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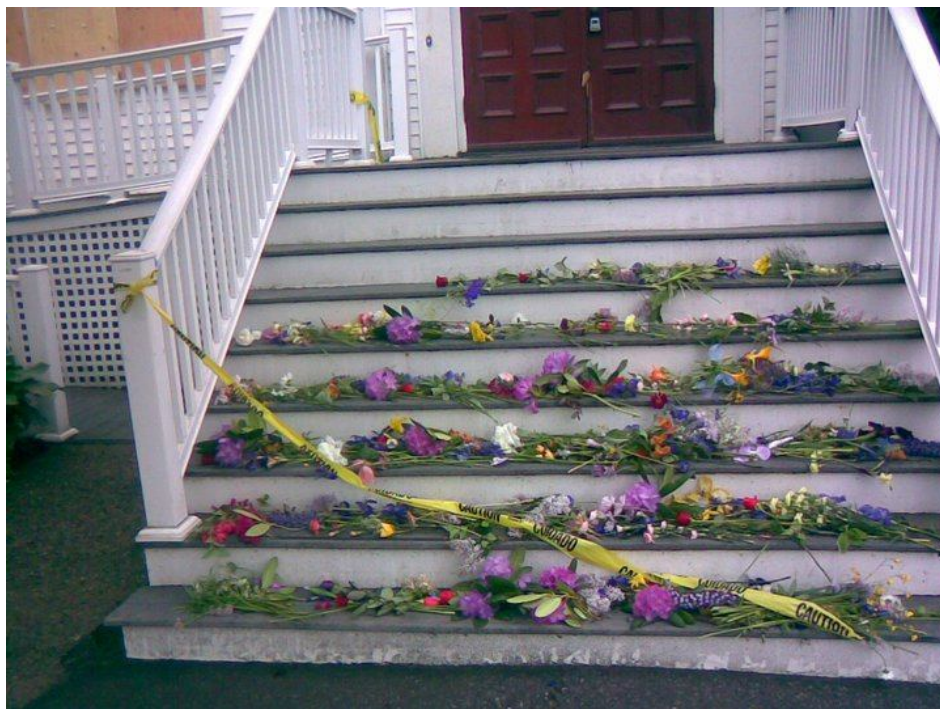
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# Parish Messenger

## Unitarian Universalist Church Of Brunswick



*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 9:15 AT CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**July 3 - No Service - Happy Independence Day!**

**July 10 - "God: Process? Person?"** - Tillich's view and Brother Lawrence's, with a reading from The Upanishads, then an idea from Tagore. The service will be lead by Louise Hudson with music provided by Brad Mitchell.

**July 17 - "The Path of Recovery"** - Lead by members of the Recovery Team. Where are we? Where are we going? How will we get there? Music provided by Grace Lewis-McLaren.

### SUNDAY, JULY 24TH SERVICE AT 10:00 AT WINSLOW MEMORIAL PARK

**July 24 – "Homonyms, Homophones & the Search for Soul"** led by Mary Pat Conroy. Soulful music will be provided by Jud Caswell (and Carter Ruff). Then stay for a beach party! Here's your chance to contemplate, then recreate. Join us in Freeport at **Winslow Memorial Park at 10:00** for a service under the pavilion. (See page 11 for more details.)

### SUNDAY, JULY 31 SERVICE AT 9:15 AT CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**July 31 – "Worship Through the Arts"** For many of us, the arts deepen and illuminate the spiritual life, and invite us to live *"in the moment."* Peg Brightman, joined by the Merrymeeting Singers, the Moving Spirit Dancers, and others, leads a service blending music, dance, and poetry.

## FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



It can be both a blessing and a curse not to have RE all summer long. On one hand it's great to enjoy the time to spend with family without having to worry about going to church on those bright, sunny, and hot summer Sundays. On the other hand, the long break can make us feel disconnected from each other and it's so easy to get out of the routine of going to church on Sundays that it can be hard to come back in the fall. But why does it have to be one or the other? We can maintain a connection to church and our rituals over the summer to keep us mindful of our church community even in the absence of formal RE programs. How can you stay connected and add a purposeful spiritual component to your summer activities? Well, I have several suggestions!

Light a chalice and do a short reading at your evening meal together. If you're at a loss for a source of readings, check out <http://www.uuff.org/layleading/worship-resources/> to get some ideas.

Contact that family you've been wanting to get to know better from church and invite them on a picnic or an outing to a park or beach.

Visit the Church of the Larger Fellowship RE page at <http://clf.uua.org/re/> and check out their resources for children. You can access stories and ideas for family discussions on this website and have RE at home during the summer. This webpage contains links to resources for adults, youth, and children.

In light of the recent church fire, create times when as a family you can talk about memories of the sanctuary and things that have taken place there, such as inter-generational services. If you are feeling ambitious, come up with ideas that you would like to see for the future of our church. You can submit any artwork that you might create about memories of the past and visions for the future to the church to be added to the albums that are being created.

Even though we don't have RE programming during July and August, bring a little RE into your homes and your summer routines! I hope you all have summers filled with exciting adventures and plenty of R&R!

Blessings, *nicole*



### IMPORTANT RE DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers are needed for RE in the 2011 program year! If you are interested in working with the PreK-K RE class please contact a member of the RE committee or the DRE for more information. Teaching an RE class is not as hard as you think!

There will be a teacher orientation in September for all volunteer teachers. Date, time, and location TBA.

When church services take place at the library, nursery care is available in Pennell 5 for children in Kindergarten and younger.

### HOW TO REACH US

**The Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Brunswick  
PO Box 129  
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(7 Middle Street, Brunswick)**

**The church office** is closed for the summer, but someone will be in daily to check emails and phone numbers.

**The Director of Religious Education**, Nicole Shanks, is on vacation for the summer. In the fall, she will be in her office at 7 Middle Street, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am - 1 pm and by appointment.

**The Minister**, Rev. Sylvia Stocker, will also be unavailable from July 16 to August 15. Starting August 16th, she will have office hours Tuesday and Thursday 1-4 pm and by appointment. While the Minister is away, the executive committee will take care of any emergencies that may arise.

**The Executive Committee**: Mike Heath, Steve Eagles, Sally Horne, and Laura Jackson, and the Chair of the Recovery Team, Judy Chamberlain.

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## ... MINISTER'S MUSINGS...



### *Comfort, comfort, oh my people.*

Those words from Isaiah say it all. In the wake of the devastating fire that destroyed much of our church on June 6, I wish comfort for all of us. We are grieving, reeling, stupefied, numb, and anxious about the future.

By the time the newsletter is published, we will have only just passed the three-week anniversary of the fire. Much has already been accomplished in the way of cleanup and organizing for our recovery. Yet a long road stretches out ahead of us. Everyone is eager for answers; answers are far from our grasp in these early days. Our church has suffered a trauma. Recovery on all levels will take time. Patience, oh my people.

We have a big task before us, one that can be fraught with pitfalls or ripe with opportunity, depending on the choices each of us makes. The French Foreign Legion has a saying that is apropos: "When things are bad, try not to make them any worse, because it is quite likely they are bad enough already."

I suggest a new mantra to guide our way through the thickets of confusion, excitement, disappointment, sorrow, eagerness, anxiety, and every other emotion I can think of:

*Express yourself.* We are trying as hard as we can to find ways for your voice to be heard. Engage in op-

portunities to share your memories of the church, your dreams going forward, your questions and concerns. The Recovery Team is making themselves available in every way they can. The Committee on Ministry and the Chalice Circle facilitators are planning times for people to gather and share. Summer church services continue (except for July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day weekends), and provide great opportunities for connecting. Watch the newsletter and church emails for opportunities. Attend to Sunday announcements.

*Listen more than you speak.* Nothing much is clear now, except for this: We are a community above all. To manifest that reality, each of us will need to make room for other voices. Take care to hear others, especially those who disagree with you. Be open to new ways of remembering and dreaming about our church. Hold your own ideas lightly. After all, you might discover someone else has a better idea than yours. You will miss that great idea if your sole focus and agenda is to advocate your own views. Above all, remember that people's ideas and passions have their root in love of this church. Honor that love, even if you disagree with the idea.

*Vow to honor the decisions of the congregation.* If we are going to emerge from this tragedy and trauma as a stronger, more vibrant congregation, it will be because we leave advocacy far behind and vow to live in community with one another, honoring the decisions of the whole body. Each of us has a choice to make: We can support the church – by which I mean the community of people who make up our congregation, or we can dig our heels in and support only our own agendas. The one seizes opportunity from the clouds of tragedy; the other leads to crisis. Remember: No one person in our congregation will see the church of his or her individual dreams rise from the ashes. That may mean some feelings of disappointment

are in store. But there is a greater joy to be achieved here: building the church of our collective dreams.

We are at a crossroads. Those of you who were at the annual meeting will recall that the Board had originally intended to put a balanced budget before the congregation – one that would have reduced the Minister to  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, the mark of a dying church. The fire changed all of that, but persistent poor financial support still plagues us. If we are going to survive, we will need to pull together, to make responsible decisions efficiently and quickly, to commit our time, treasure and talent to our church, and to hold as our primary focus the strength, health, and well-being of the entire congregation.

Sadly, I see evidence of some factions and pockets of advocacy already forming within the congregation – behavior that runs the real risk of driving us asunder. Factions will turn what could be an opportunity for our congregation into the crisis we hope to avert. Advocacy means to cease listening and to set one's own agenda above all else; it means *not* to support the congregation but to support only a building of one's own imagining.

At the same time, I see far more wonderful examples of people reaching out to one another, listening carefully and compassionately, and expressing a firm commitment to the congregation as a whole. Certainly a large body of people is already working doubly hard on behalf of this community to bring us to our next incarnation. As we travel along this road, more opportunities for people to contribute their labors will emerge. I urge everyone to make a vow, now, to stay with the process so that we build not only a building but also the firm foundations for a healthy, loving community that will move forward, together, into a bright future.

Blessings and love for the journey together,

*Sylvia*

## RECOVERY TEAM REPORT



Your Recovery Team continues to meet weekly. Members of the UUCB Recovery Team members are Judy Chamberlain, Tom Rumpf, Heidi Neufeld, Grace Lewis McLaren, Dexter Kamilewicz,

Jessica Tracy, Sylvia Stocker, Nicole Shanks and Mike Heath Ex officio.

The largest part of the mitigation (clean up and stabilization of the building) is complete. So far the cost has been \$100,230 to Service Master. There may be more costs for mitigation, but this will depend on what we do to restore or rebuild. Our insurance does cover this cost.

We have had a preliminary (and pro bono) meeting with Noel Smith and Stephanie Lull, who are part of the architectural firm we worked with several years ago when we were considering renovating or building a new church in town or at the Gurnet Road site. Many of you will remember that Noel made several presentations to the Congregation and was very patient as we worked through our final decision not to move forward at that time. We have asked them for a proposal to work with us again but have not finalized any decision to hire them at this time.

We have carefully reviewed our insurance policy with the company and with a lawyer. Judy completed that review yesterday and the good news is that the policy is very straightforward with, as the lawyer said, no "gotchas!" in it. We are in close contact with the adjustor and with Service Master (Dexter's job) and will ask for additional review of their findings as needed. Right now we appear to be in good, honest hands.

Our finances are in the capable hands of Laura Jackson and the Finance Committee and a separate account has been set up for funds relating to recovery and rebuilding. We have received a little over \$4000 in donations to date.

We met with Aaron Payson from the UUA Trauma Ministry and found his input very helpful. He has

offered to come back and meet with us or with the Congregation when asked. He also provided some input to our Recovery Team Covenant. We will share our covenant with the Congregation in print, on the web site and in the service we will be leading on July 17.

Skip Brimlow and Connie Seidner have agreed to archive any news stories or articles about the fire, so if you have clippings please pass them on to either Skip or Connie. And please share memories or dreams for our scrap books. Aaron Payson strongly suggests we do this as a way to both grieve and move forward together.

The good news in all of this is that our Congregation is intact and meeting regularly. We are living our belief that the Church is the Congregation more than the building. The Recovery Team understands that our work involves both keeping us together and giving us a permanent home again. For now and for the next few weeks we will continue to meet at the Library in the Morrell Room at 9:15. The only exception is July 24 when we will meet at Winslow Park in Freeport for a service and picnic. Details will be forthcoming from the Worship Committee but mark your calendars! We are, under the able leadership of Heidi Neufeld, visiting potential places for worship until we have a church again. Our goal is to have one place for the coming months and not to be moving to a new spot every few weeks.

So in closing please remember the following:

- ♦ **The best ways to reach us with comments, questions, church memories or dreams for the future are:**
  - ♦ by e-mail at [uucbrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:uucbrecovery@gmail.com)
  - ♦ by placing comments in the box which will be provided at each service
  - ♦ by speaking to any one of us after a Sunday service
  - ♦ by attending all-church meetings
- ♦ Tell all of your friends, relatives, e-mail or Facebook contacts that we will need help in rebuilding our church. They can donate at the Northern New England District web site: <http://nned.uua.org/> or mail a check to the church clearly labeled as for our recovery fund.
- ♦ Come to Sunday services, at the Curtis Library for now with nursery across the street in Pennell.
- ♦ **Come to the pot luck dinner at St Paul's on July 1 at 5:30! (Page 10)**

## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Who would have imagined that our congregation would be now stepping out on a journey like fire recovery and rebuilding? But here we are, together. We have much to do and yet we must take care of ourselves in the process, as people and as a congregation.

Sylvia expresses many wise thoughts in her Musings in this edition of the Parish Messenger, and I certainly endorse her three-point mantra. I will keep them posted right up there with my to-do list. We may well be at a crossroads as she says. There may be potholes down one road and tremendous opportunity down another.

I can say that the Board is now focused on the opportunities. We are working in a boardly way to throw a lot of balls in the air, and trying to keep them up. We are also conscious of staying out of the way while the work is getting done.

With so much up in the air, I have appreciated getting some help framing the issues and anticipating some of the pitfalls. The week after the fire Aaron Payson, of the UUA's trauma ministry, came to Brunswick to help our church leaders understand what we are facing, in technical, emotional and spiritual respects. Aaron shared some intriguing and important thoughts based on his experiences with other traumas and other congregations. He explained that each of us has our own very personal story about the fire, or about hearing of the fire for the first time. Our stories are likely all different, even when it comes to the "facts" of what happened. But, we know what we know, each one of us, and every story is true.

Next, Aaron said, comes the deluge of "micro-narratives", those scenarios we each create as we think of our

memories of the church as it was, and our visions of the church as it could be. Haven't you already had some ideas of what YOU think we should do to rebuild the church? This is a good process, and yet it can be dangerous.

It can be dangerous when we stop listening. Just as each of us has a story of first experiencing the fire and those stories are different, every one of us has different memories from the church we knew; each one of us has different hopes and dreams for what might be. Every memory, hope and dream is absolutely real, for us. We need to tell our stories, and we have to really listen to each other. And be ready to let go.

Aaron Payson warned the Recovery Team against coming to its task with a personal agenda. Members promised, in covenant, to keep open minds throughout the process, and to truly listen; to each other and to the congregation.

The recovery will be a healthy one only if the congregation also commits to express our own ideas, listen and stay open to possibilities expressed by others. There is time to talk, listen, and to move through the hard work of research, planning and rebuilding. If we stay in relationship with each other even when we are angry or disagree, and remember that we are all committed to seeing the best in our church, we will truly be living our mission. We will have a building that reflects our mission and allows us to do our best work.

Many good volunteers are working on the particulars and have made remarkable progress in the short weeks since the fire. Other calls

will go out for more volunteers and other projects. I have been gratified when making calls to get such willing and enthusiastic responses. I know there is strong commitment we can tap into, and we will need to move deep into our volunteer pool. Please be willing to say "yes" when there is a piece you can contribute. We are now counting on each other more than ever.

With deep respect for the entire congregation,

*Michael Heath*





## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

On Sunday, May 22, sixteen people gathered at the church to view and discuss the film, *Bullied*, released in September 2010, and made available free to all public schools as part of the Southern Poverty Law Center Teaching Tolerance project. The film tells the story of Jamie Nabozny, a gay student in Ashland, Wisconsin, who, following long experience of harassment and violence, was empowered at age 19 to mount the first successful legal challenge to anti-gay violence in public schools. His suit resulted in a Federal Court decision to hold school officials accountable for not stopping harassment of gay students.

Thoughtful discussion followed in which those present expressed feelings that ranged from anger to sadness to hope. Ideas that could guide future

action within our church and wider community included many possibilities.

Could we help get this film shown more widely? What about community television? Could UUCB create a forum for discussion that would include a wider community audience? What about a presentation by the Unity Project of the Center for the Prevention of Hate and/or a speaker from GLAD? Might we create a "bully project" in which people could record personal experiences of being bullied and of bullying? Could we help widen discussion and awareness of bullying beyond the school setting to look at the presence of prejudice and harassment in every aspect of our culture? Could we create a program similar to the work done by

MADD - coming together to increase community awareness and education about bullying? What can we learn about current anti-bullying legislation in Maine? How might we invite discussion and collaboration with Bowdoin students?

The Working for Justice Steering Group hopes this film discussion will be the first in a series of film discussion evenings to engage our congregation (and our neighbors) in learning about the ways that hate and prejudice are present in our communities. We believe such discussion will lead us to action that can give form and life to our commitment to work to prevent prejudice and hate.

*Cathey Cyrus for the Working for Justice Steering Group*

## PEACEMAKING AS HISTORY: PEACEMAKING AS TRANSFORMATION

### Ferry Beach - UU Camp and Conference Center August 20 - 26



In Heritage Week 2011 we examine our history and heritage as peacemakers. Our theme speaker, Harvard Professor Dan McKanan, will introduce one or two Unitarian or Universalist peacemakers from the past, considering the ways these individuals grounded their peace work theologically, worked collaboratively with people of other faiths or ideologies, and left a legacy for UU peacemaking today. Guest speakers each day will address particular themes in peacemaking and how these are realized today in Unitarian Universalism. Afternoon Porch Talks will offer more perspective on personal views on peace.

Over eighty denominational resolutions in our fifty-year history demonstrate that UUs believe that all humans have a moral responsibility to create peace. The 2010 Statement of Conscience is Unitarian Universalism's most recent commitment to peace: in the world, in society, in congregations, in ourselves, and in all life. Still today, UUs represent a range of views on peace, from pacifism to just war.

You are encouraged to attend this informative week that is sure to enhance current peace-making initiatives in our congregations. For more information and to register go to [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org) or call 282-4489 or email [fbregs@maine.rr.com](mailto:fbregs@maine.rr.com)

The UUCB Working for Justice group is organizing a table for our church. If you would like to volunteer to help at the table, contact Lynn Ellis.

## BRUNSWICK'S 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL *Peace Fair* Saturday, August 6, 2011

10 am until 4 pm on the Brunswick Mall

*Family fun – playful and serious reflection on these three strands of Peacemaking:*

### *Supporting Sustainable Initiatives*

Giving energy and resources to projects that inspire our hopes for a cooperative and caring society.



### *Being Peaceful*

Living our lives from a place of peace.



### *Speaking Out Clearly*

Voicing our concerns when we see injustice, imbalance of power and failure of leadership.



PeaceWorks of Greater Brunswick — [www.peaceworksbrunswickme.org](http://www.peaceworksbrunswickme.org)

ILLUSTRATIONS BY CHARLOTTE AGELL

## CHARITIES WITH SOUL

UUCB continues in the new fiscal year (2011-2012) with the *Charities With Soul* program. At each Sunday service the plate offerings will be split 50/50 with the church and a local charity. A small task force met and selected 12 charities for the new year. Criteria for selection included one or more of the following:

- ♦ service to the local community (greater Brunswick area or Maine)
- ♦ a relatively small budget so that the \$300-\$500 gift we offer makes a difference in the organization's program
- ♦ support of our UU principles
- ♦ a relationship to our chosen social justice focus for 2011-2012 (preventing hate and prejudice)
- ♦ the charities provide immediate and individual relief.

### July Charity

Our split plate offerings in July will support the Coastal Humane Society (with the exception of July 31 which is a 5th Sunday and those offerings go to our Minister's discretionary fund to help specific individual needs in our local community.)

The Coastal Humane Society is a private, non-profit charitable corporation founded in 1950. The society exists to help prevent cruelty to animals and to provide shelter, care and protection for the area's abandoned stray, and abused animals. It is a low-kill shelter that serves 12 towns and as many as 2,500 animals a year. CHS receives no federal or state funds. Most funds come from private donations or fundraising events. CHS is located at 30 Range Road in Brunswick. Their website is [www.coastalhumanesociety.org](http://www.coastalhumanesociety.org) and brochures and newsletters will be available at Sunday services.

The Charities With Soul Task Force:

*Jane Danielson, Steve Eagles, Lynn Ellis & Rich Knox*

## MUSINGS FROM JOAN...

Quandary my quandary, as I talk to myself... although I have pledged money monthly to the next fiscal year budget July 2011-2012, the needed funds are still coming up short for our church. This shortage is weighing heavily on my shoulders. I want to help more. I ponder as I empty my coin purse coins on my bureau... hey... hey what if I collect my coins daily and weekly and donate them monthly to UUCB's fiscal budget year 2011-2012... it's just a mite but maybe just maybe it will make a difference over the fiscal year. Hm-mm, I think I will. Yes, I will.

Note: If you're reading my thoughts and you think that there are some possibilities here, please join me in this endeavor, whoever you are, and I really, really thank you. I really do.

*Joan Tarazewich*



*July's Charity with Soul*

## ALL-CHURCH OPEN CHALICE CIRCLE SESSIONS IN JULY AND AUGUST

Our church suffered severe damage in the recent fire, but we have much to look back on and celebrate in our personal associations with this well-loved building. Our memories are rich with all we've shared in this church – Sunday services, of course, and special events and concerts, and yes, many a planning session and committee meeting!

We've bidden farewell to friends at UUCB memorial services, seen others begin their married lives with a ceremony in our historic building, and been uplifted by witnessing the dedication ceremonies of our children. This has been our gathering place, over many years for some, newly discovered for others.

**On July 14th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** in 5 or 7 Pennell (both if more space is needed), there will be an opportunity for members and friends to gather for an open-attendance Chalice Circle, using Chalice Circle format and guidelines. Current and recent Chalice Circle facilitators will help us to share stories of our experiences at the UUCB and recover from the impact of the sudden and shocking news of the fire.

**On July 18th, at the same time** and the same place(s), two other facilitators will offer the same opportunity for any who would like to come together but were unable to attend the gathering on the 14th.

July's open Chalice Circle sessions will be devoted to recalling our church as a special place and remembering its role in our lives. In August, another open-attendance Chalice Circle session will be offered on two separate dates, focusing on what we might hope for and dream of as we imagine our church life from this point forward. There will be an August Parish Messenger this year - look for August times to be announced in that issue.

Together is the best way to look back and to think forward. Being together also helps us to care for each other in the present. Join us!

## LINKS TO MEDIA COVERAGE

I was at the church for the entire day on June 6, so I never saw the television coverage of the fire. Nonetheless, I am aware of some of the links, and I have been asked to publish them in the newsletter so that others can take a look. This list is by no means conclusive, but it gives you some idea of the coverage:

### Television coverage of the fire:

- ♦ <http://www.wlbz2.com/video/978175227001/0/Brunswick-church-sustains-heavy-damage-from-fire>
- ♦ <http://www.wlbz2.com/video/979473244001/1/Investigators-Church-fire-cause-was-electrical>
- ♦ <http://www.wlbz2.com/video/979473244001/1/Investigators-Church-fire-cause-was-electrical>

### Newspaper articles about the fire:

- ♦ [http://www.pressherald.com/news/church-fire-traced-to-wiring-problem\\_2011-06-07.html](http://www.pressherald.com/news/church-fire-traced-to-wiring-problem_2011-06-07.html)
- ♦ <http://www.timesrecord.com/articles/2011/06/06/news/doc4decfc9ee426a843849810.txt>
- ♦ <http://mainetoday.mycapture.com/mycapture/enlarge.asp?image=36157400&event=1263073&CategoryID=52602&ShowTabs=1>
- ♦ <http://www.sunjournal.com/state/story/1041875>

### Coverage of the June 12 service:

- ♦ <http://www.wlbz2.com/news/article/162438/3/Congregation-holds-first-service-after-church-burns>
- ♦ [http://www.wgme.com/newsroom/top\\_stories/videos/wgme\\_vid\\_8168.shtml](http://www.wgme.com/newsroom/top_stories/videos/wgme_vid_8168.shtml)



## REACHING OUT TO ONE ANOTHER DINERS NEEDED!

Circle Supper hosts have been recruited, and Suppers are scheduled for **Saturday, July 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th, and Saturday, August 6th.** Now, we need willing diners! If you would like to be invited to a Circle Supper, please call Debbie at 729-8103, or email her at [dszorach@gwi.net](mailto:dszorach@gwi.net) with your preferred date. Your host will call or email a few days later to personally invite you to the home and to give you more information

Debbie Zorach and the Membership Committee encourage all members, friends, and newcomers to support one another and to stay connected during this challenging time. Circle Suppers are a lot of fun and the food is always awesome. Be there or be square! Dine - On!



Note: At least one member of the recovery team plans to attend every circle supper to provide information.

## COMEDY NIGHTS!

At the suggestion of some laughter lovers (including our minister and our new board chair!!), the membership committee is interested in promoting rib-tickling laughter during the summer. The idea is that laughter is healing and fun as well. So we'll rent some movies or comedy tv DVDs- remember Laugh In? Mr. Bean? the early years of Saturday Night Live? the Marx Brothers? - and screen them occasionally during the summer on a Friday or Saturday night. Any suggestions of what you'd like to see? Is there anyone who would like to take this project on? Is there someone who could host a group for a Comedy Night? Again the membership committee will help support this effort. I hear some good ideas out there, so be in touch with Debbie Zorach at 729-8103 or at [dszorach@gwi.net](mailto:dszorach@gwi.net)



## MOBILE HOME FOR SALE

Church family has energy-efficient 2001 mobile home in excellent condition priced for quick sale - \$39,700. Three bedrooms, two baths, plus large shed. Currently located in tranquil mobile home park but can be moved to your location. Very affordable living - make an offer!



Thanks so much,  
Kathleen (Kay) Fritz

# LET'S TALK!



## The UUCB Recovery Team Invites You

**To an all-church pot luck**

**St. Paul's Church  
July 1, 2011  
5:30-8 PM**

**Bring your questions, ideas,  
memories, dreams (and food!).**

**Childcare will be available**

### SYLVIA'S SUMMER SCHEDULE

Ministerial presence in these early days of the fire's aftermath seems critical. I have therefore shortened the length of my time away this summer. I will be taking study/reading time from **July 17 to July 31**. I will be on vacation from **August 1 to Sunday, August 14**, returning to work on August 16 (Monday being my regular day off). While I am away, the Executive Committee will be equipped with the names of other ministers to call in the event of emergency. In addition, both the Executive Committee (Mike Heath, Steve Eagles, Sally Horne, and Laura Jackson) and the Chair of the Recovery Team (Judy Chamberlain) will know how to reach me if such an emergency calls for my attention.

I will be taking both the remaining two weeks of reading/study time and the remaining two weeks of vacation that are due me later in the year, spreading the time out so that the both the congregation's needs and my own are as well served as possible.

*Sylvia Stocker*

### SERVING WITH GRACE

**Catherine Knowles** has graciously offered to serve as the Denominational Concerns Communication Coordinator to help keep UUCB informed about resources and activities offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association - both national and regional.



# Music is the universal language of mankind.”



*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

*We give a heartfelt thanks to the musicians who have donated their talents and time to us. These people have helped us all to interpret and to relate to our Sunday services in a personal and meaningful manner.*

Brad Mitchell	Larry Lemmel	Louise Gephart	Susan Michaud
Heidi Neufeld	Grace Lewis-McLaren	John McLaren	Paul Schaffner
David Dean	Jud Caswell	Full Circle	Intergenerational Orchestra
Carter Ruff	Aurora Lopez	Maya Lopez	James Oliver
Judy Chamberlain	Merrymeeting Singers	Moving Spirit Dancers	The UUCB Choir
Kate Gray	Eric Stocker	Ann Spencer	Steve Eagles
			Sally Horne

## Sunday, July 24 Service at 10:00 at Winslow Memorial Park

Here's your chance to contemplate, then recreate. Join us in **Freeport** at **Winslow Memorial Park at 10:00** for a service under the pavilion.

Mary Pat Conroy will lead the service with a sermon entitled **“Homonyms, Homophones & the Search for Soul”** Soulful music will be provided by Jud Caswell and Carter Ruff.

**Then stay for a beach party!**

Winslow Park has it all: It is accessible, has plenty of parking, rest rooms, a great playground for kids, a lawn for Frisbee or what have you, picnic tables, charcoal grill setups, a tidal beach on Harraseeket Bay. (Kayaks or canoes may be launched from their pier for a small fee.) Bring a picnic lunch (maybe something for the grill), a lawn or beach chair if you don't want to sit at a picnic table for the service and your toys.



### Directions:

- From **295**, take the **Desert Road** exit in Freeport.
- Follow signs to **Route 1 south** at the 3-way intersection.
- Proceed a couple of miles along Route 1, watching for the **"Big Friendly Indian"** statue.
- **Turn left** onto South Freeport Road.
- Watch for the Winslow Park sign, in less than a mile, and turn right.
- Follow this road down to the park entrance.



## THOUGHTS FROM THE TREASURER.....

The end of the year is upon us. I don't know yet if we will come in the black or the red but we are close. Please be sure to complete your pledge for the year if you have not already. And if you have not yet pledged for next year, please do so. Even though we don't currently have a church building, we are a vibrant community, we continue to share half the undesignated weekly offering with the Charities with Soul. Imagine how different it could be if our pledges matched our expenses and all our fund raising could be for projects that benefit those truly in need in our local community and in the world. Hold on to the dream and work to make it possible.

We have set up a separate bank account to account for and track contributions to the church restoration fund and related expenses. If you or others you know are interested and able to make a contribution, please indicate in the check memo line. Or you can contribute via the link on the church website ([uubrunswick.org](http://uubrunswick.org)).

Please share this information as widely as possible. The restoration effort is yet to be determined but is bound to be expensive. We hope that the larger community will help us continue to be a presence in the mid coast area.

As we move forward in these un-

certain times, I will keep you up to date on the finances. At the annual meeting we voted to approve an unbalanced budget which we will need to review in the fall when we have more of a sense of the 'regular' expenses as well as the expense that may or may not be covered by the insurance. I will be working closely with the restoration team as they get more answers to the many issues we face.

Next month I will have a year-end treasurer's report when the books are closed for the year.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Laura Jackson*

## IT NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS -- CHURCH THEFT

It has come to our attention that at least two checks were stolen from the church office on Wednesday, June 8 -- other checks may also have been taken. The stolen checks came out of the Sunday, June 5, collection plate.

Here's what we know: The suspected thief came into the church office during working hours in the confusion of the fire's aftermath. She was ostensibly seeking financial help. While she was there she apparently stole the check from the Sunday collection bag. (Note: The theft was from the collection bag only. We know for sure that checks made out for Hannaford cards were NOT stolen.) The thief then tampered with the check to make it appear as though it was written out to a person, not UUCB.

We believe we know who the thief is, and she is not in any way a part of our church. The police are investigating.

Here's what we request you do:

1. Check your records to determine if you placed a check into the collection plate on Sunday, June 5.
2. If you put a check in the plate, please call the church office to make sure it was credited to you.
3. If the church has no record of your check, please follow up with your bank to make sure it wasn't stolen and tampered with.

Thank you,  
*Sylvia Stocker and Mike Heath*

## GIVE AND GO UPDATE



Each year in Brunswick at the close of the semester/ college graduation, Bowdoin students gather their items for donation to the town in a program called GIVE and GO. Although the Bowdoin students contribute the goods, the town actually runs this huge yard sale-like event, and the proceeds (after expenses) go to

the local non-profits who provide volunteers to help run the sale.

This year UUCB folks participated as some of those volunteers. We helped to gather the items from the dorm stations, to sort them into categories (Think department store.), and test, tag and organize them for the sale. We also reorganized the sale after the first day and acted as cashiers on Saturday for the all-town event.

It was fun, amazing (Thousands of people flocked into this huge sale!), interesting and a great way to meet new locals and work with our UUCB buddies, too. Also, unlike many of our other fundraising events, we didn't have to organize this one! We just came at our assigned times and did what we were told needed doing. Whew.

This was the 10<sup>th</sup> year of this sale, which took in \$48,000 last year, and at noon on Saturday was said to be at \$43,000. The non-profits benefit according to how many hours they volunteer, and what the per hour pay will be depends on the money made by the sale. We haven't heard how much the profits were this year, and so don't know how much UUCB will make from our efforts at this time. Yet, it was good to be a part of this Brunswick effort, to have others know more about us, and to know it benefits so many in multiple ways. To learn more and see some photos of the sale, go to:

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/news/archives/1bowdoincampus/008574.shtml>

Special thanks to those who volunteered quickly (since we didn't have much time to sign up).

Thanks to:

Robin and Erik Hansen and their exchange student, Flemming Milke and to Rebecca Darr, Skip Brimlow, Gretchen Kamilewicz, Hannah Trowbridge, Julie Dahmer, Linda Litchfield, Alene Staley, Louise Gephart, Mary Ann Gesner, Debbie Zorach, Cathey Cyrus, Janet Alexander, Cindy Parker, Tom Rumpf, Stephanie Bernier and Maryli Tiemann.

You were all such willing helpers and for those of you who wanted to help out and couldn't, we'll do it again next year AND we'll know a lot more about how to sign up earlier.

## BEST EVER PLEDGE DRIVE YIELDS \$182,682

The Development Committee is pleased to report that members and friends have pledged a total of \$182,682 to support the church in 2011-2012. This is our largest-ever pledge total, an increase of \$41,000, or 30% over a year ago.

This spectacular result was made possible by the combined efforts of many members and friends, including 152 people who signed pledge forms and twelve canvassers who personally contacted members and friends about their pledges.

A closer look at this year's results shows that 69 people increased their pledges over last year, 45 pledged the same amount, and four reduced their pledges. In addition, we received new pledges from 26 people.

Congratulations to everyone who helped make this year's drive a wonderful success!

UUCB Development Committee  
*Mary Ann Gesner, Mel Hodgkins,  
Larry Lemmel, Maryli Tiemann*



## Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow

On June 1, our beloved Church Office Administrator, Elizabeth Moore, gave her notice. Her final day with us is June 30. We fear the fire has eclipsed what, for us, is a major and sad transition in our church. Elizabeth has been "holding down the fort" for just shy of ten years now. She is the warm voice on the other end of the phone when people call in distress, the calm in the center of the storm, the voice of reason and integrity, the central aid to Sylvia and Nicole every week as they plan Sunday services and classes, the keeper of calendar and keys, the shepherd of properties problems, and the hub of our church life in so many ways. She is such an integral part of everything we do that it's hard to imagine church life without her.

Elizabeth will be moving out of the area to live closer to her family. How do we say thank you to someone we have loved and treasured for so long? On behalf of everyone, the Board stumbles to express what words can say only inadequately. We thank Elizabeth, and send her forth with heaps of love and gratitude for all she has done for us. Elizabeth, we will miss you more than words can say. Please know we will always hold you in our hearts, and that we wish you every good thing in your new adventures.

With love from the Board,

*Mike Heath, Chair*

*Steve Eagles, Vice Chair*

*Sally Horne, Clerk*

*Laura Jackson, Treasurer*

*Judy Chamberlain, Chair Emeritus*

*Vicki Simpson*

*Elaine Hartman*

*David Roundy*

*Cindy Parker*

*Anita Ruff, outgoing Board member*

*Sylvia Stocker, Minister*



## IN MEMORY



In the confusion of the service on Sunday, June 12, I inadvertently left Jake Chandel's name off the list of the people in our congregation who have died in the past year. You can imagine my dismay and sadness when I later realized my error.

Jake was born in 1990 and died on September 26, 2010. His family and friends remember him as a creative, funny, and compelling young man – the kind of friend who listened to confidences and accepted everyone. He is greatly missed by many, including his mom, Susan, who is part of our congregation, and his brother Eric and sister Renee, who, along with Jake, participated in our Sunday school when they were younger. Along with the other families mentioned on Sunday, June 12, please hold Jake's in your heart.

Love, Sylvia



## FLOWERS, BY HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

On Sunday, June 12, Rev. Richard Hall attended our service as a representative from St. Paul's Episcopal church. Just before the service, he gave me a poem by Longfellow as an expression of his sorrow and support for us. Given that we were celebrating Norbert Capek's Flower Festival (albeit in a unique way, which ended with everyone laying a flower on the church steps), the poem couldn't have been more perfect for the occasion. I asked him to read the poem during the service. Here it is for everyone to enjoy. – *Sylvia*

Spake full well, in language quaint and olden,  
One who dwelleth by the castled Rhine,  
When he called the flowers, so blue and golden,  
Stars, that in earth's firmament do shine.

Stars they are, wherein we read our history,  
As astrologers and seers of eld;  
Yet not wrapped about with awful mystery,  
Like the burning stars, which they beheld.

Wondrous truths, and manifold as wondrous,  
God hath written in those stars above;  
But not less in the bright flowerets under us  
Stands the revelation of his love.

Bright and glorious is that revelation,  
Written all over this great world of ours;  
Making evident our own creation,  
In these stars of earth, these golden flowers.

And the Poet, faithful and far-seeing,  
Sees, alike in stars and flowers, a part  
Of the self-same, universal being,  
Which is throbbing in his brain and heart.

Gorgeous flowerets in the sunlight shining,  
Blossoms flaunting in the eye of day,  
Tremulous leaves, with soft and silver lining,  
Buds that open only to decay;

Brilliant hopes, all woven in gorgeous tissues,  
Flaunting gayly in the golden light;  
Large desires, with most uncertain issues,  
Tender wishes, blossoming at night!

These in flowers and men are more than seeming;  
Workings are they of the self-same powers,  
Which the Poet, in no idle dreaming,  
Seeth in himself and in the flowers.

Everywhere about us are they glowing,  
Some like stars, to tell us Spring is born;  
Others, their blue eyes with tears o'er-flowing,  
Stand like Ruth amid the golden corn;

Not alone in Spring's armorial bearing,  
And in Summer's green-emblazoned field,  
But in arms of brave old Autumn's wearing,  
In the centre of his brazen shield;

Not alone in meadows and green alleys,  
On the mountain-top, and by the brink  
Of sequestered pools in woodland valleys,  
Where the slaves of nature stoop to drink;

Not alone in her vast dome of glory,  
Not on graves of bird and beast alone,  
But in old cathedrals, high and hoary,  
On the tombs of heroes, carved in stone;

In the cottage of the rudest peasant,  
In ancestral homes, whose crumbling towers,  
Speaking of the Past unto the Present,  
Tell us of the ancient Games of Flowers;

In all places, then, and in all seasons,  
Flowers expand their light and soul-like wings,  
Teaching us, by most persuasive reasons,  
How akin they are to human things.

And with childlike, credulous affection  
We behold their tender buds expand;  
Emblems of our own great resurrection,  
Emblems of the bright and better land.



# JULY 2011

Sun

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Church events are in **bold type**.  
Guest events are in regular

5:30-8 All-Church Pot-luck:  
St. Paul's Community Room

9:30 AA : Pen

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No Service

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9-12 violin : Parlor  
3-6 violin : Parlor

7:00 Membership: MH

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9-12 violin : Parlor  
3-6 violin : Parlor

5-7:30 Counseling Group:  
7 Pen

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9:30 AA : Pen

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Circle Suppers : MH

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9:15 Service  
(Curtis Memorial Library)

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7:00 CUUPS: Par

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9-12 violin : Parlor  
3-6 violin : Parlor

6:30 Stories with Soul:  
Parlor

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9-12 violin : Parlor  
3-6 violin : Parlor

5-7:30 Counseling Grp: Pen

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5-6:30 Open Chalice Circle  
Conversation about the fire:  
Parlor and Pennell upstairs



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7:00 Coffee House Church  
Fundraiser: Morrell Room

9:30 AA:  
Pennell



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Circle Suppers : MH

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(Curtis Memorial Library)

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Conversation about the fire:  
Parlor and Pennell upstairs



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3-6 violin : Parlor

6:45 Board : TBA

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9-12 violin : Parlor  
3-6 violin : Parlor

5-7:30 Counseling Group:  
7 Pen

6:45 Council: Parlor

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12:00 Strategic Planning  
Committee: Par

6:00 Working for Justice  
Group: Pennell

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9:30 AA : Pennell

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Circle Suppers : MH

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10:00 Service  
(Winslow Memorial Park)



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Circle Suppers : MH

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9:15 Service  
(Curtis Memorial Library)

CO - Church Office  
MR - Morell Room, Library  
MH - Member's Home  
MO - Minister's Office

PAR - Parlor in 5 Pennell downstairs)  
PEN - 7 Pennell House Upstairs  
SP - Saint Paul's