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Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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SUNDAY SERVICES

September 7 at * 4 p.m. Our Official Dedication Ceremony

This special service invites the surrounding community of folks who helped us to recover from the fire to join us as we dedicate our new space. Special guest, Rev. Peter Morales, President of the UUA, will be the featured speaker. His remarks are titled, "A Sanctuary or a Base Camp?" He says, "We call our place of worship a sanctuary. Perhaps we should also think of it as a base camp for our forays out into the world." This will be an intergenerational service, with some special ways for kids to participate. Music will be provided by the choir, directed by Heidi Neufeld, Grace Lewis-McLaren, and Jud Caswell. This service will be special, not to be missed!

(On September 7, our building will be open in the morning, and docents will be available to greet visitors who do not know about the change in service time. Docents will answer questions and give tours of the building.)

September 14 at 10 a.m. "Caravan"

Reverend Stocker preaching. Larry Lemmel will provide music.

September 21 at 10 a.m. "Peace"

Reverend Stocker preaching. Music will be provided by the choir, under the direction of Heidi Neufeld, and Rhea Kafer will accompany on the hymns.

September 28 at 10 a.m.

To be determined. (Check the green sheets in the weekly orders of worship or our website for news about our guest for this Sunday.) Ann Hartzler will provide music.

FROM OUR DRE

"Summer ends, and autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tide always and a full moon every night."

Hal Borland

One of the many reasons I like living in Maine is that we have 4 distinct seasons. For me it is both a constant reminder of the circle of life and also a way to mark time going forward. If I lived in a place such as San Diego with its 300 sunny days per year and average daily temperature of 70 degrees, I fear I would become unmoored, floating through life with no sense of time or urgency or purpose. While that may be well and good on a temporary basis (ie my summer vacation when every day is the same and I am constantly losing track of which day of the week it is), I love being carried through each year by the signs of the seasons which serve as

anchors for my memories and expectations. If, for example, I worked at a UU Church in San Diego, it is feasible I would get a call from the minister wondering why I had missed the Homecoming Service. My reply would likely be something along the lines of: "What? What do you mean the Homecoming Service? Isn't it still mid-July?!" But don't worry- it's not like that for me here. Here I have seen those few leaves that decide to change color prematurely. Here I notice that the evening air drawn over me by my window fan as I drift off to sleep has become noticeably cooler. Here I take note of the squirrels and chipmunks who die in larger numbers in the road as they take more risks to gather needed acorns for the coming winter, and how my sheep are now bellowing at me for their accustomed nightcap of grain at 7:45 instead of 9:00pm. All of this whispers in my ear- or in the case of the sheep, yells- "Fall is on the way".

As we say goodbye to summer and welcome fall, we begin another program year together at the UUCB. Our RE theme this year is

UU identity and history. As we gather for our first full year in our new space, we'll be discovering what it means to be Unitarian Universalist by exploring our 6 Sources, 7 Principles, and the stories of the UUs who came before us and helped to shape our faith and change our world. Sundays, beginning on September 14, we'll be offering RE classes for PreK-6th grade as well as youth group and Coming of Age programs. I'm looking forward to gathering together as a community once again and I hope you are too.

Blessings, *nicole*



HOW TO REACH US

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

Office Hours at 1 Middle Street are Tues through Friday 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.

Telephone/Fax: 207 729-8515

E-mail: uubruns@gwi

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

RE Announcements & Dates

Wed, Sept 3— Teacher Orientation

Sun, Sept 7—

2:45-3:45 Coming of Age Parent Orientation (COA)

4-6 pm: Intergenerational Building Dedication Service

No Sunday morning service

Sun, Sept 14— RE Classes, Youth Group, Coming of Age

Sun, Sept 21— RE Classes, All Youth, Parent Meeting Following service

Sun, Sept 28— RE Classes

... MINISTER'S MUSINGS ...

Many years ago, a friend of mine's father died just two weeks before my friend gave birth. Then, a month after she had her baby, her mother died. Life at the edges, the extreme edges of joy and sorrow. Nothing could take away those extremes. My friend had simply to walk through her days of tears and feedings and diapers. Simply. As if anything like that is ever simple. I remember her describing the local florist huffing and puffing up the long stairs to her front door, time after time, to deliver a steady stream flowers.

On a personal level, most of us do not live in such extreme times as my friend did during that period of her life, although occasionally we may find ourselves walking a similar path to hers. But it seems to me as though the world is often living in extreme times.

This summer has been a summer of extremes, mostly bad extremes: wars, genocides, a beheading. A young black man gunned down by a white police officer and a Missouri city – and the country – rising up in protest. Children driven by poverty and violence to cross our borders from their Central American countries, only to find themselves jeered at and turned out of U. S. towns and locked into detention centers to await deportation to certain misery and even death. (That U.S. policies have long supported the military regimes and American corporate interests that produced the poverty and violence in the first place makes this travesty even harder to bear.)

Set against those tragedies and traumas, we have our lovely Maine weather, unusually beautiful this summer. Many of us are now re-

turning from travels to restful places. Some of us have enjoyed family weddings and reunions. Our congregation continues to marvel at the new building, and the building dedication on September 7 is a grand celebration to contemplate.

How do we hold such disparate tugs on our hearts? The horrors and the delights. How do we simply walk through our days? Those questions have been on my mind this summer. Part of my response to those questions has been to choose to preach a sermon series about compassion this year. Over the course of the year, I plan to study compassion through some different lenses.

In my contemplation of those tough questions, I have also been reading a lot of Joanna Macy's work. Macy is a deep-ecology Buddhist and one of the great spiritual teachers of our time. I have drawn on her work at times over the last several years. This coming year, I imagine you will be hearing me speak about her again and perhaps at a deeper level. (I look forward to studying with her for a week at the end of September and beginning of October.)

Without denying or glossing over the mess our world is in, Joanna Macy also sees the opportunity for human beings to learn, grow, and change in ways that allow and help our planet to heal. With her colleague Chris Johnstone, she writes, "What helps us face the mess we're in is the knowledge that each of us has something significant to offer, a contribution to make. In rising to the challenge of playing our best role, we discover something precious that both enriches our lives and adds to the healing of our world. An oyster, in response to trauma, grows a pearl. We grow, and offer,

our gift of Active Hope. (Macy and Johnstone, 2012. *Active Hope*. Novato California: New World Library. p. 238.)

How do we grow our pearl of active hope? You will be hearing more from me about that. But I can tell you now that it starts in community, in intentional communities of people who choose to study and work and play together, who choose not to give up, but rather to support one another and simply to walk through their days of tears and laughter. Simply. As if anything like that is ever simple.

Ours is a community ripe with the love and dedication to take up the work of hope. In fact, hope is at the heart of our calling as a community. As the new church year swings round, let us devote ourselves to learning together to be agents of hope and change in our world.

See you in church.

Love, Sylvia



ACCOMPANIST WANTED

Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick,
1 Middle Street, Brunswick, Maine

Ten-month Position
From September to June:

Rehearse with choir on Thursday evenings.
Play for worship services three Sundays per month
and on Christmas Eve

Competitive pay

New church building with excellent acoustics

Excellent Yamaha grand piano

1/6 time (approx. 6.5 hours per week)

Our congregation enjoys an eclectic blend of traditional, modern, and world music. We seek an enthusiastic keyboard player who can sight-read and accompany hymn-singing to fulfill an essential part of our music program.

To apply, please send letter of interest, including information about your experience, to uubruns.personnel@gmail.com or call **207-729-8515**.

Interviews and auditions to be announced.

CALLING ALL SINGERS



Do you like to sing in the shower? or with the radio in the car? That probably qualifies you to sing with the UUCB choir. All that's required is that you enjoy singing and would like to do it with other folks. September 11th would be a perfect time for new members to join us.

We practice at the church on Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30. We sing for the service 12 times a year (about every third week from September to June) and on Christmas Eve.

Come experience the Sunday morning miracle!

Contact Heidi at hvneufeld@gmail.com for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS/DEADLINES

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 12:00 pm**.

If you want an announcement or article to appear in the monthly Parish Messenger, send it to the newsletter editor, Sue Michaud, on or before the **3rd Friday of each month**. This deadline for the October Parish Messenger is **Friday, September 19th**. (michaud_susan@comcast.net)

MUSIC AT NOONTIME

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

Always free for everyone.



WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE

I want to thank all my friends and acquaintances for the lovely party I had on July 13th, especially the Women's Alliance and Betty Wurtz.

Mary Hildebrandt

BUILDING DEDICATION

SEPTEMBER 7 AT 4 P.M.



The official dedication of our new building will be held on **September 7 at 4 p.m.**



We will be honored to welcome special guest the **Reverend Peter Morales**, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, at this service. An intergenerational service, we will have a special but simple part for kids to play. Glorious music by the choir, Grace Lewis-McLaren, and Jud Caswell. Reception to follow.

Personal invitations have been sent to all of the folks who helped us to recover from the fire, and we are expecting a large crowd. SO we are asking that you come early to avoid delays. Also we are asking that as many as possible **park away from the church** (RR station parking lot, Maine St., etc.) so guests can park nearer the church.



Reminder: there will **NO 10:00 a.m. service on September 7th.**

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

The Women's Alliance will meet on **Tuesday, September 9, at 6:00 PM** at the church. A potluck supper of Hungarian fare will be followed by Esther Palmer's reading of her memoirs in progress, a collection entitled *How I and My Family Survived The Holocaust*. If you wish to attend the supper, please RSVP to adairdelamater@gmail.com by Wednesday, 9/3. This event is open to the entire UUCB community and their friends.



PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH

MUUSAN (Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network) has chartered a bus to New York City for the *People's Climate March*.

This march will be the single largest mobilization about climate change in history! On **September 21st**, world leaders are coming to NYC for a UN summit on the climate crisis. With our future on the line and the whole world watching, we'll take a stand to bend the course of history.

To change everything, we need everyone on board. We need you on **Sunday, September 21** in New York City.

To learn more about the People's Climate March, go to <http://peoplesclimate.org>.

(Round-trip from Marginal Way, Portland ME to NYC, NY)

Regular seats \$40 Student/reduced price seats \$30

- Leaves from Portland at **3:30 am (this is a change)**
- Arrives in NYC at 11:30 am
- Departs from NYC at 8 pm
- Arrives in Portland at 2 am.

TO REGISTER:

Seating is limited. Reservations and payment must be made by **Sept. 7th**.

Seat reservations or donations can be made through Eventbrite (www.MUUSAN-bus.eventbrite.com)

OR by sending checks to: **Trudy Ferland, 279 Somerset Avenue, Pittsfield, ME 04967**

Please let me, Lynn Ellis, know that you plan to go. Thank you.

posted by Lynn Ellis, UUCB liaison with MUUSAN



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are well on our way to fielding a UUCB team for the Habitat for Humanity Build on Rt. 123 near Bowdoin College. UUCB is signed up to help on **Saturday, October 25, from about 8:30 to 3:30**. So far we have seven great workers: Norm, Ashley, Dexter, Bill, Hannah, Curt and Heidi. We need three more and I would like a few people in reserve in case someone gets sick. If you would like to join the team, please call me at 833-5125 or email me at gkamilewicz@gmail.com.



SEPTEMBER CHARITY WITH SOUL

BOYS TO MEN

UUCB was pleased to welcome then Executive Director of Boys to Men, Drew Wing as a panelist at the UUCB organized Culture of Violence Community Forum on December 14, 2013 and as speaker at our Sunday worship service on Fathers' Day, June 15, 2014.

The mission of Maine Boys to Men (B2M) is to reduce interpersonal violence, specifically male violence against women and girls, and support the development of emotionally fluent and civically engaged boys. The non-profit organization originally organized in 1998 as a project of the Portland Family Violence Collaborative. Comprised of municipal and community leaders long active in addressing family and community violence, this group decided to expand its work to include outreach to young men.

B2M addresses the development of boys in the context of their relationships, socialization process, and cultural environments. It believes that boys are impacted by narrow and often destructive messages about masculinity at a very early age. B2M understands it is not the boys, but rather the culture in which they live and grow that is in need of repair. Focusing on the concepts of "health" and "nonviolence" shifts attention from the individual onto the environment—families, schools, peers, community organizations and peer culture—as the key agents of change in boys' lives.

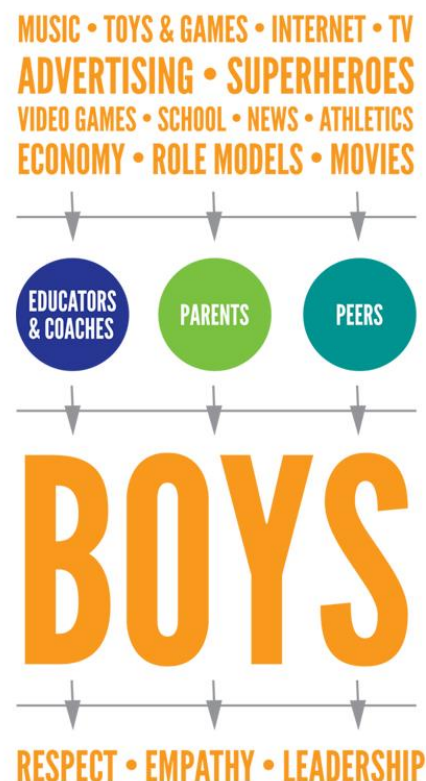
B2M currently addresses the needs of boys and men across an age continuum from age 7 through adulthood with the following nationally recognized programming:

- **Reducing Sexism and Violence Program (RSVP)** and **Coaching Boys into Men (CBIM)** encourage boys age 13-24 to establish their own values and teach them new tools to intervene safely before situations become dangerous.
- **Boot Camp for New Dads** and our **Connected Fatherhood Community** serve diverse groups of adult men at a time when they are most receptive to awareness, education, and new ideas. These programs help them understand the critical role they can and should play in their children's early development process.

- **BOLD (Boys Outdoor Leadership Development)** provides a safe space for boys ages 7-10 years old to learn positive character traits essential to leadership, including courage, integrity, respect, tolerance, and trust. The program activities help to develop these leadership skills while demonstrating the value of positive peer interaction.
- **Community Events, Public Awareness, and Education:** B2M regularly organizes and participates in community events including delivery of educational sessions with community partners, bystander intervention training, film and author series, press conferences, and various panel discussions.

B2M programs served 1,325 boys and men over the past year with another 7,500 other men, women, and children reached through these program participants. For more information go to the Boys to Men website: www.maineboystomen.org.

Cathey Cyrus



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



Just Conversations is a series of events to advance the use of restorative practices that heal, restore and transform individuals and communities.

www.rjmaine.org

How can traditional peacemaking circles help us address today's complex challenges?



Please join us for an evening of conversation



Special Guest Kay Pranis is an international leader in restorative justice, specializing in Peacemaking Circles.

Wednesday, September 17
7:30PM

Frontier Café
14 Maine Street, Brunswick

\$10 Suggested Donation. Reservations Required.
Visit www.rjmaine.org to register.

WFJ is working with RJI this fall to initiate some kind of programming in restorative justice in the Brunswick community. RJI is also renting UUCB to do a 3 day training on 9/15,16,17 - ending with the community event described above.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

FIRST STRIDES

When we asked ourselves what our dreams were for what the UUCB should be doing to fulfill our Mission Statement over the next five years, we had a lot to say. That was last November. We said it, sorted it, voted on it, and prioritized it in terms of our Mission Statement. Now, of course, it's the new church year, and we have a lot to *do*.

So who will do it? We will, of course. After all, it's our own visions we're about to set in motion. Here are the core aims our many and varied visions centered on:

1. *Keep professional leadership commensurate with church growth.*
2. *Expand programs for children, youth, and parents.*
3. *Expand our UUCB congregation.*
4. *Expand our role in the community*
5. *Work for justice.*
6. *Nurture one another.*
7. *Care for the earth.*

Several of these aims are so closely linked to our Mission Statement that we already have a number of bodies – committees, task forces, staff and Board members – dedicated to them.

But the brainstorm items that the seven groups represent went way beyond what we were already doing (as they were meant to!), and that leaves the UUCB with new goals and program ideas and lots of room for every individual congregant to find a role in bringing them about. Knowledgeable about aging and its challenges? A wellness program and a support system for aging were among the new visions. Passionate about music? The brainstorms were rich with suggestions for expanding our music programs and activities. Have a connection of your own with Bowdoin? Joint activities with Bowdoin and outreach to students are on the “visionary” agenda.

Very soon letters will go out, listing specific brainstorm items connected with one or another of the 7 groups listed above. Those invitations will ask people already involved with related activities to choose items that strike them as both important and doable. Recruiting new people to help with the tasks is part of the invitation. From that starting point can come a swell of activity that draws in many more interested and talented people. Our brainstorms and our visions are ambitious: it's our good fortune that our congregation is full of interested and talented people! As you learn more about what's afoot and are reminded of those far-seeing brainstorms you voted on last winter, find your own place in what we take on and join in in fulfilling those brainstorm goals. You will be welcomed, your contribution will be valued, and our visions will begin to take shape.

Nancy Dorian for the Long Range Planning Committee

SAVE THE DATE FOR JUUST DESSERTS!

The Membership Committee looks forward to seeing one and all at the annual jUUST Desserts party to be held from 7 – 9 pm in our Fellowship Hall at UUCB on **Friday, October 3rd**.

This will be an opportunity for newcomers, friends, new members, and old-timers to get to know one another better. This is also a time to get to know our minister, Rev. Sylvia Stocker, away from the pulpit in a casual setting. And she'll answer our questions about our UU church community and the UU denomination.

Of course we'll feed our souls with home made sweet treats! Please let us know if you'd like to bring your favorite dessert (see contact information below). Join us for the entire two hours or drop in when you are able to.

An RSVP would be helpful for our planning. Contact Shirley in the church office at 207-729-8515 or Debbie Zorach by email at dszorach@zwi.net or by phone at 207-729-8103. If Friday arrives and you haven't RSVP'd, please come anyway. We hope you'll join us for a fun-filled evening!



FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

For many of us, September means back-to-school. Our congregation boasts lots of teachers, professors, school children, college students, administrators, and life-long-learners of all sorts. For some folks, children or grandchildren will report in about new classrooms and routines. For others, like me, habits of a lifetime of being in school or working at one don't fade easily even after retiring. All the summer projects should be finished so I can be ready for the fall responsibilities. Or not.

I doubt I'm the only one not completely ready. We paddled, hiked, and biked, but somehow forgot to swim enough. The living room got cleaned out and rearranged, but a painting project isn't finished. I made pickles and three kinds of jam, but the freezer still holds produce from last year I had promised to use before loading it up again. And while I can continue with many of these plans into the fall, I now add back committee meetings, choir, volunteer commitments, and all those components of a rich life that feels a lot busier than an idle summer afternoon. And for some of us, that also includes heading back to work, or adding additional responsibilities on top of work that didn't stop over the summer.

This fall at UUCB will start with a celebration we haven't had in over 100 years—the dedication of our new building. Dignitaries from far and wide will join us—don't let your back-to-school busy-ness stop you from participating in this exciting and meaningful afternoon. We're also getting close to unveiling our new website. Watch for an announcement that will not only ask you to take a look, but to assist us in adding up-to-date information about committees, events, policies, and all the details we go to a website to find. We will especially be looking for current (high resolution) photos of the events, people, and places that make UUCB what it is. I am very grateful to Jean and Zachary Lay, our new webmasters, but this is a task that takes all of us if the website is to be up-to-date and as useful as possible.

I look forward to seeing you in September, either refreshed from vacation and warm summer days, or relieved that the stream of summer visitors is over!

Cindy

VEGAN SUNDAY

September 21

Our monthly vegan pot luck is at Noon. (after church) on September 21 in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in cooking vegan and want to attend, please email **Faith Woodman** at fewoodman@gmail.com or call her at 443-8463.

Please let her know what your are bringing.

WINDOWBOX/PLANTER COMPETITION

The Village Improvement Association held a contest this summer to reward area businesses or organizations for decorating the exterior of their shop or building with a live floral display. Guess who won a \$100 prize???

Timeless Cottage—First Prize \$250

Scarlet Begonia—Second Prize \$150

Looking Glass—Most Original \$150

UUCB—Best New Entry \$100



UUCB TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE 2013 – 2014 FISCAL YEAR



In case it has escaped your notice, UUCB has a new treasurer. Luckily for us all I have a very able assistant treasurer (officially voted in by the board in July) in our former Treasurer Dave Damour.

Pledge income came in at about budget. Plate, Program, and Fund Raising Income were well above budget. In the case of Plate this is an improvement seen since we moved into the new building and it is believed to be an indicator of better attendance. No withdrawal was made from the Investment Portfolio as expenses were enough below budget to more than cover the revenue shortfall.

Both Operating Income and Expense were under budget for the year. This resulted in a Net Operating Income of \$2,430.

We report Non-Operating Income from July 1, 2011 without regard to fiscal years so as to encompass all of our efforts to construct a new church.

Capital Campaign receipts now total \$769,841, against a total pledge of \$960,000. We have currently received 80% of the Capital Campaign pledges with one year left in the campaign. Congratulations to all on the continued success of the Capital Campaign.

The Langford and Low contract spending now totals \$1,721,495 with about \$91,000 of the final amount still due under the contract. We expect that we will be close to budget for the entire project.

Our loan balance at Atlantic Regional Federal Credit Union stands at \$138,061, and it is anticipated that this balance will work its way

higher before beginning to decline as more capital campaign receipts come in.

We have successfully completed the shift to the UUA Common Endowment Fund from Raymond James. Our investments are now in line with our principles.

For more details visit the office to see the monthly financial reports given to the board.

Thanks again to all for the effort and resources invested in our church.

Keary Lay, Treasurer

A HEALTHY LUNCH

Thursday, September 11

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

To reserve, call the church office by **Wednesday, September 10.**

Seven dollars per person, no tipping, please!

SEEKING SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS: USHERS & GREETERS

We are now in our new building, welcoming regulars and newcomers to our church. Each Sunday, two GREETERS welcome those coming through our doors, help less able people out of their vehicles or up the stairs, and direct newcomers to the Visitor Table and families to our DRE. Two USHERS help inside, handing out hymnals and orders of worship, answering questions, and taking the offertory.

We are always interested in building our roster of Sunday morning volunteers. This is an excellent opportunity *for new members in particular* to dip their toes into volunteering at UUCB! It is easy, requires a limited time commitment, and allows you to get to know other members of the congregation—and vice versa. Serving as a Sunday morning

volunteer also aligns with our Mission Statement goal of Welcoming All. You will serve one Sunday per 4-6 weeks and this can be scheduled around your availability. Training sessions are currently being scheduled, and I can also walk you through the process anytime.

If you have questions, would like a full description of the duties, or would like to be added to the roster as an Usher or Greeter (or both!), please contact Julie Dahmer at jcdahmer@comcast.net or 865-9688.



TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CHALICE CIRCLES!



Chalice Circles are small groups who meet monthly for respectful listening and sharing on deep and meaningful topics. This adult religious education program has been going strong at UUCB for five years. It's a wonderful way to get to know others in a deeper way than most social occasions allow. People often tell me that once they've been in such a group, when they come to church events they see people they now know whom they otherwise might not have. People feel connected.

To quote Sylvia: "The groups help us to embrace our Mission Statement. Each meeting has a *spiritual* component. The groups *welcome all* who are interested; at the end of a year, the groups re-form to open the door for more newcomers to join them. Group members *nurture one another* during the year by creating an environment where deep listening can occur. And groups provide service to both church and wider community to help us engage in our commitment to *work for justice* and to *care for the earth*." each group performs two service projects, one for

UUCB and one for the greater community.

The time is coming for the 2013-14 groups to disband (they finish in October) and the 2014-15 groups to form (they will start in November). Whether you've never tried a Chalice Circle, have been in one but are not recently, or are currently in one and wish to continue, if you want to be in one for 2014-15, you need to fill out the form below and **return it to the church office no later than Tuesday, October 7.**

Karen Foley
(affiliated community minister)

CHALICE CIRCLES SIGNUP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I want to join a Chalice Circle. I am available for gatherings at the following times. (Circle all that apply.) *I understand I need to make attendance a commitment so that my Chalice Circle can succeed.*

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

Please return this form to the church office **no later than Tuesday, October 7.**
Questions? Call Karen Foley, 725-1379, or Sylvia Stocker at the church office .

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SURVEY RESULTS

The Fundraising Events Committee would like to thank the 65 people who filled out the Fundraising Survey over the past few weeks. We now have a long list of possible volunteers for future events.

As is typical with UU's in general, we are a diverse bunch. Our ideas and preferences turned out to be all over the place. What some people thought were terrible fundraising ideas, other people were enthusiastic, some even wanting to be on an organizing team. The Fundraising Events Committee is now in the process of going through the data, and will be planning our coming years accordingly.

It surely looks like there is a lot of interest in the Holiday Fair. Be on the lookout for more info about the event, and show your support however you can.

We have found that holding concerts is the easiest way to bring in lots of (other people's) money, so we will be hosting various concerts throughout the year. We will be looking into some of the suggestions from the survey. Coming up in November will be the Daponte String Quartet. In February we'll have the fun and versatile saxophone quartet, Cul de Sax, and in April will be the popular folk-rock duo Aztec Two-Step.

We are considering pushing the talent show up to NEXT year having a Mystery Dinner instead. We will also have a combined book sale and rummage sale in March.



If you meant to fill out the survey, and didn't get around to doing so, the committee is always willing to hear your feedback and suggestions. Feel free to contact us ANY-TIME.

Fundraising Events Committee

Sue Ellen Damour, Maryli Tiemann, Susan Michaud, Dave Roundy

FYI: The Side Door Coffeehouse is NOT an event sponsored by the Fundraising Committee. It is an independently run group that donates part of their profits to the church. The sale of Hannaford Cards is also an independent fundraiser.

SAVE THE DATES



Daponte String Quartet
Sunday, November 30th



Saturday, December 6th



Cul de Sax
Saturday, Feb 7



Book & Rummage Sale
Saturday, March 28



Aztec Two-Step
Friday, April 24th



THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of BRUNSWICK
1 MIDDLE STREET
OPEN MIKE SIGNUP - 7 PM
FEATURED PERFORMER - 9 PM
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$8

Jud Caswell



Jud Caswell first hit the folk scene in 2004, earning a buzz of attention with a long string of wins at some of the most prestigious songwriting contests in the country. They say, "write what you know," so Jud has taken his backyard ballads and small-town yarns to stages from Texas to Oregon and back.

Jud Caswell is much more than a great singer and guitar player, Jud's songs take you into the storyteller's world with clear images and characters that come to life for the listener. – David Wilcox

Friday Evening, September 19

Feature set preceded by the Open Mike

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SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  LABOR DAY	2 6:30 Worship: MSR	3 12:15 Noontime Concert: SAN 3-5 Writers Grp: MSR 5-9 RE Teacher Orientation: RE 6 pm Concil: MSR	4 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 6:30 All Care: MSR	5 4:30 Pactoral Care: MSR	6 <i>Office Closed</i>
7 10 Church Open, but NO SERVICE 3 pm RE Parent Orientation 4 pm Building Dedication	8 7 Pagans: WBR 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN <i>Office Closed</i>	9 4-6 Membership: MSR 5:30-9 Women's Alliance Potluck	10 12:15 Noontime Concert: SAN	11 12 Healthy Lunch: FH 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 7-9 Choir: SAN	12 10:30 Building & Grounds: MSR 5-7 Art Display Reception: FH	13 <i>Office Closed</i>
14 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes Green Sanctuary: MSR <i>Office Closed</i>	15 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN <i>Office Closed</i>	16 6:30 Board: MSR	17 12:15 Noontime Concert: SAN 7 RE Committee: RE 7:30 JUST Conversation: Frontier	18 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 12:30 Long Range Planning: MSR 7-9 Choir: SAN	19 5 Parish Messenger Deadline 7-10 Side Door Coffehouse (Jud Caswell): SAN	20 <i>Office Closed</i>
21 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 12:15 Vegan Sunday (RSVP): FH People's Climate March: NYC	22 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN 7 Pagans: WBR <i>Office Closed</i>	23 6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR	24 12 Men's Luncheon 12:15 Noontime Concert: SAN 3-5 Writer's Group: MSR 	25 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 7-9 Choir: SAN	26	27 <i>Office Closed</i>
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RE = All RE Space
 HIL = Hildebrant Room
 CAR = Carson Room
 MAN= Mandela Room
 MER = Merrymeeting Bay Room

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SAN = Sanctuary
 FEL = Fellowship Hall
 WBR = Wendall Berry Room
 MSR = May Sarton Room