

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



July, 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.*

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister

Rev. J. Bradbury Mitchell,
Minister Emeritus

Nicole Shanks,
Director of Religious Education

Stephanie Bernier, Music Coordinator

Heidi Neufeld, Choir Director

TBA, Choir Accompanist

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

Tony Sulkoski, Sexton



SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

July 5 "Music is Spirit, Soul and Schubert"

Larry Lemmel and Grace Lewis-McLaren reprise Schubert's *Fantasie for Piano*... with stories, readings, and musical insights to deepen our experience of a masterpiece.

July 12 "Living with Uncertainty".

Gar Roper, worship leader. One great purpose of worship and spirituality is to help us live in the pervasive reality of uncertainty. Seeking and requiring certainty can limit the quality and meaningfulness of life. Embracing uncertainty can open us to the profound gift of joy and freedom. Music by Shannon Chase.

July 19 "The Way of Peace—Toward a Healing for the World"

Jim Scott, worship leader, mixes songs and stories in a message of peace and reconciliation for a wounded world and our struggling society. Amid wars, cataclysmic weather events, and an economic collapse, **any** long-term visions of sustainability have lately been obscured, if not abandoned. In this season of optimism and renewal of spirit for the work we have before us, our charge is nothing less than a job of healing the earth and ourselves.

Jim Scott is an exciting acoustic guitarist, singer, and composer of powerful music that furthers the ideals of ecology, justice, and peace. See page 10 to learn more about him.

July 26 "Love"

Sharon Brown, worship leader, reflects on the various kinds and examples of *love* that come from our hearts that are shown by giving of ourselves. Music by Jud Caswell.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3.

Please have materials for the Thursday, July 2 This Week At UUCB Email and the Sunday, July 5 Order of Service and Green Sheet Announcements in to the office (via email preferable) by noon on Wednesday July 1

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



HOW TO REACH US

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

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

The Minister, Rev. Sylvia Stocker works from home and her church office. Her regular office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 pm. She is also available by appointment. To guarantee an appointment, it's always best to call and schedule a meeting. In an emergency, do not hesitate to call her anywhere or any time. (Consult the church directory for her home number.) For routine church business, please call her at the church.

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

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

Telephone/Fax: 207 729-8515

E-mail: uubruns@zwi

Prayer during the Coming of Age Ceremony

Kate Phenix, Cordelia Horch, Nathaniel Lay, Sylvia Stocker,
Peter Neufeld, Franny Stuart, Nicole Shanks

IMPORTANT RE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

Youth Info: We will be offering Our Whole Lives (OWL) for grades 7-9 and youth group for grades 7-12 in our upcoming program year. Stay tuned for more information!

Volunteers Needed: We are still seeking volunteers to be part of the teaching teams for PreK-K and the 4-6th grade classes. Expect to commit to between 7-12 Sundays during the year depending on your availability. Want more information? Please contact Nicole at uubrunswickdre@gmail.com

September 09: PreK-Grade 6 RE Volunteer Orientation (evening)

September 14: Intergenerational Homecoming Service

September 21: Start of RE classes

September 28: Parent orientation following the worship service/RE classes; childcare provided

October 3 - 4: Youth Group camping trip

Happy Summer!
nicole

... MINISTER'S MUSINGS ...

Today as I was walking down the sidewalk in front of the church, I became completely intoxicated by the fragrance of the beach roses planted there. I am not sure I can think of a fragrance I love more than that one. It's even better than the fragrance of laundry hung outside on the clothesline – another favorite fragrance of mine.

Summer is upon us, even if the temperatures have been cooler than they sometimes are this time of year and the skies have seemed more routinely gray than we are accustomed to. Waking for my early morning walk is easy these days. By 5:30 AM, the sky has been light for quite some time. Often I am already wide awake before the alarm even sounds.

I have so loved this past church year. Our congregation feels vital and alive. We are growing in depth as well as numbers. The spirit in

the congregation feels hopeful and positive. At the same time, I am looking forward to resting for a little while this summer. I will be away for the month of July, spending part of my time on vacation and part of it on reading time – a period of time set aside for study and thought given to the coming church year.

The Worship Committee has recruited a roster of lay leaders to lead services while I am gone. Those services are a great way to hear some other voices and get to know fellow parishioners better. We are so fortunate that creativity abounds in our congregation. Should you have an emergency while I am away, call either the church office or a member of the Board of Trustees who will know how to reach the minister on call.

Some years ago, I discovered a recipe for blueberry pie handed down from my husband's aunt.

The recipe included all the usual ingredients you might think of: pie crust, wild Maine blueberries (she was a native Mainer), sugar, thickener of some kind, butter. But there was one ingredient I never would have expected. As part of the pie filling, the recipe called for three or four petals of the same kind of beach roses that grow in our church garden.

I have never had the opportunity to try that particular recipe, but I love the possibility it represents. – the notion of looking at the things in new ways, the creativity of combining elements that seem commonplace and coming up with something different, and the possibility of making the sweet things in life even sweeter.

This summer may sweetness be plentiful for you. May you see with new eyes. And may your spirits soar to new vistas.

Love, Sylvia





Youth Group shenanigans after a Sunday service.

JOIN UUCB MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FOR DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP



During July and August, the Membership Committee will continue the long tradition of organizing Circle Suppers at the homes of members and friends. Longtime UUCBers already know this is a great way to make new friends over delicious pot luck dinners. For newcomers, this is a great way to become better connected with others for good food and fellowship.

Circle suppers are casual gatherings of 6 to 8, with guests bringing their favorite dishes. To participate, please email Debbie Zorach at dszorach@gwi.net or call her at 207-729-8103. We will need a few hosts and any number of diners! Bon Appetit!

JULY'S CHARITY WITH SOUL

COASTAL HUMANE SOCIETY



The Coastal Humane Society (CHS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization, animal shelter, and companion animal adoption agency founded in 1950 and incorporated in 1965. Beginning as a volunteer-run shelter in an old barn not far from where the current shelter stands, it is now one of the largest animal shelters in Maine with a staff of 20 (including their own veterinarian, Dr. Mandie Wehr) and over a hundred active volunteers.

Currently serving 75,000 people across 450 square miles. In animal terms, that's over 3,000 stray, abused or abandoned cats, dogs, rabbits, ferrets, chinchillas, birds, hamsters and guinea pigs that are cared for annually.

Towns Served: Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Brunswick, Durham, Falmouth, Freeport, Harpswell, Lisbon, Lisbon Falls, Phippsburg, Pownal, Topsham, Woolwich, Yarmouth

The Coastal Humane Society has cared for and adopted out tens of thousands of animals, and each one is spayed or neutered, fully vaccinated, tested, and ready for a new home. They offer a number of programs and services committed to compassionate care and excellent animal placements, returning lost animals to their families, providing support and resources for pet owners, and educating the community.

They receive no funding from the state or federal government, and town contracts make up less than seven percent of what it costs to run the shelter— for the rest so they rely on donations from people like us to keep our doors open.

SHELTER: 30 Range Road, Brunswick, ME 04011
tel 207-725-5051 fax 207-725-4111

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES: 190 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, ME 04011 tel 207-449-1366

HOURS OF OPERATION: Mon, Tues & Thur 12-4 pm; Fri, Sat & Sun 12 -6 pm. Closed Wednesdays

SUMMER REFLECTION: A CHALICE CIRCLE FOR YOU NEXT YEAR?

Submitted by Karen Foley, UUCB Affiliated Minister

Yes! It's time to think about a new year of Chalice Circles! Fall is the start of a new Chalice Circle cycle.

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

Chalice Circles, initiated at UUCB by Sylvia, have been going strong for six years now, and will continue this year throughout her sabbatical. Many of you already know that I will retire at the end of August. I will discontinue Chalice Circle leadership after the current year's September meetings. So how will the program continue? Ah—we have a talented team to carry the Circles forward! Cindy Parker will create

the Circles and put them together with their facilitators. Jim Spicer will head a team to create and craft the topics for use in each session. Brad Mitchell will facilitate the facilitators' sessions. We anticipate that the involvement of more people passionate about Chalice Circles will lead to richness, depth, and breadth!

Each year it's a whole new set of Circles, reconfigured, so no Circle is replicated from year to year. (Yes, this means you have to sign up to be in one next year, even if you're already in one!)

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

(revKL Foley@comcast.net, 725-1379).

MUUSAN

PORTLAND PRIDE PARADE—JUNE 20, 2015



UUs from Allen Avenue, Saco, Brunswick, Mid-Coast, Yarmouth, Waterville, and Pittsfield made up the MUUSAN contingent in the 2015

Next MUUSAN Meeting:

July 11
Augusta UU Church



UUCB Marchers: Cathey Cyrus, Lynn Ellis, Jim Michaud, Julie Ricard, and Betty Wurtz

UUCB Member Betty Wurtz, who just celebrated her 80th birthday the week before marched the entire parade route, often dancing along the way!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

A summer youth group is coming in from St. Mary's Parish, Shrewsbury, MA the week of July 6.

Michele Ober is looking for

**12 lunches for each day
Wed, July 8 – Sat, July 11.**



Get a friend and make the lunch together.
Contact Michele at 504-9335
if you can provide lunch for one day.



ENDING INEQUALITY

ENDING INEQUALITY: LET'S CONSIDER THE COLLECTION PLATE!!

Money can be a sensitive area for many of us and our church collection plate involves a rather public business of offering bills or coins in front of other people. It is arguably the least equalizing moment in our worship service. Since our church vision is "Ending Inequality", let's make the small, symbolic gesture of redesigning the collection plate. The purpose would be to offer more privacy and increase the sense of equality among members and visitors. Criteria have been defined: it must be a beautiful, durable, earth friendly, functional container with a cover and slot. We want to include children and youth in the design and/or selection. The End Inequality Leadership Team is looking for some interested folks who would be a task force to look at next steps. If you would like to join with others to work on this idea, please contact Carol Evans at carolevans26@comcast.net.



SAVE THE DATE: JULY 30

IT'S AS AMERICAN AS APPLE **PIE**!

PROTECT, **I**MPROVE, AND **E**XPAND MEDICARE

Come, celebrate **Medicare's 50th birthday** on a gorgeous evening
July 30– at Monument Square, Portland, 6-8:30 pm.

Music, speeches, **PIE** contest.

Support Medicare for All-publicly financed, universal coverage from our first breath to our last.
Simple concept, economical, equitable.

Organized by Maine State Nurses Association, Southern Maine Workers Center,
supported by Maine AllCare, MUUSAN, and others.

Who was the very first person signed up for Medicare in 1965?

FMI: Bill Clark, Lynn Ellis.

FUNDRAISING



For 30 years the talented local folk-pop band Devonsquare (Tom Dean, Alana MacDonald, and Herb Ludwig) toured the US and Europe as well as releasing five CD's. From the pubs and folk stages of the Northeast, they developed a devoted fan base that has followed them from coast to coast and were commonly referred to as the #1 vocal group on the contemporary-folk music circuit.

The band's debut single "Walking on Ice" on Atlantic Records reached the top 20 in nationwide adult contemporary charts, and their follow-up record "Bye-bye Route 66" likewise garnered critical acclaim.

After the death of former band member Herb Ludwig in 2005, MacDonald and Dean took a 10 year hiatus from performing as Devonsquare. Fans are thrilled that they

have recently decided to tour again as Devonsquare, joined by longtime bass guitarist **Teg Glendon** and guitarist **Robby Coffin**.

Don't forget to tell all your music-loving friends about this special event.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$27 at the door.

Available at the church office (729-8515), at Gulf of Maine Books, or ONLINE at

<http://www.uucbdevonsquare.brownpapertickets.com>.

Arguably one of the best vocal pop/folk bands to come out of the New England area was a group called Devonsquare. Their tight three-part harmonies were immaculate, pure and pristine and their songwriting was equally good.

Lucky Clark, Kennebec Journal

SQUARE MEALS

LAST CHANCE TO BID ON THE JAPANESE DINNER

Japanese Dinner for 6 by Hadley and Fred Horch on Saturday, July 18 at 6 PM at our home on 44 Pleasant St., 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 SUNDAY, June 28**. 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.



FUNDRAISING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Because of our very successful pledge campaign this year, the Fundraising budget has been reduced substantially. SO... if we are able to do all the fundraising events listed below, we can have a fun time AND give a good portion of our income to outreach... something we've wanted to do for a long time. We are looking for volunteers to organize one or more of these events, and/or we still need a chair for the Fundraising Events Committee. Please see our new Board Chair, Mary Larson, if you are interested.

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 (Antiques Roadshow)
 Sat, Oct 24, 2015 - Jesse Feinberg Concert
 * Sat, Dec 05, 2015 - Holiday Fair
 Sat, Mar 12, 2016 - Ellis Paul Concert
 Sat, Apr 02, 2016 - Ysaye Barnwell Workshop
 * Sat, Apr 30, 2016 - Church Auction
 * Sat, May 07, 2016 - Outdoor Plant Sale
 Sun, May 15, 2016 - Maine Gay Men's Chorus Concert

* These events (and dates) are tentative and contingent upon volunteers stepping up as organizers or co-organizers.

FEED THE CHURCH WHILE YOU FEED YOURSELVES . . .

. . . by buying pre-paid cards from Hannaford! Every dollar you spend at Hannaford, using one of our cards, nets a 5% return to the church -- easy money indeed! Cards are available for \$25, \$50 or \$100, and do not "expire" so you may spend as little or as much as you want each time.

Please see Caroline Evans or Ann Spencer during Sunday coffee hours (we try to stand at the sanctuary side of the social space), or you may see Shirley Bernier during church office hours. We appreciate your support with this ongoing fundraiser!

And don't forget to pick up your Clynk Bags on the table across from the kitchen window.

JIM SCOTT



Jim Scott will be leading the worship service on Sunday, July 19th. Jim gave a series of concerts to raise money for our new church building. The above photo was taken at the Auburn UU Church on Sept. 25, 2012 after their concert which raised more than \$600 for us.

Jim Scott is an exciting acoustic guitarist, singer, and composer of powerful music that furthers the ideals of ecology, justice, and peace. He co-wrote the celebrated *Missa Gaia - Earth Mass* and many other pieces with the Paul Winter Consort. He has recorded many albums of original music and has performed in 49 states and throughout Europe. Jim has long been active in the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Church, and has visited over 300 UU churches across the country, leading services, presenting concerts, and offering workshops. Three of Jim's songs are included in the Unitarian Universalist Hymnbook, and "Gather The Spirit," has become a favorite across the denomination.

FIRST TUESDAY CONCERT SERIES

ANNE AND ROSS MILLER FEATURED ON TUESDAY CONCERT

UUCB's informal First Tuesday Concerts continue on Tuesday, June 7 at 12:15 pm in the church Sanctuary. Come just to listen, or bring your brown bag lunch to enjoy during the music.

Anne and Ross Miller will present thirty minutes of restful, relaxing music for oboe and piano.

First Tuesday Concerts are presented free of charge, thanks to the generosity of UUCB musicians. They will continue through the summer and fall, with additional concerts scheduled for August 4, September 1, and October 6. Mark your calendar now!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mike Heath and Steve Wellcome recently climbed into the bell tower to inspect the bell after its first year of use. They report all looks well up there!

VEGAN SUNDAY—JULY 19

Instead of our usual Vegan Sunday potluck at church in July, the group will be dining out together after church on Sunday, July 19th at an out-of-town restaurant. For more information, please check *This Week at UUCB*, the church bulletin, or with coordinator Deborah Zorach at dszorach@gwi.net or 729-8103.

APARTMENT NEEDED OR HOUSE SHARE



Church member Lynn Ellis is looking for small, affordable apartment in Brunswick or a couple rooms in a house share. Very quiet and have one older indoor cat.

SIDE DOOR COFFEEHOUSE

NO Side Door Coffeehouse in July

Upcoming Featured Performers

August 21—Sweet Bitters

September 18—Jud Caswell

October 16—Pejepscot Station

November 20—Charlie Ipcar and

Allison Lee Freeman

December 18—Castlebay

NEW STARTING TIMES

when Side Door resumes in August.

Open Mike signup begins 15 minutes early at 6:45 and Open Mike begins at 7 pm.

The featured set will start at **8:30** instead of 9:00 pm.

JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
RE = All RE Space HIL = Hildebrant Room CAR = Carson Room MAN = Mandela Room MSR = May Sarton SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry Rm MSR = May Sarton Room Rev. Sylvia Stocker on vacation ALL month.			1 3 pm Writers: MSR 4 pm End Inequality Team: WBR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship	2	3 11 am Fellowship Gallery: MSR? Office Closed	4 
5 10 Church Service Office Closed	6 4:30 Working for Justice 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN Office Closed	7 12:15 First Tuesday Concert: SAN 4-6 Membership: MSR 6:00 RE Comm: MER 6:30 Worship : MSR	8	9 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship	10 10:30 Building & Grounds: MSR 5-8 pm Art Walk	11 Office Closed
12 10 Church Service Office Closed	13 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN Office Closed	14 11 Office Coverage Mtg 5:30 Finance: MSR 6:30 Stories : WBR 7:30 Pastoral Care: MSR	15 3 Writers: MSR	16 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship	17 NO Side Door Coffeehouse	18 Japanese Dinner at Horches Office Closed
19 10 Church Service 12 Vegan Dinner: TBA 6 pm Chalice Circle Office Closed	20 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN Office Closed	21 6:30 Board: MSR	22	23 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship	24 5 Parish Messenger Deadline	25 7:30 Devonsquare Concert Office Closed
26 10 Church Service Office Closed	27 7 Merry Meeting Singers : SAN Office Closed	28 6:30 Stories w Soul: WBR	29 3 UUCB Writers Group: MSR Men's Luncheon: TBA	30 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 6-8:30 Medicare for All: Monument Square	31 11 Fellowship Gallery Office Closed	Aug 1 Office Closed

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 (Wed on the 1st week of July)**

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 August Parish Messenger is **Friday, July 24th.** (michaud_susan@comcast.net) **(There is an extra week this month.)**