

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

November 2. All Souls Day—DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS. REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED.

As the earth appears to die in the lead-in to winter, so, too, our thoughts turn to death in general. In many Christian traditions, this is the time of year when the veil between the living and the dead is considered to be especially thin. After a year's hiatus we are again offering a service to honor our dearly departed loved ones. With a nod to the Mexican *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead), we invite you to bring a photo or memento of a loved one who has died so that we can decorate our sanctuary with cherished memories. Rev. Stocker will preach about death. Music provided by Jean, Nathaniel, and Zachary Lay.

November 9. "Compassion I." Rev. Stocker is doing a sermon series about compassion, with several sermons that take up that topic scattered throughout the year. This first one sets the stage, anchoring compassion in the great world religions. Music by Accompanist Nell Britton and the choir conducted by Heidi Neufeld.

November 16. "Inequality and the Soul" This Sunday we will recognize our latest new members. Come and welcome them! At last summer's General Assembly ("GA," as folks call it), the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association, delegates elected to study the issue of escalating inequality for the next four years. Individual congregations like ours are encouraged to study the issue, take related action, and contribute to a Statement of Conscience for GA to consider adopting at its 2018 meeting. Today's sermon is our first official foray into the topic. It will be followed by a viewing and discussion of the film "Inequality for All", a highly engaging documentary presented by Robert Reich, on December 3. (More about that in next month's *Parish Messenger*.) Music by Lisa Redfern.

November 23. Thanksgiving Intergenerational Service Rev. Stocker and Director of Religious Education Nicole Shanks will lead the service. Music provided by Accompanist Nell Britton and our new children's choir (!) conducted by Heidi Neufeld. We will collect non-perishable food items for Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention at this service. Please bring a food item to share with our neighbors who are in great need. (Rev. Stocker is looking for someone to bring our contributions to the food bank. Please let her know if you are willing to do this one-time task.)

November 30. "When Courage, Conscience and Faith Collide" Special pulpit guest, **Rev. Al Boyce** has come to believe that, almost, on a daily basis we are presented with opportunities to make a difference. He finds that he does not respond to that gentle tug on his conscience anywhere near as often, and appropriately, as he wishes. His sermon will address this struggle. Music provided by Larry Lemmel.

HOW TO REACH US

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of Brunswick**
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Tues through Friday from 10-4 The
office administrator is Shirley Bernier.

The Minister, Rev. Sylvia Stocker
works from home and her church of-
fice. Her regular office hours are on
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 pm.
She is also available by appointment.
To guarantee an appointment, it's al-
ways best to call and schedule a meet-
ing. In an emergency, do not hesitate to
call her anywhere or any time. (Consult
the church directory for her home num-
ber.) For routine church business,
please call her at the church.

The Director of Religious Education,
Nicole Shanks, is available by appoint-
ment. You can call her at the church
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FROM OUR DRE

In our small Coming of Age
group of 9 and 10th graders,
we recently each took an
online beliefs quiz. This 20 ques-
tion quiz asks the quiz takers
about such topics as God, death,
social issues, and more. At only
20 questions it's obviously not
comprehensive and is not able to
quantify the nuances of each reli-
gion, but the results are nonethe-
less interesting. The quiz takes the
20 questions and weights those
answers according to the im-
portance the quiz takers assign
each subject and then compares
the results to the general beliefs
held by 26 different religions
(ranging from UU to Quaker to
Islam, to Scientology...). The quiz
then takes this information and- if
you're willing to give an email
address and receive spam for the
rest of your life from the website-
breaks down the percentages of
how much the answers match each
of the 26 religions.

Interested in my results? Well, I
ended up a 100% match to Liberal
Quakerism and a 99% match to
Unitarian Universalism. Those
results didn't surprise me. When I
looked down the list of the 26 reli-
gions and saw that some of my
percentages were much higher
than I expected for faiths I thought
I had nothing in common with, my
first thought was that the quiz was

junk. But then a light bulb came
on. Why was I viewing it as a
bad thing that I had a significant
amount of beliefs in common
with faiths I had previously
thought I could never connect
with? Maybe having that com-
monality is nothing other than
actually kind of awesome! It's so
easy for us (and by us I mean
humans in general) to split our-
selves into groups- whether it be
faith, politics, ethnicity, etc.- and
define ourselves by our differ-
ences. It can be easy to fall into
the trap of self-righteous thinking
that we, in whatever group we're
in, corner the market on what is
best and good and right. What if
we were to focus on looking for
what we have in common with
others rather than what separates
us? It could really be an amazing
thing. Unexpected coalitions
might form to work toward com-
mon goals that could be trans-
forming to our society. This little
internet quiz has inspired me to
keep my eye out for what unites
me with others rather than focus-
ing on what divides. I can't wait
to find out what interesting things
this new perspective might bring
about!

Nicole



RE Announcements & Dates

Sun, Nov 02— RE Classes, All Youth

Sun, Nov 09— RE Classes

Sun, Nov 16— RE Classes, Youth Group, Coming of Age

Sun, Nov 23— Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service

Sun, Dec 07— Multi-Age Activity—Holiday Crafts

... MINISTER'S MUSINGS ...



Many people asked for copies of my “dog psalm” after the Blessing the Animals service on October 5. My dog, Cinnamon channeled the psalm through me while I was in seminary. As I explained on October 5, Cinnamon had wearied of my rather nonstop study of the Bible, so she decided to write her own psalm, copying Psalm 23 (“The Lord is my Shepherd”) very closely. If you compare Cinnamon’s psalm to the original Biblical psalm, you will see some similar feelings expressed – feelings of comfort, trust and safety, and absolute adoration.

We adopted Cinnamon in 1998. She was old, enormous, stinky, and sad when we found her at the Humane Society. We were able to address stinky and sad, but she kept getting even older, and she remained enormous until her death three years later. In the short time she lived with us, she cured our little boy of his fear of dogs. Some might say we gave her a second lease on life by adopting her, and I suppose there is truth to that. But we always felt she gave us far more than we gave her.

Love, *Sylvia*

Psalm 1*
A Psalm of Dog.
(c) 2000 Cinnamon Stocker

Alpha Dog is my boss, I shall not want.
 She makes me lie down on a soft woolen blanket;
 She opens the refrigerator;
 She restores my empty, aching tummy.
 She takes me on short, ambling walks because of my sore hips,
 even though she would prefer longer, more aerobic walks
 for her own sake.

Even though I was once a sad dog in a cage at the Humane Society,
 I fear no evil; for you are with me;
 your hand on the other end of my leash comforts me.

You prepare a table before me,
 and even though you always eat first and give me only the leftovers,
 I absolutely adore you;
 you pat my head and speak lovingly to me;
 you fill my water dish constantly because of my thyroid problem,
 and twice a day you toss me a piece of cheese
 with that teeny-tiny pill in it.

Surely goodness, mercy, and regular meals shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in my Alpha-Dog’s house, with my bed
 at the foot of the stairs, my whole life long.

* This is called Psalm 1 because Cinnamon actually wrote two psalms. (Oddly enough, the other psalm is called “Psalm 2.”) If there is interest, I might be convinced to publish Psalm 2 in an upcoming newsletter. On the other hand, you may have already seen enough of Cinnamon’s “doggerel” to last a lifetime....





DAPONTE

STRING QUARTET

UU CHURCH OF BRUNSWICK

1 Middle Street, Brunswick

HOLIDAY CONCERT



TICKETS: \$20

available at the church office,
Finestkind Vinylhaven, or at
Gulf of Maine Books.

A UU Church of Brunswick Fundraiser

FMI: 729-8541

SUN, NOVEMBER 30

3:00 p.m.



BEST MUSIC GROUP IN MAINE!
2014 Readers Choice poll, Down East Magazine

NOVEMBER'S CHARITY WITH SOUL

THE IMMIGRANT LEGAL ADVOCACY PROJECT (ILAP)



The Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP) provides free and low-cost immigration information and legal assistance to low-income Maine residents. ILAP helps Maine's immigrants keep their families together, gain protection from persecution and domestic violence, attain residency and work authorization,

and become proud U.S. citizens. ILAP builds stable families and improved opportunities, allowing Maine's immigrants to contribute to their communities for generations to come.

Immigrants have long appreciated Maine for its welcoming people and its way of life, and have made vital contributions to every aspect of Maine's economy, including Maine's agriculture, hospitality, and professional sectors. Today, ILAP estimates Maine's immigrant population to be over 55,000 persons. Each year, we assist clients originating from dozens of countries, who come to us from all 16 of Maine's counties.

As Maine's only provider of immigration and related legal aid to low-income Maine residents, ILAP helps immigrants stabilize and upgrade their immigration status so that they can improve their lives and those of their families, and so that, like the immigrants before them, they can participate fully and meaningfully in Maine society.

OUR SERVICES

ILAP is Maine's only statewide nonprofit legal aid agency dedicated to providing the information, advocacy, and individualized legal help with immigration law and related issues that low-income Maine residents need. With ILAP's expert assistance, our clients improve their immigration status, gain safety from persecution or domestic violence, and unify or stay together with their families.

ILAP's services include **direct legal aid** provided for free or low-fee, **educational outreach** for immigrant communities, service providers, and the general public regarding immigration laws and immigration policies, and **systemic advocacy** to address laws and policies affecting large numbers of Maine's immigrants. Our advocacy work is often undertaken in coalition with our **Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition (MIRC)** partners.



IMMIGRANT LEGAL ADVOCACY PROJECT

CALL FOR UUCB ARTISTS

The Fellowship Gallery Art Committee would like to invite all artists in the congregation to submit a few pieces of their work for the Fellowship Gallery's December show which will feature art from our own congregation. The committee is excited to be able to offer our own church community an opportunity to share their work with the wider community. With the December Holiday Fair, there should be a good amount of traffic in the

building and considerable exposure for our artists.

Please submit pictures of your work electronically for review by the committee before **November 7**, or bring it to the church on November 7, at 11:00 am for the committee's monthly meeting.

You may submit pictures of your work to Ed McCartan, the Chair of

the committee at edwardmccartan@gmail.com or contact him at 449-0208 to schedule time to drop off your art work at the monthly meeting. Please give the title of the piece, the medium, either "not for sale" or the price, and your email and phone number.

We look forward to a gala show in December!

Jessica Tracy



COLLEGE GUILD

AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

College Guild, a local non-profit organization founded in Maine in 2001, offers free, creative, non-traditional correspondence courses to inmates nationwide. It provides prisoners the opportunity to pursue ongoing learning that benefits both inmates and their communities. The decrease in rates of recidivism for prisoners who have participated in educational and rehab programs is well documented. As the College Guild motto says: *“Respect reduces recidivism”*.

Jackie Fickes, a student at Bowdoin College and a member of the College Guild volunteer board, is eager to talk with interested potential volunteer readers. Volunteer readers, anonymously, respond to prisoner written assignments with encouraging and thoughtful feedback and commentary. The College Guild office serves as the communication hub for the mailing of assignments between readers and prisoners.

Jackie says that College Guild “gets to the core of what social justice is about. For many prisoners, being treated with



respect and being provided a creative outlet is truly life-changing.” She can answer questions about the work of the Guild and the details of becoming a volunteer

If you are interested to learn more about this opportunity, please let Cathey Cyrus know as soon as possible. She and Jackie will arrange an informational meeting at church following a Sunday service. UUCB members Ed McCartan and Vicki Simpson are both familiar with College Guild and would be happy to talk with you about their experience.

For more information visit the College Guild website at www.collegeguild.org.

Cathey Cyrus, for the Working for Justice Committee

CHALICE LIGHTER GRANTS

When we were raising funds to build our new building, we twice applied for a Chalice Lighter grant from the Northern New England District. Twice our congregation was selected as a grant recipient. Through those two grants, we received several thousand dollars from UUs across Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

How does a Chalice Lighter grant work? Three times a year, the Northern New England district seeks grant proposals from the congregations in the district. A committee of lay people and ministers from the district consider the proposals and choose at least one congregation to receive a grant. (Sometimes the grants are shared by two or three congregations.) The district then solicits funds from folks who have signed up to be “Chalice Lighters.” Chalice Lighters send in their contributions, and the district forwards them on to the grant recipient.

Long ago I signed up to be a Chalice Lighter. I get the appeals, and I always contribute. Just yesterday I received the first appeal for the church year. This grant goes to the Bangor congregation to work on a large-scale accessibility project. I've contributed \$50 to the appeal. I invite you to join me by giving something – any amount, large or small, is gratefully accepted. As we know from our own experience, by chipping in with members of congregations all across the district, we can make a difference for one another.

Checks can be made out to NNED-UUA (with “Chalice Lighter” in the memo line) and sent to:
Northern New England District
Unitarian Universalist Association
10 Ferry Street, Suite #318
Concord, NH 03301



MAINE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST STATE ADVOCACY NETWORK

MUUSAN UPDATES AND REMINDERS *by Lynn Ellis*

I serve as the congregational liaison for UUCB to MUUSAN and attend the meetings as well as let everyone know what actions are being taken. I thought I'd share some of the website posts for you and introduce you to the MUUSAN Steering Committee. The **next MUUSAN Meeting is November 8, 2014** from 10:00am to 12:00pm. All are welcome to join us at the Augusta UU Community Church.



AREAS OF FOCUS

Realizing that we cannot take on every issue and solve every problem, we have chosen three areas of public policy on which to focus our initial interest:

◆ DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

In our fight for social justice, one thing has become clear – the kind of reform we all are advocating for is often blocked by the role money plays in our politics and elections. Too often today, big money from wealthy interests skews our legislative process, allowing campaign contributors favor at the expense of everyone else. **That's why we at MUUSAN are proud to be a member of the Clean Elections Initiative coalition.**

We're working to strengthen the Clean Election Act, enhance disclosure laws, and increase accountability in our elections. Right now, efforts are underway to collect 70,000 signatures to place a question on the 2015 ballot, so Maine people can vote to reduce the role of big money in our elections and government.

◆ HEALTH CARE

- MUUSAN is an active member of the Cover Maine Now Coalition of over 100 organizations working to **implement the Affordable Care Act.**
- MUUSAN members are actively involved with the national coalition HealthCare-Now, organizing for a **national single payer** healthcare system.

◆ CLIMATE CHANGE

In short, our faith calls us to change oppressive policies and structures to those that promote human development, protect the environment, and support communities. Our mission is to educate and to organize for a more just society.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MUUSAN is guided by a dedicated group of individuals representing a number of Unitarian Universalist congregations from across Maine.

Rev. Margaret Beckman; First Universalist Church of Pittsfield

* **Trudy Ferland;** First Universalist Church of Pittsfield

Lindy Gifford; Mid-Coast UU Fellowship

Rev. Carie Johnsen; UU Community Church of Augusta

Carol Larson; Allen Avenue UU Church of Portland

Mary Ann Larson; First Universalist Church of Auburn

* **Dale McCormick;** UU Community Church of Augusta

Kent Price; UU Congregation of Castine

David Wilcock; UU Church of Ellsworth

*Committee Co-chairs

MEMBERSHIP

JUUST DESSERTS!

Membership Committee's 4th annual jUust Desserts party happened on October 4. Approximately 50 gathered for fellowship and sweet treats. Thanks to all who made this event a delicious success: set-up and clean-up crew, bakers and attendees. It was particularly special to hold this popular event in our own Community Hall!



Andrea Sinclair and Debbie Zorach ready to party!



Hank Simpson surveys the goodies. Patience, Hank!

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION—NOVEMBER 16

Following our New Member Orientation session on November 1, participants had the opportunity to sign our Membership Book. The course was sponsored by Membership Committee and presented by our minister, Sylvia Stocker, who led discussion about our history and theology as well as our church structure and programs.

Those who have chosen to sign our membership book since our previous Recognition Sunday last spring will be honored during our Sunday church service on November 16. Join us after the service for a special coffee hour where we can greet and congratulate our newest members.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

Linda Mallard, will be taking member's photos for the last time on Sunday, November 11th. Please see her after church if you want to be included in the new Membership Directory.

CIRCLE SUUPERS!

Our October Circle Suppers were a "sold out" event! Debbie Zorach and Carol Drake were so successful in finding willing diners, that not everyone could be seated with the available hosts. So Membership will add a new date, **Saturday, November 15** for another round of suppers.

Key to the success of these dinner parties, is having enough hosts to accommodate everyone. Please consider opening your home to a small group to share a dinner that you, as host, will organize. As host, you will contact those assigned to your supper and organize food selections to be brought by the dinner guests.

If you are able to host, or if you would like to attend a Circle Supper on November 15, please call Debbie Zorach at 729-8103, or sign up at the Visitor Table.

CHURCH COUNCIL

HOP ON BOARD!

Isn't it great when something works as expected - in fact better than the best hopes? That's what's been happening with the Hopper Project.

The Church Council, made up of the chairs of the church's committees, has a long standing interest in supporting and coordinating the church's programs, and also in helping new program ideas take root. Also, the Long Range Planning Committee, which has collected a huge number of ideas from church members, has been sorting through those ideas and presenting manageable lists of program possibilities to the relevant committees. And the board and staff have also been attending Council meetings and working on possible program ideas.

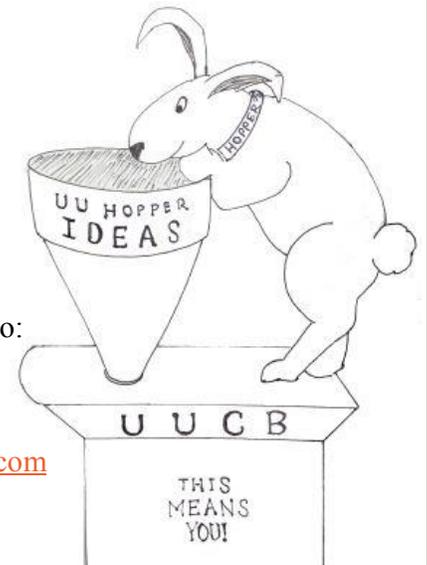
But what about the ideas that come out of left field, that haven't been processed through any church entity? As someone who was raised to be a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers, I'm a great fan of left field. So I worked with the Council on creating a hopper, a place where individual church attendees can toss their ideas to be helped through the Council process.

Our first major program idea has come ringing into the new Hopper (see illustration, courtesy of Kelly Brochu). I had a few rounds back and forth with the originator of the idea, then gradually brought a few

other people into the conversation. Now the idea is being turned into a brief proposal, and the First Hopper will attend the Council's November meeting. After discussion, the idea will most likely wend its way to the board. Within a short period of time, we may be seeing a new church program, complete with its own committee and a new shiny seat at the Council table.

The Hopper awaits you. It has been greased up and is ready to hum along again, facilitating your ideas. Remember, just a few thoughts or interests are fine - the process is informal, collaborative, supportive and fun.

Even if you never, sniff, have heard of the Dodgers.



Send Hopper Ideas To:
Marty Teitel,

Council Facilitator
martin.teitel@gmail.com
449-3953

The RE program is looking for Arts and Crafts-y individuals who have an idea for a simple craft to lead with small groups of children during RE on either **November 30th** or **December 7th**. These crafts will be sold in our annual RE Holiday Craft Fundraiser to raise money for local charities. Please contact the DRE if you are interested in helping out the RE program in this way (uubrunswickdre@gmail.com).

Thanks!

FROM THE TREASURER(S)

We have just finished the first quarter of the 2014-2015 fiscal year in our new church. With the close of this quarter the Finance Committee and the Office want to thank you for your energetic and enthusiastic support. In looking at the financial component of that support we ask that you review your giving for the year to insure that you are giving the Church all the help you intend to.

Pledge and Gift income, for the quarter which ended September 30th, was about \$14,000 below budget. Thankfully October's pledge income is already double September's total and hopefully we will continue to improve and the second quarter will look better. Expenses for the quarter have also been significantly lower at \$10,000 below budget helping to reduce the impact of the income shortfall. The good news in this picture is that our estimates of the costs of operating the new building seem to have been a little high (we built well!) We will have a firmer picture of this once the heating season starts. We will be having a church meeting in November (tentatively November 23rd, but

watch for an official announcement) to discuss the state of the budget as was promised when the budget was voted on.

We are now in the final eight months of the Capital Campaign and as of the end of September we have received 82% of the money pledged. This is great work that we can all be proud of

As always all the details of our financial picture are available in the office, and if you have a desire to be more involved in the financial decisions of our church there are openings on the finance committee.

Thanks again for all your help

Keary Lay, Treasurer

The finance committee is in need of new members. If you are interested in helping to perform this vital role please contact Keary Lay (email: kearylay@gmail.com phone: 389-4283)

MUSIC AT NOONTIME ON VACATION

Please keep on the lookout in the church communications for future plans.

UUCB WEBSITE

The UUCB website is now up and running, and is being maintained by the new webmaster, Jean Lay. Any questions, suggestions or concerns can be emailed to Jean at uucbweb@gmail.com. The website is <http://www.uubrunswick.org/>.

Thanks to Rory McGuire for helping to set up the website, and thanks to Steve Wellcome for maintaining the previous website. The new website will be modified relatively frequently, so things may change around, as new pages are added and issues are removed.

Thanks, *Jean*

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The Women's Alliance will meet at the Church on **Tuesday, November 11, at 6:00 PM**. We will have sweet and not so sweet refreshments from 6:00 to 6:30, followed by the evening's program (TBA). Please bring finger food snacks to share- beverages provided. Guests are welcome!

2 CATS IN NEED OF HOME

I recently re-met a colleague of many years ago who moved to Maine years before I did. Because she is now in Hospice care, her two lovable and beloved cats will soon need a new home.

Tashi and Dolma are adult females, calico and tortoise shell. They do not scratch or damage furniture.

They have been allowed on tables and counters, but because they understand when spoken to (and even obey!), they might be trained to stay off.

If you could welcome these cats into your home, please contact me, Karen Foley, 725-1379, revKLFoley@comcast.net.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

The October Board Meeting was a busy one, and I'd like to share just some of the discussion with you--in part because it leads up to a meeting of the congregation on November 23, and in part to let you know that your Board is paying attention. Here are a few topics we've been working on:

Gurnet Road: You may have seen the recent headline in the *Times Record*, "Two land trusts work to buy Woodward site. Land owned by UU Church in Brunswick." As you are probably aware, the congregation voted in 2013 to sell our property on Gurnet Road (Woodward Cove) for no less than \$200,000, if a buyer could be found. In the intervening months, a task force initiated by the Board has seen the only nibble disappear when the potential buyer couldn't get the necessary permits to operate on this site. There has been very little movement of similar undeveloped land, and those parcels that have sold have gone for much lower prices. A year ago the Brunswick Land Trust approached us with an interest in purchasing our land to protect it for traditional use by wormers, clambers, and general public access. Regulations require an independent appraisal for such a purchase, and that appraisal came in at \$125,000. Recently the Land Trust identified possible funding, and asked the UUCB Board for a letter of interest that would allow the Land Trust to apply for grants. Because this letter is not binding, the Board voted to give it before going to the congregation. At the Nov. 23 meeting of the congregation we will take a vote on whether to sell to the Land Trust at \$125,000, if they are successful at finding funding (which may take a year or more). More details will be available as we approach the meeting.

Vision and Focus: As is abundantly clear, we're no longer the "congregation which is building a church." So just who are we? Yes, we're midcoast Maine UU's. Yes, we're people trying to live by our Seven Principles. But the strong vision and focus that drove us to raise the money for and then build our lovely new church have run their course. It's time to turn our attention in a new direction. We have a good Mission Statement

(defining our present state and purpose). How about a Vision Statement (a picture of what we want to achieve over time)? Under the umbrella of a vision statement, we can choose an area of focus for the next few years, using the work of the Long Range Planning Committee and the congregation's brainstorming as inspiration. Several years ago when we were in need of a mission statement, we held an all-day congregational workshop to develop one. This time, the Board hopes to offer a draft (or two) of a Vision Statement and bring them to the congregation for discussion, as well as several potential areas of focus. This isn't a quick process, but you'll be hearing more about it. If you have ideas about either vision or focus, don't hesitate to email me or any other Board member. We welcome your input.

Quotation Signs: There are many opinions about the two quotation signs hanging on the church exterior. You may like them as they are, find them hard to read, have opinions about color, size, cost to repaint. A tight budget means that no changes are likely in this church year, but we'd like to hear your thoughts about this topic. We've saved time in the Nov. 23rd meeting to do just that.

Food at Coffee Hour: You may have noticed that some recent hospitality hours after the worship service haven't had any food. At all. The Board, along with Heidi Neufeld (Hospitality Chair) and the Building and Grounds Committee, are experimenting. While we all like to be fed, unspoken pressures to put on a bigger and better spread than last week make hosting coffee hour increasing expensive, crumb-producing, and unhealthy for both kids and adults. Purchasing food and then cleaning up afterwards (our custodial hours don't stretch this far) have become off-putting for many of us. Can we try to be hospitable with just a cup of coffee, tea, or water? Comments invited.

With best wishes, *Cindy*

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, November 23, immediately after the service

Agenda items will include:

- ◆ Update from the Treasurer on the 2014-15 Budget
- ◆ Proposal from the Gurnet Road Task Force
- ◆ Discussion of repainting the Quotation Signs on the building exterior

Please read the Board Chair's Column above to learn more, and watch your email for further details and the dates of information sessions to be held in the week prior to the meeting.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

THE FUNDRAISING EVENTS COMMITTEE welcomes **Julie Ricard** to help us plan our very full schedule this year. We look forward to more of you coming on board!

The Board has asked us to raise nearly **\$10,000** this year, SO spread the word and bring your friends!!!
There are many one-time volunteer opportunities.

- **Sunday, November 30th at 3 PM** we will usher in the holiday season with the **DaPonte String Quartet** holiday concert with a reception following.
- **Saturday, December 6th** we will have the **Holiday Fair** from 9-2.
- **Sunday, February 8th at 3 PM** the popular saxophone quartet, **Cul de Sax** will present a concert "Coming to America" which will pay tribute to the immigrants who play(ed) a role in producing America's greatest music.
- **Saturday, March 28th** will have a book/rummage sale. Save your books and store them at the Mitchells' if needed.
- **Friday, April 24th at 8 PM** the critically acclaimed folk rock group **Aztec Two-Step** will present their "Classic Duos" concert in which they will play the hits of groups such as Simon & Garfunkel, the Everly Brothers, and their own vast repertoire of favorites.
- We have **note cards and holiday cards** available. PLEASE order EARLY. See the bulletin board outside of the kitchen for more details.
- "Inquiring Minds and Square Meals" will be offered through-out the year (see next page).



 **DAPONTE**
STRING QUARTET

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

INQUIRING MINDS AND SQUARE MEALS

Two new series of events are being offered by the Fundraising Events Committee this year in lieu of the traditional auction, which will return spring of 2016.

Inquiring Minds is a group of short term classes given by UUs and **Square Meals** are meals (brunch, lunch, supper, a picnic...) offered by UUs for UU members and friends in the UUCB directory.

We will be scheduling opportunities to enroll in classes or buy meals in three different seasons during the year. The cost may be a donation, a fixed price or by a two week silent bidding time. One class has been scheduled already (Nancy Dorian is offering the class "Fairy Tales Before and After the Brothers Grimm.") Stay tuned for announcements about other interesting classes and tasty square meals coming SOON!

FAIRY TALES BEFORE & AFTER THE BROTHERS GRIMM

with Nancy Dorian

Tuesdays in November at 1-2:30 pm

Nancy was attached to the German and Anthropology Depts. at Bryn Mawr and taught an upper level course in "German Folk Tradition.

Fairy tales are so bound up with the Brothers Grimm in our current experience that it rarely occurs to us to ask what they were like before they took on their classical "Grimms' fairy tale" form. Who told this kind of tale originally, in what sort of settings and to whom? What were some of their defining features? How did these tales become so heavily entwined with the Grimms, and what sort of influence did the Grimm brothers have on their structure and style and on the purpose for which they were told or read? Where and how did American versions of the international folk motifs in the "Grimms' fairy tales" survive, independent of the Grimms' influence, and what do the American versions tell us about the nature of fairy tales before



that influence? How do we typically encounter fairy tales now, and do we acquire them in a form so standardized that each of us would tell the same tale with the same plot structure and the same details? Can we define the classic "fairy tale" of Germanic tradition well enough to decide whether Hans Christian Andersen wrote any? When we hear a story of someone's improbable good luck, would it mean the same thing if we said it was "just like a fairy tale" or "just like a miracle"?

No fee for this class. Donations only to be collected upon sign-up. (See Sue Ellen Damour)

Holiday Fair

Saturday, December 6th

Please add your name
to the sign-up sheets
to bake, make soup,
make wreaths or crafts,
or to volunteer
on the day of the fair

Fundraising Committee:

Sue Ellen Damour, chair, Sue Michaud,

David Roundy, Julie Ricard, and Maryli Tiemann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

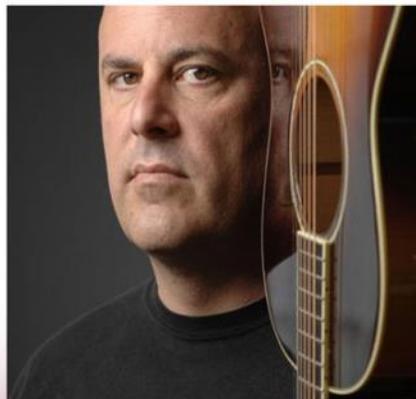


THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
 UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of BRUNSWICK
 1 MIDDLE STREET
 OPEN MIKE SIGNUP - 7 PM
 FEATURED PERFORMER - 9 PM
 SUGGESTED DONATION: \$8

Ted DeMille & Dave Provost

Ted DeMille and Dave Provost are experienced singer songwriters who write with authority and perform their music with an accessible, understated passion. Their original songs run the gamut from Chuck Berry to James Taylor, and are at home in coffee houses, bars, or on the cobblestone streets of Nantucket Island.

Ted is a perennial visitor to the Side Door, and is happy to welcome Dave to share the stage with him this November. They have a natural affinity for each other's music and this is a show you'll want to experience.



Friday Evening, November 21

Feature set preceded by the Open Mike

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

UUCB PAGAN UU MEETINGS.

The UU Pagan's meeting every Monday at 7pm in the Wendell Berry Room. All are welcome to attend.

SIGN UP BOARDS

There are bulletin boards on either side of the kitchen window that are for people to use to Post Activities needing folks sign up. Please check

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHALICE CIRCLES: Still A Few Spaces Available: The Chalice Circles are configured but will not meet for the first time until November. Three Chalice Circles can still take 1 or 2 more people: The Monday evening, Thursday morning, and Sunday evening. If you would like to join one of those Circles, please contact Karen Foley 725-1379, revKLFoley@comcast.net

MEN'S LUNCHEON will be held on Wednesday, November 26 at 12 noon Location TBA. These monthly fellowship luncheons are held on the last Wednesday of each month with the exception of holidays. All men of the church are welcome. Contact Brad Mitchell, bmitch10@gmail.com, or Jim Michaud at michaudjim33@gmail.com, for details.

WRITERS GROUP: The UUCB Writers meet bi-weekly on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 pm at UUCB in the May Sarton Room. This is an ongoing, informal, open group that welcomes writers with and without experience to participate. It is not a critique group. We write from prompts, and our procedure is based on the principles of Natalie Goldberg's writing process. There are no required books, no homework, and no fee to join. Just bring a notebook and a pen you love to write with. If you are interested, please plan to join us any time. **Next scheduled dates are:** Nov. 5, and Nov. 19th. If you have questions, please contact: Pat Harris - 725-7772 - pjbharris@aol.com.

UU BED & BREAKFASTS

A GREAT TRAVEL TOOL FOR UU'S:

Want an overnight or two at a UU's home in Maine, South Carolina or California? Our church now has on-line access to the Directory of UU Bed & Breakfasts throughout the country.

The Directory is a wonderful way to:

- meet interesting hosts who share your concerns and values
- stay in unique places at affordable prices
- get hot tips about the place you're visiting.

Many hosts have posted pictures of their accommodations. Some donate the proceeds of your stay to their home church; others supplement their income this way. There are 145 hosts in three countries, 35 states and 119 cities. You can also offer a room in your own home. To post yours, just follow the directions on the web page.

To access UU B&B's throughout the country:

Website: <http://uurehome.com/>

User name: uubruns@gwi.net

Password: uucb

FEED THE CHURCH WHILE YOU FEED YOURSELVES . . .

. . . **by buying pre-paid cards from Hannaford!** Every dollar you spend at Hannaford, using one of our cards, nets a 5% return to the church -- easy money indeed! Cards are available for \$25, \$50 or \$100, and do not "expire" so you may spend as little or as much as you want each time. Please see Caroline Evans or Ann Spencer during Sunday coffee hours (we try to stand at the sanctuary side of the social space), or you may see Shirley Bernier during church office hours. We appreciate your support with this ongoing fundraiser!

A HEALTHY LUNCH

Thursday, November 13

Please join us for a tasty, plant-based, organic, gluten free meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP with the church office (729-8515 or uubruns@gwi.net) by **Wednesday, November 12.**

VEGAN SUNDAY

November 16

The Vegan Sunday potluck will be held after church on Sunday, **Nov. 16, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall.** Be kind to animals, improve your health and help save the planet. Come share delicious plant-based food and camaraderie with other vegans and those who want to explore a vegan diet.

Sorry, no drop-ins, but if you are planning to come, please RSVP by **Wed., Nov. 12, to Jessica Tracy** at jtracy21@myfairpoint.net or 729-7294.

NOVEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1</p> <p>9 Orientation Class: SAN & FEL</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>
<p>2</p> <p>10 Church Service 10:15 RE & Youth Grp</p> <p>Set Your Clocks Back</p>  <p>6 Sunday PM Chalice Circle: WBR</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:30 Working for Justice: MSR</p> <p>7 Pagans: WBR</p> <p>7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1-2:30 Fairytale Class 4 Membership: MSR</p> <p>6:30 Worship : MSR</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>3:00 pm Writer's Group: MSR</p> <p>7 Council: MSR</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship</p> <p>7-9 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11 Fellowship Gallery: MSR</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>
<p>9</p> <p>10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes Green Sanctuary: MSR</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 Pagans: WBR</p> <p>7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>1-2:30 Fairytale Class 5:30 Women's Alliance: 6:30 Stories w Soul 7:30 Pastoral Care</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>10-11:30 Chair Yoga</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12 Healthy Lunch: FH</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship</p> <p>7-9 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:30 Building & Grounds: MSR</p> <p>5 pm Art Display Reception</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>
<p>16</p> <p>10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes, Youth Group, COA</p> <p>11:30 RE Retreat</p> <p>12:15 Vegan Sunday (RSVP): FH</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN</p> <p>7 Pagans: WBR</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>1-2:30 Fairytale Class</p> <p>6:30-9 Board: MSR</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3:00 pm Writer's Group: MSR</p> <p>7 RE Committee</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship</p> <p>7-9 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5 Parish Messenger Deadline</p> <p>7-10 Side Door Coffehouse: SAN</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>
<p>23</p> <p>10 Intergenerational Service (NO RE)</p> <p>Congregational Meeting after the service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 Merry Meeting Singers: SAN</p> <p>7 Pagans: WBR</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship</p> <p>Men's Luncheon Off Site</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>
<p>30</p>  <p>10 Church Service RE Holiday Craft Fundraiser</p> <p>3 pm Daponte String Quartet: SAN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS/DEADLINES</p> <p>If you have items to be placed in the "This Week" email, Announcement Insert (The green sheet) or the Order of Worship, please submit it to Shirley, the office administrator, by Thursday at 12:00 pm.</p> <p>If you want an announcement or article to appear in the monthly Parish Messenger, send it to the newsletter editor, Sue Michaud, on or before the 3rd Friday of each month (usually). This deadline for the November Parish Messenger is Friday, November 21st. (michaud_susan@comcast.net)</p>					