

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 10AM

Jan 07 “Ring Out the False, Ring In the True” Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Music by Derek Herzer.

Jan 14 “Berea” **Rev. Sylvia Stocker**

Music by the choir, directed by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Derek Herzer.

Jan 21 Mindfulness **Lynn Deeves**

We welcome six long-time mindfulness meditation practitioners from southern and central Maine, who practice within Thich Nhat Hahn’s “Order of Interbeing.” Lynn Deeves will offer music and Marty Soule, Greg Fahy, Susannah Ristine, David Trafton and Sally Keene will each read/briefly share his/her experiences with one of the “5 Mindfulness Trainings.” These trainings are tools that can help us consider conditions that create peace and happiness in ourselves and others. They are not commandments and have been described as being like heading toward the North Star. No one expects to arrive at the North star, we just use the North Star as a guide.”

Jan 28 TBA

Music by Derek Herzer.

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

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Sometimes life dishes up inexplicable and monumental hard times. Right now our congregation is reeling after several deaths. Lynne Caswell attended here occasionally. Her son Jud and his family attend here regularly. When Lynne died of pancreatic cancer, she wanted her service here. And what a beautiful service it was!

Lynne's service was followed, the very next day, by an impromptu service for Ted Berrett. We all gathered to say goodbye to him a week and a half after his mysterious disappearance, even though his body had not yet (and still hasn't) been found. We struggled in that service to know even what tense to use. Could we speak of him in the past tense yet? Was present tense more appropriate? Confused, we drifted back and forth between the two. Still, many told their stories, helping the family to overwrite their own pain and confusion with memories of the good man Ted was. As I walked around the room carrying the microphone to person after person, I was struck by the compassion that poured from people as they recounted Ted.

And then, three weeks after Ted disappeared, our beloved Chris Mitchell died suddenly, leaving us all reeling in shock once again. Our hearts go out to Brad and his family. Our hearts go out, as well, to our Green Sanctuary Committee, which has lost not only its Chair (Ted) but also one of its stalwart members (Chris). Once again, I witnessed an outpouring of love and compassion on the part of our congregation.

I remember one of my seminary professors saying, "Sorrow can be borne if you put it into a story." I know stories are no substitute for flesh and blood people, but I have also witnessed how hearts grow lighter when we recount our memories, sharing them with each other for comfort and solace. Stories have helped me heal, in my own times of sorrow. When my father died of Alzheimer's Disease, for instance, the many stories friends and family told brought him back to me and made him present in a way he hadn't been present in his declining years.

As I write, the year winds down to an end, and the New Year beckons. This time of year, it is natural both to look back and to look forward. In my experience, full grieving requires one to take the first step,

looking back, before one can even begin to imagine the second step, looking forward. So, all of you with broken hearts, I encourage you to take some time to look back, to remember the stories – both good times and bad, to bring your loved ones more fully present using the power of recollection. That's such an important part of healing. And if you would like a listening ear – someone who will hear your stories – I'm available.

Much love to all of you,
Sylvia



HOW TO REACH US

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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.

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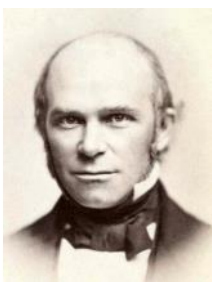
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THEODORE PARKER & UU PRINCIPLE #4

With 2017 almost at its end, the Religious Education Committee is looking ahead to the promise of the lengthening of days, winter recreations, and the glad return of Nicole from her sabbatical. We are excited to connect back with her and share in both her own experience away and also how the congregation rose to support the development of our youth as she engaged in her studies. We wish to thank everyone who helped in picking up duties while Nicole has been away. And speaking of winter recreations, we're pleased to announce that the annual RE Bath YMCA Pizza/Swim/Rock Wall party will be held after church on Sunday, January 21.

This month's UU Principle of focus is the 4th Principle, as stated in the Religious Education curriculum: "We're free to search for what is true and right." The famous UU from history that will be studied in January as part of this year's RE curriculum is Theodore Parker (August 24, 1810 – May 10, 1860).



Parker was a writer, lecturer, preacher, public intellectual and abolitionist, among many other things. Through Parker's studies and personal exploration, his faith evolved and his expositions and lectures challenging the foundations of certain belief structures caused controversy and also inspired growth. His work was a part of the major changes that occurred within the Unitarian church during the late 1800s. His courageous and relentless studies of Unitarian religion, which at times went against the communities and institutions he was member of, is an example of Principle 4 in practice and the power and impact following that Principle can have upon an individual, congregation and in fact an entire faith community.

A bit of interesting trivia about Parker was noted in [an interview](#) on NPR by Melissa Block with Professor Clayborne Carson of Stanford University. In 2010 a new rug was installed as part of the makeover of the Oval Office, and on this rug some of President Obama's favorite quotations were woven around the border. One of these was a phrase Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. often used (including during the march from Selma in 1965) "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." This is in fact paraphrased from a sermon by Theodore Parker in 1853: "I do not pretend to understand the moral universe. The arc is a long one. My eye reaches but little ways. I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by experience of sight. I can divine it by conscience. And from what I see I am sure it bends toward justice." Additionally, Ms. Block goes on to note "...there's another speech from (Theodore Parker) in 1850 that included these words: 'a government of all the people, by all the people, for all the people', which of course became part of the Gettysburg Address. And those words are also woven into President Obama's Oval Office rug that we were talking about yesterday. So Theodore Parker has lineage to not one but two of the five quotes on that rug." Professor Carson responds "That's right. And these are probably two of the most familiar quotes for King and then for Lincoln. So it shows how significant he was as an intellectual force, and it's interesting that his name is almost forgotten today. But clearly, through his writings and through his speeches and sermons, he influenced lots of people." In RE this month we'll be doing our best to ensure that Theodore Parker's remarkable legacy is not forgotten.

Kate Phenix, RE Committee Member

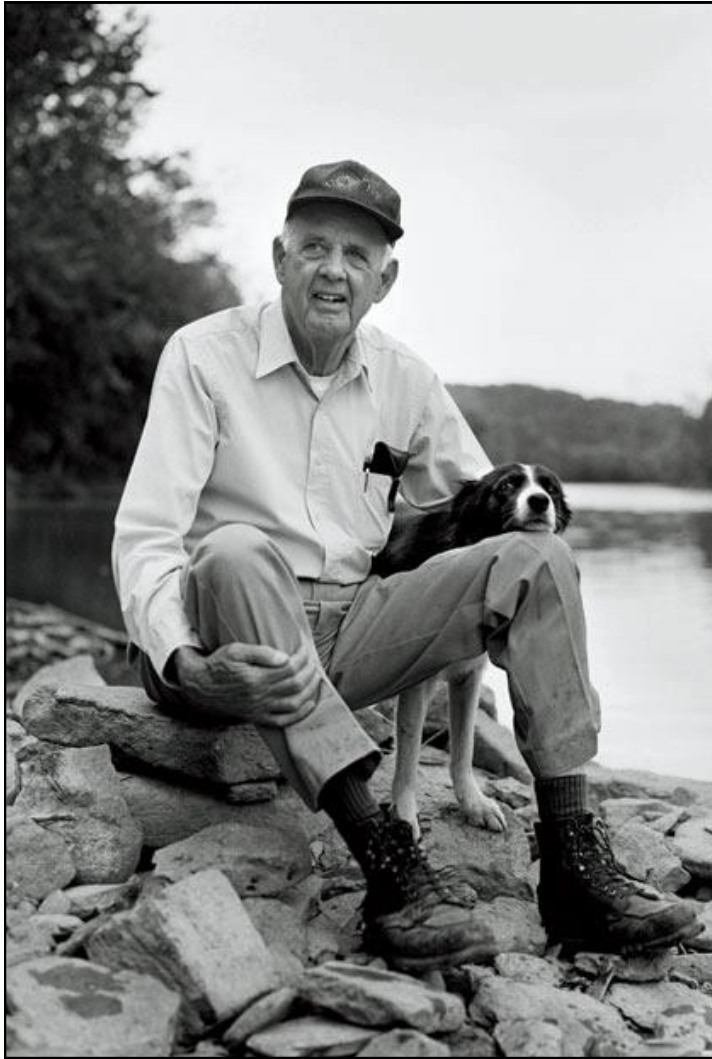


Important RE Announcements and Dates

- Jan 07:** RE for children and youth
- Jan 14:** RE for children and youth
- Jan 21:** RE for children and youth, Bath YMCA Pizza/Swim/Rock Wall party after church service
- Jan 28:** RE for children and youth

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee Invites You to



Wendell Berry: Special Places Sacred Places

**Two workshops on what
it means to be “married
to a special place.”**

UUCB Sanctuary

Pat Harris, Facilitator

Sunday, January 14 at 11:30 am

Bring a photo, small physical relic, Wendell Berry poem or other writing related to a favorite place of yours.

Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 am

Suggestions for writings will be available after the first session, and will flow from our first gathering. Share your own writings or comments about what this place means to you.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

JANUARY CHARITY WITH SOUL MAINE FAMILY PLANNING

Founded in 1971, Maine Family Planning (MFP) offers comprehensive reproductive health care, focusing on low-income, uninsured, and underinsured Mainers, at 18 health centers around the state. Surgical abortion care is provided at its Augusta location and medication abortion at all 18 sites. MFP also is the only organization in northern New England that offers training and education in abortion care to medical students, residents, and physicians.

MFP offers specialized care for transgender patients at its Lewiston and Waterville clinics and primary care at the Ellsworth clinic. It also sponsors the Hancock and Washington County WIC nutrition programs and the Hancock County Maine Families home visiting program for young families.

As the major source of sexuality education in the state, MFP trains educators to present evidence-based, comprehensive sexuality curricula that focus on preventing HIV, STIs, and pregnancy, contributing to Maine's fourth-lowest-in-the-nation teen pregnancy rate. MFP also maintains an active public affairs presence, providing legislative education and advocacy at all levels of government.

In its most recently completed fiscal year, MFP provided care for over 22,000 men, women, and teens across Maine, 78% of whom qualified for free or reduced-fee services.



MUUSAN NEXT MEETING

(Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network)

Saturday, January 13, 2018

10:00am-12 noon

UU Community Church Augusta



There was no meeting in December so the group will be off to a fresh new year beginning in January when they gather at the UU Community Church in Augusta, 69 Winthrop St.

The focus continues to be restoring Rank Choice Voting by collecting the required 61,123 signatures on the People's Veto petitions, half of which were collected on election day in November.

If you have never attended a MUUSAN meeting, the January meeting could be a good choice as the Health Care for All, Climate Change, Democracy in Action and the newest interest group, Racial Justice will meet as usual and you can expect an update on MUUSAN legislative priorities.

Hope to see you there!

Sue Kennedy – UUCB, MUUSAN representative

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MAINE - WABANAKI REACH WORKSHOP

Thirty people gathered in the UUCB sanctuary on November 18th to spend a day learning from Maine-Wabanaki REACH volunteers about the history and effects of colonization on Maine's native people. Through videos, activities and discussion the challenges of institutionalized white dominance was presented. The work of the Maine-Wabanaki REACH Truth and Reconciliation Commission spearheaded the effort to promote decolonization and this workshop focused on ways the non-native population can support the Wabanaki community in their efforts to find healing, wellness and self determination.



Maine-Wabanaki REACH
Reconciliation • Engagement • Advocacy • Change • Healing

MIDCOAST NEW MAINERS SUPPORT GROUP (MNMSG)

MNMSG has secured an apartment in Bath and is helping to settle a Burkinabe woman and her 2 children there as of December 8. Odette, mother; Orlane, daughter almost 13; and Ashken, son almost 8 arrived in the United States from Burkina-Faso over a year ago and have developed considerable fluency in English. They will still, however, need other kinds of support (transportation, child care, companionship and general partnering) as they find their way and begin to settle into their new community. Odette has a degree in environmental sciences from Burkina-Faso and is completing her CNA in Portland. She is eager to find work in the Bath area and continue her studies to become a nurse. There will be many ways to provide support. Given the limited funds available through General Assistance, we know that contributions of food cards; laundry change (quarters) and bus fare are welcomed. And most important is the warmth of friendship. As MNMSG gets to know this family better, we will have more specific information about what particular kinds of support would be the most helpful. We will let you know!

Working for Justice and MNMSG are looking forward to planning a multicultural pot luck at UUCB to warm up the winter – sometime in the month of February or March. Stay tuned.



Ashley Richards installing blinds at the apartment in Bath being prepared for a mother and 2 children from Burkina Faso.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

THE BLACK HOLE IN THE WHITE UU PSYCHE

On an icy Wednesday night, a group of hardy souls came to UUCB to watch a video presentation of a lecture by UU minister Reverend Mark Morrison-Reed. In his introduction, Larry Lemmel explained that the recorded lecture is part of a long-standing program within our Unitarian Universalist denomination. The MINNS Lectures were established in 1941 by Unitarian Susan Minns of Boston to honor her brother, Thomas Minns. In this lecture, recorded in Boston earlier this year, Reverend Morrison-Reed presented a compelling case for understanding the sometimes appalling history of race relations within the Unitarian and Universalist denominations. While he remains optimistic about the future, acknowledgement of inequities in the past is necessary in our efforts moving forward. “We have embraced a false narrative about who we are.” Morrison-Reed offered numerous examples in our history of actions taken by people in power that suggested “Black Lives Don’t Matter.” There are many indications that the UUA is now highly motivated to change that.



The video is available for streaming at: <http://minnslectures.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Many people indicated on their Understanding and Confronting Racism “pledge” cards that one of the action steps they would like to take was to watch the documentary, **13th**. The Black Lives Matter Task Force will be sponsoring a showing at church on **Friday, January 12** at **7:00-9:00 pm**.

Another popular action step was to read *Tears We Cannot Stop, A Sermon to White America*, by Michael Eric Dyson. We will have a discussion of the book on **Sunday, February 25th** at **11:30 am** in the sanctuary.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

THE PROMISE AND THE PRACTICE OF OUR FAITH FOR BLACK LIVES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

Recently elected (June 2017) UUA President Susan Frederick-Gray has made clear her full support for a new initiative to “invest collectively and significantly in the leadership and organizing of Black Unitarian Universalists.” The UUA has made a commitment to raise and invest \$5.3 million, and has put forth one million dollars from our endowment to support *Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism* (BLUU). The BLUU Organizing Collective works to provide support, information & resources for Black Unitarian Universalists and to expand the role & visibility of Black UUs within our faith.

In June, a family joined the UUA in its financial commitment, making a remarkable \$1 million gift to encourage and match contributions from our congregations. In order to receive the matching funds, *we must raise \$1 million in our congregations this year and next*. To meet this challenge, the donor family has asked congregations to pledge at least \$10 per member to this campaign. If our congregation is able to reach the threshold of \$10 (average) per member, BLUU will receive a dollar-for-dollar match for our contribution.

Further amplifying the potential impact of our contributions, the Northern New England District (NNE) of the UUA voted to match up to \$100,000 for every additional dollar our Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont churches donate to BLUU over the next two

years. This means that churches in our district that meet the \$10 per member criterion will have their gifts matched so that each dollar results in a total of \$3 to BLUU.

Further Information

- The UUCB Board voted on November 28, 2017 to support this initiative at the average of \$10 per member, pledged by June 2018 and paid by June 2019.
- Those of us who attended the video lecture presentation by Reverend Mark Morrison-Reed on the history of black lives in Unitarian and Universalist congregations came away with a clear understanding of the need for this effort. The video is available for streaming at <http://minnslectures.org/>
- A brief video message from Reverend Susan Frederick Gray and BLUU Executive Director Lena K. Gardner is available at: <https://www.uua.org/giving/areas-support/funds/promise-and-practice/message-susan-frederick-gray>
- The Worship Committee will present further information about this initiative as part of the worship service on February 11, 2018.



WORKING FOR JUSTICE

WORKING FOR JUSTICE AROUND THE WORLD

Working for Justice Steering Group member Jim Spicer went with 4 friends from the UU church in Augusta on a volunteer “build” in Sri Lanka sponsored by the Fuller Center for Housing. Very similar to Habitat for Humanity, the Fuller Center for Housing offers no-interest loans for home building and improvement.

The Fuller Center’s Global Builders get to see the real world *off* the beaten path, immersing themselves in different cultures for 1-2 weeks and truly getting to know people from different lands — all while making a difference in their lives by helping families build safe, decent homes.

Jim says it’s good to know that at 71 he can still mix concrete and carry bricks in 90 degree heat and 90 percent humidity. The Sri Lankan people were warm and generous, and the curries were great.



SANDY HOOK VIGIL



Many thanks to the hardy souls who braved the dark, the icy sidewalks and the cold to come to the Remembrance and Vigil to mark the 5th anniversary of the shooting at Sandy Hook sponsored by the Working for Justice Committee on December 14. Rev Sylvia Stocker, Ed McCartan and Lisa Ledwidge gave moving and informative talks. Oboist Hugh Maynard, violinist Kate Gray and pianist Jan Davis played beautiful music. Following the program there was a short but heartfelt candle light vigil on Middle St. To top it off, Mary Larson rang the bell 26 times – one for each of the 20 children and 6 educators who were killed in the shooting.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK GROUP Sunday, January 21



The Plant-Powered Potluck is meeting on Sunday, January 21, 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 Jessica Tracy at jtracy21@myfairpoint.net or call her at 729-7294 by Wednesday, January 17. 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

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

LUNCH AT THE FRONTIER CAFÉ In Fort Andross, Brunswick

Wednesday, January 10 at 11:45 am



LUNCH AT THE NEW BEET MARKET 25 Burbank Ave, Brunswick Landing

Wednesday, January 17 at 11:45 am



MEN'S LUNCHEON Wed, January 31

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.

SoUUPS ON Wed, January 7

The Membership Committee is hosting its annual SoUUPS On luncheon. Learn about it on the next page.

MEMBERSHIP

SAVE THE DATE—JANUARY 7, 2018



SoUUps On—This year we will be welcoming back our religious educator, Nicole Boutilier, at our annual SoUUps On! potluck luncheon. Nicole has been on sabbatical this fall and will be back in the saddle on January 7th. In addition to the variety of soups provided, there will be a special menu of macaroni and cheese for the kids. Watch for your invitation in the mail and please join us!



SoUUps On, 2017



BUDDY UP!

Our Buddy Up program is up and running—all we need now are more folks who would like buddies. Imagine a friendly face ready to greet you at coffee hour each Sunday, or learning more about UUCB's many service opportunities and social activities through personal conversation. Don't be shy! Contact Betsy Williams (978-505-9467 or bwilliams120@gmail.com) to talk about the program, or stop by the visitor's table on Sunday to sign up.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

HOLIDAY ARTS FAIR

Marylly and I would like to acknowledge the individuals who contributed so much to the success of this year's Holiday Arts Fair.

The Fair Committee members responsible for specific areas are: Adair DeLamater, Robin and Eric Hansen, Pat Harris, Barbara Jabaut, Eileen Manglass, Cuffy Chase, Erin Haynes, Penny Elwell, Clara Ross, Gretchen Kamilewicz, Mike Heath, Dave Damour, Sue Michaud.

Their efforts combined with the many volunteers who worked with them resulted in generating \$5,485.00 for UUCB. Thank you all.

If you would like to be part of the fair committee next year contact Leigh Peranteau, 725-4874 or leigh763@yahoo.com.

Happy New Year! *Leigh Peranteau and Maryli Tieman*



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

Novel Jazz Septet: *A Celebration of MLK Day* Saturday, January 13 at 7:30 pm



We need Refreshments
for Intermission.
Please sign up after
church or contact Sue
Michaud: 729-4857 or
michaud_susan@
comcast.net

The "UUCB Concerts for a Cause" series celebrates MLK Day with a concert by the Novel Jazz Septet. The concert will feature the music of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn - civil rights activists, friends and favorite musicians of Martin Luther King, Jr – along with interesting stories about their relationship with Dr. King, their experiences with racism and homophobia, and how this affected their music and forged their promotion of civil rights.

The musicians of "Novel Jazz," who hail from all over Maine, have been performing straight-ahead jazz around Maine and New England for over three decades. A decade ago, they embarked on a project to go through the massive archive of compositions by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn-- who wrote about 2,500 pieces between them-- transcribe some lesser known gems for the band and reinterpret them with a 21st century sound. Resulting in 3 CDs and a special PBS interview about the project. In addition, several two-hour programs dedicated to Novel Jazz have been broadcast on Maine Public Radio's jazz show, "Jazz Tonight" over the years.

Duke Ellington is universally acknowledged as the greatest composer in the history of jazz and, increasingly,

as one of the greatest of any kind in the history of American music, as well as a peerlessly creative big-band orchestrator, a pianist of formidable originality, and an enduring exemplar of black accomplishment and pride."

Strayhorn's talents were equally laudable. "Billy Strayhorn was one of the greatest composers in the history of American music, the creator of a body of work that includes such standards as "Take the 'A' Train". Yet, all his life, Strayhorn was overshadowed by his friend and collaborator Duke Ellington, with whom he worked for three decades as the Ellington Orchestra's ace songwriter."

Novel Jazz Septet will play some of the rare numbers from the Ellington Band between the 1920's to the 1960's, along with the classic jazz standards written by these iconic composers.

TICKETS:

\$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, \$8 Students/Children
Available after church or in the church office,
Gulf of Maine Books, or online at
<http://noveljazz.brownpapertickets.com/>

BOARD REPORT

As some of you may or may not be aware, after the Congregational Meeting on November 19 there was a meeting to discuss the UUCB's Alcoholic Beverages Policy. This was the result of a promise to members of the church who last spring approached the Board of Trustees (who were revisiting all church policies) to discuss the existing policy and whether to make a change in the policy.

At that meeting the Board felt that they needed more input from the congregation as a whole and promised to do so at a meeting in the fall, and rather than call a second Congregational meeting, we added this topic to the meeting on the 19th.

The result of the meeting was not conclusive and so the Board would like to continue to reach out to the congregation for further input into whether the policy should be changed or not. So, if you would like to weigh in on this issue please feel free to contact any member of the board with your input.

The policy as it reads now is:

It is the policy of UUCB 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.

Approved by the Board - January 10, 1990

On a happier note we would like to remind the congregation that Nicole Boutilier will be returning from her sabbatical in January. The RE committee, Sabbatical Support Committee and the Membership Committee will be combining her welcome back with the SoUUps on celebration on Sunday January 7th after services. Part of the plan for this SoUUps on is to include some macaroni and cheese dishes to entice the younger of heart and age.

Charlie Evans, Board Chair



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



Pejepscot Station

Pejepscot Station is a high-energy bluegrass band comprised of veteran musicians hailing from the mid-coast Maine area. It features Jim McLaughlin on mandolin and fiddle, Stephen "Satch" Hatch on guitar, Cherie "Peachblossom" Howard on bass, and **UUCB's own Ren Bernier on banjo**. Vocals are shared by all. Based in the village of Pejepscot (in Topsham), the band has been performing throughout southern Maine since forming in 2011. Their repertoire is a mix of traditional and contemporary bluegrass with a few little surprises thrown in. Tight vocal harmonies and some good Maine style humor between songs make for an enjoyable and fast-paced show.

Friday, January 19

The Side Door Coffeehouse has been a fundraiser for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick since 1993.

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 31 10 Church Service NO RE	1	2 2 New Mainer's Steering Group: MSR 4 Membership: MSR 7 Worship: WBR	3 11 Rental: Meditation: WBR	4 10 Rental Com: MSR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 3:30 Chalice Circle: MSR Topic: Writers 5 Social Justice: MBR 6:45 RE Comm: MBR 7 Choir: SAN	5 Teford Shelter Meal 11 Holiday Arts Fair Mtg: MSR	6 10 AA Rental: MBR
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7 10 Church Service 10 Youth Group 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 SoUUps On Build Your Own Theology: MSR Dedecking Party: MBR	8 1 Chalice Circle: WBR 4-7 Rental BMT: MBR 6-9:30 Rental Vox Nova: SAN	9 10 New Mainer's: MSR 2 Chalice Circle: WBR 4:30 Finance: MSR 5 Staff: WBR 6-9 Rental Indivisible Sagadahoc: MBR 6:30 Stories: WBR 7:30 Vox Nova Concert 7:30 Pastoral Care: MSR	10 11:45 Lunch for 8	11 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 7 Choir: SAN	12 7 Black Lives Matter Documentary 13th: SAN	13 10 AA Rental: MBR 1-3 Rental Brunswick Area Indivisible 7:30 Novel Jazz Concert—MLK Celebration
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14 10 Church Service 10 Youth Group 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Intern Comm: WBR 11:30 Adult Education—Wendell Berry: SAN	15 3-9pm RENTAL—MLK Day Benefit Supper: SAN & KIT	16 2 Savvy Caretakers: WBR 6:30 Board: MSR	17 2 Chalice Circle: WBR 3 Poetry with Barclay & Maryli: MSR 11:45 Lunch for 8 6:45 UUCB Council: MSR	18 12 Noon Deadline: for 11/19 worship service 6:30 New Mainer's Support Group: MSR 7 Choir: SAN	19 5 Parish Messenger Deadline 6:30 Side Door Coffeeshouse: SAN (Pejepscot Station)	20 10 AA Rental: MBR
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28 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Adult Education Workshop: SAN	29 4-7 Rental Brunswick Music Theater: MBR	30 6:30 Concert Committee: MSR	31 12 Men's Luncheon: TBA	SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry Room MSR = May Sarton Room MBR = Merymeeting Bay Room PEN = All RE Space HIL = Hildebrant Room CAR = Carson Room MAN = Mandela Room CL = Curtis Library		
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 submit it to Shirley Bernier by Thursday at noon.

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 February Parish Messenger is **Friday, January 19th**.