

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



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*Our Mission is
To be a spiritual community
To welcome all
To nurture one another
To work for justice
And to care for the earth.*

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

Feb 04 "A Brief History of Hell (and Heresy)" Rev. Erika Hewitt*

Nearly sixty percent of Americans believe in hell; only 4% believe they'll go there after death. This, perhaps, is why at least one evangelical preacher made waves when he preached the Universalist gospel that there is no hell, because "love wins." Join guest minister Rev. Erika Hewitt as she reviews the history of hell, and reflects on the hells — and the life-giving spark we might call "salvation" — that we create here on earth.

Music by Jud Caswell

** Learn more about Rev. Hewitt on page 7.*

Feb 11 "Tu Bishvat" Marily Weinberg, Guest Speaker

The service will be led by Maryli Tiemann, Stephanie Bernier, & Marilyn Weinberg from the Beth Israel Congregation. We will examine the principles of Tu Bishvat, or "New Year of the Trees," a holiday with an environmental focus as well as reminders of our connection to the earth. Music by the choir, directed by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Derek Herzer.

Feb 18 TBA Gar Roper

Music by Derek Herzer.

Feb 25 "Poetry through the Life Span" Rev. Sylvia Stocker and ...

At our annual Longfellow service, we look at poetry across all the stages of life. Sylvia is looking for people who might be willing to read a poem during the service. Contact her at revstocker@gwi.net if you are interested. Music by Derek Herzer.

LONGFELLOW DAYS 2018

“THE HEART HATH ITS OWN MEMORY”

Throughout the month of February

This year we explore the phenomenon of nostalgia, of looking back, through the lens of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The poet was fascinated with heroic figures of antiquity, and he wrote sensitively, emotionally about his own life experiences and the aging process. We will also look back at Longfellow's reputation, the ways in which his talents have been viewed through the decades.

Sunday, February 4, 1:00 PM • **THE COURSEN READINGS, PART ONE**

Many superb writers have graced Brunswick and its vicinity through the years. We feature twelve of them in a four-part Sunday series named for the late poet and Longfellow Days' friend, Herbert Coursen. Each has been nominated by a poet from a prior year. We begin with Kristen Case, Maureen Thorson, and Beau Williams. Refreshments. *Fireplace Room, Curtis Memorial Library*

Thursday, February 8, 10:00 AM • **COMMUNITY POETRY READING AT THORNTON OAKS**

This informal gathering, facilitated by poets Ted and Ruth Bookey, is open to everyone, so please bring and share a poem. Refreshments. *Merrymeeting Room, Thornton Oaks, 25 Thornton Way (off Barbeau Drive)*

Sunday, February 11, 1:00 PM • **THE COURSEN READINGS, PART TWO**

Maine poets, Jim Glenn Thatcher, Sheila Wellehan and New Hampshire's Sarah Anderson are featured. Refreshments. *Fireplace Room, Curtis Memorial Library*

Wednesday, February 14, 12:15 PM • **THE CHARM OF READING AND REREADING**

Tricia Welsh, Professor of Cinema Studies, is also a passionate, prodigious reader – and she's writing a book about it. She will share a preview of *Love Lines*, which reflects on a lifetime of reading, here talking about adult rereading of childhood favorites like *Heidi* and *Little Women*, and leading a conversation about the books we treasure. There'll be Valentine's Day treats. *Morrill Room, Curtis Memorial Library*

Saturday, February 17, 11:00 AM • **MORNING AT THE MOVIES**

Rather than a Longfellow film, we're presenting the fourth (1994) film adaptation of one of his contemporary's classic works: Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*. Directed by Gillian Armstrong, it features Christian Bale, Claire Danes, and Winona Ryder. Tricia Welsh returns to provide context and lead discussion around the screening. *Smith Auditorium, Sills Hall, Bowdoin College*

Saturday, February 17, 1:00-3:00 PM • **AFTERNOON AT THE CHAMBERLAIN MUSEUM**

Unique tours of one of Longfellow's residences in Brunswick – later home to Maine Governor and Civil War General Joshua Chamberlain – courtesy of the Pejepscot Historical Society. *Joshua L. Chamberlain Museum, 226 Maine Street*

Sunday, February 18, 1:00 PM • **THE COURSEN READINGS, PART THREE**

Come in out of the cold. Maine college faculty poets Derek Meader (SMCC), Ellen Taylor (UMA), and Shana Youngdahl (UMF) present their work. Refreshments. *Fireplace Room, Curtis Memorial Library*

Monday, February 19, 10:00 AM • **COMMUNITY POETRY READING AT THE HIGHLANDS**

Ted and Ruth Bookey facilitate an informal gathering for the area community to share favorite poems (your own or others') at The Highlands. Refreshments. *Georgetown Parlor, Maine Lodge, 30 Governors Way, Topsham*

Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 PM • **WE SALUTE YOU!**

Come participate in a public read-in as we parse the quintessential “looking back” poem, *Moritur! Salutamus*, which Longfellow wrote for the fiftieth reunion of his Bowdoin College graduating class. Gary Lawless, poet and co-owner of Gulf of Maine books, will emcee. *The Brunswick Inn, 165 Park Row*

Friday, February 23, 7 PM • **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HENRY!**

We're cheating; he'd be 211 in four days, but who's counting? Gary Lawless is back as our featured reader for an everyone's-welcome poetry open mic. Come read your work and enjoy some birthday cake. *Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle Street*

Sunday, February 25, 10:00 AM • **LITERARY CHAPEL SERVICE**

The theme for the ecumenical service, led by Rev. Sybilla Stocker, is “Poetry Through the Lifespan.” Visit the Bible that Longfellow signed and donated to his Unitarian church in 1878. *Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle Street*

Sunday, February 25, 1:00 PM • **THE COURSEN READINGS, PART FOUR**

The final installment features poets Dave Morrison, Jefferson Navicky, and Mihku Paul. Refreshments. *Fireplace Room, Curtis Memorial Library*

Tuesday, February 27, 4:00 PM • **HISTORY OF HENRY IN BRUNSWICK**

We have invited John Cross, Secretary of Development and College Relations at Bowdoin, and an unofficial historian of the College, to speak about Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's experience in Brunswick during the 1820s and '30s, first as a Bowdoin student and later as an influential faculty member. Note: This date is HWL's actual birthday, so bring a kazoo or confetti to celebrate. *Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Middle Street*

Our 2018 theme, the quote at the top, comes from Longfellow's 1880 poem “From My Arm-Chair.”

Longfellow Days is a program of the Brunswick Downtown Association, with support from Bowdoin College, The Brunswick Inn, Hannaford, and the Nathaniel Davis Fund. All programs are free of charge.

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

On Martin Luther King Day, I was asked to give the keynote address at the annual Brunswick MLK dinner. Why me? Because of our Black Lives Matter Banner, that's why.

Here's a story I shared as part of my speech.

In August I was a "fellow" at the Better Selves Fellowship at Knoll Farm in Vermont. The people I met there were doing amazing, creative, community- and world-changing work. One was an articulate, beautiful, young woman named Xochilth. Xochilth was proud of her mixed heritage – black and Hispanic. She worked at an institution on the west coast that focuses on building an equitable, inclusive society.

One day, Xochilth asked me about where I lived.

"Oh, yes, Maine," she said. "I was offered a full scholarship there at a college called Bowdoin. But I was too afraid to go there. I thought I would stand out and be alone."

"Oh yes, Bowdoin," I replied. "It's right in my back yard."

Can you imagine how sad I felt to know this warm, bright, articulate, passionate, creative, committed young woman had felt too afraid to study at Bowdoin College – right in my back yard? In my town? In my state?

Friends, we cannot begin to measure what Brunswick lost when Xochilth turned Bowdoin down. Multiply Xochilth by the countless, unknown numbers of others who choose elsewhere because they are afraid to come here, and we have a real tragedy to address.

Responsibility for change does not belong to the Xochilths who feel afraid, but to us who need to dream a bigger, better dream. For me, that dream is what our Black Lives Banner represents.

(The full text of my remarks will be in the sermon rack in Fellowship Hall sometime soon...)

In June our congregation voted its support of Black Lives Matter. We said we would "honor UUA's request for UU churches to become visually and audibly involved in the related issues. Our involvement will include studying the issues and displaying a Black Lives Matter banner on the church." (Words taken from the motion that passed.)

Now our banner is on full display. Our Black Lives Matter – Challenging Our White Supremacy task force has been working hard creating programming to help our congregation to do the kind of self-exploration we voted to do. It's winter, and the cold and ice can be off putting, but I hope, as the days get longer and warmer, people will start to come out of their shells a bit and attend those programs more vigorously and devotedly.

I strongly believe all of us will benefit from doing this kind of exploration. Upcoming book discussions, movies, and more will be publicized in the *Parish Messenger*, Sunday orders of worship, and the email "This Week at UUCB." Please make a point of engaging in the programming. Changing the world requires, first, self-inventory and self-change. What better place to do that than here?

Responsibility for change belongs to us who need to dream a bigger, better dream.

Love, Sylvia



Sylvia's Winter Break: Sylvia will be engaging in a period of study and vacation from January 21 to February 21. If you have an emergency during that period, please contact a member of the Board of Trustees, who will know how to get in touch with Sylvia

Sylvia and Glenn Williams keynote address at the MLK Dinner on Jan15. Title: "Banner Banter: Why Black Lives Matter?"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHITNEY YOUNG & UU PRINCIPLE #5

During the month of February, the Religious Education program will be exploring our 5th Unitarian Universalist Principle: “We affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.” In simpler language this might read as “We believe that all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them” or “Each person has a voice”. Not only does this principle highlight the importance of democracy within our congregations but it also calls each of us to cultivate and exercise our own voices in standing



up for what we believe in.

Many historical Unitarian Universalist figures have used their voices to call us to action in the name of justice. One such voice was that of Whitney Young, the

famous UU we are learning about this month. Whitney Young (1921-1971) was an African American UU who was an activist in the Civil Rights movement. He earned a Master’s Degree in social work and was employed as a college professor. Whitney Young became president of the National Urban League and transformed the organization from one that was cautious and moderate to being in the forefront of the civil rights movement. He was a man who cultivated and used his voice for the work of justice!

Important RE Announcements & Dates

Feb 04: RE Classes, Youth Group, Coming of Age

Feb 11: RE Classes, Youth Group, Coming of Age

Feb 18: Multi-Age Activity PreK-6

Feb 25: Multi-Age Activity PreK-6

SABBATICAL NOTES

I’m back from sabbatical and happy to be seeing you all again at church! I had a wonderful time and am very grateful to have had this opportunity. I spent many of my sabbatical hours outside running and hiking on many different trail systems in Maine and New Hampshire, participating in races, camping, and rock climbing. I went to yoga classes, coached a Girls on the Run team, attended classes at USM and SMCC, participated in a meditation workshop, visited two other UU congregations, and read many books. Over the next several months remaining in this program year I will share with you what I have learned through the newsletter, *Time for All Ages* in the worship service, and in RE programming.

I have many people to thank for keeping things running smoothly here at church in my absence- the sabbatical support team, fellow staff members (Diana who was hired as the youth advisor literally just before I left!), and volunteers who agreed to guide RE groups and lead workshops knowing I wouldn’t be available to provide assistance. I would like to thank those who served on the RE Committee while I was away and who did the majority of my normal duties related to Sunday morning programming – Jennifer Burns, Marsey Caswell, Cathey Cyrus, Sienna Dode, Melissa Fochesato, Nathan Haynes, Pat Harris, Jean Lay, Kate Phenix, and Lisa Webster. I am grateful to work for a church with such a supportive congregation- both of the RE program and of me. Thanks!

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Nicole on sabbatical: Winter ascent of Mt. Washington

CHRISTMAS EVE, 2017



ALCOHOL POLICY

The Board of Trustees would like to remind the congregation that the board wants to hear from anyone who would like to give us input on our existing alcoholic beverages policy. I will remind you again what our policy is at this time.

“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.”

This policy has been in place since January of 1990.

We will continue to take comments until our Board Meeting on **March 20th**.

LARRY LEMMEL, PIANO Sunday, February 11 at 11:30 am

All-Debussy Program
Admission Free
In the Sanctuary



WORKING FOR JUSTICE

FEBRUARY CHARITY WITH SOUL MIDCOAST HUNGER PREVENTION PROGRAM

MidCoast Hunger Prevention Program is well known to UUCB and has been selected as the February Charity. Serving residents of Brunswick, Topsham, Harpswell, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Lisbon, Lisbon Falls and Durham MCHPP's mission is to reduce hunger by providing food assistance, sustainable living education, and referral services to households living at or below poverty. Currently seven programs are managed by staff at MCHPP: the soup kitchen, food pantry, food bank, elders program, summer feeding for school age children & summer day camps, weekly workshops-living education program and the food security coalition of MidCoast Maine. UUCB members volunteer regularly at MCHPP and have for many, many years. Together we all make a difference. To learn more go to <http://www.mchpp.org/> and please donate generously through the month of February in the weekly offering.



MIDCOAST NEW MAINERS SUPPORT GROUP (MNMSG)

Midcoast New Mainers Support Group (MNMSG), a growing collaboration of faith communities - (In Brunswick; UUCB; St. Paul's Episcopal; First Parish UCC and Brunswick Friends Meeting; in Phippsburg UCC; in Topsham Jesus Christ Church of the Latter Day Saints; in Bath, Temple Beth Israel; Grace Episcopal Church) - continues to partner with a family from Burkina-Faso. Odette, and her children, Orlane and Ashken moved into their Bath apartment in early December. Odette begins work in January as a CNA at Winship Green as she also begins her classes at Brunswick SMCC to work towards a nursing degree. Many at UUCB are volunteering to support this family by providing transportation, child care, support for daily needs and friendship. If you would like to learn about how you might help, please speak with a member of the Working for Justice steering group or come to the next monthly MNMSG meeting on **Thursday, 2/15 at 6:30pm** in the MerryMeeting Bay Room.

A **Multicultural Pot Luck supper** is being planned for Sunday, April 8, at Beth Israel's Minnie Brown Center in Bath. A planning committee has been formed and will soon have more information about how we can all participate. For sure UUSC will be invited to bring food and friendship.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

FEBRUARY 11 TO MARCH 4

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 more than 75 grass-roots 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?

With this year's theme of *Small Change is Big Change*, GAYT invites UU Congregations across the country to reflect on the stories of four UUSC partners who respond to great justice challenges with limited resources. Their stories are presented in this year's *Stories of Hope* booklets that will be available at UUCB from February 11 to March 4. *Small Change is Big Change* also conveys the impact of contributions to UUSC. What we give matters.

WHY IS IT CALLED GUEST AT YOUR TABLE?

Extending the metaphor of the guest, we are encouraged to "invite" the people and programs that are making a difference to our tables - into our communities or our homes - as "guests", by sharing their stories and offering them support through the UUSC. Those who wish may create a box or jar 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 February 11, the Sunday service will call attention to the work of UUSC, and you will receive a *Stories of Hope* booklet. Over the next 3 weeks, read and discuss these stories as well as other stories you know about people whose efforts, no matter how small, have effected meaningful change in their communities. At each meal put your contributions to UUSC into the special contribution box or other container. **At the end of 3 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, March 4 during the church service.** (If you cannot be there on the 4th, 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.

WORSHIP LEADER ERIKA HEWITT

Rev. Erika Hewitt serves as the Unitarian Universalist Association's Minister of Worship Arts, and as the called minister of the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Damariscotta. By serving half-time in each role, Erika remains grounded in UU congregational life, as well as offering vision and resources to many UU congregations throughout the country.

Erika will lead the service on February 4th.



WORKING FOR JUSTICE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

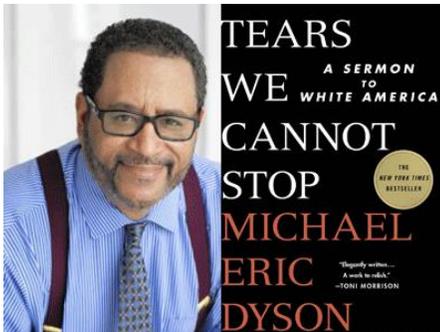
THE PROMISE AND THE PRACTICE OF OUR FAITH FOR BLACK LIVES OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

As reported in last month's Parish Messenger, 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 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. As part of UUCB's effort, a worship service originally scheduled for February 11th will be held on January 28th.

VIDEO PRESENTATION SERIES

Our video presentation series continued on January 12th. The **documentary entitled 13th**, by Ava DuVernay was shown to 25 attendees (including 10 people from outside our church) on a rainy Friday night. We hope to broaden exposure to this important work by showing it again on a Sunday after church. A date has not yet been set.

BOOK DISCUSSION



We have scheduled a discussion of *Tears We Cannot Stop* by Michael Eric Dyson on **February 25th** after the church service. A Professor of Sociology at Georgetown University, Dr. Dyson has been an ordained minister for thirty-five years, and the book is subtitled *A Sermon to White America*. Bowdoin College is hosting a talk by the author on February 6th at 7:00 pm.

BLM:COWS LENDING LIBRARY

The **Black Lives Matter: Challenging Our White Supremacy Task Force** has created a lending library to make related educational materials readily available for the congregation. Located on a table across from the kitchen, the library includes books and DVDs provided by our members.

- To borrow a book, please fill in your name and contact information on the index card in the book, then file the card alphabetically in the file box.
- To return a book, please remove the index card from the file box and place it back in the book for the next borrower.
- If you would like to lend a book, please provide the necessary information on an index card and place it in the book.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

#TakeAKnee in Prayer Event



Saturday, Feb. 3rd 4:30-5:30

#TakeAKnee in Prayer Event**Saturday, February 3, from 4:30--5:30 pm****Portland International Jetport Baggage Claim Area**

Participate in the #TakeAKnee in Prayer event to demonstrate our fervent prayer that our black and brown brothers and sisters will be treated with justice and kindness.

We gather to acknowledge the message of the NFL players who are using their platform of fame to call for an end to racial injustice and systematic oppression. Nationalism does not supersede our national values of equality and justice.

All are invited: clergy and lay people of all faiths (including vets and high school athletes). Please dress in black. All are encouraged to bring a pad, blanket or jacket to kneel upon.

The greatest stumbling block to justice is not white violence, but white silence.

Rev Martin Luther King

MEMBERSHIP

SoUUPS ON!

Soup was a welcome addition to a chilly Sunday on January 7th. Over 100 people braved the cold and stayed for the warmth of hot soup with friends, old and new. We welcomed Nicole back from her sabbatical with a special side dish of mac and cheese for the younger set. We're happy to host this annual event. Thanks to all who made it possible with homemade soup, breads and desserts.



BLACK LIVES MATTER

Betsy Williams and Michael Cain are the Membership Committee representatives to the Black Lives Matter/Challenging Our White Supremacy Task Force. The group has been busy offering multi-media opportunities for the congregation to honor our commitment to further our understanding of the issues facing people of color in America today. We would like to encourage *all* UUCB members and friends to participate in whatever way you can in this year-long initiative. If you have not done so already, please turn in your Pledge card showing

the action steps you plan to take. In addition, watch for weekly announcements in the Order of Service, check out the lending library opposite the kitchen, and go to the UUCB website for a list of resources to pursue on your own.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK GROUP Sunday, February 18



Please join us for the Plant-Powered Potluck on Sunday, February 18, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a delicious plant-based meal, the camaraderie of friends, and to explore a plant-based diet as a pathway to better health for our bodies and our planet. Everyone is welcome. Sorry, no drop-ins, but if you plan to come, RSVP to coordinator Michael Heath at mheath@zwi.net or 449-7692, by Thursday, February 15. 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 PEDRO O'HARA'S

Corner of Maine & Center St., Brunswick

Wednesday, February 14 at 11:45 am



LUNCH AT MOODY'S SEAFOOD

36 Bath Road, Brunswick

Wednesday, February 21 at 11:45 am



MEN'S LUNCHEON

Wed, February 28

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.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

Heather Masse and Jed Wilson

Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 pm



For this concert, Heather joins forces with jazz pianist Jed Wilson. Heather and Jed met as jazz students at the New England Conservatory of Music and have been performing together for more than 10 years. Heather's background is steeped in the jazz tradition, which informs her distinct approach to singing folk, pop and bluegrass.



Maine native Heather Masse is well-known to audiences as a regular solo guest on the NPR radio show “A Prairie Home Companion” and as a member of the Billboard-charting folk supergroup from Canada, The Waylin’ Jennys. On the show, Heather has collaborated with artists such as Elvis Costello, Wynton Marsalis, Sheryl Crow, Renee Fleming, and Emmylou Harris. She has also performed in many venues and with other popular groups such as the bluegrass band *The Wayfaring Strangers* on NPR’s *World Cafe*, and with the *Boston Pops Orchestra*.

In 2008, Ms. Masse released *Many Moons*, an EP of jazz-inspired folk duets with pianist Jed Wilson. Jed also played on Heather’s first full-length solo album *Bird Song*. Her solo debut on Red House Records, showcased her luscious alto voice and her superb songwriting. The title track “*Bird Song*” won her 1st prize at the International Acoustic Music Awards, and in 2012 she also won a prestigious Juno Award for “*Bright Morning Stars*,” her latest recording with The Wailin’ Jennys.

“Masse exhibits impeccable phrasing and a lush sound that suggests the sensuousness of Sophie Milman shot through with somber, Sarah Vaughan threads.” — *Jazz Times*



Heather Masse with The Waylin’ Jennys

TICKETS go on sale Feb 10:

\$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://heather.brownpapertickets.com/>

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

Bill Staines

Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 pm

Back by popular demand. One of the best-known and beloved singer-songwriters from the American folk music scene, Bill Staines has spent five decades on the road singing his songs and entertaining audiences, starting with the Boston folk scene in the early 1960s. With his heartfelt songs, his warm, smooth baritone, his prowess on guitar, his charm and his gentle humor, he is one of the most popular singers on the folk music circuit today.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Do the performers at your concerts do it for free or at a reduced rate?

A. NO. Most of the time they charge their normal rates, which can be very expensive. The more well-known they are, the more they cost. However, the more expensive ones seem to make more money for the church

Q. Why do you charge so much for tickets?

A. The artists themselves decide on the ticket prices in their contract with us. We need to earn enough for both the church and the artist to make a profit. If there is a concert that YOU would like to see but really can't afford it, please see Sylvia. She has a few complimentary tickets that she gives out to those who can't pay.

Q. Why don't you have more Classical Music?

A. We mostly hire singer-songwriters who make their living doing coffee houses and church concerts, but we also like to provide a variety of music. So we have had the Daponte String Quartet (who now rents the church for their own concerts) and pianists and jazz groups and local choruses. The well-known classical musicians are quite expensive, and Bowdoin has many concerts available for the classical buffs.

Q. I have a suggestion for a concert. What should I do?

A. The Concert Committee loves suggestions, and we've been getting LOTS of them. We have a long list of artists whom we are learning about and discussing at our meetings. Unfortunately we only do six concerts per year. The concert series must be lined up a year in advance. We have already lined up the 2018-19 season. But if you'd like to recommend someone for the 2019-20 season, we'll put them on our *Possibilities List*. Feel free to come to one of our meetings and make a case for YOUR favorite artist.

Q. How do you determine how much money to give to charities?

A. At the end of each fiscal year, the treasurer determines how much money is needed to meet the goals of the annual budget. Once that goal has been met, the rest of the money raised from fundraising events goes to outreach. The Fundraising Events goal this year is \$10,000. The Holiday Fair raised \$5,485 to meet part of the goal, but no other fundraisers have been scheduled. So, *Concerts for a Cause* will need to raise \$4,515 before they can give anything to charity. So far this season, we have raised \$1,465 from concerts... 4 more concerts to go. I hope you can help us meet our goal by attending some concerts, spreading the word, or providing refreshments.

GREEN SANCTUARY

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Join us to read and discuss

“On Care for Our Common Home”

by
Pope Francis

Interested in the moral challenges posed by our environmental crises, and what we can do?

Join us to read and discuss *On Care for Our Common Home*, by Pope Francis. Be inspired by Pope Francis’s appeal to address the needs of the earth and its people.

Conversations about our culture and systems and Hopeful ideas for steps that can help us take better care of creation.

Two reading groups will be offered:

St Charles Church, 132 McKeen St, Brunswick on 4 Sundays, Feb 18 – Mar 11, from 3:30 – 4:45

Curtis Memorial Library, 23 Pleasant St, Brunswick on 4 Mondays, Feb 19 – Mar 12, from 6:30 – 7:45

There will be a follow-up Earth Day celebration on Sunday April 22.



Register by Wed Feb 7 at www.allsaintsmaine.com – click on Common Home Registration, or call 725-2624. You’ll receive information on how to get a copy of the document.

In the spirit of Pope Francis’s desire to dialogue with all people, everyone (from any or no faith tradition) is welcome!



Dave Bullard & Kate Miller

Shades of the Sixties

Remember the Sixties? Remember the Seventies? Even if you don’t, this concert will bring you back to those years. With songs like “Take a Load Off, Annie”, “Aime”, and “Bad Moon Rising” - ride this time machine back 50 years to 1968 and recreate the memories. Come with your Favorite Valentine partner and enjoy the show. This concert will not be “unplugged”.

Friday Evening, February 16

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



BOARD REPORT

As the winter wears on, I must admit, the Almanac seers haven't been far off this year. They said we would be seeing a very cold and snowy winter. Right on, I'd say. And we are only about a third of the way through winter. But the days are getting longer and each day the sun seems to have more heat.

Also at this time of year, the Board starts to think about budgets. I announced from the pulpit last Sunday that the search is on for a group of people who would be willing to plan and carry out a campaign to raise the funds necessary to support our wonderful employees. I say that because the vast majority of our budget goes toward salaries, insurance and benefits for our employees. Part of our covenant is to "Give generously of our time, energy, talent, and money" and to "Bring conscience, compassion, and kindness into our interactions and our search for justice" as well as to "Take responsibility for ourselves and our actions and for upholding the values and aspirations or our covenant." All of these tenants of our Congregational Covenant apply to our employees and our joint ministries, outreach and generosity to those less fortunate. All of these tenants are made possible by our properly funding the church budget.

This year the board has the goal to develop a more expansive program for fund raising which will hopefully bring into all our consciousnesses the many ways we can contribute whatever amount of our "treasure" we can afford.



Mike Michaud and Mike Heath Shoveling Off the Roof



On Monday evening January 16, 2018 our beloved minister, Sylvia Stocker addressed the Martin Luther King Junior memorial dinner as the keynote speaker. This honor was in part because of our "Black Lives Matter" banner. I am proud of Sylvia and our church for this honor.

Charlie Evans, Board Chair

FEBRUARY 2018

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 9:30 Memoir Writing: WBR 10 Rental Com: MSR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 5 Social Justice: MBR 6:45 RE Comm: MBR 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>2 Teford Shelter Meal 11 Sharon Brown Art Reception</p>	<p>3 10 AA Rental: MBR 4:30 Take a Knee Prayer Event: Portland International Airport Baggage Claim</p>
<p>Rev. Stocker on Winter Vacation/Study Break from Jan 21- Feb 21.</p>						
<p>4 10 Church Service 10 Youth Group & Coming of Age 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Build Your Own Theology: MSR Newcomers Group: WBR</p>	<p>5 1 Chalice Circle: WBR</p>	<p>6 10 New Mainer's: MSR 5 Staff: WBR 7 Worship: MSR</p>	<p>7 10:30 Rental SRF Meditation: WBR 4 Membership: MSR Registration Deadline for Earth Care Alliance Seminar</p>	<p>8 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 10 AA Rental: MBR 1-3 Rental Brunswick Area Indivisible</p>
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<p>11 10 Church Service 10 Youth Group & Coming of Age 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Larry Lemmel Concert: WBR 11:30 Intern Committee: WBR</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 2 Chalice Circle: WBR 4:30 Finance: MSR 6:30 Stories: WBR 7:30 Pastoral Care: MSR</p>	<p>14 11:45 Lunch for 8 Pedro O'Hara's</p>	<p>15 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 1 Wabanaki REACH: WBR 6:30 New Mainer's Support Group: MBR 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>16 5 Parish Messenger Deadline 6:30 Side Door Coffeehouse: SAN (Dave Bullard & Kate Miller)</p>	<p>17 10 AA Rental: MBR</p>
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<p>18 10 Church Service 10 RE: Multi-age Activity (K-6) 12 Plant Powered Potluck: FEL 3:30 Earth Care Seminar: St. Charles On Care for our Common Home</p>	<p>19 6:30 Earth Care Seminar: Curtis Library On Care for our Common Home</p>	<p>20 2 Savvy Caretakers: WBR 5 Maine AllCare: MBR 6:30 Board: MSR</p>	<p>21 10:30 Rental SRF Meditation: WBR 11:45 Lunch for 8 Moody's Seafood 2 Chalice Circle 3 Poetry with Barclay & Maryli: MSR</p>	<p>22 9 Gallery at UUCB: MSR 10:30 Building & Grounds: MSR 5 AllCare: MBR 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>23 5 Longfellow Birthday Party</p>	<p>24 10 AA Rental: MBR</p>
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<p>25 10 Church Service 10 RE: Multi-age Activity (K-6) 11:30 BLM Book Discussion: SAN Tears We Cannot Stop 3:30 Earth Care Seminar: St. Charles On Care for our Common Home</p>	<p>26 6:30 Earth Care Seminar: Curtis Library On Care for our Common Home</p>	<p>27 6:30 Concert Committee: MSR 6:30 Stories: WBR</p>	<p>28 12 Men's Luncheon: TBA</p>	<p>Mar 1 10 Rental Com: MSR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 5 Social Justice: MBR 6:45 RE Comm: MBR 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>2 Teford Shelter Meal</p>	<p>3 10 AA Rental: MBR</p>
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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 March Parish Messenger is Friday, February 16th.