

# Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Brunswick



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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

Rev. Karen Foley  
Affiliate Minister

Nicole Shanks,  
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Heidi Neufeld, Choir Director

Nell Britton, Choir Accompanist

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

### February 1. **“By One Elastic Thread to Thin Twigs.”**

Rev. Karen Foley, worship leader. What does it mean to have "faith" in something? Does faith ever fail? What then? Music by Paul Aliapoulos and Susan Nourse (2 members of Cul de Sax). Nell Britton accompanying on the hymns .

**February 8. Rev. Kitsy Winthrop**, worship leader . Music by classical/jazz pianist Jesse Feinberg .

### February 15. **“Love.”**

Sharon Brown, worship leader, will explore the deeper meaning of love through literature and music and lives. Music by Jud Caswell.

### February 22. **Longfellow Days**

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Longfellow Days sermon, with premier choral pieces composed by local composer Stuart Gillespie, who has set some Longfellow poems to music. Choral pieces performed by the choir, directed by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Nell Britton.

### March 1. **Guest At Your Table Sunday**

**GUEST AT YOUR TABLE (GAYT)**  
is coming to UUCB on Sunday March 1.

See FAQ's for *Guest at Your Table* on page 12.

## FELLOWSHIP GALLERY



**On exhibit in the Fellowship Gallery, through Feb. 11, are drawings and paintings by artists from the Spindleworks community.**

Spindleworks is a nonprofit art center for adults with disabilities and a program of the Independence Association of Brunswick Maine, whose mission is to help children and adults with disabilities achieve full and inclusive lives in their chosen community. Visit their website at [www.spindleworks.org](http://www.spindleworks.org)

**Feb. 12 to March 11 we will host "Botanicals on Paper," an exhibit of drawings by local artist Barbara Bean.**

Barbara is one of 17 members of the Points of View Artists, a local collective of talented artists. She draws from nature which she finds around her:

"Gardens and bogs continue to be a source of constant amazement, amusement and learning."

Learn more about Barbara at [www.povartistsmaine.com/artists](http://www.povartistsmaine.com/artists)



## HOW TO REACH US

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

**Office Hours** at 1 Middle Street are Tues through Friday from 10-4 The office administrator is Shirley Bernier.

**The Minister**, Rev. Sylvia Stocker works from home and her church office. She is on vacation from Jan 19-Feb 19. When her break is over, 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 always best to call and schedule a meeting. 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.

**The Director of Religious Education**, Nicole Shanks, is available by appointment. You can call her at the church office or email her at [uubrunswickdre@gmail.com](mailto:uubrunswickdre@gmail.com).

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

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The RE program is looking for individuals in the congregation willing to serve as **assistants to lead teachers** in RE classes this winter and spring. No prior preparation is required- assistants simply head back to RE classes when the children leave the worship service. In the classroom RE assistants help with such things as children with crafts and activities, distributing supplies, and preparing the snack. Please contact Nicole if you are willing to help the RE program in this way ([uucbdre@gmail.com](mailto:uucbdre@gmail.com)). Love, *Nicole*

**Wanted:** Sturdy, intact, (empty) tea boxes to be used in a Religious Education (RE) project in mid February. Please bring your boxes to church and leave them in the designated receiving basket in the RE common area. Many thanks! *The RE Committee*

**Important RE Dates**

2/1: RE Classes, All Youth  
combined meeting

2/8: RE Classes, Youth Group,  
COA

2/15: Multi-Age Activity

2/22: Multi-Age Activity



## ... MINISTER'S MUSINGS ...

I am away until February 19 for a period of vacation and study time. That means I will be spending some time just plain relaxing and having fun and some time planning for upcoming church services and other needs. Perhaps while I am gone, we will have at least one good snowstorm to walk in. (Please? Can't we have at least *just one?*) I am attaching a photo of

Steve and me enjoying a walk in a snowstorm a couple of years ago just to tempt the snow gods to deliver again this year.

This month I will leave it to others to swell the pages of the newsletter. Whatever time you might have spent reading my column, I ask you to do something nice for yourself. Enjoy!

Love, *Sylvia*



If you have an emergency while Sylvia is away, please contact the church office for information about the minister on call, or call Cindy Parker, Board of Trustees Chair.

### SYLVIA AT BOWDOIN

I will be leading the vesper's service at Bowdoin college chapel on **Sunday, March 1, at 7 p.m.** Bowdoin vespers services are open to the public, and I would love it if some from our congregation felt inspired to attend. Student turnout at the vespers services tends to be small. Bob Ives, the Bowdoin chaplain, tells me that some churches bring their own members to swell the ranks, and it makes for livelier worship. Give it a thought, and if you can come, great! The more the merrier, I say!

*Sylvia Stocker*

## FEBRUARY'S CHARITY WITH SOUL

### CHANS HOME HEALTH CARE & HOSPICE SERVICES

CHANS Home Health Care is a full service non-profit, Joint Commission Accredited agency providing skilled home health, hospice, private duty care services and an array of community based wellness clinics and support services in Mid Coast Maine. CHANS is an affiliate of Mid Coast Health Services and has been providing home health and wellness services in our community since 1947.



#### Home Healthcare in Midcoast Maine

When you are sick, recovering from surgery or an acute or chronic illness there is no place like home. CHANS provides medical services in the home, where the patient is most comfortable.

#### Hospice Care

CHANS offers care and comfort for you or a loved one during life's final stages. From the touch of a friendly hand to the services of skilled nurses and doctors, CHANS is there when you need them.

#### In-Home Support Services: Private Duty Care

CHANS also provides help with daily activities like meal preparation, personal care, medication reminders or anything that will help an individual remain independence in the home.

As a non-profit, CHANS is thankful for the generous contributions and support that we receive from the community. Donations are greatly appreciated and help to enhance the training, resources, and professional healthcare services that are provided.



### HANNAFORD CARDS

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 Fellowship Hall), or you may see Shirley Bernier during church office hours. We appreciate your support with this ongoing fundraiser!

### WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The Women's Alliance will meet at the church on **February 10 at 10:30 AM**. The program will be the informative and controversial film on Lyme disease, "**Under Our Skin**." With the increase of the deer tick population and the incidence of Lyme disease in Sagadahoc and Cumberland Counties, this film is intended to increase public awareness and to educate all of us as to critical precautions we should be taking.



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Time to get out your pen and calendar to mark the dates you can help to push our financial meter over the top of the big goal of \$10,000! (*remember we are trying hard to overcome UUCB's budget deficit!*)

**Signup sheets** will be available on Sundays for our **Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** Cul de Sax concert, the Rummage/Book sale on **March 28<sup>th</sup>** and the Aztec Two-Step concert **April 24<sup>th</sup>**. You can also email [sedadamour@msn.com](mailto:sedadamour@msn.com) to get your name on a list for any of these events.

**Inquiring Minds and Square Meals II** will be out shortly. So far we have Barclay Palmer teaching TS Eliot Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, and 18, Drumming on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and a meal at the Damour's early in March. Signup sheets for all classes and meals will be available Sunday mornings at the Fundraising table or you can email [sedadamour@msn.com](mailto:sedadamour@msn.com) to get your name on a list. **You can still offer to be a host or "teacher for a day!"**

For the rummage sale we have a Kitchen Kaptain who will need lots of help. We will serve muffins and lunch as we did for the Holiday Fair.

Want to join in the fun of planning of future events, don't be shy, please let someone on the Committee know of your yearning! We are already working up concerts for next year.....AND in the spring of '16 we expect to do the big Service Auction. **Your energy would be a great addition to these plans!**

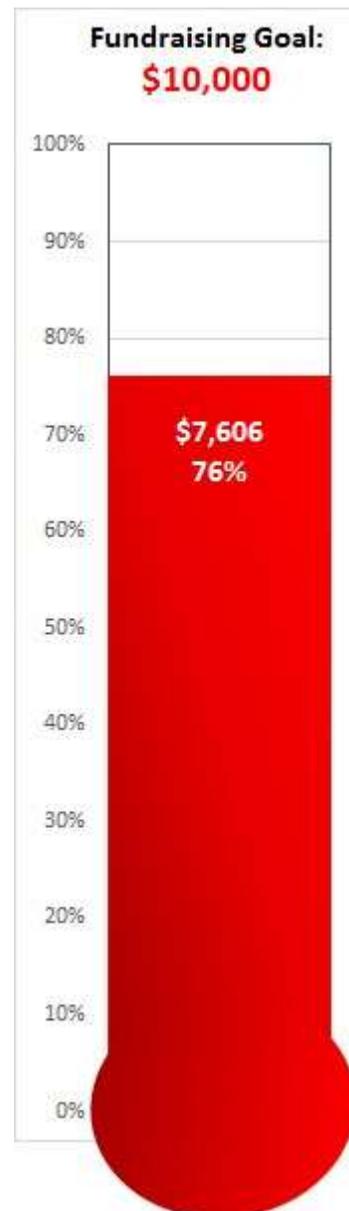
Your Fundraising Events Committee:  
*Sue Ellen Damour, Susan Michaud,  
David Roundy, Maryli Tiemann., and Dan Ellis*

### WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ABOUT INQUIRING MINDS AND SQUARE MEALS

"I love fairy tales and I really enjoyed Nancy's class about them and how they have come down to us. Who collected them and how, and what makes a story fall into the "fairy tale" category. She is so interesting as she speaks and is so open to discussion and questions." *Chris Mitchell*

"Pizza and Game Night at the Michauds: It was a **3-G** night ..... **Great** games, **Great** food, **Great** fellowship!!! This was our second one ..... when is the next one???" *Andrea Sinclair*

"I attended Dave Tiemann's presentation about his adventures while hiking each of highest points in each county of Maine. How interesting to learn where the high points are located, and what David had to go through in his pursuit to reach his goal of climbing ALL of them. I enjoyed hearing about his nail-biting escapades as well as the natural wonders of Maine. The class has inspired me to get my hiking boots on (in the spring!) and to renew my old love of photography. *Michael Michaud*



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

## INQUIRING MINDS

**T.S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*****Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, and 18****4-5:30pm**

Barclay Palmer is offering a 4-week course on TS Eliot's *Four Quartets*—a Quartet a week. Don't worry if you are reading this after the first class. Each Quartet stands on its own.

**Description:** These brilliantly distilled 20th Century poems are powerful down-to-earth treasures for all men and women's lives. Hellish trenches and cultural futility of WW1 compelled T.S.Eliot to induce fresh birthing of faith, love, hope, religious doubting and honest feeling. Via affirmative self-scrutiny, and side-stepping religious dogmas, he challenges us with brave paradoxes, avoiding casual good vs. bad.. He gently leads our vulnerable Beings into life's implicit "hints and guesses" in our quest of spiritual love and ethical goodness. These richly packed, vivid, amazing poems will feed the open heart and mind with every reading and deepening.

Born in USA, Eliot went from Harvard College to England to write. His freshly wrought poems, intensely verbal plays, and now-classic literary criticism flowed, despite a very troubled wife. Trying to use everyday language, his complex mind still revealed mastery of philosophy, theology, and urban realities. He emulated Laforgue's imagist style, Shakespeare's breadth, Samuel Johnson's moral scruples, and the metaphysical genius of Dante and Donne. Like all English writers, he shared "a faith in God and the fear of death." Eliot is midwife to a creative new Being. He gives us developed feelings in vivid verbal shapes, with intensely guarded passion conveyed via his rare intelligence. Yet he's also a skeptic questioning disorder, futility, suffering, and the mysteries of life. Dive into the deep end: it's terrific!

**All donations go to the Church. How about \$40 per person? Call 729-4088 to register;** We will have a copy of the small book for you.

**Who is Barclay Palmer?** *"That tall Brit, our Renaissance Man.," says his wife, Esther. He went to British boarding schools, then after WWII attended Oxford where he received a masters in Theology. He taught "scared" studies, humanities and English in US private secondary schools from '58-'98 and is still teaching Literature, Music, Poetry at Mid-Coast Senior College.*

**Ritual Drumming,  
*Reclaiming an Ancient Tradition*****February 7****10am -12pm**

The frame drum is a hand held instrument played in a variety of forms throughout the world since the beginning of time, for ritual, entrainment, healing, shamanic journeying, and ecstatic celebration.

The different strokes on the drum allow one to connect with elemental energies within our bodies and in the world around us. Rhythmic practice synchronizes the brain and the internal pulsations of our body rhythms, and it allows us to connect deeply in community. Rhythmic play also invites an immense joy into ones being.

In this 2 hour workshop you will be given an introduction to playing the frame drum, utilizing the tambourine, and learn the basic strokes on the drum. Together we will have the opportunity to experience how drumming in community can create sacred space.

Instruments will be provided; no prior experience is required. **Fee: \$15**

Call Betty Wurtz at 207-406-4960 to register.

*Shirsten Lundblad is a healing practitioner and professional musician, and a member of Inanna, Sisters in Rhythm. She also performs with Vox Nova Chamber Choir and Saheli. Shirsten received her M.Div. from Harvard University in 1985, and has had a life long dedication to spiritual studies and meditation.*



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

# Cul de Sax

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## They're Coming To America



*A Musical Tribute to the Immigrants who brought Great Music to our Country*



**Sun, February 8**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Tickets: \$10**

Cul de Sax Saxophone Quartet features the major members of the saxophone family – soprano, alto, tenor and baritone – played with style by professional musicians who have been performing together for 20 years (Paul Aliapoulios, Jim Huebener, Chris Gutscher, and Susan Nourse). The group has been featured in numerous concerts and resorts in Maine as well being invited to play at special events such as receptions at the Governor's Mansion, the U.S. Navy Saxophone Symposium in Washington, D.C. and the arrival of the "Tall Ships" in Boston.

The quartet's performance will be a Musical Tribute to the Immigrants who brought us America's Greatest Music. They will be playing tunes written by many of America's well-known immigrants: Irving Berlin, Neil Diamond, Anton Dvorak, Herbert & Rambert, Bela Bartok, Paul Hindemith, Darius Milhaud, Piazzola, Vernon Duke, Jule Styne, Kurt Weill, the Beatles, George & Ira Gershwin, (and more...) **As an added bonus UUCB's own Paul Schaffner will be playing a Persian Raga on the hammered dulcimer**, and Paul Aliapoulios will honor our original Americans with an authentic Penobscot tune on the Native American flute.





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



## Kathleen McGee & Ryan Dougherty

Kathleen started singing in Kindergarten, got her first guitar at age 10 and began singing professionally by the age of 14. She has been singing professionally on and off since. Kathleen loves to find nuggets of music by new artists and putting new spins on older songs. She plays an eclectic blend of blues, indie, alternative, folk and even a bit of pop and rock; singing everything from old standards to Jackson 5, Al Green to Talking Heads and throwing in some Taj Mahal for good measure. Having sung in duo's, trio's, bands large and small, Kathleen is enjoying going back to some solo work now as well.

Ryan grew up pegging himself as solely a visual artist until age 14 when he was struck by the fateful virus that has claimed so many guitar players: *Are You Experienced* by the one and only Jimi Hendrix. The religious listening of this album marked a musical change; after that it was all downhill and he began a journey of guitarism influenced by blues, gypsy jazz, noise texture, and straight up rock and roll. Strangers have compared his style to the likes of Nels Cline, Brian May, Tom Morello, and Jonny Greenwood. All great compliments, to be sure, but he entertains the fanciful notion that he sounds like himself. Ryan currently plays with The Cold Goodnight and Motel Black as lead guitarist, occasional designer, and full-time cheerleader. He lives in Boston with his wife, a custom Fender Stratocaster.

**Friday Evening, February 20**  
**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.

## BETH ISRAEL CELEBRATION



### SAVE THE DATE

**On Friday, April 17th**, members of the UUCB will join members of the Beth Israel Congregation of Bath, our hosts at the Minnie Brown Center, for a celebratory reception put on by us for them as a long overdue thank you for providing us such a warm and welcoming home during our rebuilding phase. Please save the date and plan to join us for this important thank you to our friends at the Beth Israel Congregation! More details to follow, including ways in which you can help!

*David Roundy*  
For the Transition Team  
504-4337

## WALKING THROUGH THE BEWILDERNESS OF AGING!

Calling those 65 and older—including lots older! As I walk into the years of my late sixties I experience all sorts of changes, developments, and challenges I never seriously considered in my forties or fifties. Friends my age, and those in their seventies and eighties, tell me they experience and wonder about the same things I do. I'm at once intrigued, excited, and bewildered by this great adventure of the last years of life. I think it is the greatest Life Change I've yet encountered. I've come to call it "The Bewilderment!"

What I'd really like to do *now* is simply hold some conversations with others in our later years, and share what we find enjoyable, frustrating, freeing, constricting, beckoning, and/or challenging about aging. So with Sylvia's blessing, I plan four conversations, on Thursday afternoons, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2:00-3:30, in the May Sarton Room (that sage of aging!).

Each conversation will have a different focus, will begin with a question or questions I'll bring to it, with a reading or two to ponder. We will use the basic "Chalice Circle" approach to our process—we'll listen respectfully, speak for ourselves, make sure everyone gets to speak before we speak again, and "speak into the circle," that is, not talk to one or two other people but put our thoughts out to the whole group. We have so much to learn from each other.

The group size will be limited to 15. I ask that if you choose to participate, you commit to attend all four conversations, barring illness or the unexpected. If you would like to participate, please contact me by phone (725-1379) or e-mail ([revKL Foley@comcast.net](mailto:revKL Foley@comcast.net)). I look forward to this adventure with you!

~ *Karen Foley*, your Affiliated Community Minister



## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

**B**y the time you read this column, I hope that you will have already heard many times about the new focus chosen to guide the work of this congregation over the next several years: **End Inequality**. On January 17, about 50 members and friends spent most of the day exploring topics we feel called to work on in our broken world. We sought a focus broad enough to appeal to the disparate group we are, open both to tangible action as well as study. In choosing to work on ending inequality, we recognized that its many guises include disparities in income, race, marriage and gender, and environmental health, to mention just a few.



In addition, delegates at the 2014 General Assembly selected "Escalating Inequality" to be the 2014-2018 Congregational Study/Action Issue of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), which will make available a wealth of related materials. We will have an opportunity not only to make a difference locally, but also to join with our denomination in this important endeavor. Many thanks to all who participated in this exciting decision.

We are not naïve—it's a big world and there's more inequality than our small numbers can end. But using **End Inequality** as a lens through which we choose projects and find inspiration, we hope to make the world a better place in the ways we can.

What will we do to implement this focus? How will we move forward to make this more than a tag line? Here's a start:

- The Board has asked the Nominating Committee to choose 4-5 church members to form a steering committee to help lead our efforts. They will be charged with identifying one or more church-wide projects pertaining to **End Inequality**, locating materials and study opportunities, soliciting ideas, and working with the Council to coordinate committee projects within this focus.
- Committees, groups, and task forces will continue to do their "usual" work, but will now have a new lens through which to explore additional goals related to **End Inequality**. In fact, some of the ideas that the Congregation brainstormed with the Long Range Planning Committee pertain to **End Inequality**. We hope that each committee or group will consider both the list of brainstormed items and our new focus as they make decisions and choose actions for the immediate future.

You may feel like me—simultaneously intimidated by the grandeur of our goal and excited to get started. I hope you will join me in finding the ways we will breathe life into these two words—**End Inequality**—and make them our inspiration for action.

With best wishes,  
*Cindy*

### VEGAN SUNDAY

February 15

The Vegan Sunday potluck will be held after church on **Sunday, Feb.15, at 12 noon** in Fellowship Hall. Come share delicious plant-based food and camaraderie with other vegans and those who want to explore a vegan diet as a pathway to better health for our bodies and our planet. Sorry, no drop-ins, but if you are planning to come, please RSVP to coordinator Deborah Zorach at [dszorach@gwi.net](mailto:dszorach@gwi.net) by **Thursday, Feb12**, and let her know what vegan dish you wish to bring.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND UUCB

In spring of 2014, UUCB's Working for Justice Steering Group joined with St. Paul's and First Parish churches and Bowdoin College to organize a community forum based on Michelle Alexander's book, *Mass Incarceration in an Age of Colorblindness*. That collaboration went on to explore the possibility of introducing restorative justice values and practices to the Brunswick Community. With guidance and facilitation from Restorative Justice Institute of Maine (RJIM), the group read Howard Zehr's *The Little Book of Restorative Justice* and has begun a series of five Exploratory Circles to learn more about restorative justice values, philosophy and practices. In March, "graduates" of this first series of circles will be prepared to offer similar series of exploratory circles within their congregations and workplaces, extending the capacity of the RJIM to promote restorative practices in Maine.

Those interested in restorative justice are encouraged to read Howard Zehr's short but very informative book and to consider joining the next round of exploratory circles. Wider effective action will demand a thorough understanding of restorative values and practices.

### CREATIVE CARPENTER NEEDED...

.....to construct a spacious bulletin board on wheels (portable in some manner) to replace the smaller board and easel that now hold postings of *Matters of Interest and Concern* across from the coffee urns.

UUCB needs a full sized board that will be easily moveable should that hall space be required for some other activity or should a bulletin board be needed temporarily in another church location.



If you might be that carpenter, please speak with Nancy Collins,

Pat Harris or Cathey Cyrus for more details.

## GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

What is Guest at Your Table?

GAYT is an annual fundraising and education program that supports UUSC's human rights work.

What is UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee)?

UUSC is a 501©(3) nonprofit organization based in Cambridge, Massachusetts that advances human rights in more than a dozen countries around the world through grassroots collaboration. Grounded in UU values, UUSC is nonsectarian and open to all.

### What is this year's Guest at Your Table theme?

This year's GAYT theme is food sustainability: ensuring that people have sufficient, affordable, healthy, and culturally appropriate food to eat and that it's produced in a way that doesn't damage the environment. This year's *Stories of Hope* (booklets passed out with collection boxes on March 1) highlight projects in Haiti, Kenya and Honduras – efforts for economic justice, educational opportunities for children, community responses to climate change and other advancements for human rights.

Why is it called Guest at Your Table?

This program introduces you to grassroots leaders around the world who are advancing human rights and who are supported by UUSC. You are encouraged to

"invite" those leaders to your table - into your community or your home - as "guests", by sharing their stories and contributing to their work through the UUSC. We are providing you with a box, decorated by our own RE children, into which you can put your contributions as you "share" each meal with your guests. We encourage you to talk together about the meaning of contributing to work that furthers human rights and sustainability.

How does the UUCB contribute to Guest at Your Table?

On March 1, the Sunday service will focus on the work of UUSC, and you will receive a collection box, decorated by our RE children along with a *Stories of Hope* booklet. Over the next 3 weeks, read and discuss these stories as well as other stories you know about people coming together to work for a more just and sustainable world. At each meal put your contributions into the box (or write a check to UUSC with GAYT in the memo line) and return your box/check to church on Sunday, March 22 during the church service. (If you cannot be there on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, you can bring your box or contribution to the church office to be turned in as part of the UUCB GAYT contribution to UUSC.)

For more information about UUSC, go to: <http://www.uusc.org>.

## MEMBERSHIP

### REACH OUT, NEWCOMERS!

We have diverse reasons for choosing UUCB as our spiritual home:

- We are curious about what goes on in this beautiful new building;
- We seek an open and affirming theology;
- We seek fellowship and community;
- We seek RE for our children or the opportunity to work with the children;
- We want to become involved in meaningful projects or in a group that supports our like-minded interests;
- We would like to take part in parish care, or social justice or environmental projects at UUCB...

It is wonderful to see many newcomers becoming involved in church activities. Others may feel timid about joining a group of folks who are long established at the church. Some may need direction in getting involved. Your Membership Committee is here to help! If you're looking to widen your horizons in church activities, speak to a Membership volunteer at the Visitor Table. We can connect you to the right person or group to get you started as a more active UUCB friend or member.

For our new members and friends, we provide a place of worship and community. We ask our congregation to give back of time, talent, and treasure. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways. Your time might be spent hosting coffee hour, a rewarding way to give on a short-term basis as you search for your niche in our community. Your talent might enhance the beautiful music provided by the choir. Or you might put your time, talent, and treasure to work during our numerous fundraising projects. We can help you find the perfect fit for your interests and talents.

Your financial gift, as you are able, is crucial to the maintenance of our building, our staff, and our programs. Donating cash during the Sunday offering helps to support our operating expenses and a different community service each month; pledging to our annual fund drive provides the bulk of our operating expenses; supporting our Capital Campaign, which funded our new building project, will help pay off our remaining building debt.

Reach beyond attendance at Sunday services to become involved in the many opportunities at UUCB.

Consider attending our next orientation class, if you haven't taken part in one, for an in depth discussion of our history, theology, and the programs of our church. Details of our March session will be available soon. Let us know how Membership Committee can help you enrich your journey with us. Your presence at UUCB is our most important treasure!

*Sally Horne*, for the Membership Committee

### PUT YOUR IDEAS IN THE HOPPER



The UUCB church council starts our 2015 season February 4th. We welcome new ideas for church programs, both large and small. If you have a thought for a new activity, let Marty Teitel, the Council facilitator know: [marty.teitel@gmail.com](mailto:marty.teitel@gmail.com), or 449-3953.

# February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>1</b> 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Larry Lemmel Concert 6 Chalice Circle: WBR <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>2</b> 4-6:30 Cul de Sax Rehearsal 7 Pagans: WBR 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>3</b> 1:30 Chalice Circle: WBR 4 Membership: MSR 4-5:30 Restorative Justice: MER 6 RE Comm: MER 6:30 Worship: MSR</p>	<p><b>4</b> 1-3 Writers: MSR 6 Council: MSR</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7-9 Choir: SAN</p>	<p><b>6</b> 11 am Fellowship Gallery: MSR <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>Habitat for Humanity</i>  <i>Office Closed</i></p>
<p><b>8</b> 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes Green Sanctuary: MSR <b>3 Cul de Sax Concert</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>9</b> 7 Pagans: WBR 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>10-1 Women's Alliance: FEL</b> 3:30 Restorative Justice: MER 6:30 Stories w Soul: WBR 7:30 Pastoral Care: MSR</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10-4 Art Display Down</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10-4 Art Display Up 10 Chalice Circle: WBR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email &amp; Order of Worship 7-9 Choir: SAN</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10:30 Building &amp; Grounds: MSR</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <i>Office Closed</i></p>
<p><b>15</b> 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes Green Sanctuary: MSR 12:30 Vegan Sunday <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>16</b> 7 Pagans: WBR 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN </p>	<p><b>17</b> 3 Chalice Circle: WBR <u>6:30-9 Board: MSR</u> </p>	<p><b>18</b> 1-3 Writers: MSR</p>	<p><b>19</b> 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email &amp; Order of Worship 7-9 Choir: SAN</p>	<p><b>20</b> 5 Parish Messenger Deadline  <b>7-10 Side Door Coffehouse: SAN</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p>
<p><b>22</b> 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>23</b> 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN 7 Pagans: WBR <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>24</b> 4-5:30 Restorative Justice: MER 6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Men's Luncheon:</b> Off Site</p>	<p><b>26</b> 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email &amp; Order of Worship 6-7:30 5 Rivers: MER 7-9 Choir: SAN</p>	<p><b>27</b> 6 Game Night: RE 7-9 Longfellow Days Birthday Party: SAN/FH</p>	<p><b>28</b> Working for Justice Sponsored Event  <i>Office Closed</i></p>
<p><b>Mar 1</b> 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 6 Chalice Circle: WBR <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>2</b> 7 Pagans: WBR 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN</p>	<p><b>3</b> 1:30 Chalice Circle: WBR 4 Membership: MSR 6 RE Comm: MER 6:30 Worship: MSR</p>	<p><b>4</b> 1-3 Writers: MSR 7-9 Working for Justice Sponsored Film: SAN/FH</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7-9 Choir: SAN</p>	<p><b>6</b> 11 am Fellowship Gallery: MSR</p>	<p><b>7</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p>

## ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS/DEADLINES

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**.

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 March Parish Messenger is **Friday, February 20th.** (michaud\_susan@comcast.net)