

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



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The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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Heidi Neufeld, Choir Director

Wilson Bristol, Choir Accompanist

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

Tony Sulkoski, Sexton



SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:00 a.m.

July 6. "Freedom"

Rev. Stocker preaching. At this service, we will be dedicating two babies: Aurelia Diana Astrid Myall and her little sister, Sylvia Vivienne Blythe Myall, daughters of James and Kate Myall. Music by Larry Lemmel and Kate Gray...33333

July 13. "Bright"

Rev. Stocker preaching. Music by Will Bristol. After the service we will have a reception in the Hildebrandt room to honor and celebrate the many years of service and friendship Mary Hildebrandt has given our church. Mary expects to move to her daughter's house in South Berwick soon. The reception is a chance for our community to let her know how much we love her.

July 20. "Let There Be Peace on Earth: Weaving a Tapestry of Action"

Worship Leader Lynn Ellis will speak about ways we practice inner peace and bring that into action. Ann Hartzler will provide music.

July 27. Lessons in Longevity"

Worship Leader Ann Spencer will report and reflect upon what our elder members and friends have to say about what life has taught them -- whether early or late; easily or with struggles. Jesse Feinberg will provide music.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY'S DURING JULY AND AUGUST FOR SUMMER VACATION on the following dates

Thursday, July 3	Friday August 1
Friday, July 4 (Independence Day)	Friday August 8
Friday July 11	Friday August 15
Friday, July 18	Friday August 22
Friday July 25	Friday August 29 (Labor Day)

The office will also be closed on Mondays and weekends, as usual.

ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS/DEADLINES FOR SUMMER

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 **Wednesday at 12:00pm**. *Please submit the article via email so materials can be cut and pasted into the appropriate location and reduce errors when retyping of the item.. Thank you .*

If you want an announcement or article to appear in the monthly Parish Messenger, send it to the newsletter editor, Sue Michaud, at michaud_susan@comcast.net on or before the **3rd Friday of each month**.

HOW TO REACH US

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

Summer Office Hours at 1 Middle Street are Tues through Thursday from 10-4 The office administrator is Shirley Bernier.

The Minister, Rev. Sylvia Stocker works from home and her church office. Her regular office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 pm. She is also available by appointment. To guarantee an appointment, it's always best to call and schedule a meeting. 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.

The Director of Religious Education, Nicole Shanks, is available by appointment. You can call her at the church office or email her at uubrunswickdre@gmail.com.

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

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Important RE Announcements & Dates

Save the Date!

Wed, Sept 3— Tentative Date for RE Teacher Workshop and Orientation

Sun, Sept 7—

3 pm: Tentative Date for Coming of Age Parent Orientation (COA)

4 pm: Intergenerational Homecoming Service/ Building Dedication

Sun, Sept 14— 2014/2015 RE Classes and Youth Programs Begin!

Fri, Oct 24— Halloween Party and Potluck

Nicole will be at a professional development conference from July 5-11 and on vacation from July 20-August 17.

... MINISTER'S MUSINGS ...

And so the summer is upon us.

I believe it important UUCB think and present itself as a 12-month congregation – a departure from a typical UU model, in which the minister is gone for most of the summer. If our message is worth broadcasting 10 months of the year, it is worth it during the other two months, too. Moreover, Brunswick is in a summer tourist region. Folks who cannot be here during the rest of the year come during the summer. If I were gone for the whole summer, I would never see some of them.

Consequently, I will take half of my break during the summer and the rest during the winter. I will be gone from **July 20 to August 20**. While I am away, Church Office Administrator Shirley Bernier will know how to reach a minister on call in the event of an emergency. If Shirley is unavailable, please contact a member of the Board for assistance.

We have actually been moving toward this model for some time. In the old days, our congregation closed during the summer. But we began to hold lay-led summer services in the years before I arrived on the scene. Most summers, I have returned to work in mid-August, a couple of weeks before what some consider “the beginning of the church year.” This summer I will simply increase the number of weeks I work during the summer. I plan to take the rest of my break time in January.

I know some in the congregation like to take the summer off from church, and that's OK. Only you can determine what you need from church. If you take time off, we will miss you, but we will be here when you return.

In the meantime, we will still be the safe, welcoming, feisty, creative community we are during the rest of the year. The human needs for

community, contemplation, live music, singing, healing, inspiration, and quiet do not disappear from people's lives just because it's summer. Nor does the desire for many to turn our focus to Awe, our hearts to Love, and our minds to the deepest questions of Mystery. The need for a safe place to learn what it means to grow into our best selves is not seasonal. Too, the vicissitudes of life and death roll right along, regardless of the current calendar page.

So I invite you to think of UUCB as a 12-month congregation. We're here. And, when you aren't off on that long awaited camping trip or entertaining Aunt Tillie, Uncle Johnie, and the triplets, we hope you will join us on Sundays.

Have a wonderful summer – and have some of it in church!

Love,
Sylvia

STUDENT INTERN UPDATE

Our student intern, Claire Curole, is postponing her on-site internship with us for personal reasons. She hopes to join us in September of 2015 instead. Although I will continue to mentor her during the coming academic year, I am sad she won't be joining our team this coming fall. But I applaud her courage in discerning and doing what is clearly right for her ministerial formation. – Sylvia Stocker



GRADUATIONS

FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Hannah Cain from Indiana University High School, attending the State University of New Mexico State University at Las Cruces.

Natalie Grant from Brunswick High School.

Sophie Knox from Brunswick High School, attending the Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Nursing and Health Services at University of Vermont.

Matthew Oliver from Kents Hill School, attending University of Maine in Orono where he will be studying physics.

Nathan Rubin from Lincoln Academy, attending Husson University/New England School of Communications.

Satchel Toole from Brunswick High School, attending Saint Lawrence University.

FROM COLLEGE

Wilson Bristol, B.A.; double major in Music and French, University of Southern Maine.

John Simpson, B. A. in Cultural Anthropology, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan.

FROM GRADUATE SCHOOL

Julia Eagles, Masters Degree from Humphrey School of Public Policy, University of Minnesota.

Catherine Knowles, Masters of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School.

Abigail Kunitz, Masters Degree in Communication Public Relations from New York University.

Dear UUCB Congregation,

I write to you from a car ferry, on my way to Church Point Nova Scotia where I will be spending the next five weeks. As I depart from Maine, I feel it is a good time to reflect on my year at the church and to share with you what it has meant to me.

Starting with the chorus: It has been an absolute pleasure working with a group of singers who are so welcoming and who bring an ambiance of enjoyment and team-work to every practice. And, as well, it has been great working with Heidi, a kind and effective director. I have felt very appreciated by the whole chorus for the modest accompaniment I lent them, and in my turn feel very grateful for this. You are truly a great group of individuals and I hope your numbers keep on growing!

Secondly, I would like to thank the whole congregation for the experiences (and music) in which we shared nearly every Sunday. I not only enjoyed playing music for you (hymns included), but greatly appreciated listening to the sermons and witnessing the many contributions each service included. Playing hymns was for me a learning experience and in this way it was rewarding to figure out how to make my playing "click" with your singing.

Finally I would like to thank you for some of the generous material gifts you gave me. I was surprised in finding the very generous financial gift you gave me. I very much appreciate that in itself but also the gesture it expresses. Along with this, I want to thank you for the cake and specially chosen tee-shirt you presented me with.

In summation, it has been an immensely enjoyable and exciting ride for me at the church. Although my stay has been too short, I look forward to coming back in July and whenever I am in the area. Keep in touch and take care!

Best,
Will (wilson.bristol@maine.edu)

PORTLAND'S 28TH ANNUAL GAY PRIDE PARADE



Lynn Ellis is the UUCB representative to MUUSAN. Here she is holding the MUUSAN banner along with the representatives from other UU churches.



*Many thanks to **Jim Michaud** and **Lynn Ellis** for representing UUCB in Portland's Pride Parade.*

A HEALTHY LUNCH

Thursday, July 10

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 9.

Seven dollars per person, no tipping, please!

VEGAN SUNDAY

July 20

Our monthly vegan pot luck is at 12:30 (after church) on July 20 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.

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.

- July 2:** Kate Gray (violin)
July 9: Larry Lemmel (piano)
July 16: Ambrosia (vocal trio: Heidi Neufeld, Tammis Donovan, Irene Austin)
July 23: Carter Ruff (lute)
July 30: Grace Lewis-McLaren (piano)

Always free for everyone.

FURNITURE AND MEMORABILIA SALE

STAY TUNED FOR

FURNITURE AND MEMORABILIA SALE INFORMATION

The task force working in concert with the board to find good homes for items moved to a storage unit after the devastation of our former church building is planning a lawn sale on **July 19th and July 26th**. The task force has taken its work very seriously and is sensitive to the historical and sentimental value of items as well as to the need to reduce our storage costs. Items may include one or two upholstered pieces, various small tables and desks, several small pieces of stained glass windows (bunny windows), and other items. The exact location of the sale will be announced in mid-July, but do know that the location is convenient to the church. Many thanks for putting this on your calendars!



Staff Recognitions during Celebration Sunday

PLEDGES FOR 2014-2015

If you are considering raising your pledge for the coming church year, beyond your initial amount, please phone or email Shirley in the office (729-8515 or uubruns@gwi.net) or pick up a pledge form from her (10-4, Tuesday-Thursday) and mail it in. Thank you for considering this option.



CHARITIES WITH SOUL FOR 2014 - 2015



Here are the choices for the Charities with Soul for 2014 – 2015, as selected by 60 votes of the congregation:

Access Health — Removes barriers to healthy choices – e.g. food stamp access at farmers’ markets - promoting healthy choices for all community members in Sagadahoc County, Brunswick and Harpswell.

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.

Chans Hospice - Trains volunteers to assist families with a dying member, who are also served by social workers and doctors working as a team.

Coastal Humane Society - – an animal rescue and adoption “no kill” shelter in Brunswick.

Family Planning Association of Maine - - Offers reproductive health care and primary care to men and women in the State.

ILAP - Provides free and low-cost immigration information and legal assistance to low-income Maine residents.

Keep ME Warm - an emergency fuel assistance program with the goal of helping Maine people stay safe, warm and secure in the winter.

Natural Resources Council of Maine - Works statewide for clean air, healthy waters, and safeguards for Maine’s people and wildlife.

Restorative Justice Project of Mid Coast Maine - Assists with rehabilitation to those entering and released from Maine prisons.

Tedford Housing - Works to end homelessness in Maine by providing, in collaboration with others, shelter, housing and services to those in need.

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

Thank you

to everyone who contributed to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) *Guest at Your Table* special offering in May. Our church raised \$1,179, plus an additional \$780 for UUSC during the March Charities with Soul offerings. This money will go toward UUSC’s efforts to partner with grass roots human rights organizations all over the world.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity volunteers are needed for the next build. The Habitat sign has gone up on Route 123 near Bowdoin College, and hopefully the first home for a veteran will be started sometime this summer. Habitat is looking for teams of 7-10 workers for Saturdays starting the second Saturday in September. Would you like to participate? While we welcome women, this is a great opportunity for the men in the church to become involved. I am trying to see if there is enough interest in doing this, so please give me a call at 833-5125 or email me at gkamilewicz@gmail.com. If I see that we can provide help for one Saturday, then I will work on setting a date.

Many thanks. *Gretchen*



BUILDING AND GROUNDS

HELP WITH WATERING NEEDED!!

Would you like to spend an hour or so on two to three different days during a week watering the newly planted bushes, trees, and perennials in our UUCB garden? July is covered, but we still need people for August 11th on. Can't do it for a whole week, then sign up on our substitute list. For more information or to sign up, please call Gretchen Kamilewicz at 833-5125 or email her at gkamilewicz@gmail.com.

Many thanks.

The Landscape and Building & Grounds Committees



The UUCB "Dirty Diggers" dig down!
Pat Harris, Ross Miller, Clara Ross, Steve Eagles

FLOWER COMMUNION 2014



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

HOLIDAY FAIR

Robin Hansen has offered to be part of a TEAM that organizes our annual HOLIDAY FAIR, but she would like some others to help in this one-time fundraising event. Robin will make sure that we have holiday wreaths for sale. Perhaps YOU have ideas for and would like to organize the sales & craft tables. Or perhaps you would like to organize the kitchen crew to serve lunch (Chowder? Chili?) to our shoppers.



Please contact the Fund Raising Events Committee for general information and support.

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

REFRESHMENTS NEEDED FOR BOK CONCERT

Refreshments are needed for the Gordon Bok concert on Saturday, July 19. I am also looking for a few people to help me in the kitchen (You won't miss the concert.).

If you would like to contribute in some way, please call me at 833-5125 or email me at gkamilewicz@gmail.com. Many thanks.

Gretchen

*Did you know that we earned \$50.90
in donations at the refreshment table
at the Jazz/Jukebox concert?*



FUNDRAISING EVENTS**GORDON BOK!**

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

To raise funds for the 2014-15 church operating budget, the Fundraising Events Committee has hired Maine's premiere folksinger, Gordon Bok to perform a concert in our new church building on July 19th. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the church office or at Gulf of Maine Books.

"And while my hands are steady, while my eyes are good, I will carve the music of the wind into the wood," Gordon Bok sings on his "Apples in the Basket" CD. Thankfully for us all, his hands are still steady holding the multiple instruments he plays in concert, a six string guitar, a twelve string guitar (on which his mastery is particularly notable), a viola de gamba, and various whistles.

Perhaps not as well known to many who love his music, Gordon is also, with his steady hands and eyes that have not dimmed, an accomplished wood carver, and pictures of some of his carvings grace the covers of several of the CD's he has released.

Gordon Bok's musical legacy has been carved into the memories of music lovers in Maine, across the country, and in numerous foreign countries, a unique legacy of awe inspiring breadth, depth and diversity, taking listeners on a rich journey across multiple continents and centuries, from the Australian out-back to 16th century England, and especially, back to the Maine coast. For it is Maine and its rugged coast that is his true spiritual home, and nothing could be truer than the observation in the Brunswick Times-Record that "If the sea had a voice with which to sing, it would be the voice of Gordon Bok."

**JUD CASWELL!**

As an added bonus UUCB's own singer/songwriter Jud Caswell will be doing the opening set for the Bok Concert. Jud hit the folk scene in 2004 with a long string of wins at some of the most prestigious songwriting contests in the country. He has played festivals and concerts from New England to Texas and Oregon, and charted with his 2007 release, "Blackberry Time." Jud is a favorite at many of the local venues, especially at Byrnes Irish Pub.



FOR YOUR SUMMER REFLECTION: A CHALICE CIRCLE FOR YOU NEXT YEAR?

FROM KAREN FOLEY, UUCB AFFILIATED MINISTER

For those who don't already know, I coordinate our Chalice Circle program, taking over that role from Sylvia last fall. This year, the fifth for Chalice Circles, has been a good one—six circles with seven dedicated facilitators (one with co-facilitators). They tell me that people are already asking, “When will new Chalice Circles start up? I want to be in one!” That is wonderful news!

Answer: **you can sign up to participate in a Chalice Circle starting in September.** A sign-up form will appear in the September newsletter. Current Chalice Circles will continue to meet through October. **New ones will form and begin to meet in November** (instead of October as they did this year). It's hoped that his later start will give more of our newcomers—so many people begin attending church in early fall—a chance to participate. Each year it's a whole new set of Circles, reconfigured, so no Circle is replicated from year to year. (Yes, this means you have to sign up to be in one next year, even if you're already in one!)

Chalice Circles are an adult religious education program, a curriculum designed specifically for Unitarian Universalist seekers. They allow us to know each other on a deeper level than we can manage in coffee hour, or even most “normal conversation”. A Chalice Circle is a chance to know others more deeply and closely, and to explore the experience of your heart and spirit. Circles meet once a month for 12 months with the guidance of a facilitator. Each month, all Circles engage the same topic, which changes monthly.

Maybe you're in a Chalice Circle currently and would like to continue; maybe you previously partook and didn't this year but would like to resume. Maybe you've never tried a Chalice Circle and are curious. Watch the August *Parish Messenger* for more about Chalice Circles, and the September issue for a sign-up form! And don't hesitate to talk to others about their experiences with Chalice Circles—or me (revKL Foley@comcast.net, 725-1379).



Monday Night Chalice Group (facilitated by Betty Wurtz and Ed McCartan) chose to do their community service at the Cathance River Ecology Center.

MEMBERSHIP



THANK YOU TO CHALICE CIRCLES MEMBERS

In the past year or two, Chalice Circle group members have supported our work by preparing food for a special event. Your contributions are appreciated greatly by Committee members - allowing us to focus on other aspects of the events - AND by all who enjoy the wonderful food you bring.

New Member Ceremony—June 8, 2014

Dana Pratt, Ted Berrett, June Garman, Leah Bauer, Christoph Aepli, Susan Thorner, Norm Rich, and Nan Hughes

CIRCLE SUPPERS

SIGN UP NOW!

Two Circle Suppers have been organized for July, the first on **July 12** and the second on **July 26**. Circle Suppers are "cooperative" pot lucks and are a great way for newcomers and 'seasoned' members and friends to meet one another. Held in the home of a UUCB-er, the food is always terrific and the conversations wide ranging. Do contact Debbie Zorach at 729-8102 or dszorach@zwi.net if you would like to attend one of these 'dinners for eight'. There are possibilities for other dates as well, potential hosts are invited to call or email Debbie as well.

JULY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy CANADA Day!	2 12:15 Noontime Concert: Kate Gray (violin)	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4th of July <i>Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Office Closed</i> Nicole at Conference
6 10 Church Service <i>Office Closed</i>	7 7 Pagans: WBR <i>Office Closed</i>	8 6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR 6:30 Worship: MSR	9 12:15 Noontime Concert: Larry Lemmel (Piano) 3-5 Writers Grp: MSR	10 12 Healthy Lunch: FH	11 10:30 Building & Grounds: SAR <i>Office Closed</i>	12 Circle Suppers <i>Office Closed</i>
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SAN = Sanctuary FH = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry Room MSR = May Sarton Room		<div> <p>Newsletter editor: Susan Michaud michaud_susan@comcast.net NEXT DEADLINE for August issue is Fri, July 18, 2014, 5 pm <i>Rare exceptions: 729-4857</i></p> </div>			RE = All RE Space 119 = Hildebrandt Room 120 = Carson Room 121 = Mandela Room	