

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

March 5 "Hand-Me-Downs"

Claire Curole

Our lives are a mix of new things and old, those we choose and those that show up unexpectedly. A service on welcoming unexpected treasures. Music by Derek Herzer.

March 12 "Seeds of Courage"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Confucius says "Wisdom, compassion, and courage are the three universally recognized moral qualities of human beings." A healthy church helps people increase in wisdom and compassion. But how about courage? Music by Derek Herzer.

March 19 Music Sunday

Heidi Neufeld

One part church service and one part recital, Heidi Neufeld and the choir explore who "We Are" through music. Music by Derek Herzer and the Choir.

March 26 "Payday Someday"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Most of us have to (or have had to) work for money. Today, as we launch our annual pledge drive, we consider how we can make money work for us in an ethical, moral, and compassionate way. This Sunday will also be the kickoff Sunday for our annual Guest at Your Table program to raise funds for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. (The final UUSC collection will happen on April 9.) Music by Jud Caswell.

*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

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Director of Religious Education

Stephanie Bernier, Music Coordinator

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Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

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Claire Curole, Ministerial Intern

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Susan Michaud, Parish Messenger

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This month in RE we are exploring what it means to have courage through the lens of Judaism and the story of Queen Esther. This story can be found in the Old Testament of the Bible in the Book of Esther.

This story is the basis of the Jewish holiday of Purim which is a joyous celebration of how the Jewish people living in Persia were saved from genocide. In the story Queen Esther, who was the wife of the King of Persia, makes a courageous stand to save her people from being destroyed by her husband's advisor, Haman. I will be introducing the story at the worship service on March 5th. If you want to explore more on your own during the month of March, the movie *One Night with the King* (PG, Common Sense media recommends for 8 years old and up) is based on this story. Courage in standing up for one's beliefs and values even in the face of serious consequences seems apropos for these times. Some thoughts to ponder this month are: What social issues are you

most passionate about? Of those issues are there any you would risk social rejection, jail time, or even your life to defend? How do you decide what are appropriate risks to take when it comes to standing up for what you believe? These are some tough questions- share your thoughts with your friends and family!

In other news...The Board recently approved a DRE Sabbatical under recommendation from Rev. Sylvia and the RE Committee. My Sabbatical will take place from September through December in 2017. This coming August will mark my 9th year of employment at the UUCB. Time really flies! I am very much looking forward to this period of study, reflection, and personal growth, and I am grateful to work for an organization that is willing to offer me this opportunity. In regards to professional development, I will be spending some time visiting other churches to see how they do their religious education programming, reading several books from a long reading list recommended by the UUA DRE credentialing program, and attending workshops/webinars offered through the UUA. For my personal growth and renewal I plan to spend time learning and practicing meditation and yoga, doing lots of trail running and racing, and taking one or two college classes of personal interest. In 2017/2018, Religious Education programming will take place in much the same manner as it did this year, the major difference being that many volunteers will be taking on my various tasks that make our RE program happen. I will be working a bit extra over the spring and summer to plan, organize, and prepare scheduling and curricula to have most things ready for volunteers to implement this fall. Two committees are in place to make sure that this Sabbatical goes smoothly for both the congregation and myself. Several volunteers have stepped forward to be part of an augmented Religious Education Committee and a Sabbatical Support Committee. You will be hearing from these folks, in addition to the Board, as we organize and plan for my Sabbatical. I will keep you updated as my plans for professional and personal growth become more solidified so that you will be able to see not only how this Sabbatical will benefit me, but will benefit the congregation as well. Many thanks in advance for your support.

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 Boutilier, is available by appointment. You can call her at the church office or email her at uubrunswickdre@gmail.com.

Monday is the Sabbath for church staff.

Telephone/Fax: 207 729-8515

E-mail: uubruns@gwi

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

Important RE Announcements and Dates

March 05: RE classes, youth group
Party at Bath YMCA from 12:30-2:30!!

March 12: RE classes

March 19: RE classes, youth group

March 26: RE classes, youth group

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

I have been watching the growing light. So have some of the other creatures I share this beloved planet with: This morning, I couldn't help but hear the song birds beginning to sing again. Even though it's still cold when the light begins to return to the land, those brave little feathered creatures start to usher forth their spring time songs.

Some weeks ago, I used a Wendell Berry poem as a reading in the worship service. I have found myself haunted by Berry's words ever since I discovered the poem:

To my granddaughters who visited the Holocaust Museum on the day of the burial of Yitzhak Rabin

Now you know the worst
we humans have to know
about ourselves, and I am sorry,

for I know that you will be afraid.
To those of our bodies given
without pity to be burned, I know

there is no answer
but loving one another,
even our enemies, and this is hard.

But remember:
when a man of war becomes a man of peace,
he gives a light, divine

though it is also human.
When a man of peace is killed
by a man of war, he gives a light.

You do not have to walk in darkness.
If you will have the courage for love,
you may walk in light. It will be

the light of those who have suffered
for peace. It will be
your light.

~ Wendell Berry, *(A Timbered Choir)* ~

Light returns to the natural world all by itself. The earth and the sun do their little dance, and, voila! Light!

But what about the light we bring? The light of courage, of love, of conscience? That's pretty different from a seasonal change that happens like clockwork. The light of a human soul needs to be

nurtured, encouraged, tended – harvested, even. That light can be fierce and brilliant, but it also can be a timid, tiny, faltering flame, especially in the face of great evil and perfidy.

Much, much is broken in our world. Greed, prejudice, hatred, anger, and fear abound. Such powerful and ominous qualities can cause even the brightest of lights to sputter. But I love Berry's poem so because it reminds me I have a light. If that light feels weak and dim sometimes, then I need to blow gently on that little flame, giving it the fuel it requires to shine forth again.

One thing I so appreciate about a church community like ours is the safe incubator it provides for growing that inner light. With encouragement, inspiration, and nurturing, I learn, I remember, to blow gently on that inner spark so that its flame rises up. Church helps me build the courage for love so that I may walk in light. The way will not be easy. There are myriad ways to stumble in darkness. But love is always the way back to light. Always.

Love and light,
Sylvia



MEMBERSHIP

CIRCLE SUPPERS

It's that time again: Time to make new connections. Time to get to know your fellow church-goers in a more intimate setting. Time to share a delicious meal with 6 or 8 people in the comfort of someone's home. Time to dust off the recipe of your favorite side dish or dessert to contribute. In short, it's time for Circle Suppers at UUCB!

This spring Circle Suppers will take place on **Saturday, March 18th and Saturday, March 25th**. On March 25th there will be evening gatherings as well as a vegan luncheon. Look for the sign up table after church and join the fun--either as a host or an attendee. Don't be shy--it's easy and fun!



MEET MEMCOM'S NEWEST MEMBER:



ERIKA MCKENNEY

I was born and grew up right here in Brunswick Maine. I graduated Brunswick High School in 2002 then attended University of Maine Farmington. I graduated in 2006 with a degree in special education. Farmington is also where I met Ryan. Fall 2006 was a busy year for me. I started teaching at Mt Ararat High School and Ryan and I got married. I taught for 3 years before leaving my job to become a stay at home mom. These days my time is mostly filled with caring for my 3 wonderful children. Bryce(7), Evelyn(4), and Jocelyn (18 months.) My family joined the UUCB about a year ago. We have really enjoyed the community we have found here. We were searching to add to the "village" that surrounds our children, and UUCB has been a wonderful addition. And it has the added bonus of providing a community for Ryan and me as well. I am excited to have joined the Membership Committee and hope I will be a helpful addition.

**REMINDER: DAPHNE HOLDEN'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE
SUNDAY, MARCH 5 AT 2PM**



UUCB CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

WOMEN IN HARMONY

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 AT 7:30 PM

Women in Harmony presents a concert of choral music that reflects their vision for the world, including songs about working to make the world a better place. Their songs convey the need for action, for honoring the earth and one another, for seeking unity among people, and helping those in need. The program includes Holly Nears "Fired Up", "Common Woman" by The Righteous Mothers, "Arlington" and "One Voice" by the Wailin Jennys, "Everybody Eats When They Come To My House" (made famous by Cab Calloway), "Bound for Freedom", "Swimming to the Other Side" by Emmas Revolution, and more.

Women in Harmony has been singing for social justice for over 20 years. They are a diverse group of women, gay and straight, musically sophisticated and musically untrained who unite in song and a spirit of fairness. Women in Harmony is dedicated both to musical excellence and social justice. This intersection of high-quality music and thoughtful social action gives them a unique niche among singing groups in Northern New England. The chorus serves the community by providing learning opportunities for women of diverse musical backgrounds, partnering regularly with other local organizations, and promoting the work of women composers and musicians. Women in Harmony sings for unity among women, advocating social, political, and economic equality for all. Their music is culturally and stylistically varied, daring, and full of life. The songs, while diverse in style, all convey the importance of connection and community.



Tickets: \$12 in Advance, \$15 at the door
Available at the church office,
Gulf of Maine Books, or online at
<http://womenharmony.brownpapertickets.com>.

DAVID MALLET

David Mallett and his 4 band members performed to a sold-out crowd on January 28.

We raised another \$3,198 for local charities!



A fun time was had by ALL!

UUCB CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE



Libana performing at the Tarab Tanger Festival in Morocco

worldwide as troubadours of peace-- most recently, in Bulgaria, India, and Morocco -- and that has given expression to women's experience for 35 years.

Whether moved to tears by their beautiful soaring harmonies, or lifted out of your chair by their pounding rhythms and dance, you will leave Libana's performance feeling uplifted.

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Buy them from Sue Michaud or David Roundy after church services. Also available at the church office, Gulf of Maine Books, or online at <http://libana.brownpapertickets.com>.

Refreshments still needed for the Libana concert.

Please let us know what you can bring. Sign-up sheets will be available after church services, or contact Sue Michaud, 729-4857 or michaud_susan@comcast.net



Libana performing in Delhi, India

LIBANA

UU Church of Brunswick
Sat, March 11, 2017 @
7:30 pm

Snow Date: Sun, Mar 12 @ 3pm

Internationally renowned WORLD music & dance ensemble Libana's global repertoire covers a vast musical spectrum expressed with stunning close a cappella vocals and an impressive palette of instruments. Interweaving music, dance and story from such divergent cultures as the Balkans, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, South America and Europe.

Libana is an ensemble that performs

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MARCH CHARITY WITH SOUL TEDFORD HOUSING

Our Mission: Tedford Housing works together with people in their communities to find lasting solutions to the challenges of homelessness. We provide shelter, housing, and services that empower adults, children and families in need.

Tedford Housing believes that everyone deserves to have a safe and affordable home. Over the years, the organization has evolved from providing emergency shelter to adults to offering shelter, supported housing and homeless prevention services for adults, families and teens. On any given day, Tedford Housing is working with 120 people who do not have a permanent or stable home. With the help of our many supporters, we serve over 800 people each year.



For more information, please call [207-729-1161](tel:207-729-1161) or visit www.tedfordhousing.org. Dial #101 if you are interested in volunteering or donating to Tedford Housing.

UPDATE ON TWO WORKING FOR JUSTICE INITIATIVES

Update on Two Working for Justice Initiatives

- Reaching out in support to asylum seekers and other new Mainers
- Creating programming about the painful history and present of Maine's Native peoples, including changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day

In October and November 2016, WFJ called two separate community wide meetings to invite discussion of the possibility of collaborative action on each of these issues.

Support to asylum seekers/new Mainers planning group

Thirty people attended the initial 10/25 presentation by the Yarmouth Compassionate Housing Initiative which provides temporary housing to asylum seekers. About 15 people continue monthly planning meetings to explore how Brunswick can most meaningfully reach out to new Mainers. Planners have been educating themselves about new Mainers' needs and existing resources with invited speakers, calls and visits to community organizations and through the experiences of people within the group who have been actively involved providing services to refugees and asylum

seekers. Identified needs include: short term and long term housing, language learning, advocacy/mentoring, employment support, food, furniture/household supplies, social connection/relationships. Thirty-four people are on the contact list to offer help when specific action is identified. People on that list have connection to volunteers from six different church congregations. The planning group meets again on 2/22 at UUCB.

Moving from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day

Over 20 people gathered on 10/29 to learn about the successful initiative in Belfast and the ongoing organizing in Orono to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day. Both the Belfast and Orono efforts have included community presentations and educational efforts about Maine's Native peoples' culture, history and present concerns. A second Brunswick meeting in January gathered 14 people. Group members are interested in working on holiday name change for its own value and also as a way to begin discussion that will raise community consciousness and create opportunities for learning and dialogue, perhaps with special outreach to children, schools, libraries, local nature conservancy programming, and others. Individuals are researching these options and will meet again on 2/23 at UUCB.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

BEGINNING AT UUCB ON SUNDAY, MARCH 26

WHAT IS GUEST AT YOUR TABLE (GAYT)?

GAYT is an annual, denomination-wide fundraising and education program that supports the human rights work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).

WHAT IS UUSC?

UUSC is a 501©3 nonprofit associate member organization of the Unitarian Universalist Association that advances human rights by supporting grassroots organizations in over 25 countries around the world including the United States. Grounded in UU values, UUSC works to advance human rights in three intersecting areas: Economic Justice, Environmental Justice and Rights at Risk. (For more information about UUSC, go to: <http://www.uusc.org>.)

WHAT IS THIS YEAR'S GUEST AT YOUR TABLE THEME?

This year GAYT has put together a special program under the theme of *Defying Hate*- especially appropriate in this time of political ugliness. As UUSC celebrates its 76th anniversary you are invited to reflect on the theme of *Defying Hate* through the stories of 4 "guests" included in the *Stories of Hope* booklets to be passed out with orders of service on March 26.

WHY IS IT CALLED GUEST AT YOUR TABLE?

This program introduces you to people around the world who have personal experience of the devastating power of hate. You are encouraged to "invite" those people to your table - into your community or your home - as "guests", by sharing their stories and offering them support through the UUSC.

Those who wish may take a contribution box into which you can put your contributions as you "share" each meal with your guests. (Any container will do!) We encourage you to talk together about the meaning of supporting work that advances human rights.

HOW DOES THE UUCB CONGREGATION CONTRIBUTE TO GUEST AT YOUR TABLE?

On March 26, the Sunday service will call attention to the work of UUSC, and you will receive a *Stories of Hope* booklet. Over the next 2 weeks, read and discuss these stories as well as other stories you know about people whose lives are threatened by hate and injustice. At each meal put your contributions to UUSC into the special contribution box or other container. **At the end of 2 weeks, count the money in your box and write a check to UUSC with GAYT in the memo line. We will collect the checks on Sunday, April 9 during the church service.** (If you cannot be there on the 9th, you can bring or mail your contribution to the church office to be turned in as part of the UUCB GAYT contribution to UUSC.)

A contribution of \$40 or more earns you UUSC membership benefits; a contribution of \$125 or more will be matched by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset NY.



MUUSAN Network meets Saturday, March 11
10:00-12:00, UU Community Church of Augusta

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

Communication Where Everyone Matters

An interactive 3 hour session
with Peggy Smith

from *Open Communication*, Lincolnville, Maine

Sunday, March 19, 2-5pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

1 Middle Street

Across the street from the Curtis Library

Many of us struggle with how to listen to and talk with people with whom we disagree – perhaps now more than ever. Learn and strengthen skills in non-violent communication to include new information from the field of interpersonal neurobiology. Begin to change the dynamics within your family, with your neighbors, with everyone.

Program open to all;
contributions welcomed
toward program expenses

To register (required)
and for questions, contact
the church office - 729-8515.

For more information about
Peggy Smith
and non-violent communication,
go to opencommunication.org

Event hosted and organized by
the UUCB Working for Justice
Steering Group.



In this time of anger, frustration and fear, we need more than ever to listen to each other with respect and compassion. Save the date (and register!) for this upcoming nonviolent communication workshop with Peggy Smith of Open Communication. (See flyer above).

WORKING FOR JUSTICE



WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON – HUDDLE HELD SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18

MIDCOAST VOICES FOR DEMOCRACY MEETS IN BRUNSWICK

ONE HUNDRED (100) people traveled to Brunswick from as far as Rockland, Boothbay Harbor, Portland, and Bowdoinham to gather for the second of “10 Actions in the First 100 Days”. The group, now calling themselves Midcoast Voices for Democracy, is working to build a community of support and to define a set of actions and strategies to pursue during the first 100 days of the current administration (and beyond). There were 5,107 Huddles held around the globe. Many members of UUCB joined in the day’s event.

The effort is part of a movement launched after the recent Women’s March on Washington that saw over 10,000 people rally in Augusta and Portland, along with hundreds in Brunswick and other communities throughout Maine. Using the energy generated by the march, and following the 10 Actions in 100 Days model, this group will meet regularly.

Brunswick organizers Lynn Ellis and Debbie Atwood wanted to ensure that area residents have an opportunity to take action in their own communities. “We wanted to continue the momentum started by Rev. Stocker, who organized a Vigil in Solidarity with the Women’s March on Washington on January 21,” said Lynn Ellis, co-chair of the Working for Justice committee. “UUs Fifth Principle states ‘the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.’ We embrace the opportunity to engage in an ongoing action to make a difference in our community and in our country through issue oriented and respectful action.”

Debbie Atwood has experienced the power of citizen engagement both as a community organizer and former Brunswick Town Councilor. “Holding elected officials accountable for their votes, demanding that they lead with a positive vision, is the job of every citizen in a democracy,” Atwood said, “and the reality that 100 people chose to spend their Saturday afternoon working together to build a local movement is very encouraging. The momentum is building.”



The group meets next on **Wednesday, March 1st 6 - 8pm** and on **Saturday, March 18th 2-4pm at UUCB**.

All are invited to attend. For more information, email midcoastvoicesfordemocracy@gmail.com or talk to Lynn Ellis.

For additional information about *10 Actions in the First 100 Days*, visit <https://www.womensmarch.com/hearourvoice/>.



On March 8th, International Women’s Day, women and our allies will act together creatively to withdraw from the corporations that harm us and find ways to support the businesses, organizations and communities that sustain us.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LEARN ABOUT MAINE'S RECENTLY SUBMITTED DEATH WITH DIGNITY BILL LD347

WITH
VALERIE LOVELACE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF *IT'S MY DEATH*



**A FILM WILL BE SHOWN WITH
DISCUSSION FOLLOWING**

A similar bill was submitted and voted on by the Maine legislature in 2015. It was narrowly defeated.

UUCB SANCTUARY
Sunday, April 2, 11:30am-12:30pm
Free and Open to the Public
Please invite friends

ENDING INEQUALITY

NEW HEALTHCARE FILM TO BE SHOWN AT UUCB!

NOW is the Time

MARCH 8 AT 7PM

Fair and universal health care is one of the biggest challenges to equality in our country. Too many citizens go without healthcare due to lack of access and the very high cost of the insurance based systems in place. The Affordable Care Act has changed that for many, but not enough and those costs are rising. The ACA faces an uncertain future at the present moment. The US is nearly the last developed country in the world to find a path to providing for the health of its citizens. This leaves too many children and adults without any safety net or preventive care, which creates a burden for their lives, their communities and their employers.

Through the efforts of Bill Clark and Maine All Care, our church had the opportunity to view the film, "The Healthcare Movie," produced in 2011. The same filmmakers have now produced a feature length film, "**Now Is the Time**" and a shorter version for discussion groups. At the Maine AllCare website, they comment on the film this way: "*The powerful movie shows core problems with the US healthcare "system" and the*

obstacles to change. Interviews with key players and archival video from Senate ACA hearings and Vermont single-payer efforts are gripping, the graphics are helpful, and the filmmakers' first person healthcare disaster stories ground the film in 2016 realities."

The End Inequality Leadership Team will be sponsoring a showing of the film and follow up discussion in March. Bill Clark will once again facilitate that discussion and update us on the important work of Maine AllCare (<http://www.maineallcare.org/index.html>) which is "*...dedicated to universal, high quality and affordable health care for the people of Maine."*



UUCB PLEDGE DRIVE TEAM

ENERGIZING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP IN CHANGING TIMES

Working together, we sustain the operation of our wonderful church by annual pledges from you, our members and friends. Our Finance Committee creates a budget for the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), having gathered input from staff and committees and after assessing the cost of important priorities and rising expenses. These include such things as fair salaries for staff, maintenance of our beautiful building and programs which attract families, visitors and members.

The budget total generates our Pledge Drive Goal. Your UUCB Pledge Drive Team is excited about the plan we have created for this year's drive.

Everyone has a role to play. We will be making regular announcements about what you can do to help. In the meantime, let's all think about what value the church holds for us.

There are several ways you will be able to pledge: a one-time check, monthly automatic withdrawals, online or via U.S. mail. Forms and methods for those will be available soon.



Your Pledge Drive Team: *Cindy Parker, Carol Evans, Steve Loeb and Jenn Hicks*

PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK



Want to improve your carbon footprint? Change to a plant-based diet. There is no better way to reduce your carbon footprint than to eliminate meat and dairy products.

Please join us at the UUCB Plant-Powered Potluck after church on **Sunday, March 18**, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Come share delicious plant-based food and camaraderie with us, and explore a plant-based diet as a pathway to better health for our bodies and our planet.

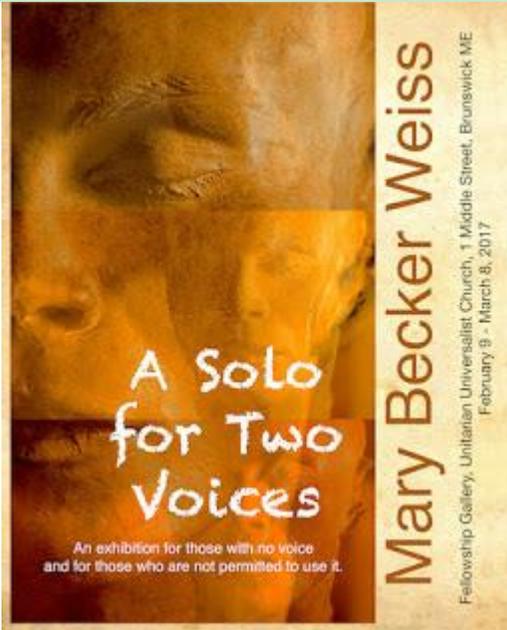
Sorry, no drop-ins, but if you plan to come, please **RSVP** to Larry Lemmel at llemmel@myfairpoint.net or 207-720-0387 by **Thursday, March 16**.

If you are new to plant-based eating and would like to know more about its benefits and suggestions for recipes, go to www.forksoverknives.com.

MEN'S LUNCHEON Wed, March 22

These monthly fellowship luncheons, which are held on the last Wednesday of each month with the exception of holidays. All men of the church are welcome. For details, contact Brad Mitchell, bmitch10@gmail.com, or Jim Michaud at michaudjim33@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP ART GALLERY



“A Solo for Two Voices” by Brunswick artist/activist Mary Becker Weiss is an evocative exhibition of mixed media and encaustic pieces reflecting the isolation, fear and helplessness of those with no voice. Mary has worked for years to advocate for victims of domestic violence, to facilitate support groups in Hospice’s Grieving Children’s Program, and as a TimeSlips facilitator who works with creative storytellers with dementia and vary levels of cognitive abilities. In Mary’s work through the years, art has shown time and time again that is a powerful tool for self expression, emancipation and empowerment.



"HALLUCINATIONS" © Mary Becker Weiss



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

MAGIC 8 BALL

A Tribute to Bob Dylan

Magic 8 Ball is a Rolling Thunder Style collection of three acclaimed singer/songwriters and one of the best bass players in Maine. This special show is dedicated to the musical legacy of Nobel laureate Bob Dylan. It features songs from the deep Dylan catalogue not often covered, but impactful and satisfying. Chris Moore, Ben Hunsberger, Ted DeMille, and Chris Dombrowski will play and sing Dylan's songs with reverence and authority.



Friday Evening, March 17

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.

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry Room MSR = May Sarton Room MBR = Merrymeeting Bay Room			1 11 RENTAL SRF Meditation: WBR 6-8 Midcoast Voices for Democracy: SAN	2 9:30 Memoir Writes: WBR 10 Rental Committee: MSR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 7 Choir: SAN	3 Teford Shelter Meal	4 10 AA Rental: MSR 10 Chalice Circle Facilitators: Rev Stocker's Office Office Closed
5 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Newcomers Chat: WBR 12:30 RE Pool Party: Bath YMCA 2 Daphne Holden Memorial Service:	6 Office Closed	7 4 Membership: MSR 5 Staff: WBR 7 Worship: MSR 7 RE Committee: MBR	8 12:30 Chalice Circle: WBR 3 Writers: MSR 4 Working for Justice: MBR 7 Now is the Time Film: SAN	9 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 7 Choir: SAN	10 4 End Inequality: MSR	11 10 AA Rental: MSR 7:30 Libana Concert: SAN (doors open at 7pm) Office Closed
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26 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 3 RENTAL: Daponte Concert Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 6:30 Stories: WBR 7 Concert Committee: MSR	29 12 Men's Luncheon: TBA	30 7 Choir: SAN	31 Office Closed	Apr 1 10 AA Rental: MSR 10 Chalice Circle Facilitators: Rev Stocker's Office Office Closed

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 see page 5 to see when the deadlines are during the Holiday season.

If you want an announcement or article to appear in the monthly Parish Messenger, send it to the newsletter editor, Sue Michaud (michaud_susan@comcast.net) on or before the **3rd Friday of each month (usually)**. The deadline for the April Parish Messenger is **Friday, March 17th**.