

# Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Brunswick



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*Our Mission is  
To be a spiritual community  
To welcome all  
To nurture one another  
To work for justice*

### SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

#### April 2 at 6:30 p.m . Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Each year the ordained clergy in the congregation collaborate on a communion service to commemorate the Last Supper. "Maundy," comes from the Latin word "mandatum," which means commandment. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, "that you love one another as I have loved you." Join Karen Foley, Ed McCartan, Brad Mitchell, and Sylvia Stocker at this brief service about love and service. Music by vocal trio Ambrosia (Heidi Neufeld, Tammis Donovan, and Irene Austin)

**April 5 Easter Sunday** There may still be patches of ice and cold mornings, but we will celebrate rebirth today nonetheless! Rev. Stocker preaching. Music by the choir under the direction of Heidi Neufeld, and Nell Britton on the piano.

**April 11 Passover Seder** Mike Rubin will lead a short participatory service using a Haggadah written by a UU minister followed by a potluck of traditional Passover dishes, singing, and fun.

**April 12. "Getting a Little Nervous"** Nervous? Who me? Come find out what's going on! Rev. Stocker preaching. Music by pianist Jessie Feineberg.

**April 19. "Green"** Join Rev. Stocker and the Green Sanctuary Committee for a celebration of Earth Day. Today we explore how our new focus to end inequality relates to our work as a Green Sanctuary. Music by the choir under the direction of Heidi Neufeld, and Nell Britton on the piano.

**April 26. "Bread for the World"** Special guest Alex Wheelwright from Bread for the World joins Rev. Stocker as we begin to examine world hunger. At the conclusion of the service the Working for Justice Steering group will have letters we can sign to send to our elected officials to support legislation to end hunger. Music by Nell Britton and Glenn Williams (piano and clarinet).

### The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister

Rev. J. Bradbury Mitchell,  
Minister Emeritus

Rev. Karen Foley  
Affiliate Minister

Nicole Shanks,  
Director of Religious Education

Stephanie Bernier, Music Coordinator

Heidi Neufeld, Choir Director

Nell Britton, Choir Accompanist

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

Tony Sulkoski, Sexton

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I think it's time for another RE program update. What's been happening in those classrooms on Sunday mornings? On any given Sunday if you peek into a classroom you may see such things as dancing, stories, laughing, arts and crafts, skits, videos, games, discussion, and more, all centered around the theme of Unitarian Universalist Identity and History. As I write this article we're in the last days of winter. By the time you read this article it will be spring (yay!). That means that our RE program year will be coming to a close before we know it. Next month I'll let you know about plans for the upcoming year, but for now, below are some details on what each group has been up to this winter.

**PreK-Kindergarten and Grades 1-3 Classes:** Our youngest children have been using curricula that are based on picture books. The PreK-K kiddos have been listening to such books as *Spoon*, *The Day the Crayons Quit*, and *Priscilla McDoodlenut DoodleMcMae* which explore topics such as our differences, celebrating what makes us special, and anti-bullying. The children in the grades 1-3 class have read books about famous UUs such as

Fannie Farmer, Maria Mitchell, and Henry David Thoreau. They've also explored concepts of God and death through *In God's Name*, *God in Between*, and *Miss Rumphius*.

**Grades 4-6:** This class is using the "Toolbox of Faith" curriculum. The tools they have collected over the winter include saddlebags, hammer, sandpaper, paintbrush, and stethoscope. These tools represent courage, power, humor, expression, and listening—more useful items for a spiritual journey!

**Youth:** Our 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders have continued to explore UU values, personal theology, and community building. In March, six of our youth gathered together with some adult volunteers to make a meal for Tedford Shelter. The 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders went snowshoeing at Crystal Spring Farm and have enjoyed some fun board games together. The Coming of Agers have continued to flesh out their beliefs and ideas about God, death, social action, justice, and more as they work toward finishing the COA program this spring.

I'm looking forward to this spring and all of the learning and fun we'll have together as we finish up our program year.

### 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](mailto:uubrunswickdre@gmail.com).

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

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

### RE Announcements & Dates

Apr/05: Easter Sunday Multi-Age Activity  
Apr 12: RE Classes, Youth Group, COA  
Apr 19: Multi-Age Activity  
Apr 26: Multi-Age Activity



Blessings,  
Nicole

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

April 6 is the anniversary of our first service in our new building. For many of us, the new building is the only building we associate with our congregation, for we started to attend after the building opened. For many of us, the new building is but one location we associate with our congregation, for we worshiped at the Minnie Brown Center in Bath, the Curtis Memorial Library, and even (once) the Bowdoin College Chapel while the congregation recovered from the fire and rebuilt. Of course, some of us remember the old building, the one that burned, too. Despite our many different experiences and associations, we are one congregation, joined by mission, focus, spirit, and love.

At many Passover Seders, people sing the song, "Dayenu," a word that translates roughly to "it would have been enough." The song marvels at the many blessing God has given. "Had he brought us out of Egypt, only brought us out of Egypt, never punished our tormentors, dayenu. Had he punished our tormentors, only punished our tormentors, never given us our homeland, dayenu. Had he given us our homeland, only given us our homeland, never granted us the Sabbath, dayenu." And so on, for many, many, *many*

verses. (I have never been at a Seder where the people sang every single verse!) The song recounts blessing after blessing.

Today I find myself wanting to recount our blessings.

*Had we built a brand new building, only built a brand new building, never one of so much beauty, dayenu.*

*Had the building been so lovely, had it only been so lovely, never had such great acoustics, dayenu.*

*Had we had such great acoustics, only had such great acoustics, never filled our rooms with children, dayenu.*

*Had our rooms filled up with children, had they only filled with children, never grown in heart and spirit, dayenu.*

*Had we grown in heart and spirit, only grown in heart and spirit, never opened our doors to the community, dayenu.*

(OK, if you are singing the song in your head, that last line didn't scan quite right. But the sentiment is completely right!)

And so on: We, too, could create a song of many, many verses.

Truly we have been blessed. This past year has been arduous in many ways, for sure, as we have worked out kinks, rebuilt our infrastructure to accommodate our new circumstances and responsibilities, replaced and augmented equipment to better suit our needs, continued to fulfill our financial obligations, and learned how everything worked. But we are together: spirited, vigorous, vital, laughter-filled, kind, loving, and forgiving.

Many times, people resist when they have to take a new path, even if it's a *good* new path. But our congregation seems to have donned hiking shoes, packed lunches and water bottles, grabbed walking sticks, and taken to the trail. Of course there will always be challenges, misunderstandings, and any number of failings to encounter as we travel. That's life. But we have proven to ourselves that we are made of strong stuff, capable of seizing joy, inspiring creativity, counting our blessings, working out problems, remembering to return to love, and keeping our eyes on the most important things. It is enough. It is more than enough. I am so grateful.

Love,  
Sylvia

## SUMMER SEMINARY FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

The UUA's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is now accepting applications for Summer Seminary. Summer Seminary is program designed for youth who are thinking about being a UU religious professional. This year's program will be in Denver, CO at Iliff School of Theology from July 29th to August 3rd. The cost is \$375, and travel is being subsidized by the Katie Tyson Fund<<http://www.uua.org/giving/funds/168262.shtml>> (<http://www.uua.org/giving/funds/168262.shtml>).

More information about Summer Seminary can be found at: <http://www.uua.org/re/youth/events/summerseminary>.





## APRIL'S CHARITY WITH SOUL

### TEDFORD HOUSING

**UUCB has a long history of supporting Tedford Housing including participation in the Meal-a Month Program. For more information, check out their website at [tedfordhousing.org](http://tedfordhousing.org)**

**Mission:** Tedford Housing works together with people in their communities to find lasting solutions to the challenges of homelessness. We provide shelter, housing, and services that empower adults, children and families in need.

#### **PROGRAMS:**

##### **EMERGENCY SHELTER**

Tedford Housing provides emergency homeless shelter at two facilities in Brunswick. The adult shelter at 49 Cumberland Street houses 16 adults (both male and female). The family shelter at 34 Federal Street consists of six private apartments, each with its own bathroom and kitchen. Guests at both shelters work with a case manager at the shelter to develop an individual plan to obtain permanent housing and other services.

##### **SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

The long term goal is to place people in permanent affordable housing. Many of those who are homeless have physical and/or mental health challenges and might face an overwhelming number of stresses in their lives.

Tedford manages six supported housing apartment complexes with a total of 39 units for previously homeless individuals and families. Tenants pay subsidized rent and have access to a case manager who can help them obtain services and advocate for these clients on an individualized basis. Houses are located at Everett Apartments—Brunswick, Evergreen Woods—Bath, Gilbert Place—Bath, Blake Street Family Apartments—Lewiston, Franklin Apartments—Auburn, and Pleasant Street Apartments—Augusta.

##### **HOMELESS PREVENTION**

Many people in our communities continually struggle to afford basic necessities. A costly car repair or medical bill can push a relatively stable household to the verge of homelessness. Tedford case managers work to help keep people in their homes. Case managers advocate for clients and help them with tasks such as budgeting, accessing services and decision-making.

##### **HOMELESS YOUTH—MERRYMEETING PROJECT**

Sadly, there are many school-age students who, for a variety of reasons may be homeless—an entire family could be homeless. The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, specifies rights of these students so that they have are able to stay in school if they experience homelessness.

Tedford Housing's "Merrymeeting Project" is the program that works with three area school systems (Brunswick, Bath/RSU 1 and Topsham/RSU 75) to help homeless students. Our school liaison works with homeless students, primarily teens, to help these youth find a safe place to live, reunify with family, access resources and help teens complete schooling.

##### **HEATING ASSISTANCE—WARM THY NEIGHBOR**

Each winter, Tedford Housing raises funds to provide one-time, emergency heating assistance to extremely low-income families and individuals in the community.

##### **MEAL-A-MONTH PROGRAM**

One of the most important volunteer opportunities at Tedford is the Meal-a-Month Program. Restaurants, organizations, and individuals take turns providing a hot meal for guests at the Adult Shelter on Cumberland Street. The first Friday of every month, the UUCB provides a meal for the Tedford Shelter. Please contact Hank Simpson via email at [hdsimpson@gmail.com](mailto:hdsimpson@gmail.com) for more details.



## MUUSAN

Report on Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network meeting of March 21, 2015 submitted by Lynn Ellis

Jim Spicer and I attended the MUUSAN meeting on Saturday, March 21 as representatives from UUCB. Fifteen people were in attendance, representing 9 Maine UU churches. Spring of 2015 marks the two year mark of MUUSAN inception. Together we reviewed the focus of the commitment and goals set forth in those days of origin. We discussed the 3 major Issues of action and renewed willingness to serve on smaller focus groups. Efforts are underway to communicate with all UU churches of Maine and get their involvement going forward.

Reports from Issue Groups:

### **DEMOCRACY IN ACTION**

(Lynn & Jim have joined this focus group)

**Campaign Finance Reform:** MUUSAN supports a Constitutional Amendment to permit effective campaign funding laws and a publicly funded election process. MUUSAN is an endorsing partner with Maine Citizens for Clean Elections, a nonpartisan organization committed to strengthening Maine's campaign finance laws, including especially public financing that allows moderate income persons to run for office.

**Voter education and turnout:** MUUSAN empowers congregations and members to participate in public discourse. We provide educational resources on how to be active in the democratic process and enable and encourage congregations to interact with their local, state, and federal legislators.

**Ensuring fair election practices:** MUUSAN monitors election laws and supports full restoration of the Voting Rights Act and endorses the Ranked Choice Voting efforts.

### **HEALTH CARE**

**Health care for all:** MUUSAN is an active member of the Cover Maine Now Coalition of over 100 organizations working to implement the Affordable Care Act.

**A Single-payer healthcare system:** MUUSAN members are actively involved with the national coalition HealthCare-Now, organizing for a national single payer healthcare system. And MUUSAN continues to partner with [Cover Maine Now](#) and [Maine AllCare](#) as the impact of not accepting federal funds to expand Medicaid is starting to hurt people and institutions.

### **CLIMATE**

**Environmental Protection** – we oppose the piping of tar sands oil through Maine, oppose weak rules for open pit mining, and support bills that would protect Maine lakes.

**Energy Efficiency** – we support federal legislation that sets emission standards for both new and existing power plants, and back state bills to reduce the cap on carbon pollution for power plants under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and encourage home weatherization and other efficiency methods.

**Sustainable Energy Sources** – we support legislation that encourages the use of solar energy in Maine.

**What can you, as an individual UU, do and how can you get involved?**

Sign up to receive MUUSAN alerts via email or facebook. Send a note to [muusan@augustuu.org](mailto:muusan@augustuu.org) and/or search MUUSAN on facebook and click Like. Or go to [www.muusan.org](http://www.muusan.org) and fill out the contact information



## ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TASK FORCE

When the Long Term Planning Committee surveyed the Congregation, a number of people indicated an interest in having more adult education opportunities at our church. That, coupled with the exciting new initiative, End Inequality, has prompted the Board of Trustees to form an Adult Education Task Force. This Task Force would be responsible for determining the adult education desires and interests, choosing

topics, determining the structure of the programming, and working to implement new programs. If you or someone you know would be interested in being part of this exciting endeavor, please contact Mary Larson, 406-4266, [marniel@windstream.net](mailto:marniel@windstream.net) or Louise Gephart, 737-2993, [lgephart.harp@gmail.com](mailto:lgephart.harp@gmail.com). We hope to have new programming starting in the fall. Thanks for considering helping with this.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### BREAD FOR THE WORLD APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity to write a short letter to your Congressperson urging support for federally funded programs having to do with childhood hunger and nutrition. This will be the first year that UUCB will participate in *Bread for the World's* "Offering of Letters," a campaign that enables churches and other groups to take collective action on key legislation to reduce hunger and poverty in the world.

You may be wondering about "Bread for the World".....

Bread for the World is an organization that effectively advocates for and influences Congress to protect and adequately fund anti-hunger programs world wide. The focus for doing so alternates each year between international food aid programs and domestic.

This year's advocacy will be on domestic programs, the theme being, Feed our Children. Priority for action this year is protecting the National School Breakfast and Lunch programs and expansion of the Summer Food Service Program. These programs provide free or reduced price meals for low income children, for some.... the only meal they might have that day. With more than 45 million Americans living below the poverty line (\$23,624 for a family of four with two children) and more than 20 percent-1 in 5-children living at risk of hunger there is particular urgency for us to urge Chellie Pingree, Bruce Poliquin, Angus King and Susan Collins to boldly use their influence to protect and improve child nutrition programs.

It's important for you to know that in their recent House and Senate Budget Committee budget proposals, both contain enormous cuts to effective anti-hunger programs! On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> you can add your voice collectively with others to protest these cuts. Sylvia will preach on hunger and Alex Wheelwright, a regional Bread for the World field organizer will share the pulpit and facilitate the Offering of Letters after the worship service. April 26<sup>th</sup> may seem far away but please mark your calendar now so you won't miss this important opportunity!

*Sue Kennedy* for the Working for Justice committee.

( Facts On Hunger And Poverty In The United States, provided by Bread for the World.)

## THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 7:00PM**

The Women's Alliance hosts Paula Jackson Jones, co-founder of the Midcoast Lyme Disease Support and Education Group. The provocative and controversial film, *UNDER OUR SKIN*, followed by questions and conversation, will explore the issues of **Lyme Disease** and its ever increasing incidence in our area. This program is open to the entire church community as well as the community at large.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WALK MAY 3 AT 2PM

The Habitat for Humanity Spring Walk will be held Sunday, May 3, starting at 2:00pm. The Walk will begin at St. Charles Church on McKen Street and go to the Hope Avenue building site where there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the Faith Build, the second home to be built there. The Walk will then retrace its steps back to St. Charles. Total miles walked will be four miles, but there will be shuttle transportation for those who only want to walk two miles.

Last year eight church members walked and raised \$1505 for Habitat. Our church goal this year is \$1600. Every penny raised goes toward building, repairing, weatherizing or rehabilitating homes.

Want to help!! I will have registration packets every Sunday in Fellowship Hall from now until the Walk except for Easter Sunday. Want to help, but you can't walk. Then sponsor a walker from the church. I will provide names of walkers. If you have questions, please contact me at 833-5125 or [gkamilewicz@gmail.com](mailto:gkamilewicz@gmail.com).

While the Walk is five weeks away, there is no time like the present to join the team and line up sponsors from church, family, friends, and neighbors. Everyone should be able to have a decent home in which to live. Thank you.

*Gretchen Kamilewicz*

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD A SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE?

During the summer, when Rev. Stocker takes a well-deserved break, the UUCB Worship Committee provides a series of meaningful lay led services to keep us connected, to inspire us, and to invite new and/or different voices into the pulpit to share their thoughts and ideas.

The Worship Committee is beginning the planning process and wants to know if you (members and friends) have the desire and willingness to lead a service this summer? Those of you who have done this before are, of course, invited to return. We also extend an invitation to first timers. If the thought is a scary one to you, please know that you will be mentored through the entire process by a Worship Associate who will help you with the planning and implementation of your service. Summer services this year officially begin on June 21<sup>st</sup> and run thru August 30<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Stocker will be preaching on four Sundays in August.

The dates lay leaders will be needed in the pulpit are: **June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26 and August 30.**

If you have an idea (or a question) for a service, please jot it down and send it along to:

Pat Harris at [pjbharris@aol.com](mailto:pjbharris@aol.com),

Anne Merrifield at [two.gulls@rocketmail.com](mailto:two.gulls@rocketmail.com) or

Susan Snow at [pukak154@comcast.net](mailto:pukak154@comcast.net).

Any member of the worship committee will be happy to talk with you before you make a decision. Please submit your ideas, questions, or requests by 5p.m., Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, so that the committee can set the summer schedule during their monthly meeting.

*Pat Harris, Susan Snow, Sharon Brown, Wendy Roundy, Dan Ellis, Carol Briggs, Louise Gephart, Stephanie Bernier, Anne Merrifield and, Jud Caswell – Your 2015 UUCB Worship Associates.*

## SOLAR UPDATE

The table to the right shows the UUCB solar electric power production and our total electric power use for the first year in our new building.

On the best days we generated close to 100 Kwatthr of solar power per day.

**The solar power production has resulted in about \$2000 savings for the year.**

Solar Greetings from  
*Erik Hansen*

Month	Monthly UUCB Solar Production in Kwatthr	Monthly UUCB Power Usage in Kwatthr
Feb, 2014	1264	3324
Mar, 2014	1590	3294
Apr, 2014	1810	1528
May, 2014	1660	917
Jun, 2014	2170	1498
Jul, 2014	1950	1746
Aug, 2014	1990	1653
Sep, 2014	1440	1895
Oct, 2014	963	2278
Nov, 2014	852	2912
Dec, 2014	696	2222
Jan, 2015	519	2005
<b>TOTAL FIRST YEAR</b>	<b>16904</b>	<b>25272</b>



## UUCB THANK YOU TO BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION IN BATH

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH**

We are collaborating with Beth Israel Synagogue on their Shabbat evening service for Friday, April 17th at 7 pm at the synagogue at 862 Washington Street in Bath. It's located a short distance down Washington towards Centre Street, on the same side as the Minnie Brown Center many of us have come to know so well.

They will also be having a special program as their Yom Hashoah remembrance, which is a yearly reflection of the the Holocaust. Their presentation will focus on the Kindertransport - (Children's Transport) - the informal name of a series of rescue efforts which brought thousands of refugee Jewish children to Great Britain from Nazi Germany between 1938 and 1940.

Here is a link to some additional information:

<http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10005260>

After the service and program we are hosting their hospitality as a Thank You for their generous sharing of The Minnie Brown Center while we were rebuilding our church. Please contact Debbie Zorach or Louise Gephart if you'd like to bring a plate of fresh fruit or some dessert goody to share.

### **Let's show our appreciation.**

Folks at Beth Israel encourage us to join them for this service and program. This is a unique opportunity for some of us to thank some of their members in person for their generosity to us during our 3 year stay in their Minnie Brown Center. A signup sheet will be available at our visitors' table so those planning to attend can let us know they are coming, and we can plan for an appropriate hospitality event.



*Kindertransport 'an exceptional act of rescue'*

## NEWS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP ART GALLERY

The next art exhibit in our Fellowship Gallery will be pastel pieces, "Light", by Bath artist Claudette Gamache, from March 12 to April 8. A guest book is located in Fellowship Hall. Artists appreciate your comments on their work



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### LOOKING AHEAD TO A YEAR OF FUNDRAISING

Sat, Mar 28, 2015 - Rummage/Book Sale  
 Fri, Apr 24, 2015 - Aztec Two-Step Concert  
 Sat, Jul 25, 2015 - Devonsquare Concert  
 Sat, Sep 26, 2015 - Bill Staines Concert  
 Fri, Oct 02, 2015 - Appraisal Fair  
 Sat, Dec 05, 2015 - Holiday Fair  
 Sat, Apr 30, 2016 - Church Auction  
 Sun, May 02, 2016 - Outdoor Plant Sale

*And other concerts yet to be determined.*

### UUCB RUMMAGE & BOOK SALE

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH**  
**9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**



### AZTEC TWO-STEP FRIDAY, APRIL 24

One of acoustic music's most popular and enduring acts, Aztec Two-Step continues to impress audiences with intelligent songwriting, dazzling acoustic lead guitar, and inspiring harmonies. Four decades after forming their acoustic folk duo, Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman have turned out 14 albums, 12 singles, 2 PBS documentaries, and an appearance on the David Letterman show.

Through the years, Aztec Two-Step has garnered acclaim from music critics at Billboard, Variety and the New York Times. Headliners in their own right, the duo also appeared in concert with such notable artists as The Beach Boys, The Band, Bruce Springsteen, Talking Heads, Carly Simon, Bonnie Raitt, Harry Chapin, Jim Croce, and many more.

Aztec Two-Step will be performing their own hits as well as paying tribute to the duos who influenced their lives and careers. Few groups are more qualified to interpret and perform the timeless songs & harmonies of Simon & Garfunkel and The Everly Brothers.



### 2015 HOLIDAY FAIR

**A UUCB Cookbook:** If you would be interested in helping to create a cookbook which would include some of our wonderful UUCB Soups, Breads or other wholesome recipes, contact Sue Ellen Damour.

**Sewing cloth napkins:** We need a few people to make cloth napkins to sell.

**Other Ideas?** Contact Sue Ellen Damour at [sedadamour@msn.com](mailto:sedadamour@msn.com).



*Participants in Barclay Palmer's T.S. Eliot Class*

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Iconic Folk Rock Duo

# Aztec Two-Step



Celebrating the Music of:

*Simon and Garfunkel**Everly Brothers**Chad & Jeremy**Peter & Gordon**Aztec Two-Step*

## Classic Duos

**Can YOU Help  
with the Aztec  
Two-Step  
Concert?**

We Need:

- ◆ Kitchen Helpers
- ◆ Finger Foods
- ◆ A home-cooked meal for 3

Please contact

Sue Michaud at

729-4857 or

michaud\_susan@comcast.net.

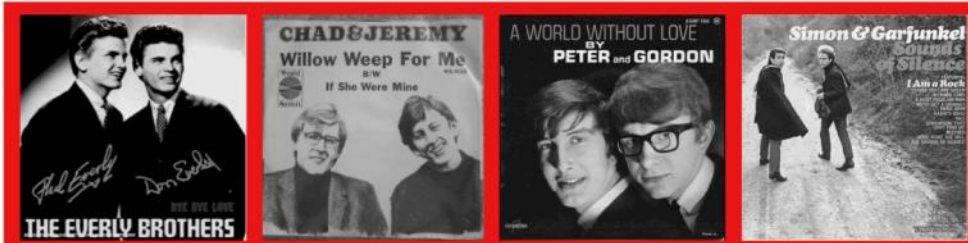
## Friday, April 24 at 8pm

### Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

1 Middle Street, Brunswick, ME

**Tickets: \$25**

Available at the church office (207-729-8515), Gulf of Maine Bookstore or ONLINE at <http://uucbClassicDuos.brownpapertickets.com>



**This is a benefit concert for the UU Church of Brunswick.**





## FUNDRAISING EVENTS... CONCERTS

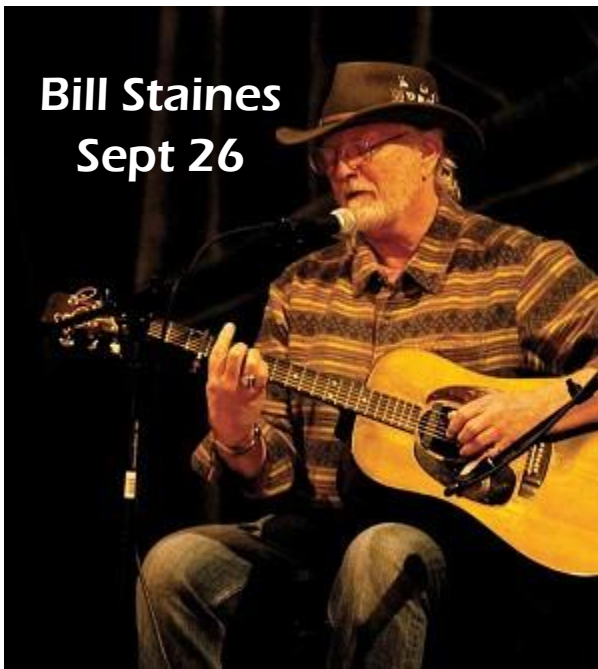
A note about our concert series: Although we welcome church members and friends to all of our concerts and encourage you to attend all those you are interested in, please remember that the purpose for having the concerts is twofold: (1) to bring good music into the Brunswick area, and (2) to bring in money from OUTSIDE the church community. Some have mentioned to me that the concerts cost too much, but to bring good musicians in, we must pay them. We try to choose entertainers who have a large following, but YOU can help by letting all your friends and acquaintances know about the concerts, even if you don't plan on attending yourself.



**July 25**

**Devonsquare**

**Bill Staines**  
**Sept 26**



### **YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CONCERT COMMITTEE!!**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31 AT 5 P.M.**

The first meeting of the Concert Subcommittee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at 5 p.m. If you are Interested in helping raise funds through public concerts, please join us for our first meeting. If you can't make it for the first meeting, you're welcome to join us whenever you are able. Please contact Sue Michaud if you are interested.

Your Concert Committee: *Susan Michaud, David Roundy, Dan Ellis, Ann Spencer, Donna Susemihl*

Sue: 729-4857 or [michaud\\_susan@comcast.net](mailto:michaud_susan@comcast.net)

## BUILDING ACCESS CODE TO BE CHANGED

On Wednesday April 8 at 10:00am the current building access code will be changed to a new number. This means the current code which many of you know, will no longer work after April 8<sup>th</sup>

The code change will NOT affect the key FOB (the little black/gray disk, many of you may have.) When you swipe this in front of the key pad it will allow you access through the front door, but does NOT unlock the door permanently. The FOB temporarily unlocks the front door long enough for you to enter the building. You will need to stand by the door and let your fellow attendees in. The advantage of this type of entry, the building remains secure during after-hours activities such as behind closed door meetings and no code to remember to reset when you leave.

If you are holding an activity intended for the general public which requires the front door to be unlocked and the handicapped button activated, please contact the office after April 8, and request the new code.

From this point forward, the building code will be changed on a regular basis. Notice will be posted before the change takes place.

## 2015-16 PLEDGE DRIVE

The annual UUCB Pledge Drive will begin on April 12. This year, the pledge drive will be a church-wide canvass. Each member and friend will be contacted by a canvasser to (1) talk about the church and our opportunities to fulfill UUCB's mission and vision and (2) receive and fill out a pledge card, sealing it in an envelope for the canvasser to return to the church. Learn about the budget priorities through weekly pledge drive publicity as you consider how much to pledge. Remember that our budget is, fundamentally, a "financial statement of our mission."

### Free Bed!

I have an electric bed available for free, for someone who might need extra help and support. The back and knees go up together or separately. The mattress is double sized, memory foam. Two wireless remotes; it even has built-in massage. Free if you meet 2 conditions: you increase your church pledge for next year, and you haul.  
Marty Teitel 449-3952

## UUCB LIBRARY PROJECT

The UUCB Library has been open for a month and browsing is happening and books are being borrowed. About 150 books are available. The library is located in the corridor next to the RE classrooms. To check out a book simply find the library card for the book in the small box. Write in your name and email or phone number. Return the card to the box and enjoy the book. Books on the shelf come from several sources. Some are books which were in the UUCB library before the fire and others were donated during the period when we were without a church. Some also came from our minister Sylvia. The collection consists of books on spiritual topics with a broad definition of spirituality. There are books about all the world's religions, books about earth based spirituality, and women's spirituality. There are many books on social justice and environmental topics. You will see books about the history of Unitarianism and Universalism. You will see current books about our denomination today. There are also books about church life and governance. There is

a very nice collection of meditation manuals. I would like to thank Christine Mitchell for protecting the collection and for designing the system we are using to manage the library. The next step is to establish a task force to plan how the collection can be expanded. Many people have offered to donate books. Since space is so limited, a group is needed to make decisions about how the collection should be managed and expanded. Anyone with an interest in the library is welcome to join the task force. The task force is not a committee which means it will meet only when needed and not on a regular basis. It is needed at this time to make next step decisions. If you are interested please call the church office or contact Alene Staley at 754-1188 or [goldthread7694@gmail.com](mailto:goldthread7694@gmail.com). Also please note there is a small library available for borrowing in the Wendall Barry Room. The borrowing procedures are the same as in the other library.



## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

I'm writing this column on the first full day of Spring, watching light snow drift down onto the hard snow pack. Probably each of us writing a piece for the Parish Messenger is having the same thought—how to inspire thoughts of Spring while trudging through a persistently wintry landscape.

The Spring I imagine is an Easter moment, full of new life, new beginnings, sprouting seeds and flowing sap. It's the kind of day that makes me say "yes!" when asked to participate, to join a group, take a walk.

So how, in our oh-so-slow approach to Spring, can I hope to inspire you to say "yes!" to some of the opportunities I see open in the church structure? We all know that it takes a myriad of committees, task forces, and volunteers to produce UUCB's vibrant calendar of events as well as support its administrative needs. I have been impressed for a long time with the breadth of members who volunteer to help: this is not a church where ten people do everything! Yet even so, we can use more help. Here are some of the places I particularly hope will attract new members:

The Worship Associates, who expand Sylvia's spiritual reach, will be particularly important during Sylvia's sabbatical. The Personnel Committee sets policy for staff and works with the Finance Committee to make compensation recommendations. Our Communications Coordinators make sure that events are publicized both on our own website and in the local papers. Building and Grounds deals with the myriad of large and small details that running a big building requires. The newly envisioned Music Committee and Adult RE Task Force hope to build on these areas of interest within the congregation to support and expand programming. I could go on, as there's probably no committee in the church that would say no to more help, but you get the idea.

If you are new, or haven't joined a committee for a while, consider these spring-time opportunities to grow, get your sap running, and sprout a new beginning in our church life. Not sure who to call? Get in touch with me ([cindyparker48@gmail.com](mailto:cindyparker48@gmail.com)) and I'll be glad to direct you. Say yes!

With best wishes, *Cindy*

## FLOWERS AND FOCAL POINTS

We thank **Nancy Collins** for organizing flowers for the sanctuary for our first year in our new building. Now Nancy has moved on to other activities, so we are looking for someone who can take over this task. In the meantime, please note there is a sign-up sheet for flowers on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Traditionally, people decorate with flowers, but if you would like to create a focal point to coordinate with the sermon topic for a particular Sunday, talk to Sylvia to get a gist of the theme.

April flowers (or focal points) are given by the following people:

April 05: Various members of the congregation in celebration of Easter (see below)

April 12: OPEN (your name could go here)

April 19: OPEN (your name could go here)

April 26: OPEN (your name could go here)



*Sylvia Stocker*

## VEGAN SUNDAY

**April 19**

The Vegan Sunday potluck will be held after church on Sunday, April 19, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Come share delicious plant-based food and camaraderie with other vegans and those who want to explore a vegan diet as a pathway to better health for our bodies and our planet.

Sorry, no drop-ins, but if you are planning to come, please RSVP to coordinator Esther Mechler at [brunswick64@gmail.com](mailto:brunswick64@gmail.com) or 798-7955 by Thursday, April 16, and let her know what vegan dish you wish to bring.

## THE PASSOVER SEDER IS BACK

After a multi-year absence, our own unique Passover Seder is returning to UUCB on **April 11 at 6 PM**. We'll have a short participatory service using a Haggadah written by a UU minister followed by a potluck of traditional Passover dishes.

Come for great food, singing, and fun. All ages are welcome. Please contact Mike Rubin at [mdrubin@mac.com](mailto:mdrubin@mac.com) or 207 371-9087 to sign up for the potluck. Recipes are available.



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

## Windy Ridge Band



**Friday  
April 17**

**Feature set  
preceded by  
Open Mike**

*Margaret Riggin, Jim Chard, Mama Beth Revels, Frank "Woody" Woodard*

The Windy Ridge Band has been playing bluegrass music at festivals, coffee houses, restaurants, civic clubs, parades, weddings, private parties and even a rodeo since the band was established in 1989. Windy Ridge plays an assortment of their favorite traditional bluegrass, folk and Americana songs and also features songs written by Jim Chard and Mama Beth Revels. One of the band's highlights includes Windy Ridge's recently released CD "Invitation", which is comprised of Jim's original tunes. They are the winner of the 2014 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in Three Categories!!!

Founding member and award-winning songwriter Jim Chard sings lead vocals while masterfully playing the guitar and mandolin. Mama Beth Revels sings lead and harmony vocals and plays mandolin, guitar and occasional bass. Frank "Woody" Woodard, an original member of the band, sings, keeps the band steady playing bass, and picks up the guitar to entertain with some favorite tunes. Margaret Riggin, a classical violinist from the age of 6, enhances the band's sound with her talents on the fiddle.

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

# APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
RE = All RE Space HIL = Hildebrant Room CAR = Carson Room MAN = Mandela Room MSR = May Sarton Room SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry Room			<b>1</b>  <b>6 Council:</b> MSR	<b>2</b> <b>6:30 Maundy Thursday Service:</b> SAN <b>7-9 Choir:</b> SAN	<b>3</b> <b>11 am Fellowship Gallery:</b> MSR  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Office Closed</i>
<b>5</b> <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes</b> 	<b>6</b> <b>7 Pagans:</b> WBR <b>7 Merry Meeting Singers :</b> SAN <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>7</b> <b>1:30 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR <b>4-6 Membership:</b> MSR <b>6 RE Committee:</b> MER <b>6:30 Worship :</b> MSR	<b>8</b> Art Display Down <b>1-3 Writers:</b> MSR	<b>9</b> Art Display Up <b>10 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship <b>7-9 Choir:</b> SAN	<b>10</b> <b>10:30 Building &amp; Grounds:</b> MSR	<b>11</b> <b>8-1 Canvassing Training:</b> MSR <b>6 Passover Seder:</b> SAN <i>Office Closed</i>
<b>12</b> <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes &amp; MRS</b> <b>UUCB Canvass</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>13</b> <b>7 Pagans:</b> WBR <b>7 Merry Meeting Singers :</b> SAN <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>14</b> <b>5:30-6:30 Finance:</b> MSR <b>6:30 Stories :</b> WBR <b>7:30 Pastoral Care:</b> MSR <b>7 Womens Alliance:</b> SAN	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship <b>7-9 Choir:</b> SAN	<b>17</b> <b>5 Parish Messenger Deadline</b> <b>6 Beth Israel Thank You Reception:</b> Bath <b>7-10 Side Door Coffehouse:</b> SAN (	<b>18</b> <i>Office Closed</i>
<b>19</b> <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes</b> <b>12:30 Vegan Sunday</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>20</b> <b>7 Merry Meeting Singers :</b> SAN <b>7 Pagans:</b> WBR  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>21</b> <b>3 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR <b>6:30 Board:</b> MSR	<b>22</b> <b>1-3 Writers:</b> MSR 	<b>23</b> <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship <b>7-9 Choir:</b> SAN	<b>24</b> <b>7 Aztec Two-Step Concert:</b> SAN	<b>25</b> <i>Office Closed</i>
<b>26</b> <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes</b> <b>6 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>27</b> <b>7 Pagans:</b> WBR <b>7 Merry Meeting Singers :</b> SAN	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 Stories w Soul:</b> WBR	<b>29</b> <b>12 Men's Luncheon:</b> Off Site	<b>30</b> <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship <b>7-9 Choir:</b> SAN	<b>May 1</b> <b>11:00 Fellowship Gallery:</b> MSR	<b>2</b> <i>Office Closed</i>

## 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** (usually). This deadline for the MAY Parish Messenger is **Friday, April 24th**. (michaud\_susan@comcast.net)