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ALL SERVICES AT 10:00

June 3 - Minnie Brown Center – “The Early Days of June”

What do Francis David, Phebe Ann Coffin Hanaford, Norbert Capek, and Joseph H. Jordan have in common? Some pretty amazing UU history is associated with the first week in June. Rev. Stocker preaching. Rev. Stocker preaching. Music by Larry Lemmel (piano) and Hugh Maynard (oboe).

June 10 - CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY – “Service of the Living Tradition”

Today we hold our annual flower celebration. *Everyone is requested to bring a flower to the service.* The Service of the Living Tradition marks graduations, marriages, births, and deaths in our congregation. We also welcome new members on this day. And, we will honor the anniversary of our church fire and the amazing trajectory we are now on. This service concludes our formal church year and launches more informal yet inspirational and delightful summer services. Service conducted by Rev. Stocker. Music by Grace Lewis-McLaren (piano) and the Merry Meeting Singers, directed by Larry Lemmel.

June 17 - Minnie Brown Center – “A Lanyard and Flowers for the Guys, Too”

Worship Leader: **Maryli Tiemann.** It’s Father’s Day! With inspiration from three sources: Barack Obama, Billy Collins and the Jewish custom of debated discussion, Maryli Tiemann will weave some thoughts about the power of reflection. Come to celebrate males who are relatives, mentors, teachers, friends or even strangers, who help to shape our youth and our culture. Music by Larry Lemmel (piano) and Paul Schaffner (hammered dulcimer).

June 24 - Minnie Brown Center - “Lessons from King Mongkut (of the King and I)”

Worship Leader: **Peter Alexander.** King Mongkut resisted conversion to Christianity, as did most of the Thai (Siamese) people during Dan Beach Bradley’s years as the first missionary in Bangkok (1835-1873). After 30+ years, when Bradley, who had befriended the King, lamented his lack of success at converting virtually ANYONE in Thailand to Christianity, the King’s simple explanation forever changed the old missionary’s understanding of religion. The King’s observations are even more relevant today. Music by Peter Alexander.

*Our Mission is
To be a spiritual community
To welcome all
To nurture one another
To work for justice
And to care for the earth.*

**The Unitarian Universalist
Church of Brunswick**

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister

Rev. J. Bradbury Mitchell,
Minister Emeritus

Nicole Shanks,
Director of Religious Education

Stephanie Bernier,
Music Coordinator

Heidi Neufeld, Choir Director

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

Tony Sulkoski, Sexton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This RE year has just finished and plans for the next are already underway! The RE Committee and I are gearing up for year three of curriculum rotation. Teachers are being recruited, curricula are being examined, schedules are being created, and activities are being planned. June is a busy time of year for RE in an undercover kind of way- although programs have wound down and we'll start seeing fewer families on Sundays, you're likely to find me at home with my nose stuck in a curriculum book, typing away at my computer as I adapt lesson plans, or looking online for resources.

HOW TO REACH US

**The Unitarian Universalist
Church of Brunswick
PO Box 129
Brunswick ME 04011**

The church office, (at 7 Middle Street) is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10-4 and on Wednesday from 12-4. The office administrator is Shirley Bernier.

The Director of Religious Education, Nicole Shanks, is in her office at 7 Middle Street, Wednesday & Thursday from 9am - 1 pm and by appointment. Contact her by telephone at the church office: 729-8515.

The Minister, Rev. Sylvia Stocker, has office hours Tuesday and Thursday 1-4 pm and by appointment. In an emergency, do not hesitate to call her anywhere or any time. (Consult the church directory for her home number.) For routine church business, please call her at the church.

Monday is the Sabbath for the Minister, the DRE, and the office.

Telephone/Fax: 207 729-8515

E-mail: uubruns@gwi

Website: <http://www.uubrunswick.org>

So what's in store for 2012/2013? Our PreK- grade 6 RE classes will engage in sessions that explore social justice (fall), nature and the environment (winter), and our UUCB church (spring). Our children will participate in a social justice project and explore themes connected with the November elections, learn about nature in the winter and ways in which we can express our spirituality through making choices that are better for the environment and the other beings with whom we share our planet, and explore our own church history and be involved in making church history as we prepare for our new building. We will offer the OWL program for our 7-9th grade youth this year in addition to regular youth group meetings. And finally, we have some intergenerational events in the works- a contra dance fundraiser, our annual YMCA pool party, and more.

We've got a great start on volunteers so far but we could use some more help! The PreK-K and grades 4-6 classes

could each use one more person to complete their teaching teams. Volunteering to teach is not as hard as it sounds. Teachers are provided with lesson plans which they can follow to the letter or adapt as they see fit. Typically our teachers lead their RE class about 7 or 8 times during the church year. Each of these times leading takes about 20-60 minutes of preparation depending on whether or not a decision is made to adapt the lesson plan. We also have need for individuals who are willing to serve as classroom assistants in all of the grades once or twice during the year and serving in this way requires no prior preparation. If you are interested in being part of our team of volunteers and would like more information, please contact me at:

uucbdre@gwi.net.

Have a great summer!

Blessings,
nicole

IMPORTANT RE DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jun 10 - Intergenerational Flower Communion Service

Sep 13 - Tentative RE teacher orientation scheduled in the evening, details TBA as the date approaches



... MINISTER'S MUSINGS...

"Time heals all wounds," the saying goes.

Some wounds linger, of course, because they change our lives irrevocably. But time helps to soften things and allows perspective to change. With time, life offers new experiences, so that new memories nestle beside the painful ones. Time provides space and opportunity.

We come now to the anniversary of our church fire. As I recount that morning of June 6, I remember how stricken so many parishioners looked when they arrived on the scene. Some shed tears; many expressed numbness and disbelief.

Many people got straight to work, putting dismay into action. Whether it was hauling treasured items out of the church, visiting people we knew should not be left alone with the news, planning the gathering at St. Paul's two days later, agreeing to be on the Recovery Team, figuring out where and how to have church the following Sunday, or taking photographs to document our new trajectory, people quickly started to do whatever they found to do to be helpful.

Even with all that help, it was clear that the work ahead of us would be monumental. Last June we were standing at the base of an enormous mountain. No trail marked the easiest way to the top. We simply knew we had to climb, figuring out our course with each step forward.

But now, a year later, just look at where we have been! We have had a successful and spirit-filled year at our temporary digs at Curtis Memorial Library during the summer and at the Minnie Brown Center from September on. We have learned how to be flexible, to make do with what we have, and even to enjoy a sense of adventure from time to time.

Our Working for Justice initiative is brilliantly launched. On June 12 at Curtis Library, our next chapter addressing hate and prejudice opens, as we hold a community conversation about immigration in Maine. (Please plan to attend!)

Our Sunday School is thriving. And where we once made do with our space, sending our kids off to a separate building for their classes, now it's hard to imagine our community being separated like that on Sunday mornings. We celebrate that we will all be together, under one roof, in our new building.

We have conducted the most successful and perhaps even shortest annual budget drive, ever. We have held several successful, creative, and fun fundraisers that have both lightened spirits and helped to fill coffers.

Now we begin to shift into real, tangible progress on our new building. The seeds we planted lo those many years ago with the architects are blossoming into fine plans that the Village Review Board has accepted unanimously. The capital campaign is humming along after its thrilling launch on May 5.

Perhaps more than anything we have learned the value of our community as we have reached out to one another in supportive ways, encouraged one another in the hard work we have undertaken together this year, and upheld our values each step of the way.

Last June, hearts were heavy. On June 12th, 2011, we held a solemn service of memory for our burned church. This year on June 10th, our Service of the Living Tradition will mark the progress of a year's passage of time and honor the hopes and dreams we are in the midst of living. Time has opened up space for something exciting to unfold. What a different feeling from a year ago!

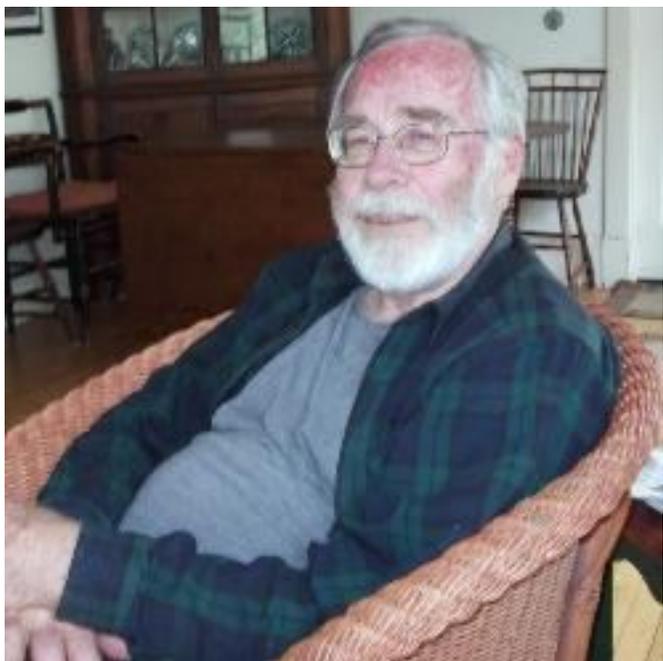
Much remains unknown, even now – the final, final architectural plans, the construction bids, the end results of the capital campaign. We don't even know where the church office will be next year while our building site is under construction. (Stay tuned!)

But we do know we can face whatever comes. Time has taught us that. We are strong, creative, and wise. And we are together. That's the best of all.

Love, *Sylvia*



WELCOME ED HAWES



Ed says that in his mind and heart he has been a UU for a long time. He first encountered our denomination in Madison, WI as a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin in the 1960's. Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture drew him to the Madison church, where he and his first family attended for several years. He loved the architecture, the setting and the sense of community there.

Ed's Dad was a Presbyterian and his Mom, a Christian Scientist; he attended both churches in Norristown, PA, where he grew up, but felt that neither was a good fit for him. He's long been intrigued by UU theology

and worldview and after exploring churches in the area, decided to try us out. He was attracted to Sylvia's ministry and the friendliness and sense of community he experienced here. Last February, he became a member of UUCB, the first church he ever joined! In addition to his interest in the UU church, Ed has an active interest in C. G. Jung and his writings. He is an active member of the local Jung Center.

Ed met his late wife Becky in 1982, when he served as a consultant on a NEH program interpreting saltwater farming and family life in Freeport. Since 2000 he has been involved with a project to preserve Lubec's last herring smoke house, conducting research, creating exhibits, doing preservation planning and implementation. He has owned land nearby in Trescott, ME since graduate school and has built several cabins on the property over the years. He also did lots of gardening and ran an informal camp for students on how to live sustainably for a time. Clearly, Lubec and its history is one of his passions.

Ed's has a strong interest in architecture, folk and natural history, and what that all says about a culture. He moved to Brunswick in 1990 taking early retirement from teaching at Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois and marrying Becky. Since leaving academia, he has consulted in many different venues, always relating to his love of history and museum curating. His work has involved a great deal of travel in Europe to visit historical sites and museums. As a member of the International Association of Agricultural Museums that spans eastern and western Europe, he was able to travel to East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary before the Wall came down. (Be sure to ask him about his passport story!)

Jessica Tracy

OFF TO WOODSTOCK - PEG BRIGHTMAN

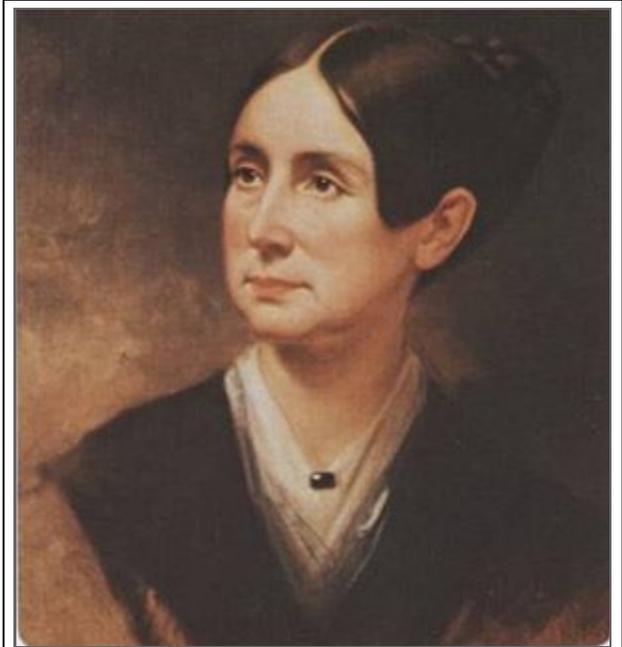
Peg Brightman writes:

"I want to thank UUCB for being a spiritual home for twelve years! When my husband Dick Rosser and I moved to Maine in 2001, we immediately connected with UUCB--joining the choir, and over the years, in turn, serving on the Board and the Social Justice Committee. Over the years, I have had the joy of serving on the Worship & the Arts and Music committees, and participating in countless performances with the choir, with my Moving Spirit Dancers and with the Merrymeeting Singers. I have been grateful for the kind and loving support I found here, especially follow-

ing Dick's death in 2007. In 2010, I met a wonderful UU Vermonter Richard Schramm; we have been commuting back and forth ever since. This July I will pack up and move to Vermont full-time, to make a new life with him in Woodstock. Thank you, UUCB, for all the many blessings of love, friendship, kindness, and shared purpose over these past years. I look forward to coming back to visit and seeing the new church!"

FAMOUS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

Dorothea dix was born April 4, 1802, Hampden, District of Maine, Massachusetts., and died in 1887 in Trenton, N.J.) She was a U.S. social reformer on behalf of the mentally ill. She opened a school for girls in Boston in 1821, and in 1841 she began teaching Sunday school in a jail, where she was distressed to see the mentally ill imprisoned with criminals. For 18 months she toured mental institutions, and in 1843 she reported their deplorable conditions to the Massachusetts legislature. After improvements were made, she expanded her campaign to other states. Through her work, special mental hospitals were built in 15 states and in Canada.



Dorothea Dix



Elizabeth Blackwell

Elizabeth Blackwell was born February 3, 1821, near Bristol, England. She moved with her family to the United States when she was 11. Despite opposition from both fellow students and the public, she became the first woman to graduate from medical school in the United States. She created a medical school for women in the late 1860s. She later returned to England and set up a private practice there.

*It is not easy to be a pioneer --
but oh, it is fascinating!
I would not trade one moment,
even the worst moment,
for all the riches in the world.*

LAST FUNDRAISER OF THE FISCAL YEAR

Bowdoin's "Give and Go"

Times Record Building, Industry Rd, Brunswick

Saturday, June 9, 8 am-2 pm

**Did you know we raised over \$17,000
in fundraising events this year?!!**

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOMING CEREMONY FOR NEW MEMBERS

It is becoming our spring tradition to welcome new members of UUCB on Flower Sunday, which this year is June 10th. We will warmly greet seven members who recently signed our membership book. And of course we hope the congregation will say hello to Jennifer Burns, Ed Hawes, Katherine Knowles, Hugh Maynard, Ashley Richards, Kathy Stehle, and Faith Woodman during our "Festive Coffee Hour" jointly hosted by the Membership Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee on the 10th.

SUMMER CIRCLE SUPPERS

Last summer after the painful loss of our building, the Membership Committee invited members and friends to stay in touch with one another through many circle suppers. Eleven suppers were held with over 80 member and friends attending and hosting. The summer is such a good time for get togethers - warm evenings, long days, fresh veggies, and the presence of our summer UU visitors - we would like to offer Circle Suppers this summer as well.

Just give Debbie Zorach a call at 729-8103 or email her at dszorach@zwi.net to let her know of your interest and availability as a guest or host. She'll do the rest! (She already has a few hosts lined up!)

WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND IMMIGRATION

On **June 12, 6:30-8pm in the Morrell Room at Curtis Library**, our church will host a community wide discussion to reflect on the question of just who IS our community?

In addition to hearing the stories of several newcomers to Maine, we will share experiences common to all those who leave behind a known world to build a new life in an unknown place. *How do we create a community together?*

We are inviting local churches and others in the community to join us and will have a resource table with information about immigration issues, activities and service opportunities. We have a great deal to learn from each other and look forward to *enjoying dessert and coffee together*.

NOTE: By special invitation and to coincide with this discussion, Ed McCartan has arranged to have hung in the Morrell Room, the photographs of Colby Anthropology professor Catherine Besteman and photographer Jorge Acero presenting the transition of Somali Bantu refugees from their life in a Somalia to life in Lewiston, Maine. (See www.colby.edu/somalibantu)

Be part of this exciting gathering!

- ◆ Put June 12 in your calendars now and plan to join the conversation.
- ◆ Bring interested friends (newcomers to Maine?).
- ◆ Help distribute flyers which are available through a member of the Working for Justice Steering Group
- ◆ *Considering what delicious dessert you can bring to share!*

Working for Justice Steering Group

Cathey Cyrus, Jane Danielson, Catherine Knowles, Ed McCartan, Hope Russell



A Community Conversation About Immigration

Newcomers in Maine: Who is our community?

Presentation, Discussion and Dessert

Tuesday, June 12, 6:30-8:30 pm

Curtis Memorial Library, Morrell Room, Brunswick

- Hear stories from those building new lives in Maine.
- Learn about resources and the support we can offer.
- In small group discussions...
 - ... reflect on our own "immigration" stories.
 - ... consider how we welcome newcomers.

For more information
contact the Unitarian Universalist
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729-8515 – uubruns@gwi.net



GREEN SANCTUARY

Winds are always with us. Even on those hot and humid August days when nothing seems to move, upper atmosphere winds move at greater speeds than we can imagine.

Winds bring the seasons, the rain and snow, and they clear the sky for sunny weather.

We last focused on “Giving Winds” six years ago. Giving Winds was a Maine Council of Churches campaign in response to the referendum rejection of the four Maine Wabanaki tribes’ application to build and run a casino. The campaign raised a pool of money for Four Directions Development Corporation, operated through an Orono bank by the Penobscot nation to be used for home improvement loans, financial education, business start-ups and public building construction on the four Maine reservations. Previously, tribal members on the reservations were unable to get bank loans because tribal property — including family houses and lots — was ineligible as loan collateral.

At that time, people within our UUCB congregation produced an unsecured \$10,000 2 percent loan for

Giving Winds/Four Directions. This was matched by the UUA dollar for dollar, and the resulting \$20,000 was matched dollar for dollar by the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs. Thus, we were responsible for raising \$40,000 for Four Directions. As this was a one-time event for each church, a couple of UUCB’ers took part in an identical loan through the Bangor UU Church, bringing Four Directions another \$40,000.

Other Maine congregations invested via the Giving Winds project, producing minimum loans of \$10,000 with a final total investment of \$8.2 million. Their loans were matched by the Federal government, but not by their national association. With this money, Four Directions has provided, or improved, homes on the reservations for 139 families, developed financial education, supported 36 Wabanaki-owned businesses and created over 90 jobs serving the Wabanaki people.

Four Directions has been a UUCB Charity with Soul for the last five years as well, donating half of one month’s plate offering each year. That annual interest has been paid

religiously by Four Directions and that the original loans rolled over last year with the consent of our investors.

New England first nations have a more than three-century bad rap starting in 1675 with King Phillip’s War. As UUs, we demonstrate to Maine and America that the Indian Wars are over and that first nations are ordinary people living in ordinary communities with essentially the same needs as our own.

When the wind blows and whistles around your shutters or makes the pine trees sing in winter, remember that the wind gives, and that we and other Maine churches have been a giving wind for Maine’s Wabanaki tribes.

If you would like to join in this investment, contact Robin Hansen and we’ll see if we can put together a solid loan to continue improving the lives of our Wabanaki neighbors. If you would like to learn more, you can do so at www.fourdirectionsmaine.org.

— Connie Wurtz

JUNE CHARITY WITH SOUL

MAINE HATE CRIMES RESPONSE PROJECT

END HATE

Our June Charity with Soul is the newly formed Maine Hate Crimes Response Project, whose consultant is Steve Wessler. Steve was formerly director of the Center for the Prevention of Hate, the designated recipient of our June collection plate. The Maine Hate Crimes Response Project supersedes the Center for the Prevention of Hate.

The Project’s purpose, a letter states, *is to vigorously lead the response on behalf of all those who refuse to allow hate to go unchallenged... We will be there to let the perpetrators know that hate is not acceptable in Maine. We will be there in support of our neighbors who have been targeted. We will be there to support legislation to protect the rights of all Mainers.*

Our congregation will remember Steve Wessler, who spoke at a service in November 2011, and in January of this year, facilitated our community-wide discussion on prejudice at the Morrell Room. Designating this Project as a Charity with Soul supports the commitment of our congregation to address prejudice and hate.

The Project is affiliated with the Holocaust and Human Rights Center at the University of Maine, Augusta.

A BICENTENNIAL MOMENT

In 1875 the Unitarian Society of Brunswick purchased a lot of land on the corner of Federal and Pearl Streets (now Jordan Avenue,) where the Universalists had built their first meetinghouse nearly fifty years previously. The lot cost them \$1500 which they raised through subscriptions.

The new meetinghouse, built in 1878, was designed by the Boston architectural firm of Nathaniel J. Bradlee, a very successful and prolific architect responsible for many landmark buildings in Boston and surrounding communities. The design was a combination of the Shingle and Stick styles, a form most associated with Norwegian summer cottages.

The townspeople were not unanimous in their approval of the design for the new church. The Brunswick Telegraph, in coming to the defense of the architecture, editorialized, "We fancy that those who disliked it before, will dislike it more than ever, now that it is painted. We find it just as pretty and picturesque as ever, and we insist, against all critics, that a building is not necessarily in bad taste because it differs entirely with the standard

style that is almost universally put up for church purposes here in New England."

The Unitarian Chapel, as it was called, was dedicated on December 4, 1878. At this time the announcement was made that the chapel and all of its furnishings had been paid in full. The property was held in common with no individual ownership and pews were rented in order to pay the parish expenses.

Fifteen years later the Unitarians came upon hard times and finally closed their doors in May of 1894. The building was sold in 1915 to the town of Brunswick as an adjunct to the High School across the street.

A postscript: in the 1940s the Universalists had an opportunity to sell their building on the corner of Pleasant and Middle Streets to an oil company and to purchase the former Unitarian Chapel which would offer them more space. The parish voted so to do, but the deal with Sun Oil Company fell through.

By *Christine Mitchell*

STORIES WITH SOUL

UUCB sponsors Stories with Soul, a community program running continually since April of 2003. The readings and discussion sometimes warm the heart, engage the mind, touch the soul, or tickle the funny bone, and occasionally all of the above! We invite you to drop in and check it out. About 15 people are "regulars" and some have no other connection with UUCB.

Stories is a simple but engaging program - no homework, no preparation, it's free, and people attend only when they are moved to do so - every few weeks or months is just fine - no one tracks attendance. Stories meets every month, all year, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 630 to 730pm, and begins and ends promptly. A volunteer selects and reads a short story aloud, after which those present (usually 6-10 folks) mull over themes that resonate. Now in its tenth year, Stories warmly invites you to settle in- still meeting in our cozy Minister's Parlor at Pennell 5.

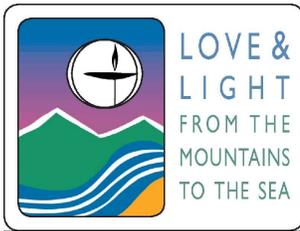
FMI, Bill Clark (wyclark@gwi.net, 443-1256)
or Larry Lemmel. (llemmel@myfairpoint.net, 720-0387)

WHAT'S TO BECOME OF ME IN THE END? THE DISPOSITION OF MY REMAINS

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Maine (FCAM) hosts a panel presenting various options for dealing with our bodies after death: Saturday, November 3, at the First Universalist Church, 169 Pleasant Street, Auburn. Each panel member will describe an approach and then there will be time for questions and answers. The panel begins at 10 a. m. following a 9 o'clock business meeting of the organization and refreshments. Handouts will be provided. The public is invited to attend.

Dorothy Berner of FCAM will discuss Body Donation through UNE; Peter McHugh of Cedar Brook Burial Ground in Limington will discuss green burial; Ruth Peck will discuss columbaria, Mark Riposta of Maine Coast Crematory, Searsport, will discuss Alkaline Hydrolysis, Chris Stilkey of Burr Cemetery and Lighthouse Crematory will discuss standard burial, green burial and standard cremation; Erica Bartlett will share her poem about spreading her mother's ashes; and Eva Thompson will discuss spreading ashes.

UNED UU WOMEN AND RELIGION FALL RETREAT



CREATING CONNECTIONS

September 21-23, 2012
Geneva Point Conference Center



Please join the women of the UU Northern New England District for a weekend of connections and community building. This weekend we will be offering several workshops including Laughter Yoga, Sacred Circle Dancing, Writing and Discussion, Art, and Yoga Dance. In addition we will have time for pampering and foot soaking, the Water Ceremony on Saturday evening, entertainment by us, and a Worship Service and business meeting on Sunday morning. Remember that this is your weekend and you may participate in as many or as few of the workshops, events as you want.

Be on the look out for the registration form and the early bird discount if you register and pay prior to June 15, 2012!

If you have any questions please contact Faith Barnes at faithb.56@gmail.com or at 207-729-3032.

For more information about Geneva Point Conference Center, go to

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Many of us came together on May 5 to celebrate the church's Bicentennial and to kick-off the Rebuilding Together Capital Campaign. On that date, we were delighted to announce that early pledges from about 50 members of the congregation totaled \$717,200, or 84% of our stretch goal. In the following weeks, our total rose past the Foundation Goal to \$771,572 and continues to increase daily. Besides pledges from church members, we've also received one-time gifts from friends and community members, for which we are particularly grateful. Pledges and gifts over \$2000 are being matched by a \$25,000 Matching Gift fund established by Laura Jackson, with a maximum match of \$1000 per donor. At this writing, we were just \$7,000 away from earning the full \$25,000, with a new deadline of June 8. Who could have imagined that we could reach this level of success so quickly?

When we move into our new church, the sense of accomplishment we will feel as a congregation will be tremendous. Beyond the campaign dollars, we dream of having as many members of the church participate as possible. No gift is too small. As of May 22, we had received 76 pledges from members, compared to 116 annual budget pledges. We understand that it's not always possible to make a pledge, whether for the annual budget or for a three-year capital campaign. As an alternative, please consider a small one-time gift so that you too can be a full participant in this important step in the life of our church.

On June 10 the pledge portion of the Capital Campaign will be officially complete and we will announce our total. To celebrate this milestone and thank the congregation for your generosity, as well as to welcome new members, the Capital Campaign Committee and the Membership Committee will provide a festive coffee hour before the Annual Meeting. Don't miss church that day!

SONG & DANCE FANS?

SAVE THESE DATES:

June 3rd, at 4pm & June 16th at 7pm!!

MERRYMEETING SINGERS AND MOVING SPIRIT DANCERS



(Poster painting by Middy Thomas!)

Sun., June 3rd, at 4pm: A SPRING BOUQUET OF SONG & DANCE (BENEFIT FOR PEOPLE PLUS) ; 35 Union St., in Brunswick. An upbeat, informal afternoon's entertainment by the Merrymeeting Singers & Moving Spirit Dancers! Come celebrate spring with Shaker songs, spirituals, madrigals, and new dances interwoven throughout! Suggested donations at the door: \$12; People Plus Members: \$8. Support your own singers and a good cause!

Sat., June 16th at 7pm: A SUMMER EVENING OF SONG & DANCE (OUR ANNUAL SPRING UUCB FUNDRAISER!!) Once again the Merrymeeting Singers (directed by our own Larry Lemmel) and Moving Spirit Dancers (likewise Peg Brightman) have created a festive evening at the Minnie Brown Center, 90 Washington St., in Bath. The family-friendly program features wonderful American love songs by Cole Porter and the Gershwins, an excerpt from Bach's Cantata # 68, and music by Derufle, Purcell, Vaughan Williams, Dalglish. Local dancer choreographer Don Weatherbee joins the all-star cast, with Terre Burke as Shaker founder Mother Ann, and our distinguished pianist Grace Lewis McLaren! Advance Res: (729-8515) \$12; At the Door: \$15; children under 12 FREE! Refreshments offered at Intermission! **RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!**

WE NEED HELP: moving chairs, ushering, baking! Please email Peg at pbri@aol.com! THANKS!

best,
Peg

CELEBRATIONS



AN INVITATION FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Dear All Who Contribute Each Year to the Creation of UUCB Programming, (and other interested folk...)

Your presence is requested and needed (!) at...

The **FIRST UUCB Program Planning "HAPPENING"** **Thursday, June 7, 7-9PM, Morrell Room. Curtis Library**

Dessert, coffee and good company will be provided!
(Let the office know by May 31 if you need child care.)

It is time to ask ourselves how we can build coherent church programming that reflects what we care about as a spiritual community. What activities, what programs, what events (chalice circles, intergenerational gatherings, celebrations, learning opportunities, social justice projects, concerts etc.) do we want to be sure to include in a year in the life of UUCB? How will the programming we offer help our congregation and our community live and experience our mission statement?

As groups, committees and individuals anticipate the beginning of the church year, we each wonder about where our particular focus and interests might fit into the busy schedule of events inviting the energy and time of our members and friends. Wherever you are in your thinking and planning, ***YOU need to be part of this process.*** Bring your interests, ideas and experience. We will all learn from each other, and our church year's programming will be richer for it.

Planners are structuring the evening to assure engaged, productive (*fun and tasty!*) teamwork. Cheered on with delicious desserts, tea and coffee, let's do this thinking *together* and create a collective vision (and calendar) that will guide us in our mission.

We think we're really "on to something" here! Please let someone on the Council know you are coming.

Thanks!

UUCB Council

CELEBRATIONS



BUILDING TEAM NOTES - MAY 25, 2012

DECISIONS AS A RESULT OF THE PAST 4 MEETINGS

Platform: There will be a full width platform at the north end of the sanctuary flanked by two small closets. Three steps will run the full width of the platform and can be used as risers for the choir. There will be an unobtrusive ramp along the west wall to make this permanent platform fully accessible. This will commit us to facing the front for most events. Movable chairs will make other options possible.

Flooring: After exploring many choices including cork, hardwood, bamboo, and tiles we determined that they all have serious drawbacks after many years of use. Consequently we are expecting to use carpet tiles, which are easily replaced individually, throughout much of the new building. This alternative is less than half the cost of hardwood or tile and easily removed when it is worn or undesired. Choosing a single floor that is ideal for all purposes, including dancing, is extremely difficult, and the Team continues to explore possible accommodations for multiple uses. Porcelain tiles will be used in the kitchen and bathrooms.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The architects are trying to give us realistic projections about the timing and cost of this project. The expected date for completing all the necessary documents is now June 29, bid opening in mid-July and a vote by the congregation to sign a contract shortly after. The cost projection now stands at about \$2,300,000 so we need to prioritize which features we may be able to do without if our cost and contributions do not coalesce. Your collective generosity has been very encouraging and we are hopeful that we will be able to afford the building we all hope to have.

YOUR THOUGHTS

We welcome your comments on our gmail address but need to let you know that the architects are finalizing plans and specifications. It is becoming increasingly unlikely that we will consider other options as we get closer to finished documents. We know that you find some features you really like and some you like less well, but we are confident that we will all get the church that we need.



HOSPITALITY

Summer's Almost Here

As we near the end of our first "regular" church year in Bath, it suddenly feels like time has FLOWN, doesn't it?

Discovering how to organize and manage Hospitality in such reduced space was challenging, but we've got it down to a science.

Tony's arrival made a HUGE difference to hosting by removing the tasks of making AND carrying coffee from our list!

Now it's pared down to preparing / buying food, bringing half-and-half, a few minutes of carrying things upstairs for the tables before the service, and a few minutes of washing and putting things away in the kitchen afterwards.

When hosts brought food but couldn't comfortably do the carrying and/or the stairs, there have been other people who took care of that.

Perhaps hosting will be consistently divided into those two roles next year, who knows? I (Val) DON'T know - because

after two years, **I'm retiring!** If you're interested in hearing about the Coordinator's responsibilities, please see me or Cathey Cyrus.

A BIG thank you to our wonderful hosts: Jean & Keary Lay, Connie & Robie Seidner, Cindy Parker, Steve Eagles, Sally Horne, Bill Clark, Cathey Cyrus, and Monique & Sandy Sondheim

We've had great conversations and made new connections as we nibbled and sipped. There's been time to welcome visitors informally, perhaps to conduct some church "business," and simply to enjoy each other's company in, as Sylvia put it, "the best church in the WORLD!"

Here's to us~
Valerie 729-9254



SERVING WITH GRACE OPPORTUNITIES

“Work devoted to something greater than yourself lifts you out of the narrow sphere of individual concerns, enlarges your perspective, and provides context for joys and concerns of your own life. ...It means working for and with a group of people who have intertwining needs, hopes, fears, and expectations, all to help fulfill a common mission that binds them together. What better opportunity to learn over and over again that we are mutually interdependent?”

Serving with Grace by Erik Walker Wikstrom, p. 5

Elected Positions – The slate of nominees for elected positions in the church is almost complete and will be voted upon at the upcoming Annual Meeting (Board trustees, Moderator, Nominating Committee members). Please see a member of the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving in one of these positions.

Publicity Coordinator and Website Coordinator

(Perhaps two roles, perhaps one role..)

We continue to look for someone(s) who can:

1. oversee our church communication with the “outside” – newspaper articles, posters about events, signs, etc., and,
2. oversee the gathering of current, relevant and appropriate information to pass on to our Webmaster, Steve Wellcome, who will then post the information in a timely manner on the website.

Please see Cathey Cyrus for more information.

Hospitality Coordinator

Val Heath is retiring following 2 years of generous service in this role. We are looking for someone to organize the scheduling of Sunday morning Fellowship Hour hosts, and work with others to oversee the weekly social gathering that we all love and depend on! The Coordinator makes it possible for us to “nurture one another” each week following the church service. The tasks are very clear, and the recruitment of a willing team of 3 or 4 will make it fun for all involved. *(Many hands make light work!)*

See Val Heath or Cathey Cyrus for more details.

Consider where you might serve.

Thank you from the Nominating Committee:
Cathey Cyrus, Larry Lemmel, Jim Michaud, Paul Schaffner, Ann Spencer

SIDE DOOR COFFEE HOUSE

On **Friday, June 15th**, the featured performer will be the Vermont-based trio **Bread and Bones**.



Bread and Bones is a harmony driven acoustic trio that plays original music with a strong traditional-roots foundation. Richard Ruane has an articulate style of guitar playing and he extends that to ukulele, mandolin and banjos as well. Mitch Barron has a wonderful presence on fretless, fretted and upright basses. Beth Duquette completes the trio with a rich alto that weaves through the music. All three members contribute lead and harmony vocals.

They have been showcased at juried folk festivals and have many won awards for their song writing.

The Side Door Coffeeshouse is held at Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick, Maine. -

Open Mic starts at 7:15 and the featured performer begins around 8:30.

Cost \$6. Refreshments available for sale.

All profits benefit the UUCB.



STRATEGIC PLANNING

AN APPRECIATION: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STALWARTS

Those joyful noises we've heard from downstairs during services at the Minnie Brown Center this year? Those are signs of the fun everyone in the Religious Education program is having, kids and teachers alike. Did you realize you could be down there, too, joining in the fun? Volunteer teachers and assistant teachers are the core of a dedicated team consisting of the RE Committee, the teachers of the three RE classes, and of course our Director of Religious Education, Nicole Shanks. They bring a wealth of energy and talent to their work.

The lively, happy faces that head down the stairs to the RE rooms after the children's story on Sundays are the best evidence of the RE Program's success. A lot of people join forces to keep the faces happy, the voices joyful, and all the young minds interested. The RE classes (Pre-K and Kindergarten, 1st grade through 3rd, 4th through 6th) share a three-year rotation of overall topics: UU history and identity, world religions, and social and environmental justice. Picking out course materials suited to the different age groups is a crucial job. Some come from the UUA and some from writers who specialize in preparing materials for kids in UU RE classes. The Youth Group, grades 7 – 12, has its own teacher and its own meeting schedule. They follow a 2-year rotation of special topics (*Our Whole Lives*, and *Coming of Age*).

The RE Committee seeks out 3 to 6 teachers for each class. Most teachers are current parents, but empty nesters and grandparents enjoy serving, too, adding

different styles and life-stage experiences to the mix. Keep in mind, they could include you!

Nicole holds an orientation session in the fall for that year's volunteer teachers. Teachers can sign on for the full year, or volunteer for particular units if they have schedule limitations for part of the church year. Members of the RE Committee serve as monitors and guides for the entire RE program. They consult with Nicole and provide feedback on how program elements seem to be working. Nicole calls the RE Committee her "eyes and ears", since she herself is so madly busy on Sundays that she rarely has a chance to talk to folks other than those directly involved with the RE program.

Maybe you've noticed that we're seeing a bit more of the children this year. They love to take part in the Sunday service with dialogs, mini-skits, or playing percussion instruments. Their special events include environment-related excursions, seed-plantings, and of course the annual pizza party at the Bath Y after the Christmas and New Year holidays. One thing is for sure: everybody involved in RE has a good time, from the pre-kindergarten children through the youth group, from the teachers and RE Committee to the DRE. The grown-ups among them would probably tell you that they have the best jobs in the church!

Nancy Dorian, Chair
Strategic Planning Committee

NEW HOME NEEDED FOR KATYDID - FORMER CAT OF GRETCHEN SHAW

by Lynn Ellis

A year and half ago I adopted Katy following Gretchen's death. Every attempt has been made to acclimate her to my home and with my cat Cinderella. After these many months Katy continues to be aggressive toward Cinderella and a new home is sought. Katy is so sweet in many ways and yet does not seem to do well with another cat. The ideal home would be with Katy as the sole cat in the home, with a patient, loving human, no children and probably not with an elderly person as Katy can bite on occasion. She loves to roam outside and is a fierce hunter. She also is in need of much patience and is a bit timid. Please contact Lynn Ellis at 491-5064 or lynnellis@yahoo.com if you would like to invite Katy into your home. Lynn will deliver her to you and all shots are up to date. Would love to keep Katy in the UUCB family!



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR...

It is remarkable that it was only a year ago our congregation suffered a terrible trauma. Less than a week after the church fire Sylvia led a poignant church service and we began the long process of recovery by laying flowers on the steps of the burned out building. After that somber walk we launched into our Annual Meeting to elect new leaders and pass a budget for the upcoming year. Despite the devastating loss, our work moved along. And indeed, we have moved along with vigor and renewed purpose and are moving right into another Annual Meeting with new elections and a new budget ...and new challenges.

On June 10, again in the Morrell Room at Curtis Library and again after the annual flower service and a walk to the church building site, we will have an Annual Meeting, yet again. This time we will be able to celebrate the progress we've made in planning our new building, recognize outgoing leaders and consider a budget for the new year that begins on July 1. It is because of the tremendous work of many, many people, and the generosity of our congregation, that the Board of Trustees will present a fully funded and balanced budget for the year 2012-2013.

The Board thanks the Finance Committee and Annual Budget Drive team in particular for their diligence and creativity through the winter and spring. And of course we thank everyone who has made a pledge for the RIGHT NOW effort.

Together with a balanced budget, another long standing Board goal has been to develop a plan for resolving the status of our property on Gurnet Road. This is a 16-acre parcel purchased a number of years ago with donations from many generous church members with the eye to building a new church. Though many of our newer members may be unfamiliar with the Gurnet Road land, or the struggles our congregation has wrestled with over the years, our choice to rebuild in town has narrowed our choices for the future of the property, and

the decision refocused our commitments to the downtown Brunswick site.

After receiving an analysis and determination of value, and much soul-searching, the Board is proposing for consideration at the Annual Meeting that we put the Gurnet property on the market. Most of us know that this economic climate points to an unenthusiastic real estate market, so our expectation of early success is low, and we are wary of short changing our investment in this important asset of the church. Along with the motion to sell the property, the Board will ask the congregation to consider adding safeguards in any potential sale to include a minimum price below which the Board would return to the congregation for approval before making an agreement with a buyer, and keeping the property on the market for only a year before returning to the congregation to consider the next steps.

Both of these issues, the budget and Gurnet Road proposal, are topics for discussion at the final information session before church on June 3 at Minnie Brown. If you haven't attended one of the previous sessions and are interested in the issues, please attend on Sunday, if you can't make it, please contact me (mheath@gwi.net or 729-9254).

For us as a congregation, it is not an issue of just hanging on until we get new building. We are making great strides with our Program and our work to fulfill our mission even before we have a place of our own. Strong commitment, a sound budget and real willingness to share ourselves with the wider community are hallmarks of our growth. I congratulate us all for thriving through this difficult year, and thank everyone in the congregation for her or his part in our success and bright future.

With wishes for peace and commitment to Beloved Community,

Michael Heath, Chair
Board of Trustees

BECOME A HOST FAMILY FOR A BOWDOIN STUDENT

Each year many students arrive at Bowdoin College far from their families, their countries and their cultures. Host families provide support and friendship as these young people find their way at Bowdoin College and in our community.

Come to the Host Family information session
Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 7pm
Multipurpose Room, McLellan Building
(Large gray building on Union Street just beyond the Hannaford Parking lot)

A brief overview of the program will be presented followed by a Q and A session. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Beth Levesque at 207-725-3879
blevesqu@bowdoin.edu

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NEXT DEADLINE
for July issue is
Fri, June 22, 2011, 5 pm
Rare exceptions:729-4857

CO - Church Office
MBC - Minnie Brown Center
MR - Morell Room, Library
MH - Member's Home

MO - Minister's Office
PAR - Parlor in 5 Pennell (downstairs)
PEN - 7 Pennell House Upstairs
SP - Saint Paul's

Church events are in bold type.