

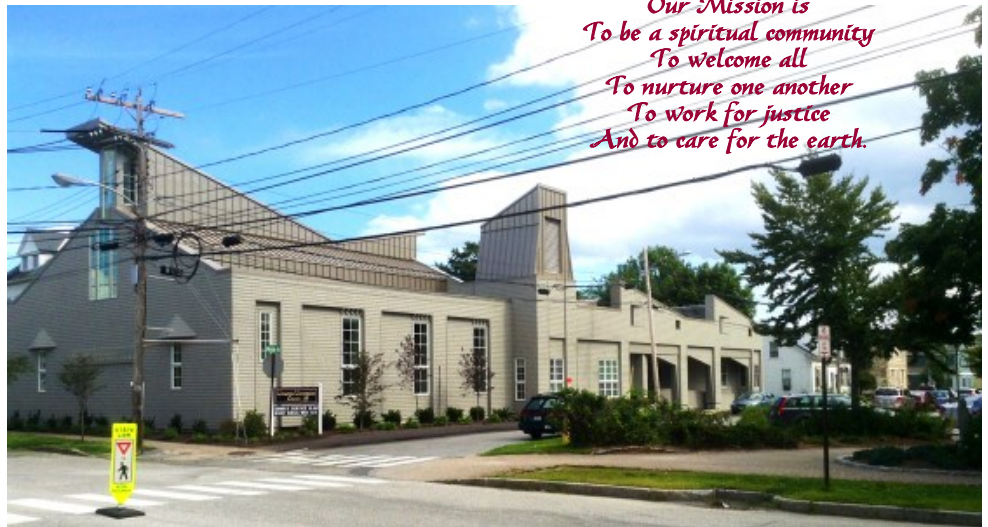
Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



May, 2015

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*Our Mission is
To be a spiritual community
To welcome all
To nurture one another
To work for justice
And to care for the earth.*

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

May 3 Hunger In the second in a series of two sermons about hunger, the Green Sanctuary Committee explores hunger on the local level and ponders what we can do. Music by Nell Britton.

May 10 "Compassion 4" In the fourth of four sermons scattered throughout the year, Rev. Stocker brings us yet deeper into the subject of compassion. Music by the choir under the direction of Heidi Nefeld and Nell Bretton, pianist.

Please note: We will conduct a food drive during the service. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the food bank. In addition, we will take a second collection for the First Universalist Church of Southold, NY, whose church was destroyed by fire on March 14.

May 17 Religious Education Sunday We celebrate our Sunday school and hear our kids and teachers present what they have learned. Director of Religious Education Nicole Shanks will lead the service. Music by Jud Caswell.

May 24 "Meeting in the Real-ness" Guest minister Rev. Erika Hewitt preaching. We live in a culture permeated by shame, which researcher Brené Brown defines as the fear of disconnection. As a result, we lose our ability to be vulnerable and to engage with the world. What would our communities look and feel like if instead we dared to live from our vulnerability, empathy, and connection? Music by Larry Lemmel.

(Note: On this Sunday, Rev. Stocker will be preaching in Augusta to cover for one Sunday while Rev. Carie Johnsen is on sabbatical.)

May 31. Coming of Age Service All year long our youth have been studying, volunteering, thinking, and exploring as they seek to put words to their individual theologies. This service is the capstone of the Coming of Age program: In a service the youth have designed themselves, we will hear their Credo ("I believe") statements, music, and other reflections. Come hear what they have to say and celebrate their special day. Music by Jean Lay and the Coming of Age participants.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister

Rev. J. Bradbury Mitchell,
Minister Emeritus

Rev. Karen Foley
Affiliate Minister

Nicole Shanks,
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HOW TO REACH US

The Unitarian Universalist Church 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.

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

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Merry Meeting Singers

ALABANZA!

Choral Music Old and New

Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 pm

Tickets \$10 at the door

Benefit the UUCB Building Fund

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IMPORTANT RE DATES

May 03: RE Classes, All Youth

May 10: Last Day of RE Classes, Youth Group and COA extended meetings

May 17: Intergenerational RE Celebration Service

May 24: No RE Programs

Blessings, *Nicole*



... MINISTER'S MUSINGS ...

MORE SABBATICAL NEWS

Some of you have asked for more information about my upcoming sabbatical. Planning for it is making me step out of my usual habits. I'm the kind of person who doesn't plan vacations until I am actually on vacation! But a sabbatical is different, as it requires making plans for the church while I am gone and also making my own plans to use the gift of time wisely.

These are the dates in question: October to December will be sabbatical months; January will be a month of vacation and study time. April 15 to July 15, 2016, will be sabbatical months; July 15 to August 15, 2016, will be vacation and study time.

Here, so far, is what I plan to do with the time: In October I will attend the World Parliament of Religions in Salt Lake City. Steve is going with me, and we are considering either driving or taking the train so that we can see the country a bit. In May (2016) I will attend the Festival of Homiletics in Atlanta Georgia.

Other plans are more home-based: I have some art projects I am eager to explore. I am definitely not artistic by nature, but I want to stretch myself a bit. I plan learn more about the art of pysanky (Ukrainian egg dyeing) and work on some collages for which I have been saving materials forever. Also, I plan to review the history of our congregation that Minister Emeritus Brad Mitchell has completed. Last, I plan to spend some time doing some on-line study at the Worship Design Studio, a resource created by worship specialist Marcia McFee. Throughout,

of course, I plan to continue my walking program – now somewhat of an addiction for me!

I am still mulling some other ideas – chiefly a possible trip to Scotland with Steve and our son (Stocker is a Scottish name), and/or a trip south to visit our nation's Civil Rights historical locations.

In light of the sabbatical, I have taken advantage of a district program to fill the pulpit for most of the Sundays I am away during the September to June “regular church year.” (Summer Sundays in 2016 are not filled yet, but I have an idea for those to discuss with the Worship Committee. More later.) District churches agree to share their ministers in sabbatical periods so that no church is left with a big gap of unfilled Sundays. Thus, over the years, both Karen Foley and I have periodically filled pulpits for other churches. (In fact, I am filling the Augusta pulpit this month, the Allen Avenue Portland pulpit in June, and the Sanford pulpit in October; Karen is filling the 1st Parish Portland pulpit next March – all to support the pulpit sharing program.) Now, as a result of our district exchange, an excellent line-up of guest ministers awaits your attention! Usually when ministers visit in this way, they bring their finest sermons with them, so you will be treated to some special preaching next year.

Ministers will not fill every Sunday. (Our district isn't that big.) Besides, sabbatical is a chance for lay people to bring their own creativity to the pulpit. Thus some

Sundays will be filled by other guests from the community, parishioners in our congregation, and various committees. Before I leave, I will publish a schedule of pulpit guests.

Meanwhile, a Sabbatical Committee is hard at work, making plans for my time away next year. Members of the committee are: Mary Larson, Cindy Parker, Dan Ellis, Sharon Brown, and Wendy Roundy. We are putting systems in place to cover all the bases while I am gone. Although my time away may seem lengthy, it will pass quickly (undoubtedly for me, especially!), and with the help of the Sabbatical Committee, smoothly.

Please feel free to ask me any questions or share any concerns you have about the sabbatical. Or, for that matter, feel free to share your delights and wisdom gained from past sabbatical periods. As always, I am interested in hearing what you have to say.

Much love,
Sylvia



FELLOWSHIP GALLERY

The Fellowship Gallery, located in the Fellowship Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick, continues to rotate exhibits by talented local artists.



Starting April 9 through May 13, local artist **Jamie Ribisi-Braley** will exhibit a group of paintings entitled *Working Through.* The gallery is open to the public Tue.-Fri. from 10am-4pm and on Sundays from 10-12 noon.

NEW FLAMING CHALICE GRACES THE FRONT OF OUR BUILDING!

On April 22, the Building and Grounds Committee deemed the snow to be melted enough to haul out some ladders and install a new metal flaming chalice sculpture on the front of our building. Crafted by Uriah Bueller, the same artist who created the flaming chalice that adorns our sanctuary, the new one features a rainbow flame to mark our commitment to welcoming and supporting the GLBTQ community. The chalice is beautiful, and it artistically pulls the front of the church together nicely. Come by and see it!

The installation was the brainchild of former Building Team member Laura Jackson, who had always envisioned a chalice in that spot. She approached the Board with her idea, and, once the idea was approved, communicated our wishes to Uriah Bueller, who made the sanctuary wall chalice. You may recall the sanctuary chalice was a gift from Richard Barrett, the grandson of the Rev. Otto Raspe, who served our congregation during the First World War. Mr. Barrett, on hearing of our interest in a second chalice, generously offered to gift us once again.

We have been so blessed by the generosity of people far and wide who have stood by us while we recovered from our fire and rebuilt our church. May we respond in kind this month when we take up a collection for the Southold NY Universalist Church who lost their building to fire in March.

Sylvia Stocker



MAY'S CHARITY WITH SOUL



Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast

Formed in February 2005, The Restorative Justice Project of the Midcoast provides restorative conferences for adult and juvenile offenders in Knox, Waldo, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties and an array of restorative justice services for the Maine Coast Regional Reentry Center and for K-12 schools. The focus on offender accountability, coupled with a focus on the impact of the offense on the victim and community, has significantly decreased recidivism, healed the harm done to victims, and transformed lives with understanding and meaningful community connections.

Restorative justice is a growing movement within the educational and criminal justice systems in the US and throughout the world. It is an approach to justice that focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with harmed parties (victims) and the community at large. When those that have been harmed, offenders, and community members meet to decide how to repair harm, the results can be transformational.

Those harmed take an active role in the process, while offenders are encouraged to take responsibility for their actions "to repair the harm they've done." This approach fosters dialogue between the harmed party (victim) and offender and it shows the highest rates of satisfaction and offender accountability. The process also holds the potential for those harmed and their families to have a direct voice in determining just outcomes and reestablishes the role of the community in supporting all parties affected by crime.

PREVENTION

Restorative Schools

Restorative justice in schools is a front line for preventing lives of crime. Rather than detention, suspension and expulsion — all of which thwart learning — restorative justice builds on the power of relationships, creating a cultural shift in how schools respond to misbehavior and wrong-doing. Students are provided a supportive means to take accountability for their actions, to hear from victims they've harmed, and to take steps to repair the damage they've caused. RJP offers ongoing restor-

ative intervention through school trainings in restorative justice, victim offender mediation and restorative conferencing.

INTERVENTION

Court Diversion - Restorative Community Conferencing

Judges, prosecutors, and probation officers can divert youth and young adults who have committed a crime from the traditional path of criminal justice — conviction, criminal record and in some cases incarceration — to Restorative Community Conferencing. In these circles, victims talk about the damage that was caused and the impact on their lives. The offenders tell what happened and take accountability for the harm they caused. With the help of community participants, they reach consensus on how offenders can repair the harm they have caused. When the offenders complete these agreements, usually with the help of an RJP volunteer mentor, the court typically reduces or dismisses the charges.

REINTEGRATION

Reintegrating prisoners into community

In partnership with the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center, the Waldo County Sheriff's Office and Volunteers of America, RJP applies the principles and practices of restorative justice to build trust and relationships among men and staff in the Center and in the community of Belfast and surrounding area. At any given time, up to 32 resident men complete a rigorous application and selection process to finish the final eight to twelve months of their sentences at the Center. We match these residents with mentors from the community, teach them restorative justice and facilitate circles to address issues and resolve conflict.

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

See how YOU can take part in restorative justice—page 7.



VOTE FOR THE 2015-2016 CHARITIES WITH SOUL

UUCB divides its weekly collection plate with charities selected annually by the congregation. This year, the annual process began in April when the congregation was invited to submit nominations for their favorite charities. Those nominations are listed in a ballot, printed as an insert in the order of services for Apr. 26 and May 3, and printed here in the newsletter.

Please do **select ten charities** that you would like to receive one-half of the collection plate for 2015-2016. Feel free to use the ballot in this issue of the newsletter, and return it to the church office by Friday, May 8. Thank you! -- *The Working for Justice Steering Group*

Charity with Soul Ballot for 2015 – 2016

Please check off ten (10) organizations to become UUCB Charities with Soul for 2015 – 2016.

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

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> Boys to Men – Seeks to reduce interpersonal violence, specifically male violence against women and girls, and supports the development of emotionally fluent, civically engaged boys.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Humane Society – a “no-kill” animal shelter serving midcoast Maine.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> College Guild - The Brunswick volunteer organization provides free correspondence courses to prisoners throughout the country – a population that is often overlooked.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Doctors’ Without Borders – Provides health services in war-torn regions and developing countries.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Gathering Place – the Brunswick organization offers hospitality, respect, and support to those who come – a place for people with no place to go.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ILAP (Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project) Volunteer lawyers and others help immigrants throughout Maine through the difficult legal process of obtaining asylum status. (80% success rate).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Independence Assoc. – a multifunction organization in Brunswick that serves children and adults with intellectual disability and autism – vocational, homes, arts, community & more.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maine Hospice Council & Center for End-of-Life Care – ensures the development of hospice and palliative care in Maine, providing education and advocacy for the terminally ill and bereaved.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maine Inside Out - collaborating with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated young people to create and share original theater inside and outside correctional facilities.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> MUUSAN – a statewide advocacy network anchored in UU faith.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Council of Maine – Works statewide for clean air, healthy waters, and safeguards for Maine’s people and wildlife.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nature Conservancy – protects the land and waters on which all life depends.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Paul O’Neil Foundation – helps defray non-covered expenses such as hotels, meal, mileage etc. for families with children who have life threatening and long-term illnesses in Maine.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine chapter – focuses on issues including toxic chemicals, domestic violence, and climate change as they threaten Maine people’s health.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Preble Street Resource Center – Creates solutions for homelessness, hunger and poverty in the greater Portland area.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Spindleworks – Provides artistic outlets for developmentally disabled adults in the Brunswick area.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tedford Housing - Works to end homelessness in midcoast Maine by providing, in collaboration with others, shelter, housing and services to those in need.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Veterans for Peace, Tom Sturtevant Chapter – a non-profit organization pledged to use non-violent means to maintain a democratic and open organization for the larger purpose of world peace</p> |
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- You may return this ballot to the church office up to Friday noon, May 8, 2015.***

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

AN UPDATE ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN BRUNSWICK AND AN INVITATION TO JOIN AN EXPLORATORY CIRCLE

Last spring a collaborative group from Bowdoin College, First Parish, St. Paul's and UU Church of Brunswick organized a community forum based on Michelle Alexander's book, *Mass Incarceration in an Age of Colorblindness*. That group went on to explore the possibility of introducing restorative justice values and practices to the Brunswick community. With guidance and facilitation from Restorative Justice Institute of Maine (RJIM), members of the collaborative read Howard Zehr's *The Little Book of Restorative Justice*, and many participated in a series of five Exploratory Circles to learn more about the concepts and principles of restorative practices. Circle participants experienced the potential power of those practices in personal relationship and community and are now prepared to facilitate Exploratory Circles themselves.

By "training trainers", RJIM is able to strengthen its capacity (and mission) to expand restorative practices in Maine. At the same time that this second series of Exploratory Circles is being offered to individuals, RJIM is reaching out at a systems wide level to several Maine communities, including Brunswick. Within months RJIM hopes to initiate a wider community

conversation to establish restorative practices *services* in Brunswick with potential roles and appropriate training for those interested.

We are all encouraged to read Howard Zehr's short but very informative book and to consider participating in an Exploratory Circle. When individuals within a community develop a thorough understanding of restorative values and practices, the culture of that community begins to shift, making attempts at community wide action more effective.

Copies of *The Little Book of Restorative Justice* are available for \$5.00 at the UUCB and St. Paul's church offices, and two series of Exploratory Circles are being scheduled for three 2 hour sessions each:

**Wednesdays, 3-5pm (6/10, 6/17, 6/24) or
Saturdays, 9:30-11:30am (6/13, 6/20, 6/27).**

For more information about the book or Exploratory Circles, contact Cathey Cyrus through the UUCB church office 729-8515.

From the Working for Justice Steering Group



THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Guest At Your Table effort to raise money for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Altogether our congregation raised **\$1624.98** to support UUSC justice work around the world.

APPRECIATION FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL SPRING FLOWERS

Last Fall Pat Harris' mother, Margaret, made a donation of Spring bulbs to UUCB. In November, Pat, Pat Moore, and Clara Ross planted 148 bulbs. Mid April saw the Crocus vernus Remembrance' poke their heads out of the ground. Then the Narcissus 'Bell Song', and finally the Ipheion Constellation of Blue Stars Mixture arrived. Thank you to Margaret and her generosity so we may experience some flowers of Spring time enjoyment for years to come.

Pat's Momma, Margaret, passed away this past winter.



MUUSAN



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Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network

Spring Conference 2015

***Religion & Politics – Bringing Our Faith Into
Public Discussion and Policy Making***

WHEN: Saturday - May 9, 2015 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: UU Community Church of Augusta – 169 Winthrop Street

WHO: All Unitarian Universalists who have an interest in faith and justice for Maine and Mainers

WHY: Be part of this statewide group of Unitarian Universalists advocating for the 99%, healthcare, the climate & environment, our democratic process, and a brighter future

Keynote address:

“Bending the Arc Toward Justice”

Rev. Sue Gabrielson, UU Minister and Executive Director of the
Maine Council of Churches

Congregational Connections:

Imagine how we can connect with each other to increase the
value of our liberal religious voice in public policy in Maine

RSVP to MUUSAN@augustauu.org (not required but would help us in planning)
Call Trudy at 992-3408 for more information

***MUUSAN - bringing Unitarian Universalist values
to the public arena!***

“Be the Change”

CHALICE CIRCLE FOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, MAY 10

The Thursday Morning Chalice Circle Is Sponsoring a Food Drive May 10th

Food Drive
for Hunger



...and we would love your help. Proceeds will benefit the Brunswick Hunger Prevention group. We think it's a great way to get double-duty on your Hannaford cards. Just pick up a few extras when you do your weekly grocery shopping. Any non-perishable canned or boxed good would be gladly accepted, however, here is a list of the most-desired items:

- ♦ peanut butter
- ♦ hamburger/tuna helper
- ♦ beef stew
- ♦ canned fruits
- ♦ canned soups

We hope U Can We hope U Can We hope U can support the food drive. Chalice Circle Members will be collecting items at the door before Sunday Services on May 10th.

Sienna Dode

SAFETY POLICY

Looking for input on the UUCB Safety Policy

The draft UUCB Safety Policy is posted on the UUCB website for congregational review and comment. (*Click on Safety Policy on the website home page.*) If you don't have internet access, several hard copies are available at the Interests and Concerns table as well as in the church office. Please read the hard copies on sight and/or return them quickly so that others may also have access to them.

Your comments will be received and reviewed by the Safety Policy Task Force until **May 15**. You can email or mail written comments to the church office, uubruns@gwi.net, or speak directly to a member of the Task Force. The finalized Safety Policy document will be sent to the Board for approval on May 19.

Thanks for your attention and interest.

Safety Policy Task Force: Cathey Cyrus, Jan McClintock, Curt Neufeld, Sylvia Stocker.



Wednesday, April 22 -MUUSAN Day at the State House — with Dale McCormick, Claire Curole, Trudy Ferland, Margaret Beckman, Lindy Gifford and Karen Kusiak Activist Citizen.

END INEQUALITY TEAM



front: Hadley Horch and Ross Miller
back: Carol Evans, Glenn Williams, Jim Spicer

The church chose ending inequality in January as our vision for focusing energy and action over the next several years. The End Inequality Team was formed in mid-March.

Our statement of purpose reads as follows: *"The purpose of the End Inequality Leadership Team is to guide a compassionate, respectful process, with the congregation, to create a focused approach to ending inequality."*

Over the next six weeks we will be asking the congregation for their feelings, ideas and priorities as we move forward together.

Thank you and let me know if you have questions or suggestions: end.inequality123@gmail.com

Carol Evans

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

TUESDAY, MAY 12

The Women's Alliance will visit Pineland Center on Tuesday, May 12. Those who want to carpool will gather at UUCB at 10:15 AM and then drive to Pineland Garden at the corner of Route 251 and Allen Road in New Gloucester. Following the garden tour, we will buy lunch (brown bag it if you prefer) at the Cafe/Maine products gift shop. All areas, including the garden, are handicap accessible. There are extended tours of the farm/cheese factory/creamery for the purchase of a \$5 visitor's pass.

MEMBERSHIP

JOIN US AT "YOU AND UU" ORIENTATION

Do you have questions about Unitarian Universalism? Would you like to learn about or refresh your knowledge of our history and theology? We promise an interesting morning to address these interests at our class affectionately named, "You and UU." Read on!

Please join us at the church on **Saturday, May 16, from 9-1** when Membership Committee will host this orientation class, led by Rev. Sylvia Stocker. It is open to newcomers as well as seasoned friends and members of our congregation.

Possibly you are considering membership at UUCB, although membership is optional after taking the class. The orientation class will prepare you to make this commitment if you desire. During the class you will feel more connected to our congregation and its committees and leaders. Also, this is a wonderful time to get to know our minister, Sylvia, beyond the pulpit.

The session promises to be filled with interesting facts and anecdotes from Sylvia's vast knowledge of Unitarian Universalism. It will be a time of learning, fun, contemplation, and sharing of your many life experiences. Many have taken the class more than once to build on the information presented.

They remarked that they felt a deeper sense of connection and commitment to our church as well. So please join us for this special opportunity!

We'll enjoy breakfast snacks and a light lunch as well. Please let us know if you need childcare. You may register at the Visitor Table if you'd like to take part in this class, or call the church office, 729-8515.

NEW MEMBER CEREMONY AND CELEBRATION!

During the worship service on June 7 the congregation will share in a special service to formally welcome those who have signed the Membership Book during recent months.

This ceremony will be followed by a gala coffee hour. Please come and meet our newest members!

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 21st and run thru August 30th.

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 or
Anne Merrifield at two.gulls@rocketmail.com.

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 5th, 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.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

LAST OF THE SQUARE MEALS

Friday, June 5, at 5:30

**Dinner for 6 with
Gretchen & Dexter Kamilewicz**
at their home on Orr's Island.

"We will have Dexter's delicious barbecue chicken, my yummy potato salad, spring/summer veggies, and a surprise dessert." Hopefully the spring/early summer flowers will be blooming.

Friday, June 12 at 6 PM

**Dinner for 6 with
David & Sue Ellen Damour**
at their home just off Maine St.
(past the college)

Wine or beer and apps will whet our appetites for slaw, a veggie gratin, millet loaf, roasted veggies and coq au reisling. We will top it off with a grand fruit salad and cookies.

Saturday, July 18 at 6 PM

**Japanese Dinner for 6 with
Hadley & Fred Horch**
at their home on 44 Pleasant Street.
(just up from the church)

The menu will include sushi (with vegetarian options), soba, edamame, a donburi of some sort (rice bowl with chicken, egg, or tuna), tea, and dessert. If people are interested, we would be happy to show some pictures of our year in Japan and talk about what we learned about flower arranging (ikebana) and Japanese tea ceremony.

Bidding remains open until 5 PM the Wednesday before the dinner. The 6 highest bids win. You will be notified of the status of your bid before that Wed. Bid at the Fundraising Table or email sedadamour@msn.com.

AZTEC TWO-STEP, A SUCCESS!

The Concert Committee is pleased to announce that the Aztec Two-Step Concert on Friday, April 24th was a great success. Having sold about 170 tickets to mostly non-church members, we brought a lot of new people through our doors, made a bunch of money for the Fundraising Committee, promoted the church as one of the best concert venues in town, and those who attended had a grand old time.

THANK YOU to all who volunteered your time and/or made goodies to make this a first-class event!

Final total for the church: \$1,097



LOOKING AHEAD TO A YEAR OF FUNDRAISING

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 in the works.

2015-16 PLEDGE DRIVE



KICK-OFF SUNDAY

The choir leads the congregation in the Pledge Drive Theme Song, to the tune of New York, New York. Words by Reg Elwell:

Start spreading the news.

We need you today.

Oh, come and be a part of it and help us pay.

We have a new church.

It's yours and it's mine.

The mission we are striving for puts us on the line.

We want to care for this place and keep it shining bright,
And give to all who come near a welcoming sight.

We work on our dreams.

We strive for each goal.

Can we end inequality for one and all?

If we all give a hand, we'll build a greener land,
It's up to you and you UU's.

Sylvia's here to preach for us, Nocole leads R.E.

We want to pay for Shirley and fill out Tony's hours.

Support the choir and their song, keep our faith strong.

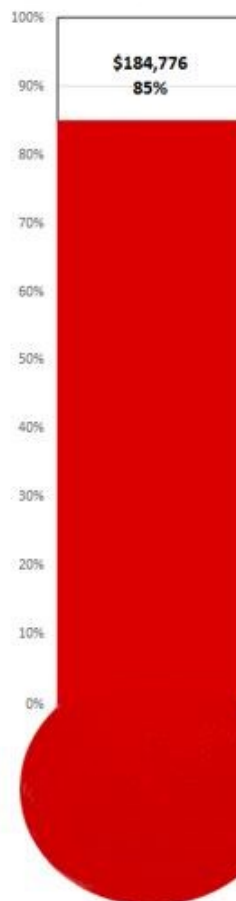
We need a pledge from you.

This work is ours.

This church is our own and needs one and all
To make a brand new start of it and pledge today
Write out a pledge and see a better community.
Come on, come through, UU's UU's.

Canvass Goal

\$217, 328



2015-16 PLEDGE DRIVE

After the first 2 weeks of canvassing, we are well on our way to reaching our Canvass goal. With 74% of the pledges in, we have reached approximately 85% of our goal.

We are hoping that we can receive the rest of the pledges by the end of our 3rd week.

Let's make it happen!



2015-16 UUCB PLEDGE DRIVE



THE HEALTHCARE MOVIE

a documentary by LAURIE SIMONS & TERRY STERREBERG

www.healthcaremovie.net

**Free public showing, comments and discussion of
this award-winning movie**

Canada and the US began trying to get healthcare for all citizens years ago. How did Canada succeed while we did not? Maine AllCare presents the story in this 35-minute movie.

Can we step up for our citizens? Reactions from Dr. Deb Hagler (Martins Point), Rep. Mattie Daughtry (Maine House Dist. 49) and Melissa Fochesato (Access Health) followed by audience discussion.

May 20, 7-8:30 PM
Unitarian Universalist Church

SUNDAY MORNING FOCAL POINTS

We are in need of one or two people to organize flowers and/or other focal points for our services. This involves publicizing the need and recruiting people either to bring flowers or to work with the worship leader to create a suitable focal point of some kind. This can be a small, contained job. If you are interested, please speak to Sylvia.

The following Sundays need flowers or focal points:

May 3
May 10
May 17
May 24
May 31



Please consider signing up for one of the dates. Signup sheet is just outside the kitchen.

Sylvia Stocker

VEGAN SUNDAY

May 17

The Vegan Sunday potluck will be held after church on Sunday, May 17, 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 Larry Lemmel at llemmel@myfairpoint.net or 720-0387 by Thursday, May 14, and let him know what vegan dish you wish to bring.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!

Can you believe it's been a year since we moved into our beautiful new building? Now that we are a little more settled, it's time to think about preparing your committee's Annual Report for FY 2014-15 (July 1 2014 to June 30, 2015)

If you are the chairperson or the designated report writer for a UUCB Committee, Task Force, Group, etc, here are some guidelines created by the Church Council to assist in developing your report.

Please consider including the following in your Annual Report:

- List committee members with year each person joined the committee/task force/group etc.
- Identify committee chair and indicate the year that person assumed leadership.
- State the charge to (purpose of) the committee.
- Describe the committee goals set for the past year.
- Summarize those goals accomplished and those still needing attention.
- Anticipate issues/changes that impact ongoing functioning of committee.
- Express appreciation when/where appropriate.

If you need a copy of last year's report, please contact the Church Office.

Once your report is completed you can...

- E-mail your report to the church office (uubruns@zwi.net)
- Mail it to UUCB, PO Box 129, Brunswick ME 04011
- Hand Deliver it to the Church Office Tue – Fri 10am-4pm
- Leave it in the mail box outside the church office.

Reports are due by Tuesday, May 19, 2015, so the full report can be put together and printed before June 7.



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



Dave Hunt, Dave Rawson and Carter Ruff

Red Beans & Rice

Red Beans and Rice are proud to be Maine's only three piece blues duo. Dave Hunt, **UUCB's own Carter Ruff**, and Ave Rasom come together to bring you an entertaining (and even danceable!) mix of old blues styles, and even an occasional funky surprise! What will they think of next!

Friday Evening, May 15

Feature set preceded by the Open Mike

MAY 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					1 11 am Fellowship Gallery: MSR <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>Office Closed</i>
3 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes	4 4:30 Working for Justice 7 Pagans: WBR 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN	5 1:30 Chalice Circle: WBR 4-6 Membership: MSR 5-6 Staff 6:30 Worship : MSR 7:00 Concert Cmte.	6 Art Display Down 1-3 Writers: MSR 5:15 End Inequality	7 Art Display Up 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 7-9 Choir: SAN	8 10:30 Building & Grounds: MSR 12 Deadline for Charity with Soul Ballot	9 9:30 -2 MUUSAN Spring Conference <i>Office Closed</i>
10 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes FOOD DRIVE 	11 7 Pagans: WBR 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN <i>Office Closed</i>	12 10:15 Womens Alliance: Pineland 6:30 Stories : WBR 7:30 Pastoral Care: MSR	13	14 10 Chalice Circle 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 7-9 Choir: SAN	15 Deadline for Safety Policy Comments 7-10 Side Door Coffehouse: SAN (Red Beans & Rice)	16 9-1 UU Orientation Class <i>Office Closed</i>
17 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 12:00 Vegan Sunday 6 pm Chalice Circle <i>Office Closed</i>	18 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN 7 Pagans: WBR <i>Office Closed</i>	19 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE 3 Chalice Circle: WBR 6:30 Board: MSR	20 1-3 Writers: MSR 5:15 End Inequality 7 Healthcare Movie	21 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 7-9 Choir: SAN	22 5 Parish Messenger Deadline	23 <i>Office Closed</i>
24 10 Church Service NO RE Classes <i>Office Closed</i>	25  7 Pagans: WBR 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN	26 6:30 Stories w Soul: WBR	27 12 Men's Luncheon: Off Site	28 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 7-9 Choir: SAN	29 6 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN	30 7:30 Merry Meeting Singers Spring Concert <i>Office Closed</i>
31 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes	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 JUNE Parish Messenger is Friday, May 22nd. (michaud_susan@comcast.net)					