1939 in Winchester, MA, the town right next to Medford. Her father, Eldon Giles Stanwood, was an “old-line Yankee” from Maine and her mother was Mary Helen Czarnieska, of Polish ancestry. Sue grew up in Winchester and attended Winchester High School, then went to the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, but had to drop out because of family finances. She was working in an entry-level job at a bank, trying to support her parents. Her only sibling had been her older brother who committed suicide at the age of 11 when Sue was 3 or 4. That sort of destroyed their family, and their finances went downhill, so by the time Bill met her, she was supporting her parents.

Sue grew up wanting to become a professional artist, but since her family couldn't afford that, she had to go to work. After she married Bill, she eventually got to study for a year at Hagerstown Junior College, then graduated with a degree in social work from Shepard University in West Virginia. She later applied to the Masters program in art therapy at George Washington University. In order to be accepted, she had to submit a painting and a clay model. She was accepted and received her Masters degree in art therapy which she worked at for quite a few years. At the time, Bill and Sue were living near Hagerstown in Sharpsburg, MD where they lived from 1978 to 1994.

Bill enjoys telling the story of how they met. A group of his friends were members of the Tufts Mountain Club and they were planning a trip up to New Hampshire for the weekend, and Bill signed up for it. Sue at that point wasn't in college, but her best friend was, and her friend was part of the TMC. She arranged for Sue to be an "unofficial member" of the group. When the group was getting ready to leave for New Hampshire, the leader of the group couldn't find her. It turned out that they had changed the meeting place and Sue hadn't gotten the message, so she was waiting at the original place. The leader pointed to Bill and said, "Go find her," and he did. Bill mused:

*How many times in your life have you ever met somebody when nobody else was present? This made a difference because both of us grew up in dysfunctional families. So, it was just the two of us, and it was something less than half a mile to walk back to where everyone was getting ready to go. So, we walked back by ourselves, and by the time we got back 10-15 minutes later, we were getting to know each other pretty well, and we fell in love that day and have been in love ever since.*



About a year and a half after they met, they got married in an Episcopal church in Winchester on July 9, 1960. He was 25 and she was 21 when they got married. They went on to have three children: Robyne, born in October of 1961 in Winchester, Amy,

born in Brunswick, MD in November of 1963, and Bill Jr., born in Poolesville, MD in January of 1965. Although Bill was essentially unchurched at the time, Sue was still attending services at the Episcopal church, and was even teaching Sunday School classes. With time, however, she became frustrated at having to teach things to the children that she herself didn't believe. So she "bailed out" and eventually found a Unitarian Church in Rockville, MD and a fellowship in Hagerstown, and she would take the kids to church services at either Rockville or Hagerstown. Bill was wrapped up in work at the time and didn't feel that he needed church. Unfortunately, at the age of 25, their daughter Amy died in an automobile accident and Bill and Sue's different responses to her death created friction between them and it took some professional therapy to help them overcome it.

Bill worked for the National Park Service for 32 years. Bill first worked with the Park Service as a tour guide at Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota. He later worked at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal from 1960-1969 where they lived in Brunswick and Poolesville, MD on the Potomac River west of Washington, DC. They lived at Death Valley, California for several years where he wrote a book about the park: *Death Valley: The Story Behind the Scenery*. Bill later worked at the Grand Canyon for quite a few years. The family then moved back east to Sharpsburg, MD and Bill worked at the NPS Interpretive Design Center in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia where they put together exhibits, films, and other publications. Bill's job was as a park planner. He would go around to different parks and help the park staff figure out where they wanted to be in 10 years. That was not an easy job because they kept most people in the park service underfunded. But Bill did receive several "perks" during this time, including having the opportunity to visit a large number of national parks, and even had an opportunity to visit the park system in Saudi Arabia.

Harpers Ferry was Bill's last station with the Park Service, and when he retired in 1994 at the age of 59, they decided to move to Maine. Sue's parents in Boston used to bring her up to Acadia National Park on vacations, and Bill had an uncle and aunt who lived on



the coast of Maine in Falmouth Foreside and Bill used to spend a month or two every summer for about four or five years with them when he was still in school. Before Bill retired, he and Sue had made a few trips to Maine and found they loved being near the ocean, the forests, and the mountains. They chose Maine. "It was one of the best decisions we ever made." They ended up moving to Southwest Harbor, and they found they loved being retired.

About a year after they moved to Maine, they discovered UUCE through Bill's involvement with the Acadia Choral Society which rehearsed in our sanctuary. During breaks in the rehearsals, Bill would actually read some of the literature on display in the foyer. He eventually joined the church and Sue joined soon after. Sue later became president of the congregation for a time, and Bill was the head of the Sabbatical Committee when Rev. Sara went on her first sabbatical. Again, Bill said that joining the church "was one of the best decisions we ever made." Bill's parents had been pretty much "anti-religion," but the principles that they believed in were in line with what UUs stand for. Sue had been raised Episcopal, but that wasn't her cup of tea. Their daughter Robyne said, "They were mentally UUs before they were UUs."

In 2004, Bill wrote a second book: Acadia: The Story Behind the Scenery. He also got involved with Acadia Senior College where he taught over 20 courses, including maritime history, geology, and sea chanties. He even taught a course called "American History 1492 to 2000" because he believed that "the best way to learn a subject is to teach it." At the age of 70, while he was preparing a lecture on the Jim Crow era in the South, he discovered that his grandfather, Dr. Toliver Clark, in 1929, in his capacity as assistant surgeon general, began the infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Study in Macon County, Alabama which eventually resulted in the following statistics: 28 black men died of syphilis, 100 died of related complications, 40 wives were infected, and 19 children were born with congenital syphilis. Bill called the study "the longest known non-therapeutic public health study in the history of the world." When he shared this information with our congregation, Bill stated:



*I discovered that the Tuskegee syphilis study is my legacy, the reason for my existence. If my grandfather had not planned and started the study, and if my mother had not been assigned to be the bean counter for the study, she would never have met my father, the son of the author and leader of the study. So I would not exist. Except for this act of government-sponsored, bureaucratic terrorism, I would not be talking with you this morning.*

Sue passed in May of 2023. Since then, Bill and his daughter Robyne have been living in their home in Southwest Harbor. Bill summed up his life in the following words:

*Today I stand tall. My health is more or less good. I had a rewarding career. I love and am loved. I have children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren who are loving, healthy, and productive members of society.*





## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 6 SOURCES

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

1. Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
2. Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
3. Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
4. Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
5. Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
6. Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.



## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 7 PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

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



## UUCE'S AFFIRMATION OF COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church,  
and service its law;  
this is our great covenant:  
to dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<b>President:</b> Beth Pepper to 2025 (207-610-4070)	<b>Vice President:</b> Jill Jeude to 2025
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## COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

<b>Adult Committee on Education:</b> vacant	<b>Membership:</b> Liz True
<b>Aesthetics:</b> Gary Shellehamer	<b>Music:</b> Tori Bell
<b>Auction:</b> Jeff Jeude & Liz True	<b>NUUSletter Editor:</b> Lise Williams
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<b>Charitable Giving:</b> Rev. Sara Hayman	<b>Peace and Social Action:</b> vacant
<b>Choir Director:</b> Megan O'Dell	<b>Pianist:</b> Paul Kelly
<b>Collaborative Ministry:</b> inactive at this time	<b>Publicity:</b> Susan Opdycke
<b>Committee on Ministry:</b> Karen Volckhausen	<b>Children's Religious Education:</b> Charles Betancourt
<b>Congregational Engagement:</b> Hannah Adams	<b>Small Group Ministry:</b> Mary Murray
<b>Cookie Walk:</b> Kate O'Dell	<b>Stewardship:</b> Doug Bird
<b>Eggroll Project Volunteer Coordinator:</b> Mary Murray	<b>Ushers:</b> Beth Pepper
<b>Ferry Beach Coordinator:</b> Anne Ossanna	<b>Technology Coordinator:</b> vacant
<b>Fiscal Matters:</b> Charles Betancourt	<b>Wayside Pulpit:</b> Nancy Guy
<b>Flowers:</b> Bronwen Day	<b>Website:</b> vacant
<b>Green Sanctuary:</b> Paul Kelley	<b>Worship Arts:</b> Marta Rieman
<b>History/Archives:</b> Wayne Smith	<b>Yard Sale:</b> Jeff Jeude
<b>Hospitality Ministry Coordinator:</b> vacant	<b>Youth Advisor:</b> vacant
<b>Landscaping and Grounds:</b> Bronwen Day	

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- 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;
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