

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



May 2014

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The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister

Rev. J. Bradbury Mitchell,
Minister Emeritus

Rev. Karen Foley
Affiliate Minister

Nicole Shanks,
Director of Religious Education

Stephanie Bernier, Music Coordinator

Heidi Neufeld, Choir Director

Wilson Bristol, Choir Accompanist

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

Tony Sulkoski, Sexton



*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 10:00 a.m. IN THE NEW UUCB BUILDING

May 4. "Yankel, Zev, and the 10,000"

Rev. Stocker preaching. Today, Celebration Sunday, we lift up the good and exuberant work of the congregation. During the service, all will have the opportunity to contribute to the health of the congregation by making a financial pledge for the coming fiscal year. We begin with what has come to be an annual banner parade, showcasing the various groups and committees that help to make our congregation tick. Sylvia will tell the story she didn't have time to tell last year, which she knows you have all been dying to hear. Will Bristol will provide special music. A gala hospitality hour will follow the service.

May 11. "The Spiritual Practice of Turning Soil"

Rev. Stocker preaching. Music provided by the choir, directed by Heidi Neufeld, with accompanist, Will Bristol.

May 18. Religious Education Recognition Sunday

Led by Directory of Religious Education Nicole Shanks and her sidekick Rev. Stocker, this service brings an end to formal Sunday School (until it resumes in the fall) and celebrates the accomplishments of our children, teachers, and religious education volunteers. Music by Jean, Nathaniel, and Zachary Lay.

May 25. "The Sea"

Former UUCB Minister Will Saunders (see p. 5) reflects upon the sea, the ocean, as a source of spiritual nurture. Spiritual lessons from the sea. Music by Larry Lemmel.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)

It's hard to believe that our program year is coming to a close shortly. Time really flies when you're having fun in a brand new church building! The Religious Education (RE) Committee and I have begun to plan and prepare for next year but we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to serve on teaching teams for three class groups: PreK-Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, and Grades 4-6. Our theme next year is Unitarian Universalist History and Identity and the curricula used in each class will reflect this theme. Volunteer teachers can plan on leading about 7-8 classes per year and serving as an assistant a handful of other Sundays. This leaves plenty of opportunity for our volunteers to still attend church services throughout the year. A volunteer RE teacher should plan to spend about 30 minutes in prep time during the week before s/he is scheduled to lead the class.

So, what type of people am I looking for? Well, I'm looking for a variety of people and this is why: The lesson plan is just a small fraction of what we are "teaching" children while they are at church. A large portion of the education we offer children is based on messages we communicate (whether purposefully or inadvertently) through such things as the space we provide, the resources we make available, the rituals and activities that we choose to engage in as a church community, and also through the people who choose to interact with the children. Many churches have the tendency to funnel



women, especially moms of younger children, into the volunteer positions that involve children. Women and moms can make great volunteers and our program certainly would not thrive without them. However, I think it is critical to provide children with a variety of people to serve as guides, role models, and teachers (not to mention that moms deserve a break from kids sometimes and our church community can help to provide that!). We have to think of what we are communicating when year after year the vast majority of the volunteers our children interact with are women and many of those women are mothers of children in the program. So, in addition to the women we will be recruiting to work with our program (and yes, if that's you and you love working with children at church, we still want you!), I'm also placing a call out there for some more nontraditional RE volunteers to add to our ranks: men, people with grown children, folks who are single, and individuals who've never had children of their own. Our goal is to have five people for each teaching team because "many hands make light work". Every adult has something of value to offer the next generation. So, if you enjoy children and are willing to give your time, please contact me at uubrunswickdre@gmail.com for more information. I'll leave you with a quote from one of our teachers, Melissa Fochesato, on why she loves teaching RE (and keeps coming back for more!)

I love getting to know the kids on a personal level, and the challenge of presenting our principles in a way that appeals to all the unique personalities and learning styles. We have fun learning together!

HOW TO REACH US

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

Office Hours at our new church office, (1 Middle Street) is open Tues through Friday from 10-4 The office administrator is Shirley Bernier.

The Director of Religious Education, Nicole Shanks, will be in her office in the new church building. 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 in the new church building. 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@zwi

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

Important RE Dates

Sun, May 4— RE Classes Youth Group

Fri, May 9— Bring Your Own Game Night and Desserts!

Sun, May 11— Last day of RE Classes and Youth Group

... MINISTER'S MUSINGS ...

The *New York Times* recently ran an article about raising moral children. Interestingly, the article drifted into an analysis of generosity. Generosity is one indicator of morality, I guess, but certainly not the only one. In any case, not terribly surprising, the article revealed that studies have shown that *modeling* generosity has a far greater impact on children than preaching about it. Children are smart: They quickly learn that if you tell them to be generous but then hoard your own wealth, they discredit your stated stance on generosity.

So much for preaching all by itself. Preaching only stands up if one practices what one preaches.

So, what about modeling generosity? I preach generosity, but I also try to practice practice it – sometimes with great success, sometimes not. Most particularly, I try to practice generosity when our annual budget drive is about to unfurl its wings and take flight.

Next fiscal year, I will be tithing 10% of my salary plus housing allowance. That is a goal I have been working toward ever since coming to UUCB.

I used to tithe 10% at my previous church. But when my family moved to Maine, we endured a convergence of strains on our family budget: We went from two incomes to one, our child began college, and we discovered, much to our dismay and astonishment, that the cost for health insurance in Maine far exceeded what we had been paying in Massachusetts. So I regretfully pinched my pledge back to \$2000 for the year.

With time, my family has recovered from much of that financial stress. Our son graduated from college.

The church changed its insurance plan. You have generously increased my pay over the years. Things are better for us now. So, after inching toward my personal goal, now I can finally pledge a 10% tithe. For me, tithing is a spiritual practice that helps me to see that my labors are meant to benefit more than just me or just my family. My labors are for some larger good and purpose.

A 10% tithe is simply my personal goal, but it does not have to be your goal. There is no obligation or requirement that you pledge that amount. A 10% tithe represents neither an upper limit nor a lower limit. We all have different circumstances and we make our decisions accordingly. The church is grateful for your pledge, whatever it is, and will always let the decision for the amount you pledge rest with you. The important thing is to pledge an amount that is right for your circumstances.

But figuring out what to pledge continues to be a conundrum for many. Indeed, the task of choosing a pledge amount is something I engage in, too, every year. So at the suggestion of the folks who are running the budget drive this year, I will repeat the rubric my family uses for figuring out what to pledge.

- Our pledge is big enough so that we will notice paying it. We want to feel in partnership with our congregation. We feel that our pledge would be too small if we could write a single check for the entire amount. So we choose an amount that we have to pay in installments.
- Although we contribute to many groups and causes, our pledge to UUCB is our biggest charitable donation. UUCB occupies a larger

place in our hearts, hopes, and dreams than other organizations do.

- Our pledge is a source of joy and spiritual growth for us.

So long as we can achieve those measures, we feel our pledge is generous, regardless of what the percentage of my income that we pledge.

These are exciting and amazing times for our congregation. We have proven that together we can accomplish much. Now, with a new building that can serve both as a community center and as a beacon of liberal religion in our region, we have a chance to increase our programs and extend our reach wider than we ever have before. Imagine what we might do together now! Part of the way we achieve our dreams is by contributing to the funds that help to make it all happen. So, whatever you choose for your pledge and whatever rubric you use to determine the amount, I encourage you to be generous. I so look forward to the coming year with you!

In gratitude,
Sylvia



WELCOME NEW MEMBER: MONICA HAMKINS



Monica Hamkins is about to take the trip of her dreams - she's going on a safari this summer. The trip was a long-time dream of Monica and her husband Clark. Life kept getting in the way -with family illnesses and Clark's long illness, so the trip was postponed, repeatedly. She says now's the time to go, while she can.

Monica is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, although she raised her family in Racine. Racine was a wonderfully safe place to raise six children in those days, and she was a full-time Mom for many years. Having graduated from college with a degree in medical technology, she found herself unemployable in her field when she tried to go back to work after raising the children. She has held a number of positions that she enjoyed

since then, but Activity Director in an assisted living facility was her favorite. She loved thinking up new ways to get the residents engaged and interacting.

Monica has made many things through her interest in crafts such as embroidery and sewing. Clark was a wood-worker and every year he made wooden ornaments for the grandchildren's Christmas trees, while Monica decorated them. They figured over the course of 20 years or so, the grandchildren would each have enough ornaments to decorate their own tree.

She has been a staunch Catholic all her life until recently. She attended the Catholic Church while Clark came to ours after they moved to Brunswick in 2005. She did come

to many social events at UUCB even while she was a Catholic. When Clark's illness kept him from driving, she began to bring him to our church on a regular basis. At the same time, she was becoming more and more disillusioned with the Catholic Church after the sex abuse scandal and the church's stand on Gay rights, so she just stopped going and recently joined our church.

Her children and thirteen grandchildren live all over the country; one lives in Germany. One daughter lives in Bowdoin, so after thinking about which child they wanted to live near, they chose the daughter who lives in Maine.

Monica enjoys walking, crafts and the theater - and she loves to dance! She finds our congregation congenial and enjoys Sylvia's sermons. She likes that her Chalice Circle allows her to get to know a few people really well, and enjoys the in-depth discussions that often occur. While she was caring for Clark, the Chalice Circle met at her house. She says she likes to help out with discrete tasks, but at this point is not interested in committee work. We welcome her as a new member!

Jessica Tracy



You and UU Orientation

Do you have questions about Unitarian Universalism? Would you like to learn about or refresh your knowledge of our history and theology? We promise an interesting morning to fulfill these needs at our class affectionately named, "You and UU." Read on!

Please join us at the church on **Saturday, May 17, from 9-1** when Membership Committee will host this orientation class, led by Rev. Sylvia Stocker. It is open to newcomers as well as seasoned friends and members of our congregation.

Possibly you are considering membership at UUCB, although membership is optional after taking the class. The orientation class will prepare you to make this commitment if you desire. During the class you will feel more connected to our congregation and its committees and leaders. Also, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our minister, Sylvia, beyond the pulpit.

The session promises to be filled with interesting facts and anecdotes from Sylvia's vast knowledge of Unitarian Universalism. It will be a time of learning, fun, contemplation, and sharing of your many life experiences. We'll enjoy breakfast snacks and a light lunch as well.

Please let us know at the Visitor Table if you'd like to take part in this class, or call the church office, 729-8515.

Sally Horne, Membership Committee

Will Saunders

Guest at the Pulpit—May 5th



Raised Unitarian Universalist in Ithaca, NY, Will holds degrees from Oberlin, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University (Ph.D). He served congregations in Brunswick, Maine, Urbana, Illinois, Portsmouth, NH and Portland, Maine. He is Minister Emeritus in Portsmouth.

He has served on the Board of the Maine Audubon Society, Chaired the Maine Humanities Council and was a member of the Chancellor's Task Force on Discrimination at the University of Illinois. He served as President of Project Harvest Hope, a foundation that nurtures civil society in the Unitarian villages of Transylvania (Romania). He twice served on the Unitarian Universalist Association's Board of Trustees.

Will has two sons, Peter and Brynn, and two grandchildren. Retired, he lives in Portland, Maine with his partner, Julie.

UUCB SEEKS NEW WEBMASTER

One goal we set this year was to improve our UUCB website so it is easier to read, navigate, and update. We hope to complete this work in May and June but will need a volunteer webmaster. Steve Welcome has done this job for the last five years and is ready to "retire" and the website changes make this a great time for the change. The new webmaster will need to be comfortable using a computer and working with computer programs. There is no complicated code to learn but you will need to understand the updating program and help the congregation post their updates. If you are comfortable using facebook we think the new system will be almost as easy to use. Please contact Steve Welcome, Cindy Parker or Steve Musica with questions.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"There is a good contingent from the church attending General Assembly June 25-29 in Providence RI. For those of you unable to commit to the conference as a whole but who would like a taste of it, the culminating event is the Sunday morning worship service from 11 to 12:30 which is open to the public. The Rev. Mark Stringer of the First Unitarian Church of Des Moines, Iowa will be preaching. Car pooling can be arranged and the church will cover the cost of gas and tolls. For more information, check out the website uua.org. Martha Lentz will help with coordination and may be reached at marthalentz@comcast.net or 729-8862.

MAY'S CHARITY WITH SOUL

THE NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL OF MAINE

is a nonprofit membership organization working statewide for clean air, healthy waters, and safeguards for our people and wildlife.

CLEAN AIR, CLEAN ENERGY -- NRCM's clean air and energy work is focused on where we can have the greatest impact: cleaner cars and trucks, clean and renewable energy production, and greater energy efficiency.

Our work in these key areas is critical to reducing health and environmental problems already plaguing our state. These include high asthma rates, more "bad air days," and rising sea levels that threaten coastal communities. NRCM makes certain that Maine's elected officials and other decision-makers are kept up to date about most recent information related to global warming pollution, clean energy technologies, and steps Maine can take to ensure clean air.

HEALTHY WATERS -- Maine's waterways face huge challenges. For decades, paper companies and other mills along Maine's rivers have treated these great waterways as their own private dumping grounds. The pollution they discharge prevents our native fish from thriving and impairs the quality of life for the people who live in those communities.

Pollution is one issue, dams are another. Dams continue to choke waterways across the state. While some dams are strategically located to minimize damage to fisheries and generate significant amounts of renewable electricity, other dams are obsolete or destroy fisheries resources that are worth far more than the small amount of power they generate.

One such dam was the Edwards dam. NRCM's work with coalition partners to remove the Edward's Dam from the Kennebec has become a national model for success. Now, NRCM has teamed up with other groups to form the Penobscot River Restoration Trust to restore this vital watershed for the wildlife and people of Maine.

WOODS, WILDLIFE, AND WILDERNESS -- NRCM has won many significant victories over the years, from helping establish the Allagash Wilderness Waterway to passage of legislation ensuring responsible forest management. But the challenges of protecting of Maine's treasured wild lands and the wildlife that depend upon it have never been greater, nor the need to protect them more urgent.

More than one-third of the state has changed ownership in recent years. Corporations that have no stake in our local communities are buying up hundreds of thousands of acres. Slicing and dicing these natural areas can destroy the character of Maine's North Woods forever.

While development pressures and the loss of public access continue to intensify, NRCM remains a voice for responsible economic development in Maine's North Woods. With our coalition partners, we work for more public lands and responsible forest management practices in Maine.

TOXICS AND SUSTAINABILITY -- Toxic pollutants are a serious threat throughout our state, putting the health of our environment, wildlife, and people at risk. Old, dirty power plants and aging manufacturing facilities, many located in other states, emit mercury and other contaminants into the air and water. Because Maine is located upwind of these power plants, we are left paying the price. Maine's waterways are so contaminated by this pollution that the Center for Disease Control has issued fish consumption warnings for all lakes and rivers. In addition, numerous solid waste issues concerning toxic trash, waste incineration, and leaking landfills pose problems for many Maine communities.

But pollution from dirty power plants and aging manufacturing and solid waste facilities are only part of the problem. Recent scientific studies show that industrial chemicals added to consumer products are building up in our bodies and wildlife.

NRCM successfully led efforts resulting in legislation eliminating many sources of toxic pollution within the state. We're committed to protecting Maine's people, wildlife, and environment from toxic pollution, working hard for policies that promote clean, sustainable industrial practices in Maine and around the nation. *Adapted from the website: <http://www.nrcm.org/projects-hot-issues>*



REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

PROPOSED 2014-15 BUDGET

The year ahead is filled with uncertainties and challenges as we occupy and get acquainted with our new Church building. At the same time, it would be hard to imagine a time of more energy and opportunity to fulfill our mission. It's the responsibility of the Finance Committee to try to put numbers to both these uncertainties and opportunities.

The proposed budget, recently approved by the board for consideration by the congregation, shows a deficit of about \$22,000, about the same amount as the increase in staff salaries. While the cost of running our new building is very hard to predict, staff expenses are not.

In putting together the 2014/2015 Budget, the Finance Committee has responded to the Board's direction to retain and support our staff by providing *fair and just compensation* for the programming and responsibilities we want. To do this, we have proposed the following steps:

- Increase our Minister's compensation to the mid-point of the UUA recommended salary range for our region and church size, plus a small raise. If

achieved, this would mark the first time since she started here that we have paid our minister at the mid-point rate. The total increase required to do this would be 5.2%.

- Provide a 3% cost of living to all other members of our staff. (All others on our staff are now compensated somewhat above the mid-point of their recommended ranges.)
- Increase our Sexton's hours from 12 to 17 per week in order to maintain our new building.
- Create a one-quarter-time position of Music Director to better assign accountability for music both within worship services and in other venues.
- Compensate our ministerial intern \$3000 for the time she will spend with us in 2014-15.

We have come so far and done so much together. Even so, these things remain to be done. Getting them done will set us on a path we did not dream that we could tread upon. Please help us get these remaining things in place.

Tom Rumpf

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

CELEBRATION SUNDAY IS COMING, MAY 4, 2014!

We'll be Arriving and Thriving, FULL SPEED AHEAD!



The Annual Budget Drive (ABD) provides most of UUCB's operating budget. On Sunday, May 4th, we will have a special service, combining a banner parade of all the groups in our congregation, a time for each household to make their financial pledge to the church for the year, an announcement of the total money raised, and delicious treats to share when we finish. In the past two years, each of our one-day pledge drives has raised the money to reach our goal and provided the funds to cover most of our expected costs for the year. We hope to do it again, with everyone's help, and get off to a great start in our new building. Please mark your calendar and review the annual budget materials as we send them out to you. Every pledge is important so please join us for Celebration Sunday at 10am on May 4, as we're...

Arriving and Thriving, FULL SPEED AHEAD!

FEED THE CHURCH WHILE YOU FEED YOURSELVES . . .

. . . by buying pre-paid cards from Hannaford! Every dollar you spend at Hannaford, using one of our cards, nets a 5% return to the church -- easy money indeed! Cards are available for \$25, \$50 or \$100, and do not "expire" so you may spend as little or as much as you want each time. Please see Caroline Evans or Ann Spencer during Sunday coffee hours (we try to stand at the sanctuary side of the social space), or you may see Shirley Bernier during church office hours. We appreciate your support with this ongoing fundraiser!

BYOG Night

Let's join together for BYOG
(Bring Your Own Game) Night on
Friday, May 9th from 6:30-8pm
at the UUCB.



We'll have fun together as a community
playing games and eating desserts!
Hope to see you there.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

TUESDAY, MAY 13 @ 6:00 P.M.

Women's Alliance will hold its May meeting, the last one of the year, on May 13, 6:00pm at the church. There will be a potluck dinner with a program to follow. All will be part of the program if you wish. Please bring a favorite poem or short story to share with others.



Give me a call or email as to what you can provide for the supper: gkamilewicz@gmail.com or 833-5125. See you there.
Gretchen Kamilewicz

POTLUCK DINNER

A HEALTHY LUNCH

May 8

Our monthly home-cooked lunch is back!

Please join us for a tasty, plant-based, organic, gluten free meal in the Community Room.

To reserve, call the church office by
Wednesday, May 7.

Seven dollars per person, no tipping, please!

VEGAN SUNDAY

May 18

Our monthly vegan pot luck is at 12:30
(after church) on May 18
in the Community Room.

If you are interested in cooking vegan
and want to attend,
please email Jessica Tracy at
jtracy21@myfairpoint.net.
Include what you wish to bring.

ELEPHANT SALE



No, we are not selling elephants, but the Distribution Task Force is having an "elephant" sale on **Sunday, May 18th**, after church in the May Sarton Room. Stay tuned for more information, but in the meantime, listen to an elephant trumpeting the news!

http://www.soundboard.com/sb/Elephant_Audio_Sounds

CHURCH COUNCIL

**“As we respond with caring and vision to all work,
we develop our capacity to respond fully to all of life.”**

Tibetan teacher Tarthang Tulku could have been talking about Unitarian Universalists. This is a time of year when we emphasize our preference for the strength of diversity over of the predictability of doctrinal monoculture. The Church Council is starting its yearly job of harmonizing the sundry activities of our church community, while protecting the array of

views and actions that undergird our church.

On June 4th, the Council will convene to place each committee's plans for the 2014-15 church year into a master calendar, to make sure our community is in sync. Those of you who are members of church groups can participate in your com-

mittee's planning, since this will strengthen the church coordination process. For those of you who aren't yet part of a committee, this is a good time to see how you can make a difference in the church's future by trying out one of our community's diverse programs.

by *Marty Teitel*

JOHN LEWIS-MCLAREN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

Looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen at John Lewis-McLaren's Memorial Service. Also looking for baked goods, fruit and veggie platters, cheese & crackers, punch, and other hors d'oeuvres. Contact **Sue Michaud** at michaud_susan@comcast.net or **729-4857**.

WHAT TO SAY TO FUTURE U.U's...

The History and Documentation Working Group invites each committee and organization in the church to brainstorm and offer one item or artifact for the one hundred year time capsule that we are planning for placement in the new church building. The time capsule is planned to be opened in 2112 at the time of the congregation's 300th

Suggestions for time capsule memorabilia:

- Small in size – example: under 6" square.
- Something that might be rare in one hundred years- example: CD, DVD
- An artifact we are using in church now- example: membership pin, small chalice
- Messages – examples: words of greeting or hope, etc. to future congregants, spiritual messages: what gives us strength, hope? What is our vision of the future?

Timeline:

- March, April, May 2014 Collect items and suggestions from groups and organizations.
- June, July, August 2014: The Working Group organizes items, finds appropriate container, creates a display and secures a storage place.
- September, 2014: Time Capsule contents are displayed at church and at the Service of Dedication of the new building. And then deposited for storage.

Items for the time capsule, questions and suggestions to:

History and Documentation Working Group:

*Brad Mitchell
Rev. Sylvia Stocker
Chris Mitchell
Ed Hawes*

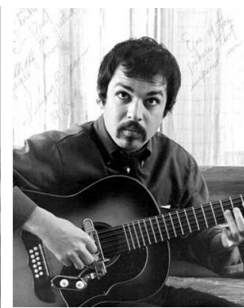


UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Fri, June 6 - - Jazz Jukebox



Back by popular demand, **Brad Terry** and **Paul Sullivan** will again play the old standards from a menu of over 200 songs. You pick your favorite, and they will improvise a unique version of it on the spot, unrehearsed, unpredictable, and guaranteed fun! For an even extra special treat **William Gallison** and **Peter Herman** will be joining the improv masters for part of the show!



Paul Sullivan is a grammy-award winning composer and pianist. **Brad Terry** is a renowned clarinetist, whistler, and master of improvisational jazz. Paul and Brad have improvised for Benny Goodman, Dizzie Gillespie, Doc Cheatham, Lenny Breau, Tommy Flanagan and Paul Winter. **William Gallison** is a renowned jazz and studio harmonica player who has played on the soundtracks of hundreds of movies and TV shows (Yep, that's him playing the *Sesame Street Theme Song*), and he has recorded with many known musicians such as Sting, Barbara Streisand, Carly Simon, and many more. **Peter Herman** is a young, amazing guitar player from Maine who is said to be the closest guitar player to Lenny Breau that we have today.

The Fundraising Events Committee invites you and your friends to join us for this last fundraising event of the fiscal year. Proceeds from *Jazz Jukebox* will go the UUCB general fund to ensure that we end the 2013-2014 fiscal year in the black!

Sat, July 19 - - Gordon Bok in Concert

Gordon Bok is a renowned folklorist and singer/songwriter who grew up in Camden, Maine. With his deep, resonating voice and melodic 6- and 12-string guitar fingerpicking, he has been the leading purveyor of the music of the sea for nearly half a century.

Gordon has performed extensively in the United States, and in the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand. He has appeared on the radio show "A Prairie Home Companion" with Garrison Keillor. Gordon's music has been sung by many other performers and has been used for films, most notably the documentary *"Coaster: The Adventure of the John F. Leavitt"* for which he won an award. Gordon received an honorary Doctorate of Science from the Maine Maritime Academy for his reflection of Maine's maritime heritage in his compositions and performances. His legacy includes over thirty recordings featuring his own compositions and folk tunes from around the world. His extensive repertoire provides a rich well to draw upon for his concerts; he has never sung the same solo concert twice.



MUSIC AT NOONTIME

SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Please join us in the sanctuary at 12:15 every Wednesday for 30 minutes of quiet, restful and meditative music by UUCB musicians.

- May 7:** Kate Gray (violin)
May 14: Louise Gephart (Celtic harp)
May 21: Larry Lemmel (piano)
May 28: Hugh Maynard (oboe)

Always free for everyone.

MERRY MEETING SINGERS

Celebrate Spring

A benefit concert for the UUCB Building Fund

Saturday, May 17 at 7:30 pm
 at the new UUCB.

Program includes Elizabethan Madrigals, Mozart, Ritter and American folk songs.

Tickets \$10 in advance from the church office,
 \$12 at the door, \$5 for children under 12



THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
 UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of BRUNSWICK
 1 MIDDLE STREET
 OPEN MIKE SIGNUP - 7 PM
 FEATURED PERFORMER - 9 PM
 TICKETS: \$8 - SENIORS & STUDENTS \$6
 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE

METEORA

Will Brown, Kat Logan, Jim Loney

Meteora was formed in 2011 and plays an eclectic array of original songs and folk ballads, as well as traditional songs and original arrangements. "Meteora" translates from the Greek as "suspended in air."

Kat Logan and Jim Loney are a singer-songwriter couple from Friendship. Kat, who plays piano, accordion, banjo and guitar, has performed folk, country, and blues music throughout New England for the past 20 years. Jim, who plays guitar, banjo and hand percussion instruments, has performed Delta Blues and R & B for many years and also played with the band Primo Cubano. Both Kat and Jim recorded songs on the 2009 Grammy-nominated folk album, "Singing Through the Hard Times - A Tribute to Utah Phillips."

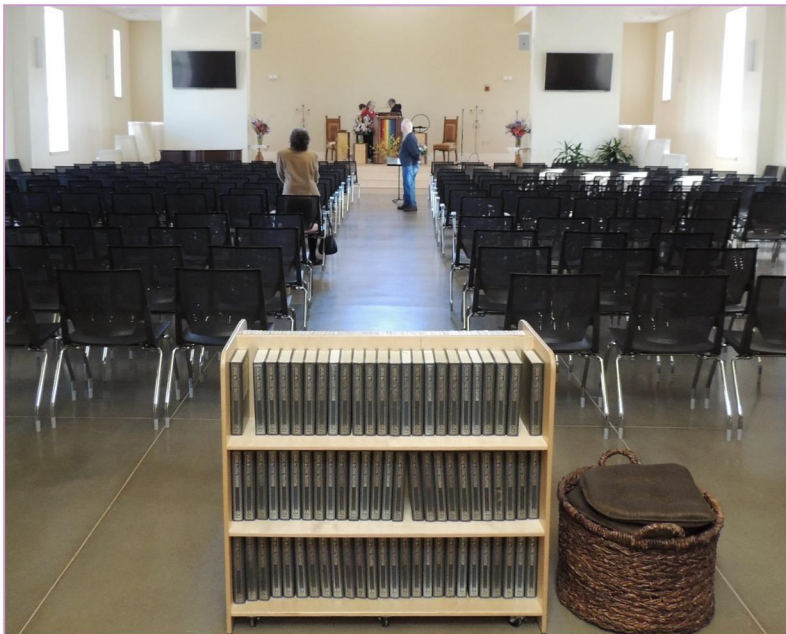
Will Brown from Lincolnville plays guitar, laud, banjo, and frame drum percussion, and does handy sprints on the cornet. He has been playing and singing folk music around campfires and in concert since 1963, and has been recording with Gordon Bok, Cindy Kallet, Grey Larsen and Anne Dodson during the past 30 years.



Friday Evening, May 16 **Feature set preceded by the Open Mike**

The Side Door Coffeehouse has been a fundraiser for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick since 1993.
 It is entirely volunteer run.

TORCHLIGHT PARADE AND FIRST SUNDAY



FIRST SUNDAY SERVICE



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 1
at 11:45 am

Larry Lemmel, Piano

Music by Beethoven,
Brahms and Bartok

Chair-ity Auction

Saturday, May 3rd

6 PM: Silent Auction & Preview of Live Auction Items

7 pm: Live Auction

Tickets: \$5 (Bring a checkbook or cash; no credit cards accepted)

This is the first community outreach fundraiser in our new church. This time all proceeds will go to **MidCoast Hunger Prevention and the Oasis Health Clinic** – as a means of giving back to this community which has been so generous to us as we were rebuilding. We have almost 80 pieces of furniture to auction off, so there is something for everyone. We hope to see all of you there. Bring a friend or 2 and help make this event a huge success!



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

I still have to pinch myself to make sure I'm not dreaming. YES! We are home at last! Can you believe it?

To all the contributors of time and ideas and the donors of money, the makers of budgets and the writers of checks, the setters-up of furniture and the decorators of rooms, the builders of shelves and cabinets and the cleaners-up of packing materials, the movers of endless stuff and the storers of stuff during the last nearly three years, the builders and the architects, the moderators of meetings and the facilitators of discussions, the attenders of endless meetings, meetings, meetings and the planners of fundraisers, the makers of refreshments and the soothers of weary souls, the sorters of stuff we can

use and stuff we can't use, the cleaners of floors and the hangers of window treatments, the shoppers of goods and the writers of grant requests, the negotiators with insurance companies and the liaisons to town planning personnel, the sayers of prayers and the singers of songs, the providers of space and the sources of encouraging words, the planners of parades and the organizers of yard sales, the carriers-on and the movers-forward, the leaders and the followers, thank you. To all of you, thank you. To the wider community, thank you. We could not have achieved this amazing result without the help of every single one of us. It truly does take a village. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Love, Sylvia

ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS/DEADLINES

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS Tuesday – Friday 10:00am-4:00pm. 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, the office administrator, by Thursday at 12:00pm. *Also please submit the item in the body of an e-mail or as a word document attachment so the material can be cut and pasted into the appropriate document. This will make sure the item is worded exactly the way you want it to appear and may reduce errors in the final product. Thank you for your cooperation.*

MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship Announcement 7-9 Choir Practice: S	2 Chair-ty Auction 6 Preview & Reception 7 Live Auction Office Closed	3 Chair-ty Auction 6 Preview & Reception 7 Live Auction Office Closed
4 Celebration Sunday 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Office Closed	5 7 Pagans: 103 7 Merrymeeting Singers Rehearsal: S Office Closed	6 6:30 Worship Comm: 105	7 12:15 Noontime Concert- Kate Gray 5-7 Building Team: N	8 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship Announcement 12 Healthy Lunch: N 12:30-2 Long Range Planning: 105 7 Choir Practice: S	9 2 Building & Grounds: 105 6-9 Merrymeeting Singers Rehearsal: S 6:30-8 RE Game/Dessert Night: All RE Space	10 Office Closed
11 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Green Sanctuary: 105 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	12 7 Pagans: 103 7:00 Merrymeeting Singers Rehearsal: S 6-7:30 Maine AllCare Mtg: 119 Office Closed	13 6 Women's Alliance: N 6:30 Stories with Soul: Chapel (103)	14 12:15 Noontime Concert- Louise Gephart 7-9 RE Capital Campaign Comm Mtg: 105	15 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship Announcement 12 Clergy Group: 105 7 Choir Practice: S	16 12 Distribution Comm. White Elephant Staging 7-10 Side Door Coffeehouse: S & N (Windy Ridge Band)	17 9-1 UU Orientation 12 Distribution Comm Elephant Staging: 105 7:30 Merrymeeting Singers Concert: S Office Closed
18 10 Church Service 10:15 RE After Service- Elephant Sale: 105 12:30 Vegan Lunch: N Office Closed	19 7 Pagans: 103 7:00 Merrymeeting Singers Rehearsal: S Office Closed	20 6:30 Board Mtg	21 12:15 Noontime Concert- Larry Lemmel 7-8:30 RE Comm: 122-125	22 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship Announcement 7 Choir Practice: S	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 3:30 Memorial Service for John Lewis-McLaren Office Closed
25 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Office Closed	26  Memorial Day Office Closed	27 6:30 Stories with Soul: Chapel (103)	28 12:15 Noontime Concert- Hugh Maynard 12 pm Men's Luncheon	28 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship Announcement 7:00 Choir Practice	30	31 Office Closed

S = Sanctuary
N = Narthex
103 = Wendall Berry Room
105 = May Sartan Room
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RE = All RE Space
119 = Hildebrant Room
120 = Carson Room
121 = Mandela Room
122-125 = Merrymeeting