

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



November, 2017

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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
Nicole Boutilier,
Director of Religious Education
Stephanie Bernier, Music Coordinator
Heidi Neufeld, Choir Director
Derek Herzer, Choir Accompanist
Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator
Tony Sulkoski, Sexton
Claire Curole, Ministerial Intern
Dan Ellis, Webmaster



SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

Nov 5 "Day of the Dead"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Every year as the seasons change from growing to waning, we celebrate the Day of the Dead. Our service will honor the dead we miss in our lives and contemplate the mystery of both living and dying. Please feel free to bring a photograph or other memento of a departed loved one to decorate our chancel. Rev. Stocker preaching. Music by the choir, directed by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Derek Herzer.

Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends today. Turn your clocks back one hour when you head to bed Saturday night!

Nov 12 "Black Lives Matter: Continuing the Conversation"

Worship led by student minister Claire Curole. At last spring's annual meeting this congregation voted to embody our commitment to racial justice by displaying a "Black Lives Matter" banner. Signs are a great place to start but not a good place to stop. How can we deepen our work toward becoming the change we seek in our community? What happens next? Music by Derek Herzer.

Nov 19 "Building Community"

An intergenerational service of gratitude, Rev. Stocker, Claire Curole, and others will lead us in story and contemplation. In addition, we will take a food offering for the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Project. Please bring non-perishable food or toiletries to share with people in the Brunswick area who struggle to buy groceries. Music by the choir, directed by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Derek Herzer.

Nov 26 TBD

Rev Dalene Fuller Rogers

Guest minister Rev. Dalene Fuller Rogers will be leading the service. Read her bio on page 11. Music by Larry Lemmel.

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADER

REV. DALENE FULLER ROGERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26



Rev. Dalene Fuller Rogers is a multi-faith spiritual counselor and retreat leader, and member of Spiritual Directors International. She is board certified by the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress (AAETS), holds a Certificate in Biomedical Ethics from University of New Mexico, and received her Master in Divinity degree from the Episcopal Divinity School. Rev. Fuller Rogers has over 27 years of experience as an ordained minister working with a variety of churches as both pastor and consultant. Her ministry has also included extensive work with military veterans during her tenure with the VA Hospital in Vermont, including research on posttraumatic stress. Rev. Fuller Rogers also spent several years as a chaplain in both hospital and hospice settings.

She authored *Pastoral Care for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Healing the Shattered Soul*, and is a contributing writer in *Forgotten Followers*.

Rev. Fuller Rogers lives in Maine where she enjoys encountering God in nature, reading, writing, birdwatching

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 on sabbatical from September 1 to January 6. If you have RE concerns during her absence, contact Melissa Fochesato or Kate Phenix at uubrunswickrec@gmail.com.

Monday is the Sabbath for church staff.

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

After our annual meeting, which approved hanging a “Black Lives Matter” banner outside our building and asked us to engage in related programming, the Board created a task force to shepherd the project. They sought representatives from the following committees: Working for Justice, Membership, Worship, Building and Grounds, Religious Education, and Adult Programs. Board Vice Chair Glenn Williams convened the group.

In addition to Glenn, task force members are: Larry Lemmel, Michael Cain, Cathey Cyrus, Betsy Williams, Jean Lay, Claire Curole, and me, with Building and Grounds consultation from Mike Heath. I've enjoyed the meetings, even though the issue we address is difficult and painful.

UUCB will hang the banner in the coming weeks. The Religious Education Committee has designed a program for children to explore racism. Claire and I will continue to preach about white supremacy in various ways. The task force and Worship Committee will determine how to bless or dedicate the banner when it is hung. November plans are still in process. Please watch “This Week at UUCB” and the green and yellow inserts to our orders of worship for more information.

Meanwhile, we all have work to do, especially if we are white. Racism touches and harms everyone, however we understand our personal identities. We live in a racist, white supremacist culture. To move forward, all of us – *especially* white people – will benefit from identifying how we have internalized negative, harmful messages. Our task force is exploring a variety of opportunities to help people engage the work.

Let me share just one example of how freeing this work can be. Many, many years ago, I read a now-famous essay by Peggy McIntosh called “White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack.” McIntosh says, “I was taught to see racism only in individual acts of meanness, not in invisible systems conferring dominance on my group.”

In her essay, McIntosh sought to identify the privileges she enjoyed as a white person – privileges that were so ingrained in our culture that they were actually invisible to her. (You can read the essay here: <https://www.deanza.edu/faculty/lewisjulie/White%20Priviledge%20Unpacking%20the%20Invisible%20Knapsack.pdf>)

I loved that essay. At the time, it gave me a new way to comprehend my own personal work. I, myself, had never been overtly or consciously mean to

black people. But I had never understood that the systems of privilege I enjoyed as a white person were *invisible to me*. My work was to see what is hard to see and to remember what is easy to forget.

Being a woman helped me to understand the process viscerally. In my quotidian experience, I observed that the privileges men enjoyed were obvious to me but largely invisible to men: It was easy for me to apply that same principle to the concept of white privilege.

Well, the day after reading “Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack,” I was enthusiastically describing to my best friend the essay I had read just 24 hours earlier. I said, “McIntosh identifies privileges that white people enjoy but that are invisible to them, like ...”

And suddenly I couldn't remember what the privileges were!

Bingo! I had already forgotten. Talk about having a point proven!

Despite my chagrin and shame, that moment cracked my heart open. With gratitude, I accepted many learnings that day: that I lack awareness because of my position in our culture, that I need to open my eyes wider, that I can and should seek better understanding. I also learned, quite viscerally, how thick the miasma is that protects white people like me from seeing the harmful and hurtful truth.

I learned something else, too: I bear great responsibility for my own personal change, *and* I come by my lack of awareness naturally. It's part of the air all of us breathe. So I could be both newly committed to doing the work and gentle with myself when I made mistakes. Because I would, and did, and do, and will make mistakes.

I love moments when understanding breaks through and hearts crack open. Such moments invite soul-healing change.

What will be your soul-healing moments as we engage this work together? What will be mine? Time will tell. I simply invite you to engage opportunities as they arise so that we can anchor a few more building blocks in creating the beloved community.

Love, Sylvia



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YSAYE BARNWELL & UU PRINCIPLE #2

Autumn is finally upon all of us and as we head into this busy holiday season, we certainly hope our families are able to set aside some time to come to the UUCB to learn, connect and refresh.



As mentioned in October's newsletter, this year in RE we are learning about the seven UU principles and famous UUs in history. In November, the RE program will be studying UU Principle #2, "Justice, equity and compassion in human relations" or, as it is posited to our youth, "Be kind in all you do." The featured UU this month is one near and dear to the heart of UUCB's congregation, the phenomenally talented and inspiring Dr. Ysaye Barnwell. We encourage families to talk about Principle #2 throughout the month as a way to bring Sunday's teachings full circle. We also encourage all to share Dr. Barnwell's story, talk about your own experience of Dr. Barnwell's teaching, and, perhaps most importantly, to put on some of her recordings and sing out along with her.

Dr. Barnwell was born in New York in 1946, and as an only child was raised by her mother who was a registered nurse and her father, a classical violinist who played with Harlem Renaissance ensembles. She was named after her father's favorite violinist and composer, Belgian Eugène Ysaÿe. Dr. Barnwell followed in her father's musical pursuits by taking up

the violin at the age of 2 ½ and playing it for the next 15 years. She studied music throughout high school, then went on to get advanced degrees in Speech Pathology and Public Health. Dr. Barnwell has been awarded numerous honorary degrees, including one from the Meadville Theological Seminary in 2011 and one from the Virginia Theological Seminary that same year. She taught for over a decade at Howard University, and then went on to coordinate community based projects.

In 1979, Dr. Barnwell joined Sweet Honey in the Rocks. After performing with the group for 34 years, she retired from the group in 2013 to pursue her other interests. Ten months after her retirement from Sweet Honey in the Rock, she was diagnosed with stage three breast cancer. After two surgeries and two rounds of chemo and radiation, she spent ten months recovering and then returned to her workshop schedule.

In regards to the second principle, Rev. Emily Gage writes, "Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations points us toward something beyond inherent worth and dignity. It points us to the larger community. It gets at collective responsibility. It reminds us that treating people as human beings is not simply something we do one-on-one, but something that has systemic implications and can inform our entire cultural way of being." This collective action, while carrying with it the burden, or weight, of responsibility, also has in it the offerings of great joy and the lightness of being buoyed up by the sense of unity it creates within the community. This connection and joy is something that everyone who has been lucky enough to be a part of one of Dr. Barnwell's classes experiences. Her instruction, done without sheet music but always with a full heart and expansive soul, enables us to experience that in creating the harmonies and rhythms by listening and working together with respect, we can embody this "kindness for all" of the second principle and make some beautiful music in the process.

Kate Phenix,
RE Committee Member



Important RE Announcements and Dates

- Nov 05:** RE for children and youth
- Nov 12:** RE for children and youth
- Nov 19:** Intergenerational Worship Service
- Nov 26:** RE for children and youth

BOARD REPORT

With the fall colors in full regalia and such beautiful weather we begin the process of battening down the hatches for winter. It is a busy time both outside and in.

Please take time whenever you are in the sanctuary to enjoy Michael Jones's beautiful tapestry which he donated to the church. It is a true piece of beauty and love. It is displayed on the front of the pulpit. The workmanship is truly amazing.

On Sunday **November 19**, following church services, there will be a Congregational Meeting to inform you of the proposals that have been put forward for projects that are now possible due to the \$22,500 from the sale of the Gurnet Road property. This meeting will describe each project and there will be a vote taken to direct the Board of Trustees to spend the money.

Following the Gurnet Road Task Force's presentation, at the same congregational meeting, the Board will be seeking input from the congregation about changing the UUCB policy on alcoholic beverages. The policy at this time is:

"that alcoholic beverages shall not be served by any group using the church facilities with the exception of wedding parties and other celebrations for which wine toasts are customary, and that at such occasions, alternate non-alcoholic beverages shall also be available."

This policy was approved by the Board of Trustees in January of 1990.

The purpose of this portion of the Congregational Meeting is to determine if you, the congregation, wish to change the existing policy concerning alcoholic beverages.



The Board will ask a representative from the congregation to present the argument for changing the policy and a representative to present the argument for leaving the policy as it is.

This will not be an attempt to write a new policy at that time but is a request from the Board so that we know whether you, the congregation, want this policy changed.

Other events happening at the UUCB are a new UU for You class for new members on November 4th, the bell ringing on November 11 to remember the end of the 1st world war and veterans day and an all day Wabanaki Reach program on Saturday November 18th.

The Board will be meeting later than usual next month on November 28th so as not to interfere with Thanksgiving which falls earlier than usual (November 21st) this year.

Charlie Evans, Board Chair

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MUUSAN NEXT MEETING

(Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network)

November 11, 2017

10:00am-12 noon



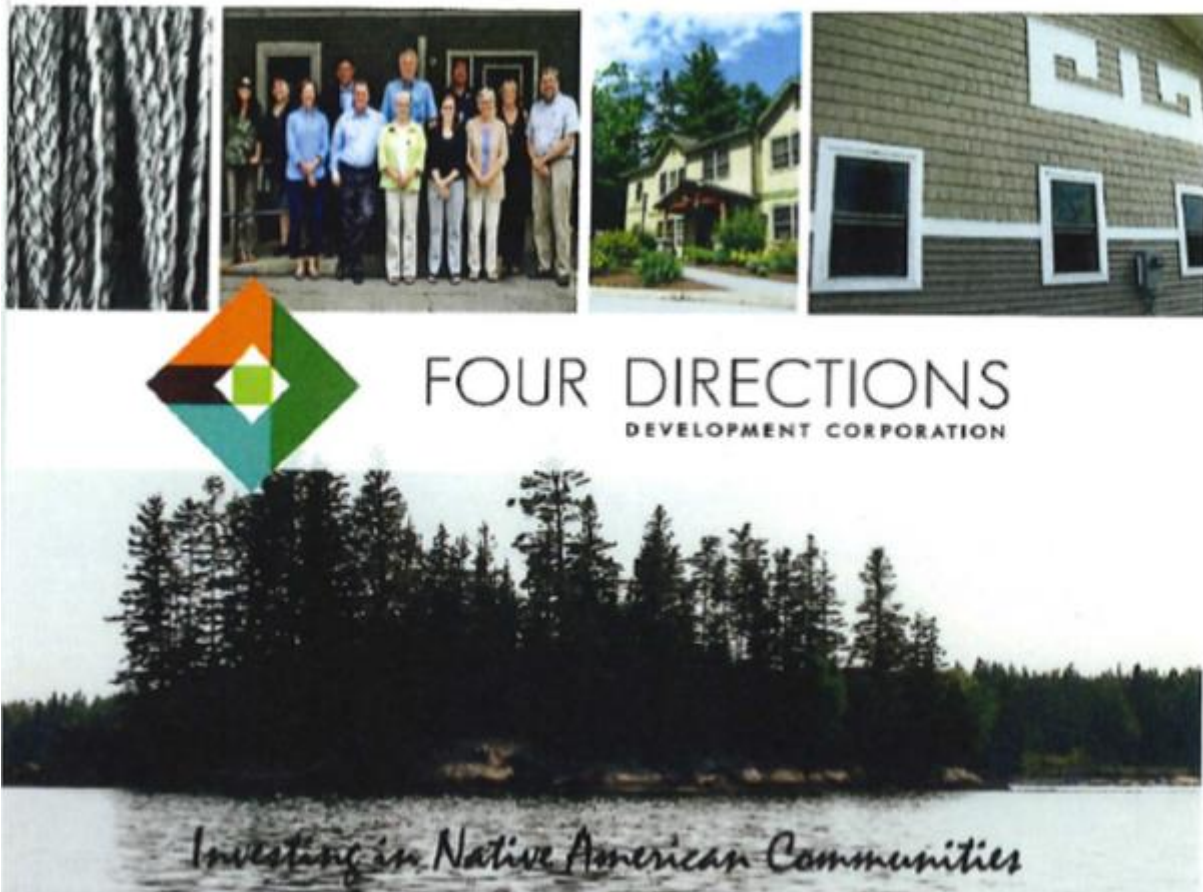
Nov. 7th election results will be reviewed, (Question Two, Medicaid Expansion). Then next steps to achieve health care for all will be discussed as well as help offered for congregations to prepare for faith based activism in upcoming legislative session. Issue groups will meet; Democracy in Action, Health Care for ALL, Climate Change and the new Racial Justice issue.

To repeat last month's closing Newsletter paragraph, "I think you would enjoy the joyful gathering of people representing many of the 25 UU churches in Maine. You will be so warmly welcome! Before then...be sure to go to the polls on November 7th to cast your vote for federal expansion of Medicaid (known in Maine as Maine Care).

Sue Kennedy ... one of your MUUSAN representatives.
373-0578 skennedy@hgfx.org

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

NOVEMBER CHARITY WITH SOUL



Four Directions is a Native American nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) based in Orono, ME. We provide the following loan products and services for Native Americans and direct descendants living in Maine.

- HOME MORTGAGE AND IMPROVEMENT LOANS FOR ON & OFF RESERVATION PROPERTIES
- FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME, ELDERLY, AND DISABLED TAXPAYERS
- FREE FINANCIAL COUNSELING (CREDIT, BUDGET, AND HOMEOWNERSHIP)
- ARTISAN/SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT (I.E. BUSINESS PLANNING ASSISTANCE, GRANTS & LOANS)



We also offer the following tribal and community-level products:

- TRIBAL WORKING CAPITAL LOANS FOR PREDEVELOPMENT WORK AND OPERATIONAL FUNDING GAPS
- CONSTRUCTION FINANCING AND PARTICIPATION LENDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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WORKING FOR JUSTICE

WABANAKI REACH WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:30AM-4:00PM

Working for Justice Steering Group will host an all day Wabanaki REACH workshop on Saturday, November 18 beginning at 9:30am in the UUCB sanctuary. There are over 700 “graduates” in Maine, and many have found the training to be life changing. Working for Justice Steering Group urges you to try to find the time to participate.

Maine and Wabanaki people are at an historical juncture in their long relationship. The workshop is an opportunity for non-Native people to reflect on our shared history and future with Native people. The workshop includes a very brief history of US government relationships with Native people; awareness of white privilege; and understanding decolonization. The workshop is free, but space is limited and registration is required. You can register online at <http://www.mainewabanakireach.org/events>.



Maine-Wabanaki REACH

Reconciliation • Engagement • Advocacy • Change • Healing

For questions, contact Barbara Kates barbara@mainewabanakireach.org. 951-4874

MIDCOAST NEW MAINERS SUPPORT GROUP (MNMSG) SEEKS HOUSING FOR NEW MAINERS

UUCB/Working for Justice is part of a collaborative of six local faith groups (including UUCB) and concerned individuals working to support new Mainers as they settle in midcoast Maine. MNMSG is in touch with agencies in Portland who have identified asylum seeker families interested to settle outside of Portland, and we are now actively seeking affordable local housing. Any potential tenants (single individuals, families with and without children) will have funding for a security deposit and the ability to pay reasonable rent. Some will already have the right to work

Once these new Mainers are actually settled locally, they will need all kinds of support (transportation, language learning/translation, day care, companionship and general partnering to manage the day to day in a strange culture.) We at UUCB will have the opportunity and privilege to welcome into our community people from rich and widely differing cultures who are struggling to rebuild their lives in a strange land.

If you know of any rental units (homes or apartments) that could be made available to a single person, a small family or a larger family, please speak with Cathey Cyrus, Jane Danielson, or Sue Kennedy, Ed McCartan, Pat Moore. In the future there will be many other ways to reach out in support and welcome.



WORKING FOR JUSTICE

**WHAT WE NOW CALL VETERANS DAY
WAS ONCE KNOWN AS ARMISTICE DAY.**

**IT BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 11, 1918 TO HONOR VETERANS
FOR THEIR SERVICE, CALL FOR PEACE, AND GIVE A
MOMENT FOR PRAYER.**

**THIS WAS MARKED THROUGHOUT ENGLAND BY THE
RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS AT THE END OF
WORLD WAR I**

**IN THE TRADITION OF HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE
SERVED THEIR COUNTRY, WE ASK THAT ALL CHURCHES TAKE PART
IN THIS MOVEMENT TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO THIS ONCE
GREAT TRADITION.**

***ON NOVEMBER 11, 2017 AT 11:00 A.M.
PLEASE JOIN TOGETHER AND RING FOR PEACE FOR
TWO MINUTES TO HONOR AND REMEMBER ALL THOSE
VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY.***

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HELPERS IN THE LATEST BUILD



Cuffy Chase, Carol Briggs, Anna Turner, Tanya Hanger, Barb Collamore, Judi Soule



Carol Briggs looks like she's knows her tools.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK GROUP Sunday, November 12

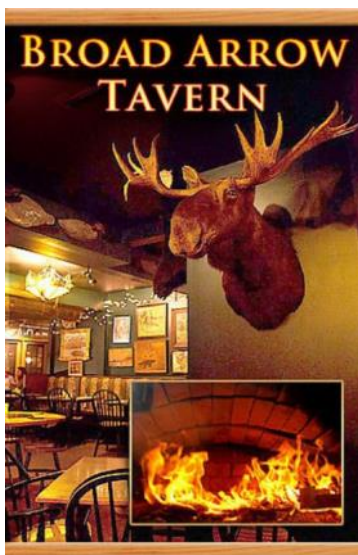


The Plant-Powered Potluck is meeting on Sunday, November 12, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy camaraderie and a delicious plant-based meal. Please join us. Everyone is welcome. Sorry, no drop-ins, but if you plan to come, RSVP to coordinator Faith Woodman at fewoodman@gmail.com or call her at 891-0218 by Wednesday, November 8. 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.

RESERVATIONS FOR EIGHT Wednesday, November 15 at 5:30pm

The Broad Arrow Tavern at the Harraseekt Inn—Freeport
Scarlet Begonia—Brunswick
Henry and Marty's—Brunswick

*Sign ups will be available Sundays after church. Carol Drake will make the reservations.
All you need to do is show up at the scheduled time.*



MEN'S LUNCHEON Wed, November 29

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.

MEMBERSHIP

You AND UU CLASS—Nov. 4

There's still time to sign up for the fall You and UU Class on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 am to noon. If you are new to Unitarian Universalism, or just new to UUCB, this is an opportunity to learn our history and theology, and hear about the many programs and opportunities for engagement at our church. If you are considering joining UUCB we strongly recommend that you take this class. Light snacks will be served starting at 8:45 am and childcare will be available if needed. Please call Shirley Bernier at the church office, 729-8515, to sign up.



Buddy Up!

With so many new people joining UUCB—21 last year!—it's challenging for us all to get acquainted and connected. This year the Membership Committee would like to offer a new program to facilitate these connections. We would start by asking new members if they would like a "buddy," a person who has been in the church for a while and could answer questions or give them ideas about how to get involved. If so, the new member would be paired with an established church member, or buddy. The buddy would make a special effort to get to know that new member and help him or her become as engaged in the life of the congregation as he or she would like. How this is done would be up to the buddies—a quick check-in during coffee hour, a phone call or email every couple months, an invitation to meet up at a church event or concert. You get the idea.



If you are interested in helping us develop this program by being a buddy, please contact Betsy Williams (bwilliams120@gmail.com or 978-505-9467), or stop by the Visitor's Table to sign up. Thanks!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

UPCOMING CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

- January 13 Novel Jazz Septet
- March 31 Heather Masse
- April 7 Bill Staines
- June 2 John Gorka
- June 23 Barbershop Bash
(Royal River Chorus and Nor'easters)

HANNAFORD CARDS REMINDER

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 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!



**FEED THE CHURCH WHILE
YOU FEED YOURSELVES . . .
. . . by buying pre-paid cards**

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



HOLIDAY ARTS FAIR

We are just 5 weeks away from the Annual Holiday Arts Fair. The success of the Fair depends upon the contributions of many.

It is time to search out those items in good condition that are suitable for the White Elephant Table and the Children's Table. The White Elephant Table focuses on items that will appeal to others to buy as gifts or for themselves. Last year we did especially well with jewelry, books (no textbooks), candles, small keepsakes and small musical instruments.

Other items that sell are kitchen wares, CDs, DVDs, small tools, puzzles, craft kits and Christmas tree decorations. Old dishes and large items do not sell well. Items can be brought to the church beginning Tuesday November 28th during regular church office hours. Any questions, please call Adair DeLamater at 398-4488.

The focus of the Children's Table will be *gifts specifically for children. All items will be priced under \$5.00.* Items we would like to include are art supplies, toys, puzzles, books, stocking stuffers, games, coloring books, washable stuffed animals, new hats, socks and T-shirts, hair clips and ribbons. Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, November 5th, continuing through December 1st. A basket for donations will be located in the hall across from the kitchen. Any questions, please contact Cuffy Chase at 721-0042 (cmc1322@gmail.com) or Erin Haynes at 650-0237 (erinhaynes@gmail.com)

This year we have a new look; traditional TREATS, such as holiday cookies, squares, loaves, tea breads and WHOOPIE pies will be available. In addition, *TA-DA*, by popular request, we will be selling healthy EATS, such as herbal popcorn, dark chocolate items, baked beans, dry mixes for soup or cereals, nuts, chutneys and sauces. WE NEED YOU! Prepare these items in your home kitchen to donate to EATS & TREATS. Please note the ingredients, particularly if the item is gluten free.

Sign up sheets where ideas and recipes will be available will be at the Fair Table beginning the first Sunday in November. Any questions, contact Clara Ross at 442-7502 (clara.ross@yahoo.com) or Penny Elwell at 373-0730 (pennielwell@yahoo.com).

All creative crafters out there you have an opportunity to showcase your talent at the UUCB craft table. Any

questions, contact Robin Hansen 443-4571 or Pat Harris 725-7772. They can give you ideas of what is likely to sell.

Once again, Robin and Erik Hansen will welcome our UUCB elves to gather and create beautiful wreaths for sale. **The Tipping Party** will be at the Hansen's on Sat., **November 11th from 1-4**, with a homemade chili and cornbread lunch for all who participate. **The Wreath-making Event** will be at church on Sunday, **November 26th** from noon till it's all done, with free pizza. Both events are holiday fun. FMI: Please call the Hansen's at 443-4571.



As ever, for our UUCB CAFE, you will be able to donate scones, muffins, homemade soups and pies for the Holiday Fair breakfast and lunch.

Starting Sunday, November 5th sign up sheets will be available at the Fair Table in Fellowship Hall. Join in the fun of working with others on one or more of the tasks that make this Fair such a success each year.

Leigh Peranteau and Maryli Tiemann, co-chairs

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

HOLIDAY ARTS FAIR 2016



FUNDRAISING EVENTS



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



Late Bloomers

Guitar duo Late Bloomers (Brett Kinney and Randy Browning) play songs that tell stories: some with words and some without. From a variety of originals to fresh takes on classic tunes, their unique style is rooted in a blend of new and old. You'll hear folk, blues, jazz, and rock in new combinations from one song to the next.

"Both classic and contemporary ... a standout and highly recommended."
- Seacoast Spotlight

Friday Evening, November 17, 2017

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.

GURNET ROAD FUNDS PROPOSALS

Following the sale of the Gurnet Road property, the congregation voted to divide the proceeds into two funds: \$75,000 to be set aside for long term maintenance of our church building, and \$22,500 to be used for building completion and enhancement projects. The Board of Trustees approved a process to determine how the second fund would be spent, which includes soliciting projects from committees and individuals, educating the congregation about these proposals, and then voting on individual projects at an official meeting of the congregation on **November 18**. If the cost of proposed projects exceeds the available funds, ranked choice voting will determine which projects are voted on at the congregational meeting.

The following projects have been proposed as of October 20, with a deadline of November 1 for any additional ideas. They are listed by size of the request. Questions can be directed to the endorsing group or committee.

1. PRESENTATION LIGHTING IN THE SANCTUARY –

Endorsed by Concert Committee, Building & Grounds/Rental Subcommittee, Worship Committee, Side Door Coffeehouse

Rationale & Need:

Our building has become known as a desirable venue for performances, especially because of the acoustics and aesthetics of our space. One deficiency identified by audiences and performers alike has been poor frontal lighting; overhead lights on the chancel shine down on the heads of people on the stage and general house lights (Sanctuary) have to be used to illuminate performers from the front.

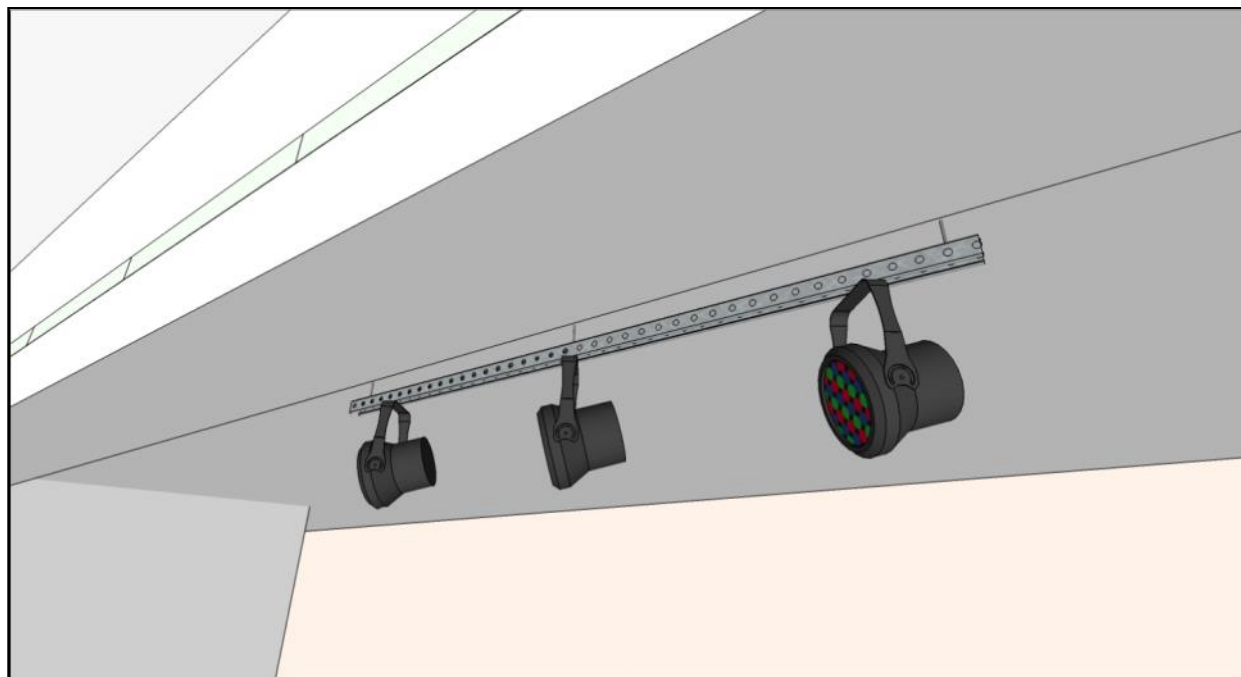
Recommendation:

Install LED theater light units about 20 feet from the chancel on ceiling on both sides of the Sanctuary, outside the center vaulted area. On each side, three compact lights can be attached to a bar suspended a few inches below the drop-ceiling. They would get power from outlets above the ceiling tiles, and be controlled wirelessly from a panel in the AV Room. The proposed lights are fully adjustable for brightness and color. They would be aimed to illuminate the full width of the stage, the steps and a few feet in front of the steps. (Design and installation by Headlight Audio-Visual of Portland)

Project Budget:

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| • Headlight AV proposal for 6 Chauvet light units, wireless transmitters, controller cables & clamps, hardware, installation, programming, training— | \$7,052 |
| • Midcoast Electric: wiring and outlets, Unistrut bar installation— | \$1,490 |
| • TOTAL— | \$8,542 |

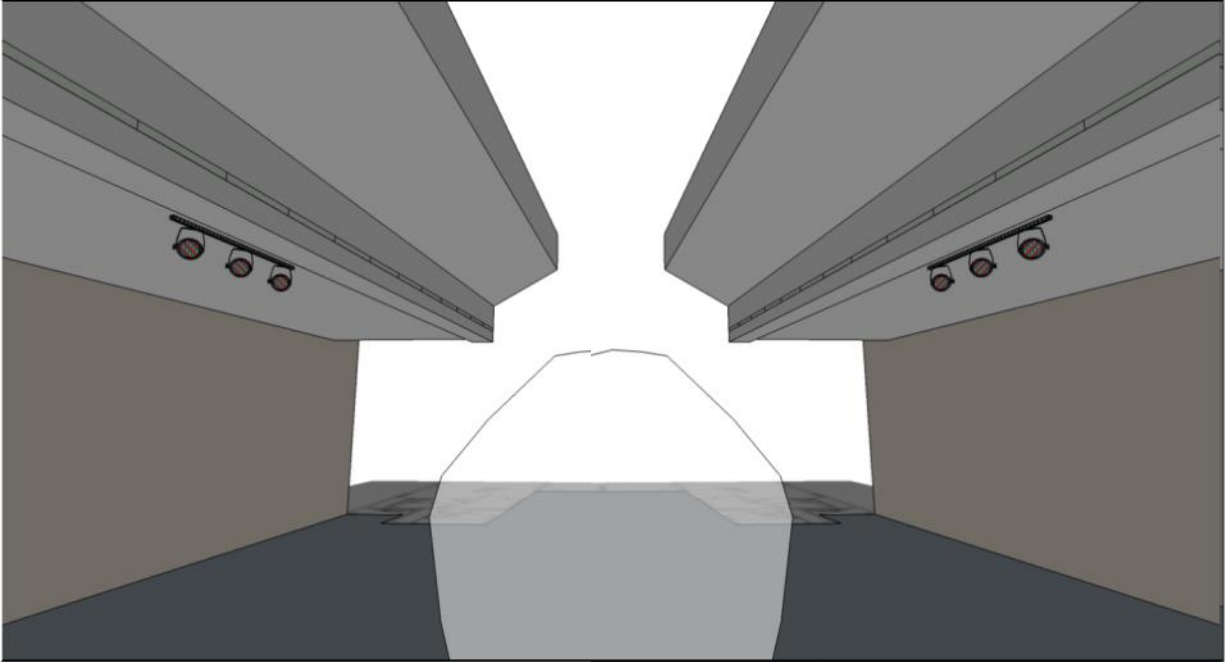
REQUEST: up to \$10,000



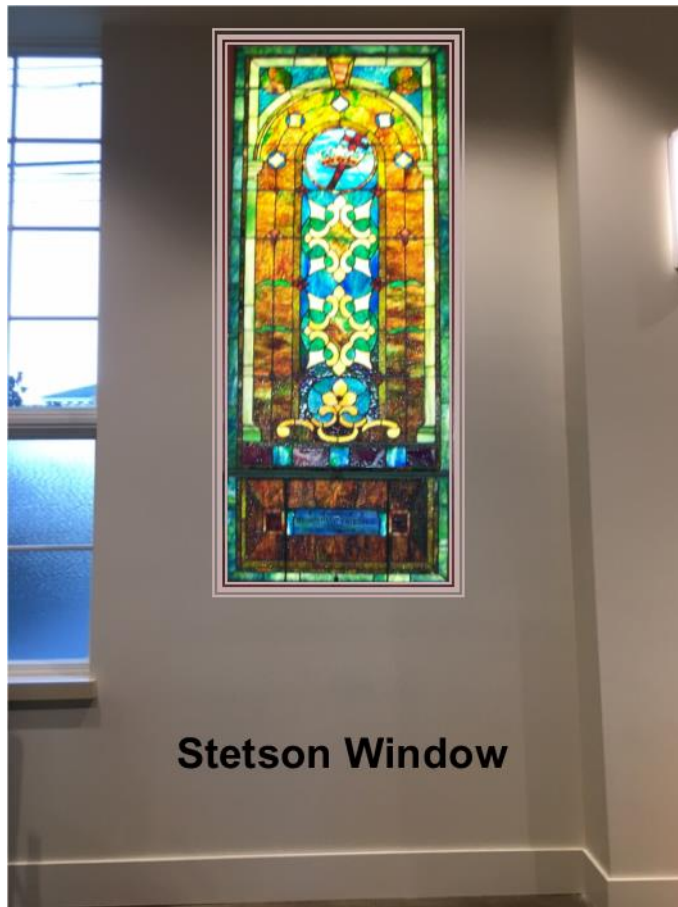
GURNET ROAD FUNDS PROPOSALS

1. PRESENTATION LIGHTING IN THE SANCTUARY (continued)

View from the Pulpit



2. COMMEMORATIVE WINDOWS



Stetson Window

GURNET ROAD FUNDS PROPOSALS

2. COMMEMORATIVE WINDOWS (continued)

Rationale & Need:

Two stained glass windows from the former church have been stored since the fire in 2011. They were installed as memorials to Harvey Stetson and Andrew Dennison, longtime members and supporters of the church, whose dedication in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century enabled a very small congregation to stay alive. Without these two early church members, UUCB would likely not exist today. In addition to honoring these individuals, hanging the windows would provide color and beauty to the sanctuary.

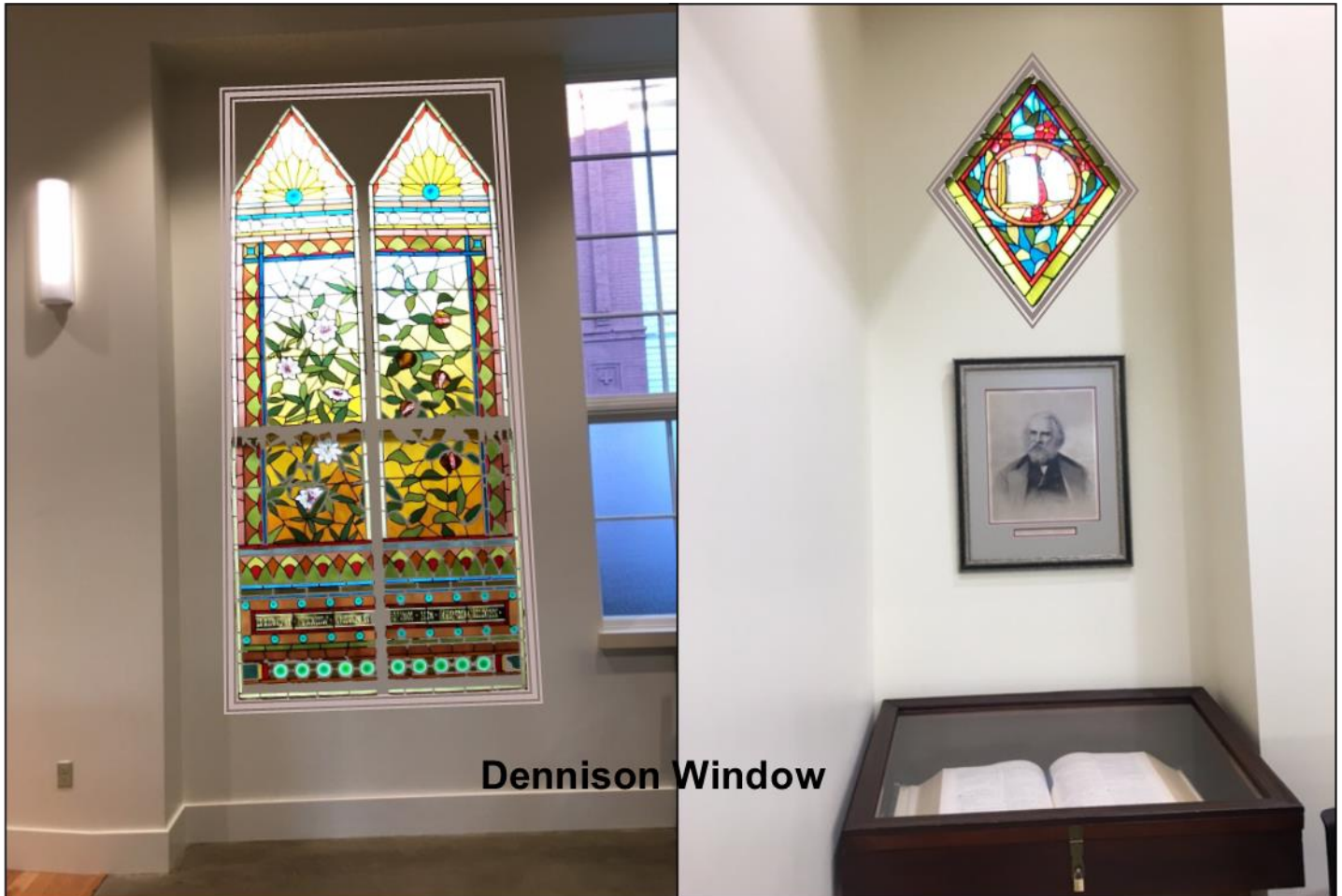
Recommendation:

Restore the windows and mount them in frames approximately 6” deep, backlit with small LED lights. Hang the windows on the blank walls at the bottom of the ramps on each side of the sanctuary. The Dennison window has a separate diamond-shaped window at the top that includes an image of a Bible. The task force suggests this small window be separately framed and placed over the Longfellow Bible in the back corner of the church. (Longfellow, Stetson and Dennison were all contemporaries.) The windows will be cleaned, repaired, re-soldered and reinforced at the studio of James Nutting, the artist who restored the Swanson window now in the Wendell Berry room.

Proposed Purchases:

- Window restoration— \$4775
- Materials for framing and electrical hook-up— \$1,000
- Framing and installation labor—donated by church member’s son
- TOTAL— \$5,775

REQUEST: up to \$6,000



Dennison Window

GURNET ROAD FUNDS PROPOSALS

3. GALLERY LIGHTING & ELECTRICAL UPGRADE –

Endorsed by Art/Gallery Committee, Building & Grounds, Membership Committee

Rationale & Need:

The lighting of the work on the walls in the Fellowship Hall is inconsistent for showing the artwork arranged by the Gallery Committee. We can achieve a more uniform wash of the gallery walls in the Fellowship Hall with the addition of just a few lights to the existing ceiling fixtures. This will eliminate the dark spaces and enhance the presentation of each exhibit.

Also, the experience of the Membership Committee in putting on Soups On events and others found that there is not enough capacity on the wall between the May Sarton Room and Nursery to handle all the crock pots and other devices to keep food hot. More outlets will make the setup for multiple heating units safer and more convenient.

Recommendation:

Add four additional LED recessed directional lighting and relocate existing fixtures to even out the lighting along the walls in the Fellowship Hall. Install a hardwired power strip of outlets on the wall between May Sarton and Tiny Beginnings at table height (and below hung art height).

Project Budget:

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| • Midcoast Electric: install 4 new fixtures and relocate existing fixtures in Fellowship Hall— | \$1,990 |
| • Midcoast Electric: Install power strip/outlets on wall— | \$665 |
| • TOTAL— | \$2,655 |

REQUEST: up to \$3,000

4. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION A/V UPGRADE –

Endorsed by the RE Committee and Rental Subcommittee/Building & Grounds

Rationale & Need:

Nicole and the RE Committee have requested purchase of equipment to enhance the Audio-Visual capacity in the Merrymeeting Bay Room and RE Classrooms. They want to be able to show video clips and short films with sound during RE classes. The proposed purchase would also allow other UUCB committees or activity groups to project video/audio for presentations or training sessions in the RE wing. Rental groups (with training or supervision by Rental Hosts) could also have access to the resource, further enhancing our rental offerings. Note that a screen was purchased with RE equipment when we opened the building in anticipation of AV projection in the RE area.

Recommendation:

Purchase a video projector on a stand which can show videos on the existing screen from a laptop. Include speakers with adequate audio connection to the laptop with Bluetooth/wireless capability for playing audio from phones or other devices and a portable CD player for convenient use in the small classrooms when needed.

Proposed Purchases:

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| • Video Projector: Epson PowerLite 1781W Wireless WXGA 3LCD Projector— | \$800 |
| <i>note: bulb life up to 7000 hours, replacement bulbs cost \$99</i> | |
| • Speakers: Bose Companion 2 Series III Multimedia Speakers— | \$99 |
| • Portable A/V Cart: Balt 85052 Web AV Projector Stand— | \$134 |
| • Sony ZSRS60BT CD Boombox with Bluetooth— | \$79 |
| • Misc. Cables and connectors— | \$20 |
| • TOTAL— | \$1,132 |

REQUEST: up to \$1,200

GURNET ROAD FUNDS PROPOSALS

5. SEMI-AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATOR – Requested by Charlie Evans and Debbie Zorach

Rationale & Need: Our church is home to an older congregation and also hosts rentals with an older than average population. Although our location is physically close to the Brunswick Fire Station, having the ability to treat sudden cardiac arrest on site can be life-saving. **Recommendation:** purchase and install a semi-automatic defibrillator that is technologically advanced enough to include all mission critical features necessary to provide the most advanced treatment for Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The Lifeline AED has a simple two button user interface, clear, calm voice prompts, brightly lit progress lights and actively illuminated status indicator.

Proposed purchases:

Recertified Lifeline AED Unit price—	\$995.00
AED Wall Cabinet—	\$99.00
Training provided at no cost by church members’ son	
TOTAL—	\$1094.00

REQUEST: up to \$1,200

6. HARDWARE TO HANG BANNERS AT THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY—Endorsed by Sylvia and the Worship Committee

Rationale & Need:

Sylvia and the Worship Committee occasionally want to hang a banner or wall hanging at the front of the sanctuary, to complement a particular sermon, service, or season. The following system would enable a banner to be hung on either side of the chalice sculpture.

Recommendation:

Purchased wooden brackets of the type used to hold curtain rods would be painted the same color as the wall, making them unobtrusive when no banner is hung. Brackets would be installed approximately 12 feet off the floor, 48 inches apart on each side of the chalice sculpture, allowing banners of a variety of widths and lengths to be hung. A wooden dowel (also painted to match the wall) would be inserted through a pocket at the top of the banner, protruding at each end. Metal telescoping poles would be used to lift each end of the dowel and place it into the bracket, allowing the lower end of the banner to hang freely.

Proposed purchases:

Two sets of brackets, dowels, and installation hardware—	approx. \$100
Two 18-foot telescoping installation poles from Global Industrial—	\$77.80
TOTAL—	\$177.80

REQUEST: up to \$200

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL REQUEST TO DATE: \$21,600

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry Room MSR = May Sarton Room MBR = Merrymeeting Bay Room</p> <p>PEN = All RE Space HIL = Hildebrant Room CAR = Carson Room MAN= Mandela Room CL= Curtis Library</p>			<p>1 11 Rental: Meditation: WBR 3 Writers Group: MSR</p>	<p>2 10 Rental Com: MSR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 3 Black Lives Matter Task Force: MSR 5 Social Justice : MSR 6:45 RE Comm: MBR 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>3 Teford Shelter Meal</p>	<p>4 9 You and UU Class: SAN 10 AA Rental: MBR</p>
<p>5 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 New Comer's Comer WBR 11:30: Build Your Own Theology: MSR</p>	<p>6 8:30-4:30 Rental Wabanaki Clergy Training: SAN 1 Chalice Circle: WBR</p>	<p>7 2 New Mainer's Steering Group: MSR 4 Membership: MSR 4 Rental BMT: MBR 7 Worship: WBR</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 11 Veterans Day— Ring for Peace 1-4 Tipping Party at the Hansens</p>
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<p>12 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Intem Committee: WBR 12 Plant Powered Pot Luc: FEL 3 Daponte Concert: SAN</p>	<p>13 Office Closed</p>	<p>14 2 Chalice Circle: WBR 4 RentalBMT: MBR 4:30 Finance: MSR 6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR 7:30 Pastoral Care: MSR</p>	<p>15 2 Chalice Circle: WBR 3 Writers Group: MSR 3 Poetry with Barclay & Maryli: MSR 5:30 Dinner for 8 6:45 UUCB Council: MSR</p>	<p>16 12 Noon Deadline: for 11/19 worship service 2 Wabanaki REACH: MSR 6:30 New Mainer's Support Group: MSR 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>17 12 Noon Deadline: for 11/26 worship service 5 Parish Messenger Deadline 6:30 Side Door Coffeeshouse: SAN (Late Bloomers)</p>	<p>18 10 AA Rental: MBR 9:30-4 Wabanaki REACH Training: SAN</p>
Office Closed						
<p>19 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Special Congregational Meeting SAN</p>	<p>20 2 Savvy Caretakers: WBR</p>	<p>21 6:30 Board: MSR Office Hours: 10-4</p>	<p>22 Office Hours: 10-3</p>	<p>23 </p>	<p>24 Office Closed</p>	<p>25 10 AA Rental: MBR</p>
Office Closed						
<p>26 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Wreath Making: MBR</p>	<p>27 Office Closed</p>	<p>28 10-4 White Elephant Drop Off 4 Rental BMT: MBR 6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR 6:30 Concert Committee: MSR</p>	<p>29 10-4 White Elephant Drop Off 12 Men's Luncheon: TBA 3 Writers Group: MSR</p>	<p>30 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 8 Holiday Fair Set Up 10-4 White Elephant Drop Off 3 Holiday Fair Planning Mtg 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>Dec 1 8 Holiday Fair Set Up 10-4 White Elephant Drop Off Tedford Shelter Meal</p>	<p>Dec 2 9-2 UUCB Annual Holiday Fair</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 Bernier by Thursday at noon. The deadline for the November 26th service is a week earlier due to the Thanksgiving recess.

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 December Parish Messenger is **Friday, November 17th.**