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Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



Church Cancellations

When we have to cancel church, watch television channels 6 or 8. Cancellation information will also be on the church answering machine's outgoing message.

If there is a parking ban in Bath, you can be reasonably sure that services will be cancelled.

*Our Mission is
To be a spiritual community
To welcome all
To nurture one another
To work for justice*

ALL SERVICES AT 10:00 AT THE MINNIE BROWN CENTER

January 6 - *"Beginning Again in Love: Guns and Sanity"*

Rev. Stocker preaching. Music by Jud Caswell.

January 13 - *"Kindness"*

Rev. Stocker preaching. Music provided by Larry Lemmel.

January 20 - *"Darkening our Doorways"*

Rev. Stocker preaching. Music provided by Ann Hartzler and the choir under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

January 27 - *"Emerging Light"*

Rev. Karen Foley preaching.

We've been dwelling in the darkest part of the year for about three months. In another week the proverbial groundhog will poke his nose above ground and check things out. In the ancient Celtic calendar the start of February marks the time when we emerge from the darkness and move toward spring. We feel this in our bones, smell it on the air, hear it, see it, taste it. This morning we'll consider where and how darkness has been in our lives and in our world, and where and how light emerges. Where does it emerge for you? Music provided by Brad Mitchell.

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

HOW TO REACH US

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

The temporary church office, (at Fort Andross, 14 Maine Street, Brunswick, Suite 210 F & G) is open Tuesday through Friday from 10-4. The office administrator is Shirley Bernier.

The Director of Religious Education, Nicole Shanks, will be in her new office at Fort Andross. She is available by appointment and can be contacted at the church office: 729-8515.

The Minister, Rev. Sylvia Stocker will have office hours at home and at Fort Andross. She is available for 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.

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NEXT DEADLINE
for February issue is
Fri, January 18, 2012, 5 pm

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Our RE classes have just wrapped up their first of three units for the program year. In this first unit we focused on themes of social justice. Our children explored the values of listening, sharing, cooperation, friendship, diversity, affirmation, peace, and respect. We had the opportunity to invite some guests to our classrooms to talk about diversity and equality as it relates to sexual orientation, families, and race. The children led our church in conducting a very successful item drive for Coastal Humane Society, Tedford Housing, and Mid-

coast Hunger Prevention. The RE Holiday Craft Sale raised \$200 that will be donated to these great organizations. Thank you to all who participated in the item drive and craft sale- they were both a big success!

Our second unit this year will focus on nature and the environment. We will weave the theme of the first unit into the second by exploring environmental justice and how the conditions we create on the planet disadvantage certain groups of people much in the same way as prejudice and hate. If you're like me, a large part of your spirituality centers on the natural world. Our classes and activities in this second unit will work to cultivate the sense of awe and wonder at our natural surroundings. In the past we have chosen to conduct this unit in the spring- a time of new life and abundant growth. This year we wanted to try something new and we hope to open our eyes in a new way to the beauty and inspiration that winter has to offer. As I sit here and write this, I am in front of a large window. As I wrote the words "beauty and inspiration" above, a cardinal landed on a snow covered branch right in front of me. I think the winter season has a lot in store for us!

Happy New Year!

nicole

Important RE Announcements & Dates

January 6 - RE Classes, Youth Group

January 13

* RE Classes

* OWL

* Party at the Bath Area YMCA from 12-2

(pizza, swimming, rock climbing, and open gym!!)

January 20 - RE Classes

January 27 - RE Classes, OWL

... MINISTER'S MUSINGS...

Dick Allen, poet laureate of Connecticut, chose several of his poems to try to express the incalculable loss the massacre at Sandy Hook School represents. The poem highlighted in this article is one of them:

Allen isn't the only one asking why. I have heard all kinds of bad theology used to explain what happened in Newtown. Most notably, the Westboro Baptist Church, James Dobson, Mike Huckabee, and doubtless others say the massacre was God's retribution for the state of Connecticut allowing gays and lesbians to marry. Who would want to worship a God like that, I ask?

Some insist "God took the bullet" on December 16. If it were my child who was murdered, that theology would offer cold comfort indeed. While I believe everyone has a sacred spark, that does not translate into God taking the hit. No, flesh and blood people "took the bullets" and died – most of them first graders.

Still others note that in this time of Advent, the tragedy represents the darkness Christ comes to dispel. Certainly the tragedy represents everything gone wrong – and in the face of Sandy Hook, there is plenty of hopelessness and anguish to dispel. But that still doesn't answer the question, why?

Theologians have been plagued with that question for as long as theology has existed. The word "theodicy" is used to describe the paradox of evil

in God's world. If there is a loving God, the question of theodicy poses, then why is there evil in the world? Some ask the question this way: "Why would God allow such a thing to happen?"

God or no God, I think the question itself takes human beings off the hook. Here is what I think: Human beings allowed the tragedy to happen, starting first with Adam Lanza, the human being who made the disastrous choice. But behind him, a

This is the Greatest Mystery,

by Dick Allen

This is the greatest mystery: why Death
 Throws dark robes on the young and pure and innocent
 While those corrupted, those who knowingly
 Choose evil often live their whole lives out.
 Why, God, why? Since you can foresee all,
 Do you save them from much greater agonies ahead?
 Or even in their brief lives, had they passed
 Some secret test of yours and were rewarded
 By joining you much sooner than they would?
 We could not solve it by ourselves. The last
 Evening in the mountains, we began to speak
 To one another, once again. We linked
 Our calloused hands, and wept. Our brothers
 And our sisters came to meet us through the stars.

long list of unfortunate human choices led to the events that happened there – poor mental health care (evidently, in his case), the ease of acquiring assault style weapons, and a surrounding culture steeped in violence.

Some theologies insist that evil exists because God has given human beings free choice. Perhaps. I do believe we have choices most of the time. But I also know we get swept up in corporate evil that feels beyond our control. The war in Iraq,

for example, perpetrated and conducted based on lies, was an evil that implicated every American. Most of us felt as though our choices in the matter were slim indeed.

For me, the question has no good answer. I am content to acknowledge I do not know why such terrible things happen. "Why" is an interesting question to ask, but, in my view, fruitless in moving me forward. Instead, I look to Jewish concept of *tikkun olam*. Hebrew for "repairing the world," the concept indicates we can choose to do what we can to repair what is broken. To me, God as I understand God, exists in the act of repair. In Newtown, God was in the actions of teachers who did all in their power to protect the children, the arms that reached out to comfort and soothe, and the tears of a nation. God as I understand God will be in the actions we now take to repair the violence in our society, wrought by everything from video games, to war, to lack of proper gun control.

Human beings can draw together to give birth to good. Indeed, I believe that is what we are called to do together in our nation and towns, our communities and certainly our congregation. Sometimes we simply need to link our calloused hands and weep together... and then to move forward repairing the world.

Love,
 Sylvia



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATION

NEW TEAM FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Grace Lewis-McLaren served our church faithfully for a number of years as public relations volunteer, deftly handling press releases and publicity for the UUCB. She retires from this position now, laden with our warm thanks, and we will be trying out a new division of labor for this area. Irene Chance will take on responsibility for media contacts and publicity, and Nancy Dorian will take on responsibility for oversight of website information (the currency and fullness of the material). We will welcome feedback as we go along.

If you would like to have a notice about an upcoming event placed in a newspaper (or in unusual cases sent to local TV), please send a description of the event (what, where, when, and who) to Irene Chance (ichance@bowdoin.edu) well in advance of the event. If your event falls

within some particular sphere (e.g. arts, religion, current affairs), specify the sphere so that the notice can be directed to a specific section of the newspaper or to a particular events calendar. Let her know if you would like to have the notice placed in all available news outlets or whether there is a particular group you would like to reach. Keep in mind that the deadline for monthly outlets like the Harpswell Anchor and the Cryer will usually be earlier than for daily or near-daily outlets like the Portland Press Herald and the Times Record.

If you would like to update or extend information on the UUCB website, please send material to Nancy Dorian (ndorian@comcast.net). Keep in mind that the website serves not only friends and members but also people outside our immediate circle who want to learn about the local UU

church (curious browsers, potential visitors, members of UU churches in other regions, people who may be considering a move to this area). For congregation members and visitors alike, the information offered needs to be current, and a little information beyond a minimal statement of the name and role of any group/committee would be helpful. Welcome and informative, too, would be some mention of any particular programs or initiatives your group has mounted recently, or is planning to mount.

Help us out with this new effort by keeping us well informed and by answering promptly any requests we might make for more information. Thank you, thank you!

Irene and Nancy

CHARITY WITH SOUL

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/7 RIVERS MAINE

Habitat for Humanity/ 7 Rivers Maine creates successful homeownership opportunities for families with limited incomes by building sustainable housing and repairing and weatherizing existing homes.

HFH/7RM is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), serving the 31 towns in Sagadahoc, Lincoln, and Northern Cumberland counties.

Their mission is to coordinate donations of funds and materials with volunteer labor to build affordable new homes or weatherize/repair existing homes for qualifying families. They recently completed a home in Topsham, and are now renovating a home in Wiscasset and weatherizing approximately one hundred homes.

To help support their mission, our [ReStore](#) sells donated building materials, fixtures, furniture, appliances, tools, and other surplus items.

ReStore Volunteers Needed

All Shifts Needed Tues-Fri 8:30-4:00, Sat 8:00 to Noon
Contact Michele Ober at michele@habitat7rivers.org or 386-5081



Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers is a long standing charity for UUCB.

For more information, <http://www.habitat7rivers.org/>

CHANGE IN UUCB WEBSITE POLICY

The Church currently posts a number of official documents (the Parish Messenger, Building Team notes and others) on the Church website to make it easier for Church members to refer to them. The Board would like to post other documents on the website as well, to include the Church's Annual Report, Board of Trustee minutes, and reports of various committees and task forces. Before doing so, the Board reviewed the Church's Website Policy to see if such postings would be in compliance and found that some modification in the policy is warranted. The current policy requires explicit permission to post pictures of individuals and last names; we recognize that common internet usage makes this unrealistic and prevents us from making Church documents easily available. Instead, the Board has chosen to go with an "opt out" policy.

Accordingly, the Board has approved an updated policy, summarized as follows:

It is the intention of the Church to limit the use of personal information about members on public portions of this site except as determined necessary by the Board or the staff of The Church. Specifically:

- *Certain documents, to include the Church's Annual Report, the Parish Messenger, Board Minutes, and reports/minutes of other committees and groups, may be posted on the website. These reports may include names and pictures of committee members, high school and college graduates, and other notable members.*
- *Email addresses other than those of the church and staff, pictures of single individuals, and last names of minors are to be posted only when there is a clear need.*

A person who does not want his or her personal information or photograph to appear on the website under any circumstances can notify us with an email or letter to the Church Office Administrator. To the best of our efforts, this information will not appear, either in the online version of a report or elsewhere on the website.

If you intend to "opt out" for yourself or a child, please notify the church office by January 31, 2013. The Annual Report will be posted soon thereafter.

Sincerely,

Cindy Parker, Vice Chair, UUCB Board



*Praise, Laud, and Glory
to the Worship Committee Angels
who transformed the Minnie
Brown Community Room into
a breathtakingly beautiful
Christmas Worship Center.*



SYLVIA'S TIME OFF

I will be away for two weeks, starting January 28 and returning February 12, using the remainder of my study and vacation time from last summer. During the first week, I will be attending a workshop called "Tending the Fire," which explores family systems theory and helps clergy apply the theory in their congregational settings. The remainder of the time I will use to catch up on tasks that always fall to the bottom of the pile and also simply taking a break. If an emergency arises while I am away, please contact the church office. Shirley Bernier, the Office Administrator, will know how to reach me. – Sylvia

TIME CAPSULE TREASURES

How often does anyone ever get to open a time capsule? Probably not very often. But, on Sunday, November 11, that's exactly what we did, revealing the contents of a 30-year-old time capsule that had been placed inside the wall of the old kitchen. Our Sunday School children could hardly contain themselves as they waited for Board Chair Mike Heath and his helper Bill Kunitz to loosen the time capsule plug and pull out its contents.

What did we find? Many items provide intriguing snapshots into the life of the congregation. A canvass brochure announces: "1983 is our year of challenge. Last year, our Minister was on sabbatical for four and one-half months; we hosted an exciting 21st Annual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association and our weekday programs for adults took a giant leap forward. All were feathers in our Church cap. Our building looks better and better. The Swanson Memorial Window has added a new dimension to our sanctuary; the stage has been refinished and the Longfellow Bible is a welcome connection with our history. All this can't help but contribute to the enthusiasm which fills our sanctuary Sunday after Sunday."

Other items include:

- **Brainstormed list** of ideas children from ages 3 to 12 had about what to put in the time capsule: "riddle, Polaroid [sic] picture, newspaper, menu, McDonald's wrappers, list of holidays + explanation + pictures, magazines or pattern books, electronic games or video games, world map - Maine map, Brunswick map, money, picture of church and other buildings, cars, jeans, computer information, high school yearbook, sports, baseball yearbook, football program"
- **Annual report** (with pages from Faith Moore, Director of Religious Education; Will Saunders, Minister; the Properties Committee; and annual Budget (totaling \$41,327)
- **Photograph of Laureen Swanson**, in whose memory the beautiful stained glass window was created.
- **Pictures** of the Sunday School children and the minister and his family
- **Street map** of Brunswick
- November 21 **newsletter**
- **Flier** advertising the book *Killing Our Own: The Disaster of America's Experience with Atomic Radiation*
- **Order of worship** from November 7, 1982
- **Religious education prospectus**
- **Church Directory**
- **Viewpoints**, a newsletter from the Northeast District of the UUA

When we opened the capsule, we were wondering about more than just its contents. For one thing, the time capsule had a mysterious story attached to it. When I first arrived here, Ellie Swanson took me on a tour of the church building. As we passed through the kitchen, she pointed out a plaque in the kitchen indicating the location of a time capsule.

After the fire, I asked Service Master to retrieve the time capsule from the wall. We had already lost so much with the fire; I didn't want to lose that bit of history, too! Service Master took the kitchen wall apart, but no time capsule. I was present during at least one other thorough search, but no time capsule. Others looked, too, but no time capsule. All that searching and none of that finding left us scratching our heads. (I later learned the time capsule was sequestered in a heating duct and thus invisible to those of us who were searching for it.)

Then last December the building was demolished. As I pulled into the parking lot the following day, one of the demolition workers ran up to my car with a big tube in his hand. "We found this in the rubble!" he exclaimed. He handed the tube to me, and I read the words written in marker: "Time Capsule. See inside. November 11, 1982. Unitarian Universalist Church Brunswick Maine."

Despite digging around in the congregation's history, I had been unable to unearth the reason for the time capsule in the first place. Was it to commemorate our 170th anniversary? (Seemed unlikely.) To honor the renovated Community Room and new kitchen? (Maybe.) Some other reason, obvious to those who created the capsule but obscure to us? (Could be.) But after the service on November 11, Bob Whitney told me the congregation created the time capsule when they refinished the Community Room and created the new kitchen. Turns out Bob was the one who actually placed the capsule in the wall.

Perhaps future newsletter columns can explore the items in the time capsule further to tease out the similarities and differences between our congregation 30 years ago and now. In the meantime, let's all be thinking about what we might like to include in a time capsule to put in our new building. How would we communicate who we are and what captures our hearts and attention today?

Hmmm,
Sylvia Stocker



MEMBERSHIP

GETTING INVOLVED AT UUCB

As you contemplate New Year's resolutions, you might consider your gifts of time, talent and treasure to our church. If you're new or seeking help with getting involved, here are ideas to help you get started.

The Unitarian Universalist website (www.uuchurch.org) offers ideas about getting involved in "Choosing the Involvement that Speaks to You." Become clear about what you want from your church experience. This will help you to discover the opportunities in the church community that suit you. As a first step, complete a "Skills and Interests" survey, (from Membership), that will help to better define what you'd like to be involved in.

Being informed about UUCB events and happenings is the gateway to your involvement. Be sure you're on the all-church email list to receive the monthly Parish Messenger newsletter and "This Week at UUCB," which gives you weekly updates. And be sure to read the Announcements (green sheet) in your Sunday Order of Service.

Why have you chosen UUCB as your place of worship? You might have come to UUCB to explore your own spirituality, which can be done by attending Sunday services or joining a Chalice Circle. Read "Serving with Grace" that encourages all of us to see whatever "service" we do for the church as a spiritual endeavor, and to make it something we enjoy and want to do vs.

something we feel we "should" do. Copies of this book are available through Membership.

If you have come to meet people, perhaps singing in the choir, participating in Stories with Soul, joining the activities of the Women's Alliance or Men's Luncheon Group, Green Sanctuary, or Working for Justice, to name a few possibilities, might be the answer to connecting with like-minded people. Perhaps you'd like to share your strengths and interests by volunteering in our Religious Education program or our Pastoral Care group.

Connect with church friends and members. Attend events such as "SoUUUp's On" on January 20 this month, "UU and U" classes in April, and Circle Suppers/Brunches as scheduled. Volunteer to help with an upcoming event or activity that interests you. Offer to help with Coffee Hour after a Sunday service.

Learn about committees and groups at UUCB...they are often looking for help with projects or tasks. (A Membership Committee member can give you more information.)

Your Membership Committee is available almost 24/7 to assist you: Debbie Zorach, Andrea Sinclair, Vicki Simpson, Sarah Brown, or Sally Horne is an email or phone call away. Please check with the church office for contact information. Have fun becoming an active participant in the life of our congregation.

REVISED DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Please come to "soUUUp's On!" hosted by the Membership Committee on Sunday, Jan 20, 2013 at 12:30 for new members and newcomers (although anyone is welcome with an RSVP, please). We'll gather at the Morrell Room, Curtis Memorial Library, where we'll sample homemade soups and healthy chocolate desserts. This friendly, lively event will help us all become better acquainted. What could be nicer than hot soup, warm friends, and good conversation on a cold winter Sunday?!



NOTE

Service Master successfully rescued from our building a second time capsule, which was stored in the wall in the stairway to the steeple. We'll open that one someday when the time is right.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

One of the gifts under our tree this Christmas drew mixed reviews. The bright new mirror for the hallway certainly is a functional improvement from the dull, scratched affair we've been using for years. But with it comes an ambivalence to look into it, and at the same time to avoid looking too closely. I figured out that it helps to step back a bit to try to take in a wider image and let the blemishes blend with the overall look. Sometimes it's best to focus on color and proportion and let the details blend together.

A New Year is the typical node for reflecting on our past year, but like our new mirror, taking a close look isn't always fun. In the state, nation and world around us we have certainly had a mix of highs and lows: politically, environmentally, behaviorally.

In our own church community we have had highs and lows as well. But the Board of Trustees is trying to keep tabs on the big picture and make room for the mechanics of church operation to work. Many of those mechanics are working well and all of us can be proud of our accomplishments. The Capital Campaign and the 2012-13 budget drive has put UUCB in the most secure financial position in recent memory. While the building process has been long and frustrating, we are confident we will have a building which will serve our needs for decades to come. The vibrancy of our Membership Committee and the overall spirit in church is growing our attendance, community involvement and impact on people's lives. RE continues to grow in numbers and enthusiasm. Our music is beautiful despite our ongoing need for a regular accompanist. Working for Justice efforts and Charities with Soul are real catalysts for change and outreach.

Does reflecting on the current year success in the budget drive make it any easier to jump start the budgeting process for the next church year? Believe it or not, the Finance Committee and Annual Budget Drive group are mobilizing for 2013-14. As we anticipate the challenges ahead, the Board is committed to helping the church support "church operations" through pledges. Ultimately, this would free all of our fundraising proceeds for Outreach efforts and support in the wider community. We've made real gains in the past few years and hope to get even closer to 90% (or higher) pledge support of operations next year.

Of course making good on our Capital Campaign commitments will be key to a successful Building Project budget, and all the signs point to continued success there. We continue to image the importance of the overall church Program and efforts to draw the wider community into our new building after we open our doors.

A detail of note: the next Congregation Meeting will be held after church on Sunday, January 27 to consider Building Team recommendations about architect fees and building site issues. In advance of this meeting, church-wide discussions will take place after church on Sunday, Jan. 13 at Minnie Brown, and again Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 in the Morrell Room at Curtis Library. Please plan to attend at least one discussion and the voting meeting.

Let's use our New Year reflections as a springboard to continued progress and success. We have much to be proud of, and challenges still ahead. Perhaps the blemishes are there, but I love to step back and look at the extraordinary colors and proportions of our UUCB community. Thank you for your part in our blended church profile.

In the spirit of love,
Mike Heath



BUILDING TEAM NOTES - DECEMBER 19, 2012

A Quick Recap

The bids for the original complete design package came in almost 50% higher than the 1.85 million dollar cost we had budgeted. One firm was asked to find cost savings with that design and was unable to reduce the cost to anywhere near our budget. We have now chosen another general contractor to work with the architect to develop reliable prices for different designs and options to fit our budget. We are back to the drawing board, but with a commitment from the architect and builder to develop an affordable plan that meets our needs. We are all optimistic and looking forward to this approach.

Congregational Votes

We are scheduling a congregational meeting January 27 after church to vote on two new motions, discussed below. There will also be a few informational meetings, one the previous Sunday, January 20, and the other Tuesday, January 22. Our hope is to keep the congregation informed of the choices we need to make now and in the near future. The final plan is being slowly and carefully developed so we will probably have nothing concrete to show until late February or March when we will ask for a vote to approve the plan and expenditure of our insurance and capital campaign money.

Tough Choice I

As you recall, the architects' original design proposed tearing down Pennell and replacing it with a two-story structure, a plan clearly beyond our budget. After looking over Pennell, the architects advised us that it would be cheaper to thoroughly retrofit the building rather than tear down and rebuild. They gave us and put out to bid just such a plan with new stairways and a lift for accessibility.

Many of the builders have complained about working with an existing structure because of the unknowns in an older building, the requirement to bring it up to modern building codes for public buildings, and the lack of working room around our small building site fronting on two major streets. Keeping Pennell also meant two different heating and ventilating systems in the new and old parts of the proposed buildings.

We have now been advised by the contractors and architects to remove Pennell, expand the new building footprint and leave out any stairways or lift since the new space will all be on the same grade and only one story. The available space will be within 400 sq.ft. of the proposed renovated two-floor Pennell and appears to provide enough space for offices and RE space. You can only imagine how many

hours the building team has spent weighing the pros and cons of such a choice but a choice must be made. You will be asked to agree to proceed with a plan that involves replacing Pennell with a one story building.

Tough Choice II

The architects have already put in many hours over their contracted budget. Specifically, they report to be \$73,000 worth of labor over their \$140,000 bid. It is clear that there is much work still to be done to get us a suitable and affordable plan. It is unclear whether they are contractually required to do this. We do not wish to hire lawyers to negotiate this at great cost spiritually and financially.

We do wish to maintain good relations and see that people are fairly compensated. After many painful hours of discussion, the building team is recommending that we pay the architects \$45,000 more than their original contract price with the understanding that there will be no further adjustments. We arrived at the total number by taking 10% of the \$1,850,000 projected cost or \$185,000 as a high but not unreasonable cost for architectural services. You will be asked to approve and appropriate that additional \$45,000 cost.

The Future

We will build a new church on our site. The new building will have nearly all the useable space the first plan provided. All rooms will be accessible: no stairs, no lifts, no obstacles. We expect to generate most of our electrical needs with photovoltaic cells on the roof. The building will be all of one piece architecturally as well as completely air-conditioned. Our new plan will not require further fundraising and only minimal borrowing.

We will lose much of the value of the many of the improvements we have done to Pennell over the last few years, but will try to recoup some of this by recycling/selling items such as the boiler, etc. We will lose most of the parking to the south of Pennell but it looks as though we will have two spaces between our new building and Middle Street for handicapped/staff parking. The architects and construction managers are still working and pricing some of the major and most expensive architectural features in the original plan, such as light tower and hanging bell. As soon as we know the implications of those costs, we will report them to the congregation."

Our hope is to break ground April 2013 and finish by September 2013. There will be a number of informational meetings again early this spring when we have plans and prices to present. Many decisions need to be made and we ask for your trust and support as we make them.

GREEN SANCTUARY

MAKE YOUR PET FOOD GREENER



Much of today's cat and dog food has a significant carbon footprint. Vegetable proteins have the lowest greenhouse gas footprint. The life cycle of lamb is 50 times greater than vegetable protein; beef is 13 times greater. Since poultry is just 4 to 5 times greater than vegetable protein in the production of greenhouse gases, it is better for the environment to use chicken or turkey based wet and dry food for your dogs and cats. In 2013, bring green living goals to the diet of your pets.

Adair DeLamater



Bring-a-Cup Superb Raffle!

PRIZES - PRIZES - PRIZES!



First draw: \$50 gift card to Henry and Marty's excellent Restaurant!

Second draw: a \$25 donation to a Coastal Humane Society in your name!
and there are more (but a lot smaller) prizes!

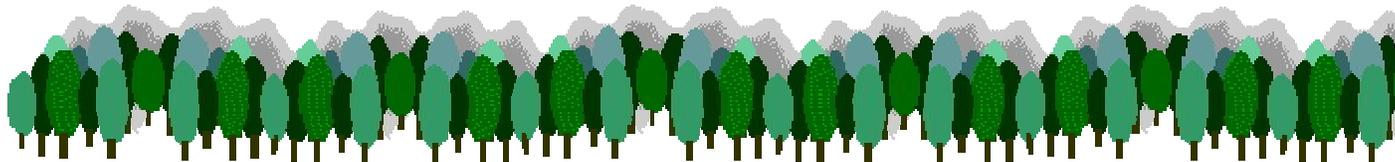
What do I have to do?

- Bring a re-usable cup to Hospitality Hour. and get 1 free raffle ticket
- Bring two (2) cups (to share with a friend who forgot) and get two free raffle tickets. Etc.
(Limit 300 cups per person per Coffee Hour.)



Drawing when jar is 2/3 full.

Starts January 6



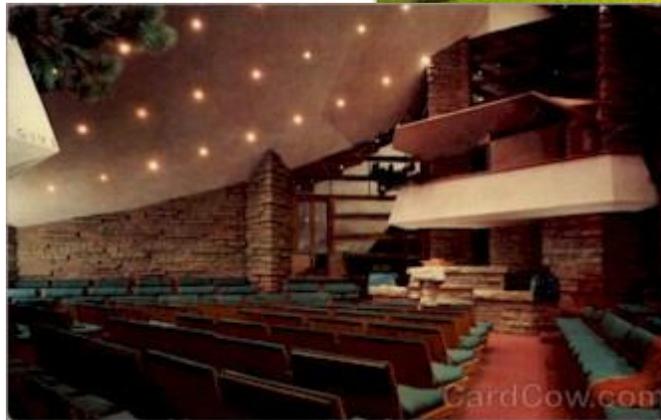
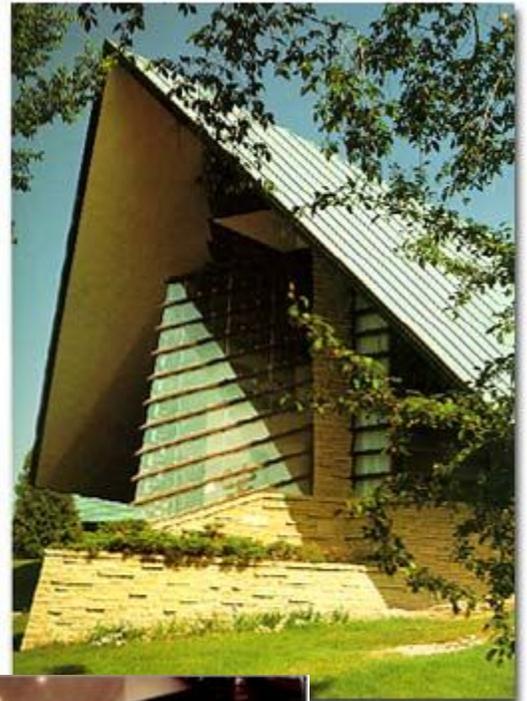
FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S UU CHURCHES



Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959), one of America's foremost architects, was born into a Unitarian family and identified as a Universalist throughout his life. Wright's legacy to our religion can be seen in the two distinguished Unitarian Universalist churches he designed, Unity Temple in Oak Park, Illinois, and the Meeting House in Madison, Wisconsin.

The First Unitarian Meeting House in Madison.

Built in 1951, the original church represents another of Wright's important church designs. Its dramatic roof design emulates hands tented in prayer, while the building's diamond-modular grid permeates all aspects of its design, including furniture.



JANUARY WOMEN'S ALLIANCE PROGRAM



Tuesday, January 8th

12:30 to 2:30 pm

Curtis Memorial Library, Morrell Room

Topic: *A Year of Maine Birds and Blooms*

Speaker: **Robin Robinson**

Ms. Robinson is a well known nature and wildlife photographer from Phippsburg who will speak about her love of gardens, birds, and nature. Her slides are spectacular and will introduce us all to the detailed beauty of our area. There will be time for questions and answers.

Dessert and beverages will be served.

Come to enjoy this special meeting and bring along friends and neighbors who love the outdoors.

Upcoming ALLIANCE MEETINGS

February 12, 10:30 - Weld Henshaw's home with talk on poet EA Robinson and the art of collecting, followed by a brown bag lunch.

March 12, 10:30 - Dipper Cove, Drumming with Betty Wurtz and brown bag lunch.

April 9, 6 pm - Curtis Library for a potluck dinner at We will honor those in our congregation who have gathered at least 80 years, enjoy poems of your choice, and elect next year's leaders.

May 14, 10:30 - Morning tour at Coast Botanical Garden and annual Meeting.



Side Door

Coffeehouse

Third Friday of the Month
Curtis Memorial Library, Morrell Room
Open Mike Signup - 7 pm
Featured Performer - 9 pm

TICKETS: Adults - \$8
Seniors & Students - \$6
Children 12 and Under -Free

- January 18** **Meteora**
(Kat Logan, Jim Loney, Will Brown)
- February 15** **Windy Ridge Band**
- March 15** **Broadband**
- April 19** **Peter Alexander**
Giff Jameson
(2 separate 30 minute performances)
- May 17** **Marie Dufresne**

All feature sets preceded by the Open Mic

The Side Door Coffeehouse has been a fundraiser for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick since 1993. It is entirely volunteer run.

Save the date for our fourth annual
TWELFTH NIGHT REVELS
A FUN- FILLED FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
with the



Merrymeeting Singers

Larry Lemmel, Director
Grace Lewis-McLaren, Accompanist
Saturday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Minnie Brown Center

Invite friends and family to attend this fundraiser for UUCB's Building Fund. Hear a retelling of the original Twelfth Night Story and a rousing celebration of Twelfth Night in Elizabethan England.

Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance

REVIEW OF METEORA

"Meteora is a gem of a folk trio, comprised of Will Brown, Jim Loney and Kat Logan. Right off the bat, their main asset is their excellent voices. From the first note of their first song, "Small Brown Bird", their three-part harmony moved me to tears. Will Brown is a sturdily built gentleman who plays the guitar as if it were part of his body and he sings like a Christmas angel. Tall and lean Jim Loney has a beautiful tenor voice and a calm, manly demeanor. I loved the way he used his breath to sustain his tone. He played guitar, banjo and conga drums. Kat Logan's voice has a rare, crystalline gorgeousness, conveying buckets of heart and love through her sweet face. One of the joys of being among people who sing well is watching their eyes as they listen to each other. The harmonies almost become a living being in that realm."

Significato Journal

Meteora will be at the Side Door Coffeehouse on **Friday, January 18th.**

JANUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>FA - Fort Andross Church Office MBC - Minnie Brown Center MR - Morell Room, Library MH - Member's Home MO - Minister's Office SP - Saint Paul's</p>		<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Council 5:30 Building Team: McLellan Bldg, Bowdoin</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:30-2:30 Strategic Plan: People Plus 7-8:30 Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tedford Meal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 pm Twelfth Night Revels (Merrymeeting Singers)</p>
<p>6</p> <p>10:00 Service: MBC Membership Committee</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>7-9 Pagan Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:30-2:30 Women's Alliance: MR 6:30-8:30 Worship Committee: FA 111 6:30 Stories with Soul: St. Paul's</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30 Building Team: McLellan Bldg, Bowdoin</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7-8:30 Choir</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>10:00 Service: MBC Newcomers Corner Building Discussion</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7-9 Pagan Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30-9 Board Meeting: FA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30 Building Team: McLellan Bldg, Bowdoin</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7-8:30 Choir 6:15 RE Committee</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7-10 Side Door Coffee- house (Metora) MR</p>	<p>19</p>
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<p>27</p> <p>10:00 Service: MBC Congregational Mtg</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12: Men's Luncheon 5:30 Building Team: McLellan Bldg, Bowdoin</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7-8:30 Choir</p>		

