

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



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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



June 1. "The Spiritual Practice of Planting Seeds"

Rev. Stocker preaching. Music by the choir directed by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Ann Hartzler.

June 8. Service of the Living Tradition/Flower Ceremony

Led by Rev. Stocker. We will mark major milestones within the congregation. In addition, we will hold our annual Flower Celebration, modeled after the ceremony Rev. Norbert Capek created in the mid-20th century. **Bring a flower to represent your unique life and special gifts.** We'll make a common bouquet from all the flowers. At the end of the service, take a different flower home to represent the gifts others in the congregation bring to your life. Larry Lemmel will provide music.

June 15. Father's Day

Rev. Stocker and special guest Drew Wing, Director of Boys to Men. The Mission of Boys to Men is to "reduce interpersonal violence, specifically male violence against women and girls, and support the development of emotionally fluently, civically engaged boys." Based on that work, Drew will share insights about raising boys in the culture of violence in which we live. Music by Scarlet Keys and Paul Schaffner.

June 22. "Crossing Borders"

Catherine Knowles preaching. Jud Caswell will provide music.

June 29. Inspiration from the Unitarian Universalist Meditation Manuals.

Led by Alene Staley. Lynn Deeves will provide music.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)

As I write this, the Religious Education (RE) program just wrapped up another year with a fun worship service that celebrated the children, youth, volunteers, and all that we learned together over the past 9 months. In our RE classes and activities we explored Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Christianity, and created quilt squares (based on what we learned) which some talented volunteers will piece together into a beautiful quilt over the summer. This world religion themed quilt will be a beautiful piece of art that will decorate our space this fall. And speaking of space- the move into our new building was hectic and challenging but boy, was all the wait and the work worth it or what?! Our building is amazing and even though we only had a month and a half of RE programming there, it has already made a big impact. Perhaps it's a strategy that more churches should

employ as a creative way to retain and reinvigorate the Director of Religious Education: have fire at church, wait just long enough for the congregation's state of homelessness to really start to wear down the patience of the DRE, open and set up the new building a second before the DRE has run out of patience altogether, and presto, the church has a DRE who suddenly feels that the job has suddenly become a whole lot easier and who is actually disappointed that the program year is ending already and it's time for summer vacation!



The theme for the 2014/2015 program year is Unitarian Universalist History and Identity. We will be adding back a separate class for PreK and Kindergarteners along with our classes for Grades 1-3, and Grades 4-6. We're still looking for a few people to join the teaching team for the PreK-K class so if you think that reading picture books and playing with 4-5 year olds for about 8 Sundays out of the year sounds like fun, let me know! We're also excited to offer Coming of Age for our 9-12th graders, along with youth group for grades 7-9. And finally, we have some intergenerational events in the works- a Halloween potluck, our annual YMCA pool party, an all-church game night, and more.

Have a great summer and I can't wait to see you all again in September!
nicole



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: uubrunswick@uubrunswick.org

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

Important RE Announcements & Dates

Sun, June 1— Multi-Age Activity

Sun, June 8— Intergenerational Flower Communion Service

The nursery will be staffed through the end of June. In July through mid-August the nursery will be open and available for parents to use during the worship service, but will not be staffed.

Wed, Sept 3— Tentative date for RE Teacher Orientation

... MINISTER'S MUSINGS ...

*H*ave you seen the beautiful wrought iron chalice that now adorns the wall behind the pulpit? Let me tell you how it came to be there.

A couple of years ago, while Minister Emeritus Brad Mitchell was delving into our congregation's history, he discovered that the grandson of one of our former ministers had created a family foundation that funds many Unitarian Universalist ventures. The minister, Rev. Otto Raspe, served the Brunswick Universalist Church from 1915 to 1921. Rev. Raspe's grandson is a man by the name of Richard Barrett.

Rev. Raspe was called to our congregation some 30 years after the building on the corner of Pleasant and Middle was built – the building that subsequently burned in 2011 and we have now replaced. He was here back in the days when the only meeting rooms were in the (unheated) steeple or the (sometimes heated) sanctuary, the basement was a dirt-floor basement with a stove (the only source of heat for the whole building) that had to be stoked by hand on Sunday morning, and there was no running water in the building. How different Sunday mornings must have been in those times! Rev. Raspe's children were born here in Brunswick, among them his daughter Amalia, who is still living and remembers the Brunswick church.

Rev. Raspe was a devoted Universalist minister. He was ordained in Morrisville, Vermont, on April 11, 1906. He served churches in Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont. In 1922, the Iowa Universalist Convention published his work entitled "The Five Pillars in the Temple of Universalism," which illuminated Universalist history and beliefs.

Amalia's son Richard Barrett and his wife Elaine established the Barrett Foundation, which donates generously to the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), UU churches and UU initiatives that fall within the scope of their interests, educational institutions with which the family is associated, and various social justice, environmental, and animal welfare programs. Richard Barrett credits his grandfather, Otto Raspe, as being the inspiration behind much of his foundation's work.

When Brad discovered the connection between the Barrett Foundation and our church history, he told me, and I passed the word along to the grant writing task force. Together with the Building Team, we worked on a request to the Barrett Foundation for a grant of \$10,000 to help fund our solar panels. Richard Barrett's reply came back shortly after we sent the letter: Of course, the Barrett Foundation would be de-

lighted to grant us \$10,000 to use towards the solar panels or anything else related to the building project.

In addition, he offered to commission the chalice, made by Colorado metal worker Uriah Bueller, you now see when you enter the sanctuary. The Building Team considered different locations to hang the chalice and ultimately decided it should go behind the pulpit. Thanks to Dave Damour, Cathy Meany, and Mike Heath, the chalice is now installed front and center, a beautiful, meaningful, and eye-catching piece that connects us both to the past and the present and will help guide us into the future.

You never know where you might find help in life. Sometimes it comes in unexpected and surprising ways. We offer a deep bow of gratitude to the Barretts and to Rev. Otto Raspe as well, who served us in his time.

Love,
Sylvia



Maya Angelou

1928-2014



"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer.
It sings because it has a song."

"I am a Woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal Woman,
that's me."

"I believe that each of us comes from
the creator trailing wisps of glory."

"We may encounter many defeats but
we must not be defeated."

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The heart of our church is always energized by the presence of new members and friends. The You and UU orientation class on May 17th included seasoned UUs relocating here from other areas of the country, as well as local and relocating newcomers to our church. The conversation was lively and interesting with expressions of significant journeys to our church.

Do say hello to our eight new members, and don't forget to say hello to newcomers you might not have met! The following attendees signed the membership book on May 17, 2014:

Christoph Aepli	Leah Bauer
Edward (Ted) Berrett	Nan Hughes
Dana Pratt	Norm Rich
Susan Thorner	Jane Garman

They will be recognized on **Sunday, June 8th** during our church service.

Welcome!

Deborah Zorach for the Membership Committee

THE NARTHEX

ANNOUNCING "FELLOWSHIP HALL!"

Using the preference voting method to rename the narthex, *Fellowship Hall* received the most votes from a slate of seventeen names submitted by the congregation. Almost half the membership voted (94 individuals), both last Sunday and via email during the week.

As a reminder, preference voting asks voters to choose a first, second, and third choice. These votes are weighted and then totaled. The preference voting method is especially useful when no one choice gets a majority of votes: second and third choices can help choose a name acceptable to the largest number of voters.

Many thanks to all who participated. See you in Fellowship Hall!

A HEALTHY LUNCH

Thursday, June 12

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, June 11.

Seven dollars per person, no tipping, please!

VEGAN SUNDAY

June 15

Our monthly vegan pot luck is at 12:30
(after church) on June 15
in the Fellowship Hall.

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.





MUUSAN

Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network

Giving Voice to UU Values in the Public Arena

I agreed to become the congregational liaison for UUCB with MUUSAN and attended my first meeting in Augusta on May 24th. There were 20 people in attendance from 10 Maine UU churches. I was quite impressed with the amount of action and successful advocacy that has been done in a year and a half. Here is some background:

In the fall of 2012, Maine became the 17th state to create a State Advocacy Network. By April of 2013 the number increased to 22 states. MUUSAN is building a statewide advocacy anchored in the UU faith and animated by its principles giving voice to Unitarian Universalist values in the public arena through a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in our faith and animated by its principles. In a denomination that is characterized by social activism, there is a calling to bring those UU values to bear in the public arena - in the State legislature - in the news media - in the development of policy - and in the pursuit of justice.

Unitarian Universalism calls us to change oppressive policies and structures to those that promote human development, protect the environment, and support communities. The MUUSAN mission is to educate and to organize for a more just society.

MUUSAN has undertaken to effect change in three issue areas: Democracy in Action, Health Care and Climate Change. This writer has joined the issue group working on Health Care. Successes this year include MUUSAN becoming an endorsing partner with Maine Citizens for

Clean Elections. MUUSAN members worked tirelessly to bring forward MaineCare expansion and although this legislation was vetoed by the Governor - the bill did pass. On the issue of Climate Change several Maine congregations have voted in favor of a resolution to divest from fossil fuels.

CONGREGATIONAL LIAISON

I have volunteered to fill the role of UUCB liaison and will attend the monthly meetings and report back to the church of activities and actions MUUSAN is taking part in. I am a peace advocate and have been involved in several congressional and senate campaigns as well as Maine coordinator for the campaign for a U.S. Department of Peacebuilding (HR808). Look for announcements on the Working for Justice Pay Attention Board at church and in announcements placed in Order of Worship and monthly Parish Messenger.

CALL TO ACTION ALERT

I will soon have petitions to be signed to support a ballot initiative for clean elections.

The next MUUSAN meeting will be held in September 2014 at the UU Church of Belfast.

For more information contact Lynn Ellis at lynnsellis@yahoo.com and also visit the NEW MUUSAN website (still in progress) at www.muusan.org

Lynn Ellis

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Women's Alliance held its last meeting of the year in our new building with a potluck dinner. Everyone enjoyed the time to share. Adair Delamater and Penny Elwell will be the Leaders next year with Jean Tompkins continuing as Secretary and Sue Ellen Damour as Treasurer. The consensus reached by the women attending is to stay independent, focus on enrichment programs and do minimal fund raising as needed for our programs and a pledge to the church.

In September we will start our new year with Esther Palmer recalling her youth in Europe during WWII at a potluck supper. All will be welcome. Our schedule of meeting days/times for the entire year is on the UUCB calendar.

JUNE CHARITY WITH SOUL



The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast promotes fundamental change in the justice system and schools. Our responses to crime and wrongdoing seek renewal and safety for the community, support and healing for victims and accountability and reintegration of the offender.

Program Overview

Current programs offered at RJP are Restorative School Practices, Community Resolution Teams, Court Deferred Dispositions, Community Reentry Programs, and Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center. To learn more about these programs see the chart at <http://rjpmidcoast.org/cms/program-overview>.

Volunteer Opportunities

Mentoring

Individuals interested in serving as mentors can do so in a number of ways with students at local schools, juveniles involved with probation or the courts, young adults on deferred dispositions with the court or inmates reentering the community from jail. In addition, mentors who have an interest in co-mentoring with small groups of participants will have the opportunity to do so at the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center. Mentors generally meet with the participant once per week for an hour or more, over a 6 to 18 month time period.

Conference Facilitators

Those with group facilitation skills are invited to participate in community resolution conferences with any one of our programs. Facilitators organize the conferences by bringing the person harmed and the offender (and his/her family members, in most cases involving juveniles), together with community members to participate in a dialogue related to the incident and to help all persons affected to reach an agreement regarding ways of repairing the harm and to begin to offer some form(s) of restitution. Cases are referred to RJP through schools, juvenile probation, the courts or local law enforcement.

Community Observers

Offers the opportunity for members of the community to participate in community resolution conference with persons who have caused harm and to share how their choices and actions have affected the larger community. The harm that has been done has caused a “ripple” effect that impacts, not only those immediately involved in the incident that caused the harm, but the social fabric of our community as well.

Other

Other opportunities are available that relate to the broader operations of the organization. As a volunteer based non-profit, we seek the expertise and professional skills of members of our community. Skills in grant-writing, public relations, technology, event sponsorship, recruitment, community organizing, and others are valued by RJP Midcoast. We also need to identify connections to employment and training, housing, educational resources as well as ways to help people navigate the legal and social service systems that directly impact our program participants.

For more information contact RJP at info@rjpmidcoast.org or check out the website at <http://www.rjpmidcoast.org/>



Restorative Justice of the Midcoast volunteers learn how to conduct a community resolution conference during a training session.

CHARITIES WITH SOUL—YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

As of this newsletter issue, we have completed the nominations for the Charities with Soul for the 2014-2015 church year. Now it's time to vote!

You will find a ballot in your order of service this coming Sunday, June 1. If you will not be in church on June 1, you may use the ballot included in this newsletter issue and send or drop it off at the church office by Friday noon, June 6. The ballot results will be approved at the June 8 annual meeting after the church service.

Thank you.

Jane Danielson, Working for Justice Steering Group

Charity with Soul Nominations for 2014 – 2015

Please check off ten (10) organizations to become UUCB Charities with Soul for 2014 – 2015.

Note: Midcoast Hunger Prevention and Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine are always in our roster of Charity with Soul organizations.

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> Access Health: Removes barriers to healthy choices – eg. food stamp access at farmers' markets - promoting healthy choices for all community members in Sagadahoc County, Brunswick and Harpswell.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> American Friends Service Committee: a Quaker organization that promotes lasting peace with justice, as a practical expression of faith in action.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Boys to Men – Seeks to reduce interpersonal violence, specifically male violence against women and girls, and supports the development of emotionally fluent, civically engaged boys.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chans Hospice: Trains volunteers to assist families with a dying member, who are also served by social workers and doctors working as a team.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Humane Society: an animal rescue and adoption "no kill" shelter in Brunswick.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> College Guild: The Brunswick volunteer organization provides free correspondence courses to prisoners throughout the country – a population that is often overlooked.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family Planning Association of Maine: Offers reproductive health care and primary care to men and women in the State.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Four Directions Development Corporation: Provides a pool of money for the four Maine tribes for home purchases, improvement, business start-ups and personal financial education.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ILAP - The Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project: provides free and low-cost immigration information and legal assistance to low-income Maine residents.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Independence Assoc: a multifunction organization that serves people with special needs – vocational, homes, arts, community & more.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Keep ME Warm: an emergency fuel assistance program with the goal of helping Maine people stay safe, warm and secure in the winter.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maine AllCare: Educates and informs Mainers about the possibility of providing accessible, affordable, equitably funded health care for all Mainers.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> MUUSAN (Maine UU State Advocacy Network): a state-wide advocacy and public policy network that gives voice to UU values in the public arena.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Council of Maine: Works statewide for clean air, healthy waters, and safeguards for Maine's people and wildlife.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nature Conservancy: Conserves lands and waters on which all life depends.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Planned Parenthood of New England–Topsham Office: To provide, promote and protect access to reproductive health care and sexuality education so that all people can make voluntary choices about their reproduction and sexual health.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Restorative Justice of Mid Coast Maine – Assists with rehabilitation to those entering and released from Maine prisons.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Spindleworks: Provides artistic outlets for developmentally disabled adults.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tedford Housing: Works to end homelessness in Maine by providing, in collaboration with others, shelter, housing and services to those in need</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Veterans for Peace, Tom Sturtevant Chapter: a non-profit organization pledged to use non-violent means to maintain a democratic and open organization for the larger purpose of world peace</p> |
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*You may return this ballot to the church office up to **Friday noon, June 6, 2014.***

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Your eight UUCB Habitat for Humanity walkers made our church's goal and then some! On May 4th Caroline Evans, Gretchen Kamilewicz, Jessica and Matt McNeil with their children, Anne Spencer, Ed McCarten, Sally Horne, and Hannah Trowbridge raised \$1550 for Habitat for Humanity, exceeding our church's goal of \$1100 by \$450. Thank you walkers and thank you sponsors!! Check out the site of coming Habitat homes on Route 123 on the left a little past Bowdoin College playing fields as you head to Harpswell



HOLIDAY FAIR

Our church is in need leadership for our traditional HOLIDAY FAIR, which has usually been held early in December.

We're looking for either one person or a team, who are interested in leadership of a one-time fund raising event. This person/ team would decide what to have for sale: wreaths, food... eat in or take away, crafts, cards, music.....whatever. Past records of activities are available, including a very successful chili recipe.

Note: if wreathes are in the plan, they would need to be purchased, and there are a number of good options available where that can be done.



For this assistance and more, please contact the Fund Raising Events Committee for general information and support.

Please let Shirley know if you are interested in this event leadership. Thanks!!

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

A benefit Concert for the
UU Church of Brunswick

JAZZ JUKEBOX

Back by popular demand!



Brad Terry & Paul Sullivan

A Jazz Party where YOU call the tunes!

Friday, June 6 at 7:00 pm

UU Church of Brunswick

1 Middle Street, Brunswick



Peter Herman

\$20

Tickets available
at the church office or
at Gulf of Maine Books



William Gallison

Special
Guests

BRAD TERRY & PAUL SULLIVAN

with William Gallison & Peter Herman

Fri, June 6th at 7 pm

UU Church of Brunswick

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. Between Paul and Brad, they 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 who often performs with Brad Terry. He has mastered a very unique technique of picking which some have said rivals the playing of guitar legend Lenny Breau.

Tickets will be on sale at the church office or at Gulf of Maine Bookstore, and (if available) at the door.

This is our 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!

DESSERTS ARE NEEDED

We are anticipating a good turn-out for this wonderful Jazz Jukebox concert on Friday, June 6th, so we need wonderful desserts for intermission and are hoping we can count on you.

Sue Ellen and I also need a few volunteers to help serve these desserts. If you can help, please call or email us at: Gretchen, 833-5125 or gkamilewicz@gmail.com; Sue Ellen, 406-2410 or sedadamour@msn.com. Many thanks.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

GORDON BOK!

Saturday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m.
UU Church of Brunswick

Folksinger Gordon Bok, deemed by Time Magazine the "poet laureate of those who go down to the sea in ships", will perform in concert at the UUCB **Saturday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m.** Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the UUCB operating budget.

Tickets for the event are \$20 and can be purchased in advance at the church office or at Gulf of Maine Book Store.

Bok grew up in Camden, Maine, where he started singing and playing guitar at an early age, inspired by both his musical family and his coastal environment. He worked on or near the water much of his earlier years, in shipyards and on sailing vessels, serving in every capacity from dishwasher to captain. As the original first mate on the sloop "Clearwater," he toured the New England coast with the Hudson River Sloop Singers.

Bok's music is largely self-taught. He has learned many songs and stories from people he has worked with and continues to do so. He performs with 6- and 12-string guitars as well as a baritone viol da gamba - which he designed himself. He also sings a cappella, plying the resonant bass-baritone voice that has become a Bok trademark.

His repertoire consists of a rich trove of ballads of Maine and the Maritimes, songs and dances of the Americas and abroad, stories of boats and sailors, tales of seafolk and cantefables of his own composition, contemporary songs and instrumentals.

He has recorded over thirty albums, solo and with other musicians, and performs at folk clubs, concert halls and festivals throughout the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Scandinavia. He has appeared in concert with the Paul Winter Consort, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and "A Prairie Home Companion" among others.



SAVE THE DATE



Sunday, Nov. 30th

Thank You

Gretchen Kamilewicz

After 3 years of total dedication to the fundraising needs of this church, Gretchen is retiring from the Fundraising Events Committee.

From chocolate tours and auctions to talent shows and concerts, you have led our team to the most financially successful events in church history and have made UUCB a well-known name in the local community.

Come join us for event planning!

The Fund Raising Events Committee is looking for 4 enthusiastic folks to help us brainstorm and plan fundraising events. Since we are charged with raising funds for community outreach as well as UUCB operations, we focus on *doing* more than *meeting*. Our occasional meetings are scheduled at times that are convenient for all.

Sue Ellen Damour, Maryli Tiemann,
Susan Michaud, and David Roundy

MUSIC AT NOONTIME

SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

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

- June 4:** Hugh Maynard (oboe)
June 11: Larry Lemmel (piano)
June 18: TBA
June 25: Ambrosia (vocal trio: Heidi Neufeld, Tammis Donovan, Irene Austin)

LARRY LEMMEL CONCERT

Sunday, June 1st

12:00 pm

after the Budget Q & A Meeting



in the UUCB sanctuary



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

CILANTRO

Singer/songwriter Margot Frost has been performing since the late 70s, appearing primarily in Boston and surrounding areas. Now living in Maine, the acoustic guitarist is currently writing, recording and performing in a variety of venues with local musicians including Earl Bigelow. A guitar instructor with a recording studio in Bowdoinham, Earl has been an integral part of the music scene in Maine since 1977. He has produced many ensembles and music productions such as the well known "Natives Are Restless" concert, an annual event at the Chocolate Church in Bath where Margot and Earl began their musical collaboration.

Now performing as Cilantro, they bring a wide range of style and variety to their act either as a duo or with their full five piece band.



Friday Evening, June 20

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.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

It was Henry James who said, "...summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." With any luck June 8—the date of our Annual Meeting—will be a beautiful early summer day, filling the Sanctuary with sunlight. Regardless of the weather, of course, we encourage you to stay for the meeting. The Annual Meeting is an important event in the life of the congregation, and this year we have several matters to bring to a vote: the 2014-15 Budget, two amendments to the Bylaws, and the affirmation of a new list of Charities with Soul. You have received notice of Bylaws changes via email, and the new Charities with Soul will be available at the meeting. In this column I'd like to talk about everyone's favorite topic: the budget.

To refresh your memory about this process, the Finance Committee develops a budget based on requests from committees, the Board's recommendation for staff salaries, and the Annual Budget Drive's target for annual pledges. Ideally, both expenses and dreams are understood as each of us determines our annual pledge. In this busy spring of moving into a new building, however, many pledges were made before these goals were known.

What are the highlights of the proposed budget? It includes a very modest 1.5% cost of living increase for staff. It adds a few more hours a week during the winter months for our Custodian. It maintains the music stipends at current levels. It makes a best guess at what it will actually cost to heat and cool our new building and how often we will be able to rent it out.

What has been omitted? We are still not able to bring our Minister to the mid-point of the UUA suggested salary range, despite the fact that she is experienced and has been with us for more than seven years. The budget does not permit us to hire a Music Director (even quarter-time), despite an overwhelming agreement by the congregation of the benefits of this position. It does not allow us to provide a more generous cost of living increase to our hard-working staff. And it does not enable us to pay a stipend to our Ministerial Intern.

All of us on the Board are grateful for the congregation's response to the Pledge Drive. At the time of this writing, however, there is still a gap between pledges required for even the modest increases outlined above and those that have been received to date. Pledges are still coming in. If you haven't turned yours in yet, or if you want to reconsider the amount based on the information above, we encourage you to do so! Just call the Church Office. In addition, the Finance Committee will be holding an informational meeting immediately after the service on June 1 to answer questions regarding the budget alternatives.

Again and again at the Board Meeting, Trustees expressed the same sentiment: our church has so much momentum right now that we can't imagine not reaching our goals. Each week we see new faces on Sunday morning, we hear gratitude from the community, and we learn of new opportunities to make a difference in the world. Please dig deep and help us reach our goals.

Cindy Parker

FROM THE TREASURER

As the Finance Committee and the Office prepare to finish up accounting for 2013/2014 we want to thank you for your support in all the ways you undertake to do so with such generosity and great energy. In looking at the financial component of that support I ask that you review your giving for the year to insure that you are giving the Church all the help you intend to.

As of the end of April Pledge and Gift income was about \$11,000 below budget with just two months before the year ends. Expenses are somewhat lower and

that helps, but it would be best if our revenue could improve a little before the year ends.

With regard to the Capital Campaign, we will be at the end of the second year or about 67% through the campaign at the end of May, but in terms of the amount originally pledged we are at the 77% point. So, we are in a good position to start the final year of the campaign.

Thanks again for all your help in all the wonderful ways that you provide it.

Dave Damour, treasurer

JUNE 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 Church Service 11:15 Budget Q&A 12 Larry Lemmel Concert <i>Office Closed</i>	2 7 Pagans: WBR <i>Office Closed</i>	3 6:30 Worship Committee: MSR	4 12:15 Noontime Concert: SAN 6:45-9 pm Council Calendaring: MSR	5 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 12:30-2 Long Range Planning: MSR	6 7 pm Jazz Jukebox Concert: SAN & FH	7 <i>Office Closed</i>
8 10 Church Service New Member Recognition Annual Meeting Green Sanctuary: MSR?	9 6 Maine AllCare Mtg: MSR <i>Office Closed</i>	10 6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR	11 12:15 Noontime Concert: SAN 5-7 Building Team: FH	12 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 12 Healthy Lunch: FH	13 2 Building & Grounds: MSR	14  <i>Office Closed</i>
15 10 Church Service <i>Father's Day</i> 12:30 Vegan Lunch: FH	16 7 Pagans: WBR <i>Office Closed</i>	17 6:30 Board Mtg: MSR	18 12:15 Noontime Concert: SAN 7-8:30 RE Comm: MSR	19 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship	20 5 Parish Messenger Deadline 7-10 Side Door Coffeehouse: SAN & FH	21 
22 10 Church Service <i>Office Closed</i>	23 7:00 Merrymeeting Singers : SAN <i>Office Closed</i>	24 6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR	25 12:15 Noontime Concert: Men's Luncheon: Off site	26 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship	27	28 
29 10 Church Service <i>Office Closed</i>	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	<div> 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. </div>				

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 FH = Fellowship Hall
 WBR = Wendall Berry Room
 MSR = May Sarton Room

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