

# 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.*

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

### 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

TBA, Choir Accompanist

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

Tony Sulkoski, Sexton

### Sept 6 **“Creativity, Spirituality, and the UU Experience”**

Jud Caswell, worship leader, will be talking about about the connections between spiritual and creative practices, and a little bit about what that might mean for us as Unitarian Universalists. Music by Jud Caswell.

### Sept 13 **Homecoming Sunday**

Rev. Stocker and Nicole Shanks collaborate on this intergenerational service to launch the new church year. Music TBA.

### Sept 20 **“Columbo”**

Rev. Stocker preaching. Music TBA.

### Sept 27 **“Pause”**

Rev. Stocker preaching. Music by the choir, under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**W**elcome back! I hope everyone had just the type of summer they were hoping for- full of relaxation and rest, jumping from one adventure to another, or a combination of the two. For me, summer is a time for lots of reading and I came across something thought provoking in an essay in the book *After Preservation* (a good read, by the way). Andrew Revkin paraphrases a quote from the late liberal commentator Walter Lippman as follows: "The goal of politics is not to get everyone to think alike, but to get people who think differently to act alike." Seems pretty straightforward, but I found it eye opening as my natural tendency can be to try to make people think the way I do and to dismiss them if they won't. It can seem at times that there is no way to make progress, but this statement points out an important distinction between thought and action. People with very different beliefs, thoughts, and opinions can find ways to take common action to accomplish important goals. In RE this year our theme is community and working toward social and environmental justice. In a world where opinions are so divided and arguments are so heated, this quote can serve as a reminder for a way forward in the areas of social and environmental justice.

I'm excited to explore social and environmental issues with our children and youth this year. We'll be starting that exploration on September 21<sup>st</sup>, the first day of RE classes and youth group. We have lots of fun activities in store this year so stay tuned for announcements about upcoming events and activities. I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon!

*nicole*

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

### IMPORTANT RE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

**Volunteers Needed:** We are still seeking volunteers to be part of the teaching team for PreK-K RE class. Expect to commit to between 7-12 Sundays during the year depending on your availability. Want more information? Please contact Nicole at [uubrunswickdre@gmail.com](mailto:uubrunswickdre@gmail.com)

**Sept 9:** PreK-Grade 6 RE Volunteer Orientation, 6:30-8pm

**Sept 13:** Intergenerational Homecoming Service

**Sept 20:** Start of RE classes, youth group grade 7-12

### TEMPORARY CHANGES IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Our Church Office Administrator Shirley Bernier is out for several weeks, recovering from hip replacement surgery. The ongoing business of the church office is being handled by a fleet of volunteers in the meantime (for which Sylvia says, "thank you, thank you thank you"! Please be aware that the church will not be open as much as usual, and hours will be erratic until Shirley returns. If you have business to conduct at the church, please call first to make sure the building is open.

## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

How can it be that another summer is on the wane and we are already planning for our Homecoming potluck (Sept 12) and Homecoming service (Sept 13). Each year the summer speeds by at a faster clip!

Still, there is something exhilarating about this time of year. In most cases, people think of winter as a time of hibernation, as when bears head into their caves for their big sleep. But, from the church's viewpoint, summer can seem like a hibernating time, when people we see nearly every week during the rest of the year disappear to vacation spots or summer breaks. So I get excited about homecoming, when we gather in our summer sojourners and the hubbub of church life increases.

At the same time, I feel fortunate to be in a congregation that keeps going during the summer. This past summer lay leaders provided wonderful services at the end of June and during the month of July. I have been back in the pulpit since August 1. And church activities, while a little subdued compared to the rest of the year, have continued. We have had concerts, Stories with Soul, and discussion groups. Building and Grounds oversaw the creation of new gardens behind the church and kept them watered during the heat wave. Church leaders have continued meeting and making and carrying out plans. The Caring Committee continued to lend a hand to parishioners in need of practical assistance, and the Pastoral Care Associates continued to visit those who needed a listening ear. UUCB is percolating right along.

We really have become a 12-month church, and I love that. As one parishioner recently reflected, "It's nice to have the church so active in the summer so that when we have summer

guests we can bring them here." Amen. And thank you to the many, many people who have carried our work forward, even in the summer months.

Our congregation has much to look forward to in the coming months. The Accompanist Search Committee is nearing the end of their search for a pianist to step into the staff role vacated by Nell Britton. They should have exciting news to report to everyone soon. The End Inequality leadership team has been hard at work during the summer, and the whole congregation will have opportunities to dig into the abundant opportunities to work on that initiative during the coming church year.

The Adult Religious Education task force started off with a big splash by planning a hugely successful book discussion on *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande: Sixty-two people attended an after-church discussion of the book led by Judy Chamberlain and Bill Clark. The RE Committee has been searching for a new Youth Advisor. The Sabbatical Task Force has been

putting the finishing touches on plans for my sabbatical, which begins October 1.

Here's the thing: When everyone pitches in at least a little bit, our congregation thrives. So I ask you to think about some areas of church life where we need a little bit of muscle power. The Fundraising Committee needs a few new members and, most especially, someone to take the lead of the existing group. The Annual Pledge Drive Committee needs members to begin making plans now so that the pledge campaign rolls out smoothly in early 2016. And, in fact, most of our church committees are open to folks who are willing to put in some time and energy. Take a look around and see where your skills and interests might fit in with the work of our congregation. Working together, lending our wisdom, creativity, and industriousness to the mix, we create a congregation that thrives all year round.

I look forward to seeing you in church!

Love, *Sylvia*



## LAST CALL FOR CHALICE CIRCLE REGISTRATION!

Chalice Circles are small groups that meet monthly for respectful listening and sharing on deep and meaningful topics—a wonderful way to get to know others in a deeper way than most social occasions allow. People often tell me that once they've been in such a group, when they come to church events they see people they now know and feel connected with them.

To quote Sylvia: “The groups help us to embrace our Mission Statement. Each meeting has a *spiritual* component. The groups *welcome all* who are interested; at the end of a year, the groups re-form to open the door for more newcomers to join them. Group members *nurture one another* during the year by creating an environment where deep listening can occur. And groups provide service to both church and wider community to help us engage in our commitment to *work for justice* and to *care for the earth.*” each group performs two service projects, one for UUCB and one for the greater community.

In Chalice Circles we covenant to listen in silence and wait until a speaker is done speaking to begin speaking (some form of announcing our intention to speak is used, perhaps a gesture or a “talking stick”). Silence, when it occurs, is enriching and beneficial, allowing us to fully take in what the other says. This is very counter-cultural!

We covenant not to engage in cross-talk (direct response by one person to another), but to simply hold in

respect and care what the other has said. When we speak we don't address our remarks to individuals but “speak into the circle.” We may agree or disagree with the speaker, but we speak from our own perspective and our own experience rather than critique or argue a point of view. We do not offer advice unless it is asked for. All of this is counter-cultural too!

As you may be picking up here, Chalice Circles are not “discussions” or times to share our knowledge, not even a “conversation” in the usual way of conversation in our culture. They are an opportunity for intentional, deep sharing from our own perspectives and experiences, an opportunity to hear others in a way we don't usually get to—and to *be heard* in a way we don't usually get to be heard! It can be transformative to be heard with genuine respect and care.

If you feel you need more detailed information about Chalice Circles in order to decide if one may be for you, you may ask the church office for a copy of the UUCB Chalice Circle Handbook. All participants receive one but they are available in advance.

The 2015-16 Chalice Circle season begins with sign-ups now until September 20. Circles will meet October through June. Chalice Circles are being offered at specific days and times when facilitators are available to lead them. To participate in one for the coming year, please fill out the form below and **return it to the church office no later than Sunday, September 20.**

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### Chalice Circles Signup Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I want to join a Chalice Circle. I am available for gatherings at the following times when they are being offered. (Circle all that apply.) *I understand I need to make attendance a commitment so that my Chalice Circle can succeed.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tuesday morning (9:30-11:30)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wednesday afternoon** (exact time to be determined)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Thursday afternoon (12:30-2:30)** (You may bring a brown bag lunch if you wish)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Friday morning** (exact time TBD)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday afternoon** (exact time TBD)

Please return this form to the church office **no later than Sunday, September 20.**

Questions? Karen Foley, 725-1379, or Sylvia Stocker at the church office.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### HELP BUILD A NEW HOME

On **Saturday, September 12**, UUCB volunteers will be working on the second Habitat home, the Faith Build. We now have seven volunteers, but could use one more. We are looking for a strong male, but we will take a strong female, as we might be doing siding and sheet rocking. We work from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, taking a break for lunch. If you are interested in working, please contact Gretchen at 833-5125 or [gkamile-wicz@gmail.com](mailto:gkamile-wicz@gmail.com). If you can't work, you could provide lunch for the workers.



#### HABITAT RESTORE

The Habitat ReStore is looking for volunteer help at the store. There is a notice on the bulletin board at church, but they need help in the warehouse, a truck driver, cashier, and in customer service. Call Michele



Again, thanks. *Gretchen*



## SEPTEMBER'S CHARITY WITH SOUL

### NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL OF MAINE

The Natural Resources Council of Maine is a nonprofit membership organization protecting, restoring, and conserving Maine's environment, now and for future generations. For more than 50 years, the Natural Resources Council of Maine has been protecting the places and way of life that make Maine so special. They work to:



Natural Resources  
Council of Maine  
Protecting the Nature of Maine

- Protect the health of Maine's rivers, lakes, and wetlands
- Reduce the amount and toxicity of waste to conserve natural resources and stop toxic pollution
- Set Maine on a path to a prosperous sustainable energy future, without climate-changing pollution
- Conserve Maine's woods, wilderness, and wildlife.

NRCM harnesses the power of the law, science, and the voices of more than 16,000 supporters statewide and beyond.

## MUUSAN



MUUSAN was represented at the 11th Annual Peace Fair in Brunswick by Lynn Ellis, Mary Ann Larson and Trudy Ferland. This was the first time MUUSAN took part in this fair that takes place the first Saturday in August each year. It was such fun to have people stop by and learn about what we've been doing over the past year on issues of Climate Action, Democracy in Action and Healthcare.



*Mary Ann, a member of the MUUSAN steering committee wrote the following letter that was published in the July 29th Portland Press Herald. This is just one example of how MUUSAN advocates for issues that are important to UU's and will better the world.*

### Legislative action needed to tap solar energy's potential

Thanks to Dr. Lisa Ryan of the Maine Medical Association and Dr. Daniel Oppenheim of Physicians for Social Responsibility for their July 11 op-ed, "[Maine Voices: Denial, delay by fossil fuel industry have slowed action on climate change.](#)" outlining the potential public health disaster resulting from our failure to act now to limit the burning of fossil fuels.

The authors mention "[Death by Degrees.](#)" a report from the Maine Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility and an easy-to-digest summary of the adverse health outcomes we can expect here in Maine if the status quo prevails.

In light of the aforementioned threats, it's particularly troubling that the Maine Legislature failed this year to pass any legislation that would have spurred further installation of solar energy on homes and businesses.

The session's major solar policy bill was passed only as a "resolve" that directs the Public Utilities Commission to create a stakeholder process that could result in a

comprehensive new approach. Support for renewables will ultimately depend on a less hostile stance by utility companies and a governor who's not focused on the fuels of the past century.

Thanks are due to the Portland legislative delegation, though, for their support of the solar policy bill.

So Maine remains in last place among New England states in solar installations, in spite of Maine's enormous potential to capitalize on this renewable resource.

As a representative of the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network, this is particularly troubling to me. Our faith asks us to be good stewards of the earth's gifts, believing that the web of life connects us all.

Our past actions have already guaranteed a hotter future. Unless we speak up and insist on something better for ourselves, our children and future generations, we can be assured of major havoc worldwide in the not-too-distant future.

The next MUUSAN meeting, focusing on Restoring Democracy, will be held on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at the Augusta UU Church.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### THIRD SUNDAY FORUM STARTING IN SEPTEMBER



The Third Sunday Forum will be introduced on Sunday, September 19th. Each third Sunday from September through June, the public policy focus group within Working for Justice will organize a speaker and/or educate on current legislative issues which may include petition or letter signing. These forums will be held in the May Sarton room following the service.

On September 19th, **Matthea Daughtry** of Brunswick, House District 49 and a member of UUCB will speak to us on current issues for the new legislative year.

UU principles promote furthering justice, equity and compassion in human relations as well as ensuring the use of the democratic process. WFJ is working in collaboration with these principles and the Maine UU State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) to stay active with advocacy and

influencing legislation. In a denomination with a long history of social activism, UUCB and MUUSAN seek to amplify our individual and congregational efforts by joining together at the state level and beyond to influence policy development and to promote a more just society.

We hope you will join this informative gathering to learn more about what is happening in our State capitol and in our communities on the issues of climate, democracy in action, health care and many others.

If you have questions or want to collaborate on an upcoming third Sunday forum agenda, please contact Lynn Ellis at [lynnsellis@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnsellis@yahoo.com) or 207-479-5208.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICES?

*Consider participating in a 3 session Exploratory Circle series*  
**Tuesdays, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 5-7pm**  
**UU Church of Brunswick**

Exploratory Circles were designed by the *Restorative Justice Institute of Maine (RJIM)* to bring people together to explore restorative philosophy, values and practices as they relate to building and repairing relationships and community. *RJIM* believes that when individuals within a community develop a thorough understanding of restorative values and practices, the culture of that community begins to shift, making attempts at community wide action more effective.

Exploratory Circles are *not* intended to promote the creation of a direct services action plan but *do* provide valuable preparation for individuals who may wish to become directly involved in future training and service roles that will become available through ongoing community organizing by *RJIM*.

Those who wish to join the October Exploratory Circles 3 session series to deepen their understanding of restorative practices should register their interest by contacting Cathey Cyrus through the UUCB church office (729-8515) or Andree Appel through the St. Paul's Church office (725-5342). All Circle participants are asked to read Howard Zehr's short but very informative book, *The Little Book of Restorative Justice*, in advance of the first session. Copies of Zehr's book are available for \$5.00 at the UUCB and St. Paul's church offices.



## FUNDRAISING

### UUCB CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE: BILL STAINES

Saturday, September 26, 2015 @ 7:30pm



One of the best-known and beloved singer-songwriters from the American folk music scene is making his way to Brunswick. Bill Staines will perform a concert fundraiser for the UU Church of Brunswick on Sat, September 26, 2015 at 7:30pm.

Bill Staines has spent five decades on the road singing his songs and entertaining audiences, starting with the Boston folk scene in the early 1960s. With his heartfelt songs, his warm, smooth baritone, his prowess on guitar, his charm and his gentle humor, he is one of the most popular singers on the folk music circuit today.

Staines, whose music is described as “a slice of Americana,” has appeared on Garrison Kieller’s Prairie Home Companion, Public Radio’s Mountain Stage and puts on nearly 200 shows a year around the country. And in what has to be the ultimate tribute for a songwriter, many of his songs have been recorded by everybody from Peter, Paul and Mary and Nanci Griffith to Glenn Yarbrough and the Irish folk duo, Tommy Makem and Liam Clancy.

Staines has recorded 26 solo albums, including two children’s recordings. More than 80 of his tunes have been published in songbooks. Staines has also made his mark yodeling. He won the National Yodeling Championship in Kerrville, Texas, in 1975 and has become a perennial instructor of yodeling workshops. If that’s not enough, Bill is left-handed and plays a right-handed guitar upside-down, with the bass strings on the bottom!

Staines writes songs with instantly memorable sing-along choruses. His now classic, melodically charming, enviably clear, lyrical songs, like “The Roseville Fair,” “A Place in the Choir” and “River,” are graced with home-spun wisdom on life, love and memories, and are decorated with beautiful, melodic threads and flowing, pristine lyrics.

**Tickets are \$15 in advance** or \$17 at the door. Available at the church office (729-8515), at Gulf of Maine Books, or ONLINE at <http://www.uucbstaines.brownpapertickets.com>.

ALSO available after church from David Roundy or at the Side Door Coffee house on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### APPRAISAL FAIR HAS A NEW DATE: NOVEMBER 7 FROM 1-4 PM

In November, the Fundraising Committee will be having an Appraisal Fair to raise money for the church. **Caroline Evans** will be heading up this fun event..

**Freeman's Auction House**, based out of Philadelphia and the oldest auction houses in the country, will be sending THREE expert appraisers to place a value on your (and other local people's) antiques, fine art, decorative arts, or jewelry. Appraisals are important for insurance purposes, or if need to know the value for sales or bequeathing purposes.

The fair will be held at the **Community Center at Highland Green** which has ample parking and easy access with no steps. (Thank you to Charlie and Carol Evans for sponsoring the event with Highland Estates.)

How does it work? Local people bring their treasured items for valuation by the appraisers who have agreed to do this for us at **no cost**. Funds are raised for the church by requesting a donation for each item appraised (**\$10 each, or 3 items for \$25**). You can bring almost anything that you want EXCEPT coins, stamps, guns, or carpets.. Although it is easier to put a value on items that can be seen in person, the appraisers are willing to do the appraisal from photos if items are too bulky or fragile. Reservations are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

#### UPCOMING FUNDRAISING CONCERTS

- ◆ Bill Staines—Sat, Sep 26
- ◆ Jesse Feinberg—**Sat**, Oct 24
- ◆ Ellis Paul—Sat, Mar 12
- ◆ Maine Gay Men's Chorus—Sun, May 15

#### REFRESHMETNS NEEDED FOR BILL STAINES CONCERT

**Refreshment Organizer**—Recruits people to donate baked goods/drinks, to setup refreshment table, and to cleanup the kitchen area.

**The Refreshment ORGANIZER gets 2 FREE Concert Tickets (a \$30 value)!!**

Contact Sue Michaud (729-4857 or michaud\_susan@comcast.net) if you are interested in organizing the kitchen or simply donating food or time in the kitchen.

Appraisal fairs are fun and informative events that are always salted with unexpected surprises. If you have watched "Antiques Roadshow" on PBS, you know how fun the process can be. As a matter of fact, one of the appraisers coming, Kelly Wright, is an "Antiques Roadshow" regular. Another appraiser, Virginia Salem, is an expert on jewelry. The third is Sue Michaud's nephew who has been an appraiser for Freeman's for many years.

Please contact Caroline at 607-0962 if you would like to help with this event. **We will need people for logistics, setup/cleanup, lugging items in and out of people's cars, and refreshments.**



Fundraising Committee: *Caroline Evans, Sue Michaud, David Roundy, and ????*

#### EVENT ORGANIZERS NEEDED:

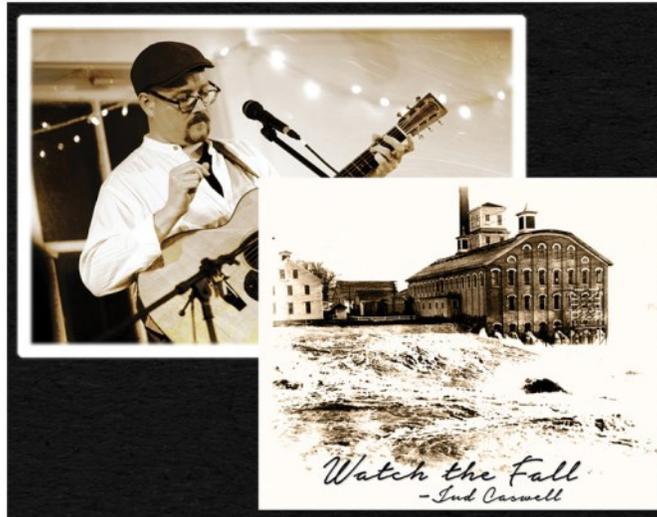
- ◆ **Committee Coordinator/Chair**
- ◆ Organizer of Craft Tables for the **Holiday Fair** (Dec 6)
- ◆ **Live and Silent Auction Organizers** (Apr 30)
- ◆ **Plant Sale Organizer** (May 7)

If you would like to help out, please contact Mary Larsen, Board Chair



THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
 UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of BRUNSWICK  
 1 MIDDLE STREET  
 OPEN MIKE SIGNUP - 6:45 PM  
 OPEN MIKE START - 7:00 PM  
 FEATURED PERFORMER - 8:30 PM  
 SUGGESTED DONATION: \$8

# Jud Caswell



Jud Caswell is happy to celebrate the release of his new CD, "Watch the Fall" at the Side Door Coffeehouse. Jud is a Brunswick native who first hit the national folk scene in 2004 with a long string of wins at some of the most prestigious songwriting contests in the country. He has performed at the Kerrville Folk Festival, the Philadelphia Folk Festival, and the Boston Folk Festival, among others, but is always happiest playing at this home town Coffeehouse that gave him his start back in 1996.

*"Jud Caswell is a rare and eloquent song poet who truly deserves your time and your God-given listening apparatus..."* – FolkWax

## Friday Evening, September 18

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

**PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER STARTING TIMES**

### HELP SUPPORT JUD WITH HIS NEW CD

UUCB's very own Jud Caswell is the featured artist at the Side Door this month, and he is going to use that event as a CD release party. He is doing a "crowdsourcing" fundraiser this month that basically amounts to pre-selling the album and offering some special bonuses (as well as letting people hear the album immediately!). There are links to all of that on his website <http://www.judcaswell.com> or you can donate directly at: <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/jud-caswell-s-new-cd-watch-the-fall#>

**FREE CONCERTS**

**FIRST TUESDAY CONCERT SERIES**

**HUGH MAYNARD & NAN WHITE FEATURED AT SEPTEMBER 1 CONCERT**

UUCB's informal First Tuesday Concerts continue on Tuesday, September 1 at 12:15 pm in the church Sanctuary. Come just to listen, or bring your brown bag lunch to enjoy during the music.

**Hugh Maynard and Nan White** will present thirty minutes of restful, relaxing Oboe and flute music.

First Tuesday Concerts are presented free of charge, thanks to the generosity of UUCB musicians. They will continue through September with an additional concert scheduled for October 6. Mark your calendar now!



**Nell Britton**

Pianist and  
Accompanist at  
UUCB



**PIANO CONCERT**

September 13, 2015

After church

12:00 pm

**LARRY LEMMEL, PIANO**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**11:30 AM**



Music by Bach, Beethoven, Bartok, and Clara Schumann

Admission free

*Please bring friends*

## ADULT EDUCATION

### COMMUNITY READ A GREAT SUCCESS

UUCB's first community read and discussion, sponsored by the Adult Education Task Force, focused on the book, *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters at the End*, by Dr. Atul Gawande. A discussion led by Dr. Judy Chamberlain and Dr. Bill Clark took place after church on Sunday, August 16 with 62 people in attendance.

Participants expressed a strong interest in follow-up activities on end of life issues, and the task force is already developing some additional program possibilities. Thanks to everyone who attended and provided feedback on their interests and needs!



**YOU ARE INVITED**

### Homecoming Potluck

September 12

5:30pm

UUCB Sanctuary

This will be our first all-church dinner in our new building. We hope you can all attend. Stay tuned for more details.



### YSAYE BARNWELL IS COMING!!

On Saturday, **April 2nd**, Ysaye Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock will be bringing her amazing all-day workshop **Building a Vocal Community: Singing in the African-American Tradition** to our church and community to raise money for the church. She will also be part of the worship service on Sunday. This is a repeat of the very successful workshop that was done several years ago at our church.

Heidi and the Choir will be the organizers of this event. We will need lots of volunteers for the event since we will be serving lunch to the attendees.

**START SPREADING THE NEWS...**

## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

I hope you are all enjoying these waning days of summer. Although things have been pretty quiet in board activities, there are a few things to mention.

First, the plantings on the south side of the building, towards Maine Street, have been completed. As some of you will recall, we received permission from our neighbor to cut some trees down so the building crew could move equipment in necessary for the building process. We promised to replant and jointly agreed to plant lilac bushes. Under the Building and Grounds committee, Clara Ross drew up the plans and selected the bushes. Maryli Tiemann has been dutifully watering them in this dry summer to give them a healthy start. I know she'd welcome help with that task, so contact her if you are willing.

The second thing of note is the resignation of Steve Donahue as trustee. Steve has been on the board for several years, but growing health obligations for

both he and Gale have made it prudent to be freer with his time. Steve has always offered a fresh approach to ideas during board meetings. He's a man who "thinks outside the box" and his creativity has been a welcome addition to our discussions. His particular concern was that we more actively market our wonderful church more effectively. It will be a challenge for all of us to continue his enthusiasm. A big "thank you" is due to Steve for his time served.

Lastly, the board invites every one of you to our Homecoming Potluck on Saturday, September 12. This will be our first all-church dinner in our new building and we'd like to make it a very special one! Debbie Zorach and her extensive committee will be providing details on the specifics, but the key ingredient to this dinner's success is you and your family! It will be a lot of fun, and a very fulfilling night to have you all there. See you then!

*Mary Larson, Chair*

## 2ND ANNUAL PORTLAND GREENFEST

**Monument Square, Portland**  
**Saturday, September 12th**  
**10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Free!**

NRCM is proud to co-sponsor the second annual [Portland GreenFest](http://www.portlandgreenfest.org) on Saturday, September 12th in Portland's Monument Square! GreenFest is southern Maine's premiere annual eco-fair featuring music, art, eco-fashion, local food, kids' activities, exhibits, workshops, films, and demonstrations. Learn how to green up your home, school, and office, celebrate green initiatives happening in Portland and beyond, enjoy local music and food, and learn how to get involved in Maine's environmental movement. The event is free and open to the public.



fmi: <http://www.portlandgreenfest.org>

## VEGAN SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15

The Vegan Sunday group will resume its monthly potluck after church on Sunday, September 21, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. **All are welcome.** 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 Andrea Sinclair at [asinclair@gwi.com](mailto:asinclair@gwi.com) or 725-9307 by Thursday, September 17, and let her know what vegan dish you wish to bring.

## WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

### NUGGETS FOR BETTER HEALTH

The Women's Alliance will meet at the Church on **Tuesday, September 8, at 10:30 A.M.** The presenter will be **Jean Rice**, Health Kinesiologist, Certified Brain Gym Consultant, and Holistic Health Care Certified Practitioner. This program is an opportunity to learn or be reminded of ways to be healthy every day. Please be prepared to participate in this discussion! Jean practices out of Bath, Maine.



## HOPE'S GOING AWAY PARTY



# SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry Rm MSR = May Sarton Room RE = All RE Space		1 <b>12:15 First Tuesday Concert:</b> SAN (Hugh Maynard/Nan White) 5-6 Internal: WBR <b>6:30 Worship :</b> MSR	2	3 <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email <b>7 Choir:</b> SAN	4 <b>11:00 Fellowship Gallery Committee:</b> MSR <i>Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Office Closed</i>
6 <b>10 Church Service</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	7 	8 <b>10:30 Women's Alliance:</b> SAN <b>4-6 Membership :</b> MSR <b>5 Finance :</b> WBR <b>6:30 Stories :</b> WBR <b>7:30 Pastoral Care:</b> MSR	9 <b>3-5 Writers:</b> MSR <b>6:30-8 RE Volunteer Orientation</b>	10 <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email <b>7 Choir:</b> SAN	11 <b>10:30 Buildings &amp; Grounds:</b> MSR Curtis Memorial Library Setup in PM 5-8 pm Art Walk <i>Office Closed</i>	12 7-2 RENTAL: Curtis Memorial Library <b>5:30 Homecoming Potluck:</b> SAN <i>Office Closed</i>
13 <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>12 Nell Britton Piano Concert:</b> SAN <i>Office Closed</i>	14 6 AllCare: MSR <b>7 Merry Meeting Singers :</b> SAN <b>7 Pagans :</b> WBR <i>Office Closed</i>	15 <b>6:30-9 Board:</b> MSR	16 <b>7 Council:</b> MSR	17 <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email <b>7 Choir:</b> SAN	18 <b>5 Parish Messenger Deadline</b> <b>7 Side Door Coffeeshouse/CD Release Party</b> (Jud Caswell) <i>Office Closed</i>	19 <i>Office Closed</i>
20 <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes</b> <b>11:30 3rd Sunday Public Forum</b> (Matthea Daughtry) <b>12:30 Vegan Lunch:</b> FEL	21 <b>7 Merry Meeting Singers :</b> SAN <b>7 Pagans :</b> WBR <i>Office Closed</i>	22 <b>6:30 Stories :</b> WBR	23 <b>3-5 Writers:</b> MSR 	24 <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email <b>7 Choir:</b> SAN	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26 <b>7:30 Bill Staines Concert:</b> SAN
27 <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes</b> <b>11:30 Parent Orientaion</b> <b>11:30 Larry Lemmel Piano Concert</b>	28 <b>7 Merry Meeting Singers :</b> SAN <b>7 Pagans :</b> WBR <i>Office Closed</i>	29	30 <b>Men's Luncheon:</b> Off Site	Oct 1 <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email <b>7 Choir:</b> SAN	2 <b>11:00 Fellowship Gallery Committee:</b> MSR <i>Office Closed</i>	3 <i>Office Closed</i>

Reverend Stocker on Sabbatical

## 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 October Parish Messenger is **Friday, September 18th**. (michaud\_susan@comcast.net)