



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ELLSWORTH

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
AND CHOOSE TO BE A PART OF UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS
IN OUR UUCE COMMUNITY

COME SING IN THE CHOIR

with Meg O'Dell Directing!

Sundays, May 4 and 18 at 9am

Sing in worship with choir on May 18!

Reach out to Tori Bell, toribell14@gmail.com,

if you want to receive choir emails.

(See article in NUUS about UUCE Choir)

OUR NEXT MONTHLY ADVENTURE IN FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN!

In the Community Room at UUCE

Thursday, May 29, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Hosted by Jeff Jeude & Rev. Sara (See more of a description of this gathering in this NUUS!)

COME TO RE CLASS *this Month*

with Charles Betancourt & Jess Hill, RE Assistant!

Sundays, May 18 & 25 at 10:30am

(Time for All Ages in worship, then Religious Exploration Classes!)

Contact Charles Betancourt, RE Coordinator, Uuce.re@gmail.com,

for more info! We'd love to get to know your kiddos!



Imagination



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

MAY WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am

We are the ones we've been waiting for...

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Jill Jeude & Journey Participants, Worship Associates

UUUCE Choir Practice at 9am! First Sunday Potluck!

4th Quarter Plate Split to benefit Seeds of Peace!

Justice Ministries Congregation Conversation 1:30-3:30pm!

Janet Byers Celebration of Life at 1:30pm on ZOOM! (see below)

5/04 Worship Service Zoom Meeting:

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Phone: 646-558-8656

Throughout the eight days of the Journey of Peace & Friendship, Sherri Mitchell reminded us our work is to imagine the world we want to live in, and to learn to be the people who can live there. Come hear more about this experience.

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am

Dream the World As It Ought To Be

Rev. Vanessa Titang, Guest Worship Leader

Kathleen Hall, Worship Associate

5/11 Worship Service Zoom Meeting:

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Kindle your imagination. Imagination is not just for the youngest among us, rather it may enliven and inspire, allowing us all to envision and create our world. Let us boldly imagine the world not just as it presently is, or where it seems to be moving, imagine, with childlike creativity, wonder and belief, the world as it ought to be.

Rev. Vanessa Lynn Titang (she/her/they) is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister. She attended Smith College for a BA in Philosophy and Sociology, and Wheelock College for a MS in Organizational Leadership, before finding Unitarian Universalism and her call to ministry. She graduated with her M.Div. from Meadville Lombard Theological School in 2022. Vanessa is the proud mother of her child, Amelie, and resides in Ellsworth, Me.

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am

Look at what happens with a love like that...

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

Karen Volckhausen, Worship Associate

5/18 Worship Service Zoom Meeting:

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UUCE Choir Practice & Sing in Worship!

RE today!

UUCE Annual Congregational Meeting at 12pm on ZOOM & in the sanctuary!

Imagine what might be possible if we dared to share and invest more of ourselves in loving and purposeful community? What gets in the way and holds us back? What beckons and inspires us to be braver? What shared imagination might help us live more compassion and kindness into the world?

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am

Called by Loss, Called by Peace

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader

UUCE's Worship Arts Team, Worship Leaders

5/25 Worship Service Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 515 795 9121

On this Sunday before Memorial Day, we make space and time in worship to hear and honor the myriad ways in which the realities of war, loss and the service and sacrifices of others call to us to be a part of creating more hope and peace in ourselves and in the world today.



Celebration of Life for Janet Byers

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH AT 1:30PM ON ZOOM

All are welcome to attend Janet Byers' Celebration of Life via ZOOM. Janet died on June 10, 2024, and was the beloved partner of Paul Totaro and a friend to many in our congregation. Rev. Sara will be honored to share a few memories and name our gratitude for her life and friendship among us.

The ZOOM link to this service is on the home page of UU Fellowship of Harford County, Churchville, Maryland. UUHC website, where you'll find the ZOOM link in the upper left, next to the "Visitor" and "Member" buttons: <https://www.uufhc.net/>

MINISTRY MATTERS

BY SARA HAYMAN

Before I arrived at the first day of the **Journey of Peace & Friendship** that began on Earth Day, April 22nd with a three hour Opening Ceremony and potluck feast on Indian Island, I wrote this litany reasons why I was choosing to walk in this Multi-Faith, Multi-Cultural Prayer Walk Sherri Mitchell and her colleagues at the Land Peace Foundation dreamed up:

I am walking to remember who I am and who I want most to be.
I am walking to slow down and honor the gift of sacred life and my belonging to Mother Earth.
I am walking to heal divides and disconnects that create violence.
I am walking to listen more closely to truth shared and teachings that call me to both savor and serve life.
I am walking in community to be able to breathe more deeply, to feel my relatedness, my belonging to the earth and everyone, every being.
I am walking to celebrate life and create more connections and kindness.
I am walking to practice living a different way, mindful of my kinship with every other person, being and this living earth we call home.
I am walking to remember I am and we ALL are a part of the sacred.
I am walking to remember.
I am walking to be changed...

I do feel changed by the gift of having been able to walk the *whole* way—75 miles on foot, in community, in the rain and sun and wind, in silence, and in conversation with new and old friends. I feel opened-up by the *whole* experience still very much at work in me; by the power of living in days shaped by morning and evening ceremonies, and by hours spent consciously holding prayers for peace and the healing of divides. I walked and *did* remember the life-giving power of being and becoming more *conscious* of the sacred alive in me, and in all of us. I walked (and will *keep* walking), to be more equipped and better able to live in ways that honor, strengthen and seek to celebrate and protect the sacred and innate dignity present in everyone, especially those with whom I disagree. May I be faithful to this promise I make to myself and to you.

With love and gratitude for the power of way opening in each of us to find, feel and serve new and renewed life,
Rev. Sara







PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING **FRANKIE ROTH** (THEY/FAE), UUCE'S NEW ADMINISTRATOR!

We are delighted Frances "Frankie" Roth (they/fae) joined us as Admin on Monday, April 28th! Please make a point to introduce yourself and welcome them the next time you drop by church!

Frankie's regular weekly schedule in the church office is Monday & Tuesday from 9am-1pm. They can be reached via email at uucellsworth@gmail.com

Here's a Note from Frankie to All of You:

Greetings Everyone! It's wonderful to be added to the UUCE Team. My name is Frances "Frankie" Roth. I use They/Fae pronouns, and I am originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, although I have been in Maine for the past 15 years. I feel lucky to have been born and mostly raised in Philly, the diverse community I grew up in is what helped shape me into the conscientious, open-minded, truth seeker that I have grown into. I hope to learn and grow while I am in this position, as I know that all of you in the church come from varied backgrounds and faith paths. I hope to help the congregation further its powerful message of Diversity, Pluralism, and Inclusivity. Thank you for welcoming me to the church as your Admin.



WE'D LOVE YOU TO COME SING IN UUCE'S CHOIR!

Choir Practices this month – Sundays May 4th and 18th at 9am
Choir Sings in Worship on Sunday, May 18th!

Meg O'Dell is our Choir Director again this year! Come join the choir that meets twice a month on Sundays at 9am before worship to practice and then sing one Sunday a month in worship. Everyone, of all ages and abilities, is welcome to be a part of this soul-nourishing singing community! If you have questions, feel free to reach out to Tori Bell, chair of our Music Committee, who also sends out reminders each month about choir practice. You can reach her via email at toribell14@gmail.com.

Keeping
our Doors
and Hearts
Open to All



SHARING OUR
RESOURCES
TO MAINTAIN
SANCTUARY
AND FOSTER
SOLIDARITY



Don't
forget
to
pledge!

UUCE's pledge drive ends on Sunday May 4!
THANK YOU!

Your Stewardship Committee,
Suzanne Aubrey, Sally Francis, Mac MacDonald,
Linda Tarlow, Linda Uberseder, Doug Bird, Chair

Hello Congregants and Friends, **RE**

April Showers Bring May Flowers and OH BOY has that been the case for us this month. We have seen the government exploding, riots and protests in the streets, and death of those close to us and important to others. April has, for lack of better words, really stunk. Not to mention the actual rain that almost has not ceased to stop the entire month.

How are you though? Are you holding up? Drinking water? Taking care of yourself? Don't hesitate to reach out to Sara or I if you feel overwhelmed or in need of some self care.

With that being said I wanted to ask the congregation for assistance. We are in need of volunteers for the Summer Session of Religious Exploration. Now that we have raised the program from 1-3 active participants to 7-10 we need the help. My work contract only covers for a 10 month period so we need our congregants to come together and fill in the gap. My last day with the congregation as REC for the CY2024-2025 year is June 15th. There will be four sessions during the summer that we need to have coverage for. July 13th and 27th, and August 10th and 24th. My CY2025-2026 contract should be beginning on August 17th but I will need the rest of August and part of September to prepare for the coming year and get back into the swing of things.

The reason that we are asking in this way is that we are doing everything that we can to adhere more to the "Safe Congregation Policies" and we will have to have all of our volunteers and staff have background checks done. We need to iron out volunteers before I leave for the summer so we can get that done and get

everything situated. I will have a few lesson plans set aside and ready for the summer but I am also willing to hear any ideas. Any ideas that come up while I am gone need to be vetted through Rev. Sara and the RE Committee. I will be making appearances throughout the summer in different capacities though so I am not going away completely. Thank you all for doing what you do and please be on the lookout for another volunteer announcement and for RE committee members to be in the Community Room during coffee hour with signup sheets.



Brightest Blessings,
Charles A Betancourt



THE CANDIDATES: WHO'S RUNNING FOR OFFICE

The Elections Committee (Suzanne Aubrey, Jana Robinson, and Lise Williams) present candidates for your consideration at UUCE's Annual Meeting, on Sunday, May 18, 2-4pm. Additional candidates are open to a floor nomination by a member of the UUCE congregation at the May Annual Meeting.

The following positions will be voted on by the congregation:

PRESIDENT

Candidate: Jill Jeude



Candidate statement:

Jill Jeude and her husband Jeff moved to Corea, Maine, after the death of Jill's best friend and mentor, Emily Ginsberg. Jill had lived in Maine from 1997-2000, and her friendship with Emily blossomed. It was never in doubt where Jill's heart lived best – in the mountains, and woodlands, and rocky coasts of Maine, with lupine and sea glass and the sea breeze! Working with children, both in residential treatment, and now in the school setting, also makes her heart sing. Growing up in a traditional, mainline church environment, Jill was always on the lookout for opportunities to affect others with kindness, for social justice in her community and world, and for meeting folk who shared her goals of mindfulness, openness, and acceptance. Jill has served on the Worship Arts Committee for several years and is currently the Vice President on the Board of Trustees. In She is happy to be joining just such a group at UUCE.

VICE PRESIDENT

Candidate: Jana Robinson



Candidate statement:

Jana Robinson—who's she been, who is she becoming? Is she dependable? I've said previously that I'm a mother, sister, friend, gardener, volunteer, an occasional woodburner, an armchair reader, and still work full-time. And I'm becoming (it's a road) an activist, an inquirer, working toward being a justice seeker and a protector of our democracy. I come from white privilege—growing up lower middle class, but with a full belly and the chance to go to college. Faith has been a part of my life since attending Methodist church camp as a child—though I've not always practiced it well or consistently. I grew up in cow & corn country in a small Illinois town and like living in small towns. I married, lived overseas for a while, returned and lived on a boat here in Maine. I've been fortunate to have worked with lots of diverse people and in a variety of jobs, many of them nonprofits. At UUCE, I've served on 8th Principle and

PASA, helped lead Sunday services, pulled weeds & planted flowers, was a GA delegate and now serve as a board member and help facilitate the Justice Ministry. I pledge to listen to people, look for the good, practice seeing the big picture, stretch my own capabilities, find solutions, work with everyone so that together we can live out our values and create a community that is accepting, welcoming, nourishing and loving for all. Together we can do this.

MEMBER AT LARGE

Candidate: Mike Stadler



Candidate statement:

Mike became a member of UUCE in December 2023. He has participated in several classes led by Rev. Sara as well as other events and activities, including the current Wellspring course, the choir, and the Fiscal Matters Committee. Mike is relatively new to Maine, having moved here after visiting many times for vacation. He grew up in Ohio, did a Ph.D. in cognitive psychology at Purdue, and was a psychology professor for 24 years, most of those at the University of Missouri. Now he works for the American Psychological Association as Content Manager for PsycLearn, a collection of online psychology textbooks and short courses. A

lapsed Lutheran, Mike has served on various church councils and committees, and he took on several administrative roles at the university. If elected, he looks forward to using those experiences to live the UUCE covenant into working with the other members of the board.

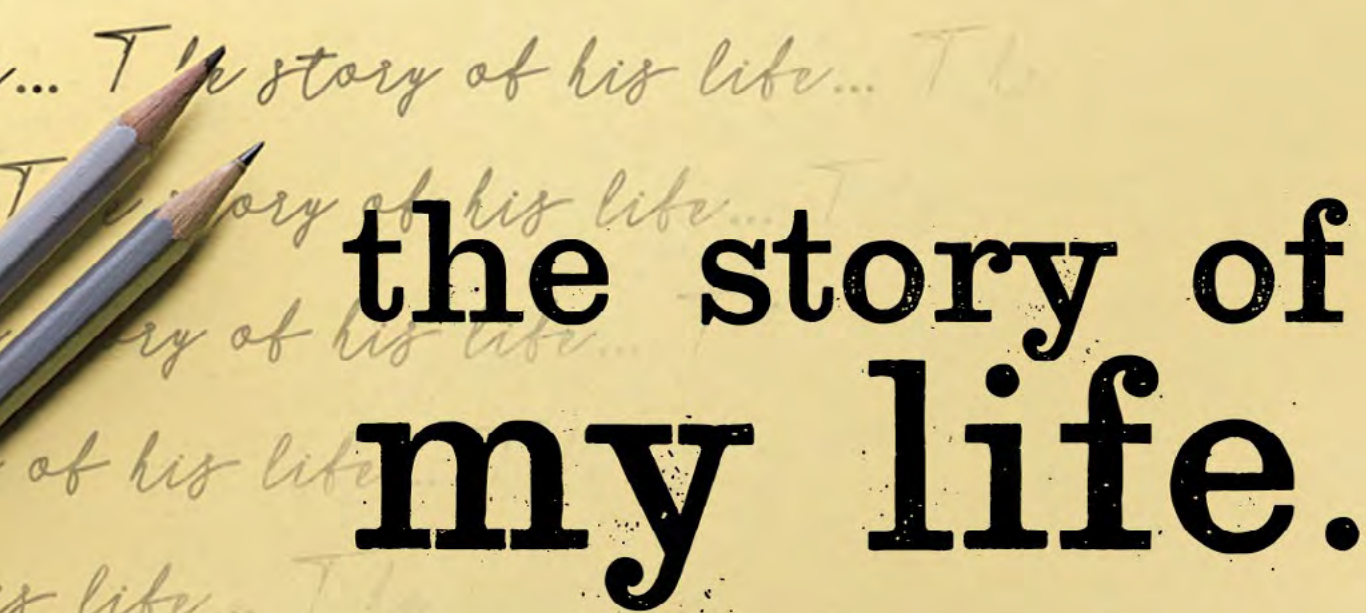
MODERATOR

Candidate: Kay Wilkins



Candidate statement:

I have volunteered to serve as Moderator because it seems to be a way I could give back to the church that gives me so much. I have run meetings as president of this church and the UU Church of Bangor, and as chair of various organizations including the Diversity Advisory Group at Lotus Development, Hancock County Democratic Committee and a variety of committees both large and small. I know Robert's Rules of Order and how to keep a meeting moving forward gently and firmly. I have found Robert's Rules for Dummies by C. Alan Jennings to be an excellent reference.

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the story of my life.

Help Us Know Your *Life Story* & How Best to Celebrate Your Legacy

A 3-hour Workshop hosted by Rev. Sara, Jeff Jeude & Evelyn Foster
Thursday, May 29th from 1:30-4:30pm at UUCE

Register by Monday, May 19th w/an email to Frankie at uucellsworth@gmail.com
Room for up to 15 Participants

Rev. Sara has had the very recent experience of being so grateful Tom Martin had shared his life story with Wayne Smith. The article Wayne wrote (and the additional unpublished notes he kept) made it possible for us to tell so much more about the fullness of Tom's life after he died. Tom had also written down and shared his wishes for his Memorial Service, making it possible for us to honor them as a part of honoring him, too.

Come be a part of this intimate and supportive community where you'll be asked to think about your life story and the legacy you most want to leave behind. In addition to answering practical questions like what hymns, songs or readings do you want in your Celebration of Life, together, we'll create sacred space for more intimate self-reflection and soulful sharing in our beloved community.

This is sacred work and this workshop, beloveds, is for all of us! It's also right after the May "Food, Fun & Fellowship" Gathering at UUCE!

Please feel free to reach out to Rev. Sara (sara@uucellsworth.org), Jeff Jeude (Emmaus117@gmail.com) or Evelyn Foster (evfoster33@gmail.com) if you have questions or would appreciate more information, and please **register** to participate by **Monday, May 19th** with an email to Frankie, our new Admin, at uucellsworth@gmail.com. We'll be sending a few invitations before our gathering to help you feel prepared and lovingly supported for this time together.



UUCE's annual **NAME YOUR OWN PRICE**



Our beloved Name-Your-Own-Price* YARD SALE is fast approaching!

Mark your calendars for JUNE 7 (and the 4th - 6th).

We will be indoors, and we will set up the various rooms in the church like rooms in your house - kitchen, garage, clothes closets, etc. We've got LOTS of opportunities for you to come join the fun. Come for a couple hours, come for a half-day, come before &/or after you run some errands - we can use your help for as long or as short as you've got.

- **Wed, 6/4, noon -5 pm** - remove and secure church items inside - cover things that cannot be moved and we DO NOT want to be sold!! Set up tables in each room.
- **Thur, 6/5, 8am - 6pm** - yard sale set up - picking up items from community locations, unloading Sunrise Trailer, moving items into church
- **Fri, 6/6, 8am - 6pm** - yard sale set up
- **Sat, 6/7, 8am - 2pm** - **YARD SALE!!** (A few folks early to help put out road signs is great!!!)
- **Sat, 6/7, 2 - 4pm** - magic crew - make the yard sale disappear! Run stuff to Goodwill and put the church back in "church order."

There's still time to gather your stuff that's just collecting dust in your home and we'll find it a happy new home! Those clothes that "shrank" over the winter? We'll take 'em!

Books? **_ NO BOOKS THIS YEAR** (save those for the UUCE book sale in the fall!)

Furniture? We'll take it! As a matter of fact, we'll take anything you've got, as long as it's CLEAN and IN GOOD WORKING ORDER (except old tube TVs and large exercise equipment).

To get your donations to the yard sale:

Bring them to UUCE on Thursday, June 5th,

OR contact Jeff Jeude 573-330-4677 or emmaus117@gmail.com

*This year most everything will again be NAME YOUR OWN PRICE, but we will have some big-ticket items that will be priced.

We can always use food and water donations for the workers. We can use people to help customers shop, and pack up their purchases. We can use people to patrol the rooms, looking for any opportunity to consolidate merchandise to make clean up easier! We can use any help you might offer!

Your UUCE Yard Sale Chairfolks Love and Appreciate YOU!!

Jeff Jeude and CJ Lammers



WOMEN'S DRUM CIRCLE

Saturday, May 17

1:00 - 3:00 at UUCE

Sharing drum songs, improvisational rhythms, chants and raising energy. No prior experience needed. We have drums to share. Contact Mary Murray for more information marydmurray@comcast.net



WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS AT 8 AM



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. 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

UUCE JUSTICE MINISTRY

Next Justice Ministry Gathering. Sunday, May 4, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Please note that the time for the Justice Ministry gathering has changed, so that it can occur after the church potluck and everyone first has a chance to celebrate being part of our community. Current plans include breaking into small groups to discuss protecting people, preserving democracy, and direct aid, in addition to discussing holding a Joyful Resistance Song Fest in June.

Any member of UUCE is welcome to attend our meetings and to be a part of living our values into the world in these challenging times. Please reach out to Jana Robinson, janasmith.robinson@outlook.com for more information.



Events and Learning opportunities:

- Thursday, May 1st from 3:30 – 6pm. **May Day-National Day of Action.** Orono Village Green behind the public library.

Side with Love. On Thursday, May 1, join a local May Day National Day of Action! Join thousands of others who are resisting the defunding of our schools, the targeting of immigrant families, and the dismantling of public services. On May Day, we are fighting for our families, our rights, and our freedoms and for a future that works for working families.

- Thursday, May 1st from 4 – 5 pm (webinar). **Bystander Intervention to Support Trans* Equality.** This one-hour, interactive training will teach you Right To Be's 5Ds of bystander intervention methodology. [Click here to register.](#) Contact Jana with any questions.
- Thursday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. **Liberating Lineages, Building Congregational Community Safety.** Registration [here](#). For more information about the Communities of Practice click [here](#).
- Sat., May 10, noon – 4:00 p.m. **Resistance Faire at Belfast UU church.** This free, joyous event aims to invite community members to come together, learn about and share ways to advance justice in their communities, plug into existing work, enjoy local food and music, and join spaces for emergent change-making in real time.
- Saturday, May 24, 9am -5 p.m (save the date!). De-escalation/peacekeeping workshop.

For more events, see the [Sweetfern calendar](#) listing local activities and [Activate Maine](#) calendar listing statewide activities.

Resources:

We suggest anyone planning to participate in protests look at the ACLU Know Your Rights for protesters:

<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/protesters-rights#im-attending-a-protest>

List of Stores Being Boycotted in 2025 as Walmart 'Blackout' Begins - Newsweek

- **Amazon Boycott 2 – May 6-12**
- **Walmart Boycott 2 - May 20 to 26**
- **Target Boycott - June 3 to 9**
- **McDonald's Boycott - June 24 to 30**
- **Independence Day Boycott – July 4**

DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Membership Committee is preparing a hard-copy update for directory changes and needs your information **by May 10th** if:

- you are **new to the congregation** as a member or friend and would like to share as much info as you wish of the following (name, birthdate, family members, mailing address, phone number and email)
- you have **changed your address, email or phone number** or wish to add something we omitted
- **we made a mistake** in the original paper directory (if you don't have yours, we have plenty in a box in the office right behind the door - ask the greeter for one!)

Please send this information to me at eatrue9@gmail.com or send your contact info via text to 207-664-3383.

Some folks have asked to have a copy of the Directory emailed to them. We cannot do this, because the directory contains so much PII (Personally Identifiable Information) and unfortunately, not everyone has secure emails and computers. As you know we already have a problem with scammers having access to our emails probably from an earlier breach. However, our Breeze directory is available to members - contact the office for info on how to access this directory.

Thank you in advance,
Liz True & the Membership Committee



Directory
of Members
and Friends
2024



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www.uuellsworth.org



FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT BETH PEPPER

Well, spring has finally arrived! Yay for that! In last month's NUUS, I said that when UUCE's daffodils finally bloom, it will be heaven in our own backyard - and now it is! It's gorgeous!

I saw many of you at the **Hands Off!** rally at our state capital on April 5 in Augusta and then more of you at the **We Rise!** rally in front of Ellsworth City Hall on April 19. I was honored to be among the many veterans who led that peaceful march down Main Street. And then April 22, Earth Day (but really everyday is Earth Day) was the opening ceremony of the **Journey for Peace and Friendship** on the Penobscot Reservation in Old Town and the first 5 miles of the 82-mile walk to the state capital over the next 7 days. I was fortunate to participate in events on 4 of the 8 days and was glad to share that positive experience with so many of you.

We officially welcomed **four new members** to our Congregation at Sunday's service on April 13, 2025. Welcome to **Emily Samuels, Jasper Nowak, Jeff Jeude, and Diane Hubner!** We are so glad you've joined us!

Speaking of **Jeff Jeude**, he continues the **Food, Fellowship, and Fun** (FFF) monthly lunches and May is a very special FFF month because we get TWO FFF lunches this month! Yay! Hope to see you at at least one of them: Thursday, May 1 and Thursday, May 29, from 11am - 1pm.

Our **Stewardship Campaign** wraps up on Sunday, May 4. If you haven't gotten your pledge info in, please do so ASAP! Lots of work goes into balancing our budget and knowing what our pledge total will be is a very important part of the budget. You'll save the Stewardship Committee, the Fiscal Matters Committee, and the Board lots of work if you get your pledge in sooner rather than later.

May also includes our **Annual Congregational Meeting** where some of the most important business of UUCE takes place: elections of next year's Board members and moderator and approval of the budget for next fiscal year (July 2025 - June 2026). **Jill Jeude** is running for Board President; **Jana Robinson** for VP; **Mike Stadler** for Member-at-Large; and **Kay Wilkins** as moderator. Thank you to all four for the willingness to serve and lead our Congregation! In addition, we will be voting on an amendment to our bylaws concerning congregational resolutions - thank you, Resolutions Task Force members **Kathleen Hall, Barb Acosta, and Jana Robinson.**

Our **Name-Your-Own-Price Yard Sale**, led by **Jeff Jeude** and **CJ Lammers** is just around the corner! The sale itself is Saturday, June 7, 8am-2pm and the prep days are Wednesday, June 4 - Friday, June 6. Whether you've got a whole day or just 30 minutes to spare, we can use your help! Come join the fun that is yard sale set-up!





A MONTHLY ADVENTURE IN FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN!

UUCE COMMUNITY ROOM

THURSDAY, MAY 29 2025

11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

We will have our next “Food, Fellowship, Fun” Gathering on Thursday, **May 29 from 11am-1pm!** Rev. Sara and Jeff Jeude invite you to come to church on this day and share a “picnic” theme-lunch of burgers, dogs, salads, corn on cob, deviled eggs, etc., Lunch and snacks will be provided, along with coffee, tea, and water. If you would like to bring something to share, we would welcome that!

Hoping you can join in the fun and time to connect with good people!!!
Jeff and Sara

JUDE LAMB

UUCE CREATIVE
CORNER

Jude Lamb began taking photos at the age of 9 when her father found a broken Kodak Brownie Hawkeye box-camera at the town dump. He used plasticine to repair the gaping hole where the flash had snapped off. Good as new!

Few photos remain from the days of a 12-image roll of film in the late 1950s. Her father ran an auto repair garage. Her mother sewed linings for caskets. With a houseful of kids her parents could not spare money for the frivolity of film for a child. (Though her father, who valued frivolity over practicality, managed to buy her an occasional roll of film.)

Later, digital photography was a 'game-changer'! Jude now takes thousands of photos a year. Favorite subjects are birds, flowers, animals, all things 'nature,' and of course her grandchildren.

In recent years a rite of Spring was photographing Karen and Paul Volkhausen's Happy Town sheep and new lambs. Finding the right light, and capturing the antics of spring lambs, became a fun challenge.

Harry (the non-wooly, but 'hairy' ram) was a distinguished, nonchalant subject. Displayed are some 'chosen few' of Jude's favorite spring lamb photos.



ART IN THE UUCE COMMUNITY ROOM

Seeking UUCE creative spirits! If you would like to share your creativity by displaying some of your work on the walls in the UUCE community room, please contact Lise Williams at LCWilliams299@gmail.com.

In the UUCE Gardens





A FEW NOTES ON MUSIC IN THE FIRST THREE DECADES OF FUSE

Dr. Wayne H. Smith
UUCE Historian

Our first church historian, Miss Mary Ann Greely, daughter of our founder, Ann Greely, wrote in her 1917 *History of the First Unitarian Society of Ellsworth*, "At this time the Ladies Society had by Fairs and Entertainments accumulated a sum sufficient to warrant the purchase of an organ for the church. Rev. Mr. Savary, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Ladies, ordered from Messrs. E. and G. G. Hook of Boston to be built and placed in the church in season for the dedication at a cost of \$1250. The Ladies procured by subscriptions rather more than \$500. The organ, however, was not placed in the church until later in the autumn."

At the time of the dedication of the church in August of 1867, the organ had not yet been completely installed, and so the "organist," Mrs. F. S. Davenport, needed to play the piano for the service music. Performing that day was the "Quartette Choir of the Bangor Unitarian Church" who volunteered their services.

Six years later in the fall of 1873, at the ordination of the church's second minister, Rev. William Henry Lyon, the organ was up and running and musical numbers included an organ voluntary, a choral response, hymns, a singing of the Doxology, and an anthem. Following his ordination, Rev. Lyon himself drilled the Sunday School in singing. This soon bore fruit as just six months later, in March of 1874, the young people of the church performed an operetta and, according to the *Ellsworth American*, their "singing and acting were quite credible." A year later, in March of 1875,



The inside of the First Unitarian Church of Ellsworth, taken about 1970. Notice the organ pipes on the left, the organist, Clover Morrison, and the choir of about five members. Ushers were Elton Black (L) and Lewis Smith (R).

the "Little Folks" gave an exhibition which included music, and the following September 10th, the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Sunday School was celebrated with an evening concert.

After the church was raised, and the Vestry installed underneath the sanctuary, writes Mary Ann Greely, "a piano was bought at this time," meaning in time for the dedication of the Vestry in November of 1875. Just four months later, in March of 1876, "the Musical Club connected with the Unitarian society" was giving a concert on Friday evening at 7:45, and the review in the *Ellsworth American* the following week said that the concert was good, and "the gem of the evening was the *Minute Gun*, a duett, sung by Rev. Lyon and F. H. Brimmer." Referring to a young pianist identified as "Miss McDonald," the paper wrote: "in brilliancy of

execution, artistic skill and correct taste, Miss M. has few superiors in the State.”

The following Easter Sunday evening, the children presented an Easter Concert which “included a hidden chorus.” In July of 1876, the choir of the Unitarian Society, assisted by friends, gave a concert which included choral numbers, a duet, a trio, and a quartet, solos with choral accompaniment, a male quartet, and piano solos.

In February of 1877, the Sunday School joined the congregation in a Sunday evening Hymn Service, “the first of a series of occasional services of this character.” In February of 1879, the Unitarian choir sang at the 4th anniversary of the Temperance Convention and Reform Club.

The 1880s saw the musical talents of church members on display through regular “entertainments” held at the church vestry. Among them was a February 1880 entertainment by the Amateur Minstrels entitled “It’s Time to Laugh and Grow Fat.” Three weeks later, at a “Temperance Dime Sociable,” there was a duet by Mrs. Arthur Greely and Harvard Greely, piano solos by Miss Nancy Dutton and Miss Clara Kent, a duet by Miss Ellen Sargent and Mr. Lowell, and a Song and Trio by Mr. L. Hodgkins, Miss Alta Hodgkins, and Mr. D. T. Brady. The summer of 1880 brought an operetta conducted by Mrs. M. F. Avery and both vocal and piano music by several of the ladies of the Society.

In July of 1880, the Sunday School performed a summer concert at Hancock Hall with songs performed by Miss Julia Jarvis, Miss Hopkins, and Mr. Chaney, piano solos by Miss Carrie Brooks and Rev. Mr. Bowen, the blind preacher from Boston, and an operetta by the children, all organized by Mrs. M. F. Avery.

In February of 1881, as recorded by Mary Ann Greely, there was a meeting of the Society at the residence of its third minister, Rev. Charles Parker Lombard, at which he announced that he had received a number of copies of the *Unity Hymn and Tune Book* which were readily purchased by those present and more were ordered for general

distribution in the church. “Congregational singing was thus encouraged in all the services. A series of ‘Unity meetings’ having much singing, a responsive service from these books, and a short address were arranged and subjects were announced for the Sundays from that date until Easter.”

At the July 1882 ordination of Rev. Loren Benjamin MacDonald, there was an anthem by the choir, a performance by the quartet choir, and a vocal solo by Miss Julia Alice Jarvis. This Miss Jarvis continued to perform at church functions even after her marriage to Erastus Fulton Redman in 1884, as Mrs. Julia Redman performed a solo at a Wednesday night entertainment in September of 1886 alongside a vocal quartet that sang “Angel of Peace.”

In November of 1886, at the memorial service for William O. McDonald, Miss Lizzie Crippen played an organ voluntary, the church choir sang an anthem, and the Sunday School students also performed a musical number. In June of 1887, there was yet another concert by the Unitarian Sunday School. After the organ voluntary by Lizzie Crippen, there were choir anthems, singing by a female quartet, a song by the Sunday School, a solo by Mrs. Julia Redman, another solo by Maud Presby accompanied by the Sunday School choir.

On September 8, 1887, the Unitarian choir experienced what could be called a “fall from grace.” Here is how the *Ellsworth American* described it:

—On Thursday evening last as the Unitarian choir were leaving the church after rehearsal it happened that four of them were standing together on the top step of the awkward plank stairs leading from the church door down to the sidewalk, when the step gave way under their feet and they fell a distance of eight or ten feet to the ground. They found themselves imprisoned and were obliged to knock a hole in the side of the stairway in order to get out. They all escaped with but slight bruises, though it was really wonderful that they were not seriously hurt.

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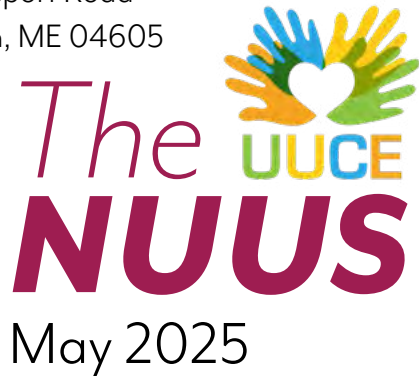
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- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement
to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
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