

# Parish Messenger

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

### October 5 Animal Blessing Sunday

Today we consider the importance of other creatures in our lives – an important consideration, given the anthropocentric orbit in which we usually find ourselves. You are invited to bring a photo of your favorite animal (or bird or reptile) to decorate our chancel. (It can be a photo of a wild animal if you like.) If you have a particularly well behaved pet that won't be upset by the pandemonium of our usual Sundays, you might try bringing the animal itself, but make sure it is safely caged or leashed. (Please note that many people have cat allergies, however. Please leave Fluffy at home and just bring her gorgeous picture.) Rev. Stocker preaching. Music by Nell Britton (our new part-time accompanist)

### October 12 "Rainbow"

Rev. Stocker and Sharon Brown collaborate on a service to explore the significance of the rainbow symbol we normally have displayed on our pulpit. Most of us know it as a symbol that welcomes people of all sexual and gender orientations, but it's much, much more. Come find out why, and spend some time contemplating and celebrating our Welcoming Congregation. Music by Larry Lemmel.

### October 19 "What Justice"

Did you know most law schools don't teach courses in justice? Law students study litigation and statutes, but not justice. That means judges have no particular training in justice, yet they are the ones meting it out! Enter the community of ordinary folks who may not know much about law, but who understand as much about justice as the people operating our justice system. Today special guest Fred Van Liew, Director of the Restorative Justice Institute of Maine, joins Rev. Stocker to explore restorative justice. "It's interesting to think of justice as local, which it is and must be," he writes. What does that mean for us?. Music by Nell Britton and the Choir, under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

### October 26 at 10 a.m. "Heifer International--Changing lives."

Gretchen Kamilewicz is leading the service. Since 1944, Heifer International has been changing the lives of people in Maine, the United States, and many countries around the world. Gretchen will talk about Heifer's beginnings, show a short video on projects around the world, and give her own experiences meeting with projects participants and going on a study tour to Poland.

## HOW TO REACH US

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of Brunswick**  
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**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](mailto:uubrunswickdre@gmail.com).

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

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### The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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Affiliate Minister

Nicole Shanks,  
Director of Religious Education  
Stephanie Bernier, Music Coordinator  
Heidi Neufeld, Choir Director  
Nell Britton, Choir Accompanist  
Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator  
Tony Sulkoski, Sexton

## FROM OUR DRE

**H**appy Fall! This month I wanted to share a poem with you by one of our RE program 4<sup>th</sup> graders. We have a lot of talent in our ranks. If any of you parents out there have budding writers, musicians, or artists who would enjoy sharing their talents with the congregation, let me know. I'd love to incorporate them into worship services, the newsletter, bulletin boards, etc.



### You Know the Sound

By Izaak Phenix (age 9)

You know the sound of  
coming grief, sorrow, hatred.

Only one word: Love.

Love is the only thing that  
can stop that, but not all.

If only one person believes  
in love, then grief, sorrow,  
hatred wins.

We all have to love each other.

There's a reason why  
a rainbow shines in the sky.

There is a keyhole. We have  
the key and a choice.

Do you want to make a good  
choice or the bad one?

Every raindrop, every cloud  
of smoke, every piece  
of grass, is a reminder of  
heaven.

Before I only thought of  
myself, but going to church  
changed me.

All I can say, is thank you.

### RE Announcements & Dates

**Sun, Oct 5**— RE Classes, Youth Group, Coming of Age

**Sun, Oct 12**— Multi-Age Activity for PreKGrade 6 (Cider Making)  
Please let the DRE know if you plan to attend

**Sun, Oct 19**— RE Classes, Youth Group, Coming of Age

**Fri, Oct 24**— Halloween Party, details TBA via Facebook and email

**Sun, Oct 26**— RE Classes, All Youth

## ... MINISTER'S MUSINGS ...

We are finally launched. With our building officially dedicated, we now settle down to the business of being a congregation on the move in a figurative way, as opposed to one that is literally moving into a new building. This is an exciting and tender time for us, as we learn how to sail new seas. What adventures await us?

At the Building Dedication, we had the opportunity to look back, remembering our journey, and lifting up the building tool kit that helped us through our time of homelessness and transition. The elements of that tool kit? Love, patience, cooperation, dreams, creativity, generosity, hope, and gratitude – wonderful tools to have in any tool kit.

We gave away 100% of our offering that day, splitting it among three organizations that had particular meaning in the context of our recovery and rebuilding: the Brunswick Fire Department for their work in keeping the community safe, the Tedford Shelter because we know what it is to lose a home suddenly, and the UU Trauma Ministry, which helped us so much in the early days of recovery. Altogether, the offering brought in more than \$1500, so each of those organizations will receive around \$500 from us.



And, of course we looked forward, too. UUA President Peter Morales urged us to be both a sanctuary, where souls are nurtured and fed, and a base camp for the work that needs doing in the world. Jud Caswell's song, composed just for the occasion, brought our bell's inscription forward into the future: "Ring joy and peace to the world." Nicole's message to the children asked us to consider what kind of imprint our distant descendants will discover and celebrate. With those forward-looking messages, we have begun to turn the corner to the next phase of our congregational history. I look forward to discovering, with you, just what direction we will take.

But right at this moment, I want to pause and say a hearty thank you to everyone who helped to make the Building Dedication so special. Of course, that means thanking the people involved in planning the event, conducting the service, and offering the reception – itself a voluminous cast – but it also means thanking everyone both inside and outside the congregation who made the building itself possible. We are indeed blessed to be together and to be held by such a robust circle of love. May we always remember to return that love back to the world in our dreaming and doing.

*Love, Sylvia*

## DRE NICOLE SHANKS' SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Our Director of Religious Education, Nicole Shanks, has been quietly chipping away at continuing education offered by the UUA. As of this past summer, she has completed 75 hours of Renaissance religious education training, an achievement recognized by the UUA and one we celebrate as well. (She would never tell you this herself, as she is not one to call attention to herself. But, the UUA sent us a letter noting the milestone so that we could celebrate her.) We are lucky to have such a fine DRE. I hope you will join me in celebrating Nicole's skills, creativity, and commitment to establishing the finest religious education possible for us. Next time you see her, I hope you will congratulate her!

*Love, Sylvia*



## CONDOLENCES



We are sad to report **Earl Stimpson** died on September 19. A member of this church for his entire 93-year life, it is safe to say Earl was our member with the longest tenure. He was a great student of history and read voraciously about it (and about anything else he could get his hands on). His wife Malena reports he would read in his chair, at the table, and in bed – always a book in his hands. He loved telling stories about the old days in the church and his experiences during World War II. He loved a good joke, good food, a pipe smoke, and trains. The past couple of years were particularly difficult for him, as he coped with encroaching complete blindness, then life in a nursing home. Condolences may be sent to his wife of 65 years, **Malena Stimpson**, at 6 Lombard Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, October 18, at 2 p.m. at the church.

## THE PHOENIX AGAIN

On the ashes of this nest  
Love wove with deathly fire  
The phoenix takes its rest  
Forgetting all desire.

After the flame, a pause,  
After the pain, rebirth.  
Obeying nature's laws  
The phoenix goes to earth.

You cannot call it old  
You cannot call it young.  
No phoenix can be told,  
This is the end of the song.

It struggles now alone  
Against death and self-doubt,  
But underneath the bone  
The wings are pushing out.

And one cold starry night  
Whatever your belief  
The phoenix will take flight  
Over the seas of grief

To sing her thrilling song  
To stars and waves and sky  
For neither old nor young  
The phoenix does not die.

*May Sarton*



**UUCB WRITERS GROUP:** The UUCB Writers meet bi-weekly on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 pm at UUCB in the May Sarton Room. This is an ongoing, informal, open group that welcomes writers with and without experience to participate. It is not a critique group. We write from prompts, and our procedure is based on the principles of Natalie Goldberg's writing process. There are no required books, no homework, and no fee to join. Just bring a notebook and a pen you love to write with. If you are interested, please plan to join us any time. **Next scheduled dates are:** Oct. 8, Oct.22, Nov. 5, and Nov.19<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please contact: Pat Harris - 725-7772 - [\\_pjbharris@aol.com](mailto:_pjbharris@aol.com).

## BUILDING DEDICATION—SEPTEMBER 7, 2014



Joe Sullivan, District Executive NNED



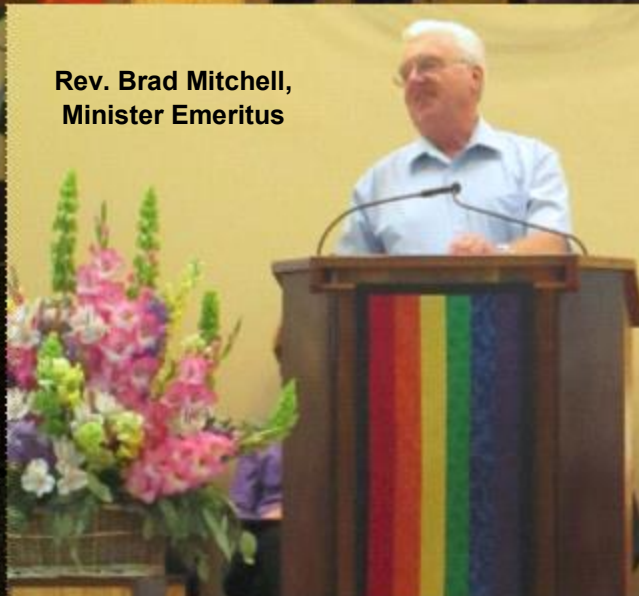
Rev. Carolyn Eklund,  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Building Team



Grace Lewis-McLaren

Rev. Brad Mitchell,  
Minister Emeritus





## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### WORKING FOR JUSTICE INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR STEERING GROUP:

**About Us:** The Working for Justice (WfJ) Steering Group is charged to create, encourage and support programming that relates to our congregation's chosen social justice ministry of preventing hate and prejudice. We work to engage the congregation as well as the wider community in a collaborative programming effort. Guiding our work of social action is a conviction about making a difference, however small, in the lives of others and in our own.

#### Plans for this church year (2014-15):

- **Restorative Justice** - a philosophy and movement that emphasizes responsibility and restitution for wrongdoing rather than punishment, the approach which underpins our current criminal justice system. Our UUCB October 19 Sunday worship service will invite us to reflect on issues of restorative justice. Collaborative planning meetings will follow with the Restorative Justice Institute of Maine to explore the possibility of some kind of restorative justice programming in Brunswick.
- **Other:** WfJ also supports the UUCB programs of Charities with Soul, Guest at Your Table, and MUUSAN (see below). In addition, our steering group will respond to ideas about social

justice programs which align with our ministry of preventing hate and prejudice.

#### 2013-2014 Church Year Programs:

- **“Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness”.** Michelle Alexander's book, a searing account of the disproportionate incarceration of African-American men, spurred the community forum on criminal justice system reform with St. Paul's Episcopal Church, First Parish UCC, and Bowdoin College last April. That collaboration continues as we explore the possibility of restorative justice programming in the Brunswick area.
- **A Culture of Violence.** In response to the December 14, 2012 Sandy Hook shootings, a task force of interested members and friends, under the umbrella of Working for Justice, organized a community forum on gun violence and the larger culture of violence that spark such tragedies. Among the panelists at the forum was Drew Wing, then-Executive Director of Boys to Men. Drew joined us again at the UUCB Sunday service on Father's day to speak on the culture of violence and its influence in the development of boys' lives.

- **Color of Community** – a group of young immigrants in Portland who reach out to the community with their “sacred stories,” which speak of unimaginable loss and tragedy in their homelands and their resolve and hope for a new life in this country. Color of Community offered their “sacred stories” and a world prayer at a service in 2013. The congregation enjoyed a celebration of songs, dance, and food after that service; and later heard their prayers of hope for our congregation at the first service in our new building in April.
- **Charities with Soul.** Every month's collection plate is split with a non-profit organization, nominated and voted on by the congregation. WfJ oversees the annual nomination and selection process.
- **Guest at Your Table** – an annual fund-raising and education program that supports the human rights work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC).
- **MUUSAN** (Maine Unitarian Universalist Social Action Network) brings the UU voice to the State Capitol by providing a lobbying arm for UU Churches in Maine. Our Steering Group is represented on MUUSAN's monthly meetings.

## GREEN SANCTUARY OUTREACH

Our Green Sanctuary Committee is participating with St. Paul's Episcopal Earth Care Commission in the Window Dresser Program that saves oil and helps to heat homes. The program was started by the Midcoast Green Collaborative of Rockland, ME where it has become popular.

The program provides people with high quality window inserts that reduce heat loss in homes. The estimated savings for single pane windows a year is \$202 for electric heat, \$135 for oil, and \$69 for wood heat. The savings for double pane windows is a bit less, but still worthwhile.

A total of 251 windows have been measured in the Brunswick Area by volunteers from the program. The measurements for each window are carefully identified and sent to Midcoast Green Collaborative where materials are cut to the exacting measurements, packaged

together, and labeled to fit each unique house and window. On October 5th all the parts bundled together separately for each of the 251 windows will arrive at St. Paul's.

During Oct. 6-9, a group of 50 volunteers will be needed to assemble the frames and wrap and tape the tough clear poly-olefin plastic to both sides of the newly assembled frame. Please mark your calendars for the week of October 6 to join the volunteers assembling these light-weight, easy to install, window inserts that will add to the comfort of many and the saving of heat loss and fuel consumption.

For more information on the project call Brad Mitchell at [bmitch10@gmail.com](mailto:bmitch10@gmail.com), or if you would like to help assemble the windows, contact Anne Banks at [abtb100@yahoo.com](mailto:abtb100@yahoo.com), or phone 729-6592.



### SOLAR UPDATE

As of 9/8 our solar system has generated 1180 Kwhr of electrical energy, 2238 Kwhr of which has been banked with CMP.

For the last 5 months our monthly bill from CMP has been only \$19.10 for the privilege of using the electrical grid.

## WARM THY NEIGHBOR

### AN EMERGENCY HEATING ASSISTANCE SERVICE OF TEDFORD HOUSING FOR THE GREATER BRUNSWICK AREA

Tedford Housing is seeking volunteers to help keep households warm this heating season. Warm Thy Neighbor has been strongly supported by the church community since its establishment in 2005 when established by Sally Smith.

Tedford is seeking volunteers to work a half day or more in Brunswick, typically the same time period each week, or every other week, from mid-November to the end of March. Tedford will train you in the application and heating assistance coordination processes and will have staff available to you during your period of service. Specific tasks include taking phone calls for assistance and screen calling households, meet with applicant households, take applications and review required documentation, contact participating fuel companies and order fuel deliveries, and coordinating with Tedford Housing staff for billing and data recording requirements.



For more information and to receive the volunteer application form, please contact Craig Phillips, [craig@tedfordhousing.org](mailto:craig@tedfordhousing.org), 729-1161 x#102. Thank you.

## MAINE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST STATE ADVOCACY NETWORK

Lynn Ellis, congregational liaison for UUCB to MUUSAN, attended the September 13th meeting. There had been a hiatus of meetings over the summer but MUUSAN was, by no means, inactive as you will read in the following report from MUUSAN's latest newsletter. The primary issues discussed at the meeting included 1) finding funding sources to sustain MUUSAN 2) Increase presence on facebook 3) MUUSAN is partnering with UUSC on the National Minimum Wage legislation and the ongoing partnership with Maine Citizens for Clean Elections. The next meeting will be held November 8th at the UU Augusta Church. Stay tuned for more information. At the time of this writing UUs from all over Maine will be preparing to head for NYC for the Climate March, including at least two from UUCB.

### National #WageOutrage Campaign Urges Higher Minimum Wage for Maine and U.S.

Maine activists and a national #WageOutrage campaign are turning to Senator Susan Collins, asking her help to bring the Minimum Wage Fairness Act to the Senate floor for a vote. Harkin's bill, if passed, would raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour nationally. Advocates are reaching out to Mainers asking them to call Senator Collins and urge her support in making a higher minimum wage a reality.

The national #WageOutrage effort is co-sponsored by the UUSC, and in Maine is co-sponsored by MUUSAN.

UUSC's national #WageOutrage campaign is calling on lawmakers via activist outreach and social media to raise the federal minimum wage to at least \$10.10 an hour, and the minimum wage for tipped workers from \$2.13 an hour to 70% of the hourly minimum wage.

So far, conservative Senate leaders have refused to allow a vote on increasing the current \$7.25 hourly minimum. In April, the Senate bill was filibustered. Senator Collins voted not to end the filibuster and has since been working on a compromise bill.

"We are now encouraging her to vote yes to bring the Senate bill to the floor for a vote. We acknowledge Senator Collins for taking steps to raise the wage above the poverty line

for a family of three, and that she has floated the possibility of a \$9.00 minimum wage nationwide," says Kara Smith, UUSC senior associate for activism and mobilization nationally. Yet, we also encourage her to reconsider an increase to at least \$10.10, not only for Maine residents but for 28 million workers across the U.S.

UUSC's Smith said that according to the Economic Policy Institute it is estimated that some 121,000 workers in Maine would get a raise if the minimum wage were increased.

The #WageOutrage initiative puts emphasis on economic justice for women in Maine and nationally. In Maine, more than six in 10 of its minimum wage earners are women. 62 percent of those have no partner supplementing their income.

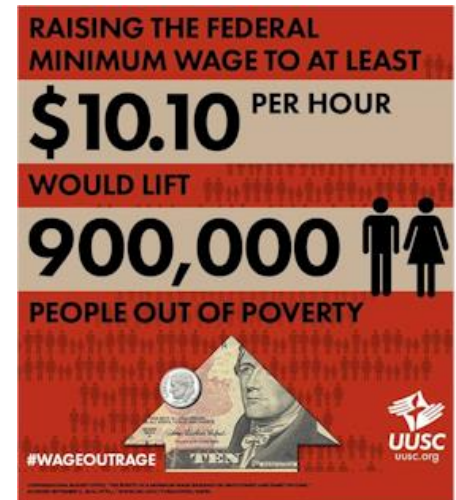
"The fall session for Congress is a short one before the mid-term elections. We trust that the Senate will decide firmly and quickly on the side of struggling workers and their families."

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### MAINE FACTS:

- 12% of all children in Maine have a parent who stands to get a raise if the minimum wage is hiked to at least \$10.10.
- Almost six months' Fair Market rent for a two-bedroom apartment, according to the White House, or 33 weeks of groceries based on the USDA's Thrifty Food Plan
- Maine's \$7.50 an hour minimum wage and its \$3.75 tipped hourly wage are higher than the national rates, but according to "Families Out of Balance," a new report from the Alliance for a Just Society, Maine's workers are falling farther behind.
- The report indicates that, for a single adult with no children working full-time in Maine, a "living wage" is \$15.82 an hour.



## DEADLINE COMING FOR CHALICE CIRCLE SIGN-UP!

Chalice Circles are small groups who meet monthly for listening and sharing on meaningful topics. It's a wonderful way to connect with others in a deeper way than the usual social occasion. The past three newsletters have explained various aspects of Chalice Circles. This time the focus is on their *intent and process*, which is not always fully understood ahead of time.

In Chalice Circles we covenant to listen in silence and wait until a speaker is done speaking to begin speaking (Circles use some form of "announcing" intention to speak, perhaps a gesture, or a "talking stick" or other object). Silence, when it occurs, is enriching and beneficial,

allowing us to fully take in what the other says. This is very counter-cultural!

We covenant not to engage in cross-talk (direct response by one person to another), but to simply hold in respect and care what the other has said. When we speak we don't address our remarks to individuals but "speak into the circle." We may agree or disagree with the speaker, but we speak from our own perspective and our own experience rather than critique or argue a point of view. We so not offer advice unless it is asked for. All of this is counter-cultural too!

As you may be picking up here,

Chalice Circles are not "discussions" or times to share our knowledge, not even a "conversation" in the usual way of conversation in our culture. They are an opportunity for intentional, deep sharing from our own perspectives and experiences, an opportunity to hear others in a way we don't usually get to—and to *be heard* in a way we don't usually get to be heard! It can be transformative to be heard with genuine respect and care.

To be in a Chalice Circle for the coming church year (starting in November), whether or not you've been in one the past year, ***you must have your sign-up form in the church office by Tuesday, October 7.*** It is

### 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 .

## HAPPENINGS

### FELLOWSHIP GALLERY

As you may have noted, our church has a new art gallery, THE FELLOWSHIP GALLERY, named for its location in our bright new church. Exhibits will be on display monthly, featuring local artists in all varieties of media. Our first exhibit featured town and country paintings by Alan Mast and Bill Tomsa. Currently the work of Points of View artists are on display until Oct. 8. Displays will generally run for a month. Next year, we plan to be part of the monthly Brunswick second Friday ArtWalks.

There is a binder with titles, price lists and biographical material for each artist. A guest book invites comments from gallery visitors.

We hope that the gallery will add color and verve to our new building.



*Ed McCartan*



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

## Lynn Deeves



Maine singer-songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Lynn Deeves started her career as lead singer in high-energy rock bands in the early 1980's. She has released 4 solo CD's and her original songs showcase a soulful voice, merging rock, folk and blues influences with uplifting lyrics. *The Portland Press Herald* says "...5 star stage presence...this gal's got a set of pipes..."

Lynn has opened for Cheryl Wheeler, Janis Ian, Catie Curtis, Ellis Paul, America and many others.

**Friday Evening, October 17**  
**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.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Brad Mitchell, Baritone**  
**and**  
**Larry Lemmel, Piano**

in a program of music by  
Chopin, Taileferre, and Charles Ives

**Sunday, October 5**  
**11:30 a.m.**

### 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.

## OCTOBER CHARITY WITH SOUL

### NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL OF MAINE



The Natural Resources Council of Maine is a nonprofit membership organization protecting, restoring, and conserving Maine's environment, now and for future generations.

For more than 50 years, the Natural Resources Council of Maine has been protecting the places and way of life that make Maine so special. We work to—

- improve fish passage and protect the health of Maine's rivers;
- reduce waste and stop toxic pollution;
- promote clean, renewable energy and help Maine businesses and homeowners increase their energy efficiency; and
- protect habitat and conserve Maine lands.

NRCM harnesses the power of the law, science, and the voices of more than 16,000 supporters statewide and beyond.



Cathey Cyrus and Adair Delamater marching with the MUUSAN group which chartered a bus to NYC for the People's Climate March on Sunday, September 21st.



## MEMBERSHIP

### JUUST DESSERTS!

This fun-filled evening will happen **Friday, October 3 from 7-9** at the church. Membership Committee will host our 4<sup>th</sup> annual dessert extravaganza, but the first in our new Fellowship Hall. Newcomers, friends and members will gather to enjoy a social time to become better acquainted and to enjoy home-baked goodies. Sylvia hopes to answer questions about our UU church and denomination also! We hope you have responded to our invitation, but please come regardless. Bring your favorite dessert to share if you'd like. We hope to see you on Friday.



### PHOTO DIRECTORY

Our new photo directory will be available to members and friends of UUCB. It will not be available to the general public. The Directory will be printed with photos of families and individuals if requested. Otherwise, the Directory will list names, addresses, email information and telephone numbers of all members and friends.

Our Membership Committee project coordinator, Linda Mallard, will be taking photos after church on the following two Sundays: she will be in the RE area at 11:30 on October 5<sup>th</sup> and again on November 11<sup>th</sup>. We'd like to complete this project, so please come to a photo shoot if you're interested in being pictured in our Directory.

### SUUPER CIRCLE SUUPERS!

Now that we have your attention, please do think about signing up as a guest or host at one of several circle suppers, organized by the Members and Friends Committee and scheduled for Saturday evening, October 18, 2014. Circle Suppers are informal, "planned" potlucks, held in UUCB members' and friends' homes, and they build UUCB friendships and community in a context of great food and conversations. Do contact Debbie Zorach at [dszorach@gwi.net](mailto:dszorach@gwi.net) or by phone at 729-8103. Or stop at the Welcome Table during October Sunday mornings.

### NEW UU ORIENTATION

If you're new to UUCB, new to Unitarian Universalism, or if you'd like a refresher course on our denomination, please join Membership Committee and Rev. Sylvia Stocker for an orientation program. The date is Saturday, November 1 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Snacks and a light lunch will be served; childcare is available.

This is an opportunity to learn our history and theology as well as the programs and opportunities at our church in Brunswick. You'll get to know our minister, Sylvia, away from the pulpit, and you'll make lasting friendships with the other participants in the course.

You will have the opportunity to sign our Membership Book although this is not the goal of the course. Those who do want to become members need to sign. New members will be recognized during the church service on November 16.

We ask that you sign up for the orientation class by October 24 so we can send a packet of information to familiarize you with the wealth of material to be discussed at the orientation on November 1. Call Shirley Bernier at the church office, 729-8515 or Vicky Simpson, 443-2488 to enroll.

## "WE ARE BORN OF CAST-OFF PIECES"

### PUPPETS, POEMS, MASKS

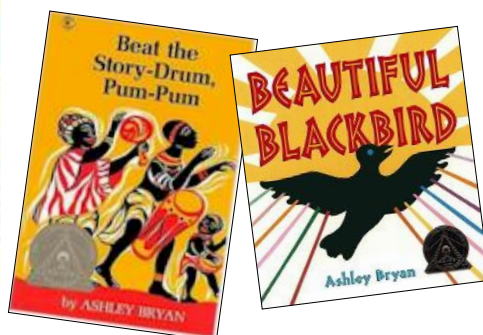
A Brunswick community forum on the art of story-telling



Featuring:

**Ashley Bryan**

artist, story-teller, award winning  
creator of children's books



Saturday, October 4,  
9:30am -3:30pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church,  
Great Hall  
(Union Street entrance)

27 Pleasant Street  
Brunswick

**FREE**

**& OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

...however reservations would  
be helpful.

Please call **207- 626-0738**

### MEMBERSHIP (CONTINUED)

#### MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

We have seen a steady influx of new folks since opening the doors of our new building, which is very exciting. Although it is the primary function of the Membership Committee to greet and welcome newcomers and guests to our church, everyone can help! Please reach out to folks you haven't met. They are easily recognized by the paper nametags they will wear. Help them want to return by sharing friendship or connecting them with a committee or person with similar interests. Perhaps you know someone from newcomers' former home areas or perhaps you have children of similar ages. Treat all newcomers as you would want to be received in a new church setting.

If you'd like to help out at the Visitor Table, please stop and ask about volunteering there. We want and

need your help! This is a wonderful way to become involved in the life of UUCB and to give back to those who are seeking a church community.



and including presentations by:

- **Maine Inside Out**, a theatrical work by youth at Longcreek Correctional Facility
- **Resounding Rhythms**, African drumming

*plus* workshops for all ages:

- story-telling with *The Telling Room* of Portland
- puppet and mask making
- African drumming
- Reading to children

**Morning programming** for children and adults with Mr. Bryan's poems and puppets and workshops for all ages

**Afternoon programming** for youth and adults with Mr. Bryan's presentation of African American poets and African folktales followed by Maine Inside Out's dramatic presentation and discussion with the audience

**Ashley F. Bryan** is an American writer and illustrator of children's books. Most of his subjects are from the African American experience. He was U.S. nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2006<sup>1</sup> and he won the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award for his contribution to American children's literature in 2009.

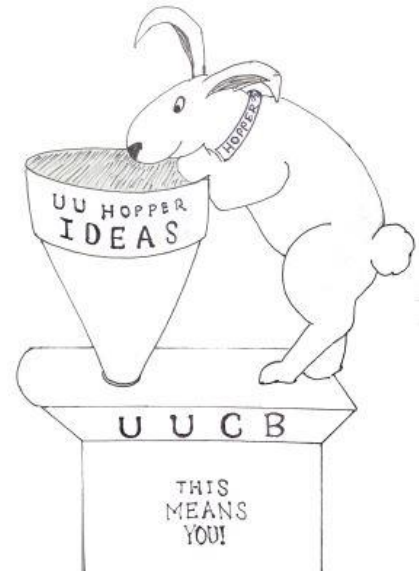
*This occasion is sponsored by: St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Portland's historic Abyssinian Meeting House and honors Ashley Bryan as the first inductee into the Abyssinian Hall of Fame.*

## CHURCH COUNCIL

### WELCOME TO THE HOPPER PROJECT

If you've ever seen a grain or food processor, you know it's topped by a chute - the hopper - that collects everything and sends it on to be processed. The Church Council has set up a hopper to collect ideas you may have for programs or activities you'd like to see at UUCB. You don't need to create proposals or formal plans, just ideas. You can send in a few brief sentences, or a mighty tome detailing a passion of yours that you think UUCB needs to adopt.

To put an idea into the hopper, just send me an email ([martin.teitel@gmail.com](mailto:martin.teitel@gmail.com)). Don't worry about format, how many ideas you send, or spelling! Just your ideas. I will acknowledge every idea that comes into the hopper. The Church Council will see every idea that comes into the hopper, and I will keep you entirely informed about what happens to your input. Please let us know your name, since we can't handle anonymous ideas. If you're reading this in the printed version of the Parish Messenger and prefer not to use email, just send me a note: 53 Beacon Street, Bath 04530, or give me a call at 449-3953.



Special thanks to Kelly Brochu for creating the mascot for the Hopper Project that you see here. You'll be seeing that rascally rabbit from time to time to help keep the project in everyone's mind.

- *Marty Teitel*

#### A HEALTHY LUNCH

**Thursday, October 9**

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

To reserve, call the church office by  
**Wednesday, October 8.**

Seven dollars per person, no tipping, please!

#### VEGAN SUNDAY

**October 19**

Our monthly vegan pot luck is at 12:15 p.m. (after church) on October 19 in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in cooking vegan and want to attend, please email **Esther Melcher** by Friday October 17 to let her know what you are bringing.

Esther's email is [brunswick64@gmail.com](mailto:brunswick64@gmail.com) and her phone number is 798-7955.

## WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

### **Fragrant fellowship...**

On **October 14** the Women's Alliance will be held at the home of **Linton and Bonnie Studdiford** at 124 Bunganuc Road in Brunswick. We will start a garden tour promptly at 11:00, followed by luncheon at the site. If you are unable to walk we will have a chair outside for you to wait for the others to finish the tour. Bonnie and Linton will lead you through their extensive perennial flower and herb gardens. If time, you will see interesting trees, fruits, as well. In August their gardens were shown on the Master Gardener Locovor Tour for Cumberland County Cooperative Extension. To get there...stay on Maine Street, past Bowdoin College until you see Pleasant Hill Road on the right. Take Pleasant Hill past Crystal Spring Farm and turn left on Woodside. Turn right on Bunganuc and go about .6 mile to #124 on the right, (directly across from Maquoit Preserve parking lot). There is room to park at the top of their drive.

In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at UUCB for a slide show presentation and also possibly a hands-on activity (depending on frost and what is left in the garden!). Please bring your sandwich-cider and water and dessert will be provided!



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### HOLIDAY AND NOTE CARDS FOR SALE

With the Holiday card you may request a short greeting for the inside, if you are ordering a minimum of 6 cards.

With the note cards you have choices to make:

The quote you wish to purchase

The color of your note....ivory or white

The color of the font

Prices are on the order form. Early ordering will make light work of the process. Cards will be available within about a week of your order. Note cards may be ordered throughout the year.

Order forms are in marked envelopes on the bulletin board just to the right of the kitchen window in the hallway. Envelopes in which to place your order are in the mailboxes outside the office door. Checks are preferred, but exact cash may be given to Shirley. Questions??? Contact [sedadamour@msn.com](mailto:sedadamour@msn.com) or leave a note with Shirley.

We hope you enjoy these UUCB items.

### SAVE THE DATES Daponte String Quartet Sunday, November 30th



**Saturday, December 6th**

There will be a sign-up sheet at coffee hour.  
Please add your name to bake, make wreaths or crafts,  
or to volunteer on the day of the fair

Fund Raising Events Committee  
David Roundy, Maryli Tiemann, Sue Michaud  
and Sue Ellen Damour

## A YEAR OF HOSPITALITY

We have a generous and welcoming UU congregation. Yet, you may have notice that folks often hesitate to volunteer for hospitality on Sundays. Since a lack of hospitality is not our vision, what if we streamline the process of hosting, and ensure that the same few people don't end up providing the service all year?

Here's the plan:

1. We will have a sign-up sheet available with two spaces for each Sunday. Hosting with another will allow each of us to team up, either with someone we know, or to give a chance for a newbie and a veteran hospitality host to work together.

This sheet will be available on the harvest table on Sundays in September, and folks will have till the end of the month to volunteer. A digital sign-up sheet, called Sign-up Genius, will also be circulated if you'd rather sign-up online, outside of church time. To sign up, go to:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0444A8A72BA5FA7-ayearof/8987345](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0444A8A72BA5FA7-ayearof/8987345)

2. To opt out of volunteering (for any reason - no questions asked) all members have to do is to let Heidi know by emailing [hvneufeld@gmail.com](mailto:hvneufeld@gmail.com) or calling her at 725-7756.
3. **After September 30th** those who don't sign up or opt out will be assigned a Sunday with a partner. They may choose to switch with someone else if this assigned Sunday isn't good for them. Switching Sundays will be their responsibility.
4. To help allay fears around the duties and/or the workings of the kitchen, a Hospitality Assistant will be on hand each week to answer questions.

Hopefully this new system will be wicked doable for everyone.

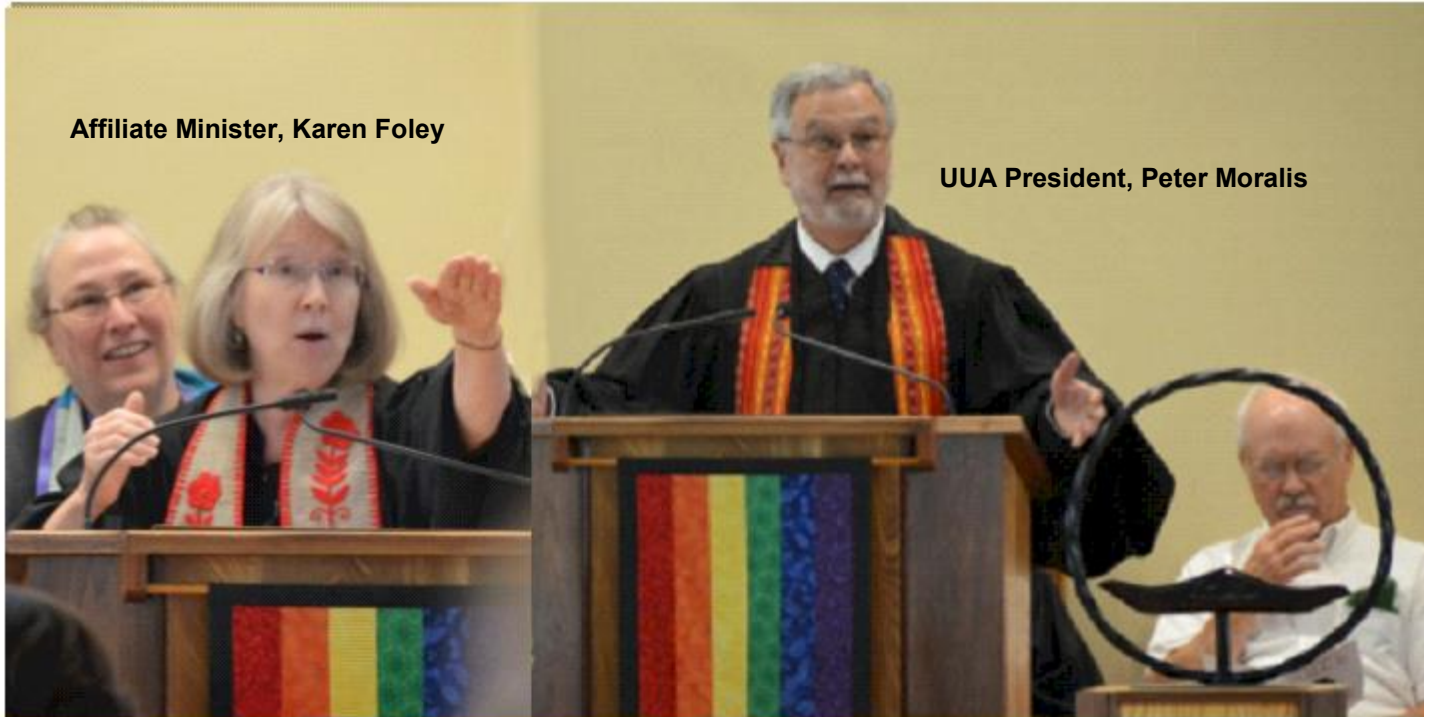
**If you know the new kitchen, or are willing to learn about it, we are still looking for 2 or 3 more people to join our team as a Hospitality Assistant. Please contact Heidi at [hvneufeld@gmail.com](mailto:hvneufeld@gmail.com).**

Thanks very much for your support.

Your hospitality team,  
Heidi Neufeld, Maryli Tiemann,  
Jean Tompkins and Debbie Zorach



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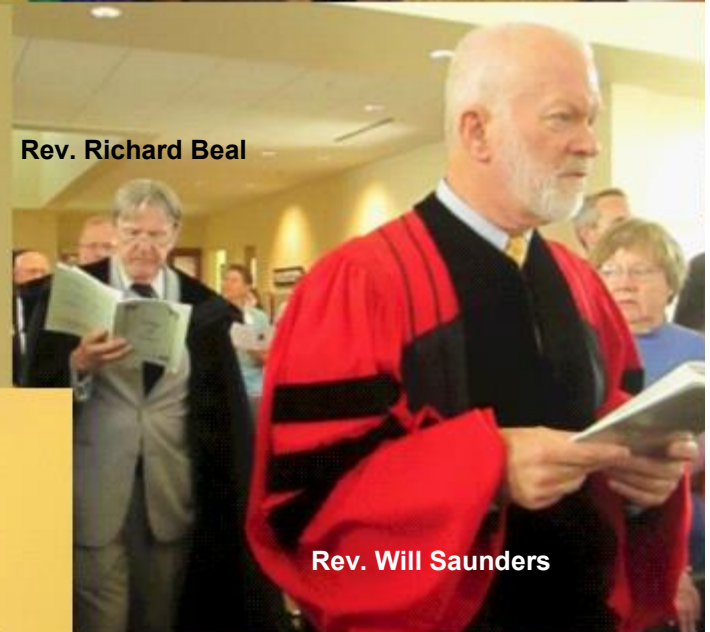


Affiliate Minister, Karen Foley

UUA President, Peter Moralis



Jud Caswell



Rev. Richard Beal

Rev. Will Saunders



Rev, Sylvia Stocker



Our Toolbox



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Steve Wellcome



Gemma Caswell





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			1 12:15 Noontime Concert: SAN 1:30 Fundraising: WBR	2 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship  7-9 Choir: SAN	3 7-9 jUUst Desserts: FEL	4 
5 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Larry Lemmel & Brad Mitchell Concert	6 7 Pagans: WBR 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN <i>Office Closed</i>	7 4-6 Membership: MSR 5-6 Internal: WBR 6:30 Worship : MSR	8 12:15 Noontime Concert: SAN 2-4 Long Range Planning: MER 3-5 Writer's Group: MSR	9 12 Healthy Lunch: FH 12:30-2 Long Range Planning: MSR 12 Noon Communications Deadline 7-9 Choir: SAN	10 10:30 Building & Grounds: MSR  5-7 Art Display Reception: FEL	11 <i>Office Closed</i>
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## 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 November Parish Messenger is **Friday, October**