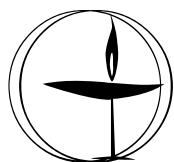


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***Our Mission is
To be a spiritual community
To welcome all
To nurture one another
To work for justice
And to care for the earth.***

The Unitarian Universalist
Church of Brunswick

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister

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of Brunswick



ALL SERVICES AT 10:00 AT THE MINNIE BROWN CENTER

September 2 - NO CHURCH. Happy Labor Day!

September 9 - "Thresholds"

On Homecoming Sunday, we are at the threshold of a new church year. Nicole Shanks, Sylvia Stocker, and others will present a service for all ages to celebrate the things that are ongoing and the things that are new in our community. During the service everyone will have the opportunity to create something for a page in our annual homecoming notebook. With words or art (or both!) we will answer the questions: *What wants to happen in our congregational community? What is one thing you can do to help it to happen?* Music provided by Grace Lewis-McLaren.

[Important Congregational Meeting following the service.](#)

September 16 - "Days of Awe"

Rev. Stocker preaching. First day of Sunday School for children. Music provided by Larry Lemmel.

September 23 - "Peace"

Rev. Stocker preaching. The United States has been at war for oh so long. Can we break the pattern? Music provided by the choir, directed by Heidi Neufeld.

September 30 - "Bootstrapping"

Rev. Stocker preaching. Rev. Stocker used to be a techie, but don't let that scare you! This service is built on a metaphor much older than computers.

HOW TO REACH US

**The Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick**
PO Box 129, Brunswick ME 04011

The temporary church office, (at Fort Andross, 14 Maine Street, Brunswick, Suite 210 F & G) is open Tuesday through Friday from 10-4. The office administrator is Shirley Bernier.

The Director of Religious Education, Nicole Shanks, will be in her new office at Fort Andross. She is available by appointment and can be contacted at the church office: 729-8515.

The Minister, Rev. Sylvia Stocker will have office hours at home and at Fort Andross. She is available for and by appointment. 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.

Monday is the Sabbath for the Minister, the DRE, and the office.

Telephone/Fax: 207 729-8515

E-mail: uubruns@ghi

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

UUCB HOMECOMING POT LUCK SUPPER

September 8th

5:30 – 6:00 Social Time

6:00 – 8:00

Dinner, Dessert, Entertainment,
and Building Team Update

United Methodist Church,
320 Church Road, Brunswick

PLEASE RSVP by

Thurs, Aug 30

with Shirley Bernier at UUCB office
729-8515 or email uubruns@ghi
or Andrea Sinclair at 725-9307.

(Save us from having to call you!)

Please come!

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer."**

- Helen Hunt Jackson, *September*, 1830-1885

Welcome back. I love September- as the poem states- the weather is beautiful, it's harvest season when we get to enjoy the fruit of our garden labors, and I have the privilege of working with you and all of your wonderful children as we join together for church and RE for another year. We've got a lot in store for RE programming this year as we return to the Minnie Brown Center and await our new church building and renovated RE space. RE classes will be focusing on social justice, nature and the environment, and UUCB- past, present, and future. Youth group for grades 7-12 and grades 7-9 OWL will each be offered once per month. Our children and youth will be spending time on social justice activities, participating in activities that emphasize the importance of nature in spirituality, and learning about and giving back to our own church community. The RE Committee is already busy planning intergenerational activities. Get ready for a fall contra-dance fundraiser, details to follow shortly! And of course we'll be doing our annual winter party at the Bath YMCA.

RE registration will take place at the UUCB homecoming potluck supper on September 8th. Come check out the RE curriculum, ask questions, fill out registration forms, and celebrate the beginning of the church year. Children's activities will be provided. RE registration will take place following church services throughout the month of September.

Important RE Announcements and Dates

September 9- Intergenerational Homecoming Service

September 13- RE Teacher Orientation, 6-7pm at the Minnie Brown Center

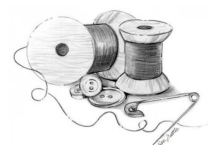
September 15- First day of RE Classes and Youth Group

September 23- OWL parent orientation, 11:15-12

QUILT RAFFLE

The Green Sanctuary will be holding the Quilt Raffle drawing at the **September Potluck**. You still have time!

Tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5)
available from Robin Hansen 443-4571



... MINISTER'S MUSINGS...

One glorious August morning, I was the only person sitting on the second-story patio of a bed and breakfast in Boston, drinking my tea and eating my cereal, when one of the third floor windows opened wide and a 9-year-old boy stepped onto the fire escape and headed down to the patio.

"Good morning," I said.

"Hi," he replied, sauntering over.

"That's a great way to come down here," I remarked.

"That's how I come down here every morning," he offered.

I replied, "It's almost like something out of a thriller. A spy would creep down the fire escape like that."

He nodded, then added sagely, "But a robber would go UP the fire escape, not down." He then explained how a robber couldn't actually do that because the robber wouldn't be able to get from the street to the second-floor patio. He had it all figured out – and he was right; the patio was inaccessible from the street.

Pretty soon we were talking about all the important things like his grandparents, cruise ships, Old Ironsides, aquariums, jelly fish, leeches, amusement park rides, and super giant cockroaches. We talked for many minutes, simply enjoying the exchange of observations and ideas. (Mostly he exchanged ideas; mostly I listened. Children usually have much better ideas than adults, in my experience.)

At first I wondered a bit: Wouldn't his parents be worried about their little boy creeping down the fire escape and striking up conversations with strangers? But then I figured they probably weren't too worried. The bed and breakfast was one on Beacon Hill owned by the Unitarian Universalist Association. The few people around were fellow UUs, and I guessed the parents trusted their fellow UUs. That thought cheered me.

So I settled into the sheer pleasure of enjoying a young person's company – a somewhat rare opportunity in this age when we have all learned to be so cautious.

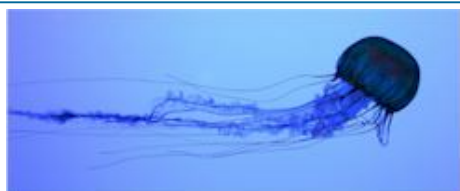
Don't get me wrong: Caution is both understandable and necessary. Children are easy targets, and, sadly, we all know there are some people who have poor boundaries and are unscrupulous. As I listened to the boy, though, I was harkening back to a time when our culture possessed a certain innocence about such things – or perhaps we were wearing blinders. When I was much younger, the flow of connection between unrelated adults and children was freer. So, on this day, I simply enjoyed a moment like many I have enjoyed in the past, when a child sensed I would listen and then chattered away, giving me a glimpse of a child's view of the world.

Pretty soon the boy's much shyer twin brother emerged on the scene and hovered nearby. Then the parents arrived, clutching coffee cups. Quickly we were chatting like old

friends, talking about our respective UU churches and ideas about what would be fun to do on a vacation in Boston. The parents worried that perhaps their son might have been bothersome to me as I sat drinking my tea. I was able to reassure them quickly, but I suspect they didn't have a real sense of how honored I felt to have their son select me for his audience and conversation partner.

The truth is, that moment was a highlight of my summer in some respects. I felt so tickled watching the boy effect his "getaway" from the third floor. What a treat it was when he then opened up so readily to me and shared the kinds of wonderful, creative, and unencumbered thoughts only a child can have. The connection was brief, but, for me, refreshing. That day I had the opportunity to bless the ears I have for listening and to be grateful that I was on the patio when a child eager to discuss his thoughts arrived on the scene.

Love,
Sylvia



WELCOME KATE CHAMBERLAIN

Kate has been a summer resident of Christmas Cove all her life. She grew up in Middleburg, Virginia, where she lived until 1990. Kate met her husband in Florida where she was attending graduate school. When she and her husband retired, they moved from Florida to Christmas Cove. After her husband passed away, and after a couple more moves, she and her 16 year old, silver tabby Maine coon kitty, Toby, decided to settle in Topsham.

Raised an Episcopalian, Kate found her way to us through the 12th Night concert in 2011. She later attended Sylvia's orientation for newcomers, thought it was a great group of people, and realized that she was definitely in sync with the UU search for meaning. She joined the church on April 19th, 2011.

By that September, Kate was a member of the Worship Committee. Until we hired our sexton in January, she was one of the unsung heroes who every Sunday moved furniture, set up chairs, and vacuumed to make the Minnie Brown Center space ready for congregational worship. Now she only has to help put out hymnals and set up the front of the room for worship.

After earning her doctorate in clinical psychology, Kate worked as a psychotherapist for the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida Counseling Center and then in private practice.



AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHOIR!

If you've ever thought of singing with the choir, now is the best time to join. We practice on Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 and will sing for the congregation approximately every third week. Our first practice will be **September 6** at the Minnie Brown Center in Bath. We are a non-audition group. All that is required is a love of singing with others. Please don't be shy...you will be warmly welcomed. We have occasional additional "performances" that you are encouraged to attend; notably the Festival of Ecumenical Lessons and Carols (on December 2nd this year) and our Christmas Eve Service. I am hoping we might have a spring concert this year as well. If you have additional questions (or need encouragement) you may email me at hvneufeld@gmail.com.



I look forward to seeing you soon! ~ Heidi Neufeld

She was surprised and pleased to find Paul Schaffner in our congregation, as he was on her dissertation committee for her doctoral degree in Psychology.

At the end of July she started an exciting new chapter in her life as a volunteer visiting chaplain at both Mid Coast Hospital and Hospice. She feels this work brings her experience as a psychotherapist and her spiritual side together to help the ill and the dying.

In addition to serving UUCB as a Worship Associate, Kate is on the Ethics Committee for the Developmentally Disabled and is on the board of the Highlands Resident's Assistance Fund, which raises monies to aid residents who need financial help to stay in their homes.

Kate is a lover of classical music, theater, movies and reading. She says she would enjoy finding others who like to see interesting films. She also loves to try new restaurants. Please have a chat with her over coffee after church!

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

Attention all members and friends of the UUCB, **Musicians Wanted**

If you have anything musical you would like to add to a Sunday service, please email Stephanie Bernier, Music Coordinator at skbernier@pejepscotdayschool.com or call 729-4362



Where Have All the Hymnals Gone...

A request for people to return any hymnals they may have borrowed over time, or taken home by mistake. We are missing several hymnals, and since we have such a limited quantity, need them returned before Fall worship returns so that we will have enough to go around.

CHALICE CIRCLES: CHANGING THE WORLD ONE SMALL GROUP AT A TIME

Now is the time to sign up to be in a Chalice Circle for the coming year. Known in various UU churches as “small group ministry,” “covenant groups,” or “chalice circles,” our Chalice Circles provide an adult religious education program that allows people to draw closer to one another, nourishing hearts and spirits.

Convened by trained facilitators, Chalice Circles meet once a month over the course of a year to explore a curriculum designed specifically for UU seekers. Each circle stays together for a year, then disbands when new groups form. *(For more info, see the August issue of the Parish Messenger.)*

To give Chalice Circles a try, you simply commit to attending four sessions before making your final decision. To join a group, please fill out the attached form, and return it to the church office ***no later than Tuesday, September 18.***

Chalice Circles Signup Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I am available for gatherings at the following times. (Circle ALL that apply.)

Monday	morning	afternoon	evening
Tuesday	morning	afternoon	evening
Wednesday	morning	afternoon	evening
Thursday	morning	afternoon	evening
Friday	morning	afternoon	evening

Please return this form to the church office no later than **Tuesday September 18.**
Questions? Call Sylvia Stocker at the church office, 729-8515.

NEW UU COLLEGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

Last month's 2012 Justice General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona, officially launched the UU College of Social Justice (UUCSJ). A joint program of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), this collaboration offers a bold new way to live our faith in the world.

In the coming year alone, the college is offering service-learning trips to New Orleans, Haiti, India, Mexico, and Guatemala. Please consider how UUCSJ can help you live more deeply into our faith:

Immigration justice:



Travel to the southwest United States and the borderlands of Mexico to learn firsthand about the complex struggles of the immigrant community. This journey will help you engage your congregation in immigration justice in your own community. Trips: February and May 2013.

Beyond the earthquake in Haiti:



Thousands of UUs supported Haiti after the earthquake, and rebuilding continues today. Work with our Haitian partners to build innovative eco-villages and learn how you and your congregation can continue this important work. Trips: January, March, and May 2013.

Economic justice in India:



The UU Holdeen India Program works with Indian partners on economic justice, focusing on women and girls. Explore this vital work and how it can

inspire new congregational initiatives for economic justice here at home.

Trip: November 26–December 5, 2012.

Education in Guatemala:

UUCSJ is partnering with the Sienna Project in building schools in rural Guatemala and supporting the rights of Mayan people to education — join us for a week of hands-on work!

Trip: February 15–23, 2013.



New Orleans equitable recovery:



Six years after Hurricane Katrina, the rebuilding of New Orleans continues. UUCSJ offers you several opportunities to live, work, and learn in New Orleans for an unforgettable week. Trips: Feb, Apr & Jul 2013.

**For more information, visit the College's website:
UUCSJ.ORG**

NEXT WOMEN'S ALLIANCE MEETING

The Women's Alliance cordially invites all women of the church to their first meeting of the year on Monday, **September 24, at 6:00pm** at St. Paul's Church on Pleasant Street. At this potluck supper we will have a chance to get to know each other and share something that happened to you this summer, be it joyful, wild, or strange. Please contact Gretchen Kamilewicz at 833-5125 to let her know you are coming and what you wish to bring. Coming from work? We'll let you choose something easy to bring. Please RSVP no later than September 22. Hope to see you there.

SEPTEMBER CHARITY WITH SOUL

TOM STURTEVANT CHAPTER #1 OF THE VETERANS FOR PEACE



The Tom Sturtevant Chapter, #1 is the founding chapter of Veterans For Peace, a national organization founded in Maine in 1985. There are now over 120 chapters active in communities throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Vietnam and other nations. National conventions are held annually and members communicate

through quarterly newsletters as well as daily list-serve news, on line discussions groups and the national and chapter websites.

We draw on our personal experiences and perspectives gained as veterans to raise public awareness of the true costs and consequences of militarism and war - and to seek peaceful, effective alternatives. Our collective experience tells us wars are easy to start and hard to stop and that those hurt are often the innocent. Thus, other means of problem solving are necessary.

The organization includes veterans of all eras and duty stations, men and women, spanning the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), World War II, the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf and current Iraq and Afghanistan wars as well as other conflicts.

Maine Veterans For Peace chapter activities include providing speakers and videos for Maine classroom teachers on alternatives to war, providing information about military recruiting and military budgets, and an annual symposium on the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. For additional information, please see our website: <http://www.vfpmaine.org/>

You can also talk with church member Dan Ellis who is Maine VFP Member Coordinator.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

We, having dutifully served our nation, do hereby affirm our greater responsibility to serve the cause of world peace. To this end we will work, with others

- a. To increase public awareness of the costs of war
- b. To restrain our government from intervening, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations
- c. To end the arms race and to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons
- d. To seek justice for veterans and victims of war

HOW DO PEOPLE OF FAITH TALK TOGETHER WHEN WE DON'T AGREE?



**In Partnership
With the USM
Interfaith Chaplaincy**

Join...

- * Bishop Steve Lane (Episcopal)
- * Fr. Joe Daniels (Roman Catholic)
- * Rev. Susan Craig (UCC)
- * Rev. Michael Davis (United Methodist)

An Ecumenical Conversation with Four Maine Spiritual Leaders

Civil Discourse on Same Sex Marriage

Event is
Free of
Charge

Luther Bonney Hall
at the University of Southern Maine
Bedford Street, Portland
Thursday, September 20th
7:00 p.m.

Complimentary Parking
Bedford St. Garage

DOLLHOUSE RAFFLE



The Women's Alliance has a wonderful project you can support to help raise funds for the rebuilding of the church--a dollhouse raffle. The finding of the dollhouse is an interesting story in itself. Church member, Ellie Swanson, was out early one morning near her former home on Mere Point last summer when she spotted a discarded dollhouse in front of a nearby home. Knowing she couldn't fit it into her Prius and knowing it would be gone if she left and came back with a truck, she looked around for a solution. Alas, she saw a pickup truck coming along the road. She leaped in front of the young driver who "came to a screeching halt" and upon hearing Ellie's plight, agreed to transport the dollhouse down the road to Ellie's house. In return for the favor, he asked if his mother could come visit Ellie's heather garden. "I do love Mainiacs," Ellie says.

Ellie did much of the exterior renovating such as a new paint job and roof, window boxes complete with flowers, and other amenities. Another church member, Janet Alexander of Harpswell, took over from there. She and her husband, Sam, transported the dollhouse to their house and the interior renovations began. Janet scraped, painted, sanded, laid a wood floor made of tongue depressors, carpeted, wallpapered, decorated rooms, and sewed curtains and bed quilts. Her husband, Sam, did a bit of renovating as well to make the rooms cozier. In addition, many members of the Women's Alliance donated money, handmade rugs, a fireplace, and other accessories. Papa Geppetto's of Bath donated two rooms of furniture to help with the project. . Dimensions of the dollhouse are 40"high, 24" deep, and 30 1/2" wide.

The dollhouse is now complete and will be raffled off at the UUCB's auction November 3, 2012 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Brunswick. You do not need to be present to win. Winner must pick up dollhouse within 2 weeks of drawing

The raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or \$25.00 for 6. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the church secretary at [207-729-8515](tel:207-729-8515) or Gretchen at [207-833-5125](tel:207-833-5125).



FALL AUCTION

COMING SOON.....

The Fundraising Committee is planning another online auction, in conjunction with our traditional Live and Silent Auction

Online Auction:

Mon, October 22 to Fri, November 2 *Need Help*

We will be holding another online auction at <http://biddingforgood.com>, the auction website for non-profits only. Last time we netted almost \$8,000 with little effort. You can help with the success of the next one by soliciting just ONE donation item each. In September, Sue will have index cards with the names and address of places that have not yet been contacted this year. She will also have informational handouts for you to pass out.

If you have any donations or questions, please contact Sue Michaud at michaud_susan@comcast.net or at 729-4857,

Silent and Live Auction:

Saturday, November 3 *Save the Date*

A silent and live auction will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2 Columbus Drive, Brunswick. A pot-luck dinner will start at 6:00 pm followed by the Live and Silent Auction at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be available from the church office. We will again be kept in line by our favorite Auctioneers: Rene Bernier and Dick Brown.

Be thinking about what YOU can donate to this part of the auction. Sign-ups will be at church before you know it!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BID ON AT THE AUCTION?

*Need
Suggestions*

Let Sue Michaud know and she'll pass the suggestion along to all those others who have no idea what to donate.

In September Sue will have a Suggestion Board at church with all the latest ideas.

michaud_susan@comcast.net or
call her at 729-4857.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DONATE TO THE AUCTION?

*Need
Donations*

Look around your house for really nice items that you no longer need and/or think of special services that you might provide (carpentry, storytelling, dinners, pruning, pie a month, etc.)

Take a look at the Suggestion Board at church to get more ideas. Sign-ups will be available at church soon.



NANCY'S GLASS ACT

UUCB BENEFIT by Nancy's Glass Act continues at *It's All Good* upscale consignment shop at 212D Maine St. and at the *General Store* in Bowdoinham, which is connected to the Long Creek School,

You can also contact Nancy directly to see other jewelry (nancysglassact@yahoo.com).

Side Door Coffee House

**Friday, September 21
7-10 pm**

Featured performer:

our very own

Jud Caswell

homegrown songs of Maine and beyond

Upcoming Schedule:

October -----Martin Swinger

November ----Ted Demille and Company

December ----Annual "Ghosts of Christmas Past"
concert with Castlebay

SAVE THE DATES



Sunday, October 7
after Church

Larry Lemmel, Piano

Music by JS Bach, Chopin, and Debussy

jUUST Desserts!

The Membership Committee cordially invites everyone to join us for jUUST desserts on Friday, October 5, from 7-9 pm, at St. Paul's Church, Brunswick. This will be an opportunity for newcomers, friends, new members, and old-timers to get to know one another better. Sylvia will be on hand for chatting and answering questions about our UU church community and the UU denomination. And, yes, there will be some yummy desserts available to feed our soul – or – sweet tooth! Join us for the entire two hours, or drop in when you are able to.

If you plan to come, an RSVP to the church office 207-729-8515 is helpful for our planning, but if Friday comes around and you would like to come without having RSVP'd, please come anyway. We would love to see you. And if there are dessert divas who would like to supply a few desserts, please let Debbie Zorach know by email at dszorach@zwi.net or by phone at 207-729-8103.

BEQUESTS TO UUCB

Are you currently reviewing your will(s) or select, charitable contributions?

If not, perhaps this is a good time!

Did you know that some church members of UUCB have made bequests to the church, in addition to a Capital Campaign pledge?

A bequest can be made through a will in the form of cash, real estate, securities, an insurance policy or other property.

For additional information, please contact-

Mel Hodgkins

Planned Giving Coordinator



An Introduction to UUCB and Unitarian Universalism

If you would like to find out more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation at UUCB, we invite you to join us for a New UU class. At our church the term "New UU" can refer to experienced UUsers new to UUCB or to folks who are new to our denomination and would like to get to know us better.

Classes are offered as follows:

- Saturday morning, 10/27 from 9-1 with morning goodies and a light lunch.
- Tuesday evenings 10/23 and 11/13 from 7-9 pm with light refreshments.

The Location is at St. Paul's Church, Brunswick.

Please call the church office 729-8515 with questions or to enroll.

CONVERSATION CORNER

... an ongoing opportunity...

Please join Membership Committee on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month after the service at the front of the sanctuary for conversation. Here's a chance to ask questions, connect with each other, and learn more about UUCB and the Unitarian Universalism denomination.

MEMBERSHIP

Smile and Say Hello to All!

Have you read the “Welcome” page on the inside of our Sunday Bulletin cover? Here’s a sampling: “We welcome every honest seeker of a more humane and meaningful life; we are open to all who accept the democratic principle in human relationships and who share our concern for the individual and society and for the quality of life reflected in each. We welcome all who are searching and questioning, those who would be stimulated by further growth, those who seek to live lives of justice and compassion, and those who are hurting or bereaved.”

We welcome all who come through our doors. However, when it comes to basic hospitality, sometimes we find discrepancies between these ideas and our practices of hospitality. Our congregation has made wonderful efforts to close the gap between ideas and practices of hospitality to become a truly welcoming community. Occasionally we need to conduct a bit of church business during coffee hour, and we remain involved with committee members. Or we want to chat with folks we already have connections with. This is natural, but we need to make a point of connecting with those we don’t know.

In his article, “*Hand in Hand : Religious Hospitality*,” *UU World, Spring 2012*, Peter Morales wrote about feeling welcome when visiting a UU church. He said that a friend visiting a UU congregation was not greeted, sat alone during the service, and was not spoken to during coffee hour. She approached another person who was alone and discovered this person was also a visitor. Even in Morales’ own church ten years ago, guests were not always greeted or connected in conversation although the congregation proclaimed to be a welcoming community. Peter said, “The difference between our self-image of hospitality and the reality of our behavior was shocking.” His congregation took measures to revitalize hospitality in their church.

Here at UUCB we have followed this model to make hospitality a priority. We have a warm and outgoing Membership Committee whose members are present at the Visitor Table each Sunday. We have made greeting our neighbors part of our Sunday service. We have included visitors’ recognition in the opening of our services. Finally, we are working hard to make hospitality a religious practice rather than the

job of a committee or staff. Peter Morales mentions the self-transformation that comes when we reach out to others. “... when we open ourselves and make paying attention to newcomers a spiritual practice, we transform ourselves. The very practice of reaching out makes us more open, more sensitive...”

As we begin our new calendar church year, let’s all make it a goal to connect with at least one person we don’t know each Sunday. Our hospitality will ensure that visitors keep coming. More folks will want to be part of our community where they feel wanted and accepted and more will become members. Membership, programs, and revenue will thrive in our beautiful new church building. We achieved recognition as a “Welcoming Church.” To welcome all is an important part of our mission statement. Let’s live those principles with renewed vigor! Feel transformed as you reach out to those you don’t know. Make it your practice to smile and say hello to all!

Sally Horne
Membership
Committee



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a meeting of the UUCB congregation
at the Minnie Brown Center
following the service on Sunday, September 9th
to vote to authorize the Board to accept a contractor bid
and authorize the expenditure of funds for the new church building.

September 2012

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<p>CO - Church Office MBC - Minnie Brown Center MR - Morell Room, Library MH - Member's Home</p> <p>MO - Minister's Office PAR - Parlor in 5 Pennell (downstairs) PEN - 7 Pennell House Upstairs SP - Saint Paul's</p> <div>Church events are in bold type.</div>						1
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