

# 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  
And to care for the earth.*

### The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister

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Minister Emeritus

Nicole Shanks,  
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Stephanie Bernier, Music Coordinator

Heidi Neufeld, Choir Director

Derek Herzer, Choir Accompanist

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

Tony Sulkoski, Sexton

## SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.



### Jan 3 "Beauty"

Rev. Mark Glovin\*

In the midst of the winter holidays, we'll celebrate our human capacity to experience beauty. We'll honor our ability to perceive it and to create it. Together, we'll wonder why we resist taking the time to put ourselves in its path. This multi-media service is an invitation to experience it all and to live lives of beauty. Prelude and Offertory music by Carter Ruff. Larry Lemmel accompanying on the hymns.

### Jan 10 "Can You Hear?"

Trudy Ferland\* and Lynn Ellis\*

Join Trudy Ferland and Lynn Ellis as they share the story of how the Maine UU State Advocacy Network (often simply called MUUSAN) began, what advocacy means in this religious context, why it is important, and where MUUSAN stands now. Music by Derek Herzer.

### Jan 17 "The Parable of the Good Samaritan and the Call to Radical Hospitality"

Rev. Jodi Cohen Hayashida\*

Music by Derek Herzer and the Choir under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

### Jan 24 "Seeing in the Dark"

Rev. Myke Johnson\*

These winter weeks are the darkest time of the year. Human beings seem to carry an instinctive fear of the dark, and we associate the dark with hard times, evil times, sad times. But there are blessings to be discovered here, in the cycle of our sleeping, our dreaming, our winter, our night. Music by Derek Herzer.

### Jan 31 "Who's Your Farmer? What a CSA? - And Why We Should Care"

Carl Goranson\*

January's about gone, and winter will bite in hard in weeks to come. Spring and the first salad greens seem far away, but for farmers it all starts now, buying seed, repairing equipment, planning rotations, starting seedlings in hoopouses. Green Sanctuary invites you to consider local farmers and what it takes in winter to get a ripe, blight-free tomato to you in August. Carl Goranson of Goranson Farm in Dresden is our guest speaker. Music by Jud Caswell. Brad Mitchell will accompany the hymns.

\* See the Worship Leaders' bios on page 3.

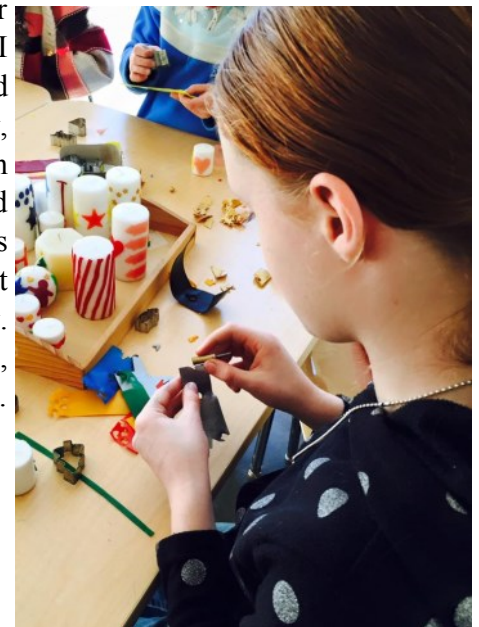
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*A*h the New Year, and all the hope it brings of better versions of ourselves coming to fruition. I may have mentioned this once or twice before, after all this is my 8<sup>th</sup> at the UUCB and therefore my 8<sup>th</sup> article on the New Year, but I'm not always thrilled by New Years' resolutions. Too many years of disappointing myself I suppose: the ten pounds gained instead of lost, the money spent instead of saved, the language not learned, the race not run... Better to not make any resolutions at all. Or is it?

If I protect myself from failure by not making any resolutions, then I abandon any hope of change simply to protect my ego. I think my mistake is often made in viewing resolutions over the course of a year. Let's say I want to save money. I start out pretty good in January but by February I've likely caved to my desire and made an unnecessary large purchase

or two contrary to my resolution of saving. And just like that, my resolution is ruined and I didn't meet my goal for the year. And with this my brain tells me that I might as well wait until next year and try again- spend away in the meantime. But, I recently read an article about the New Year by a UU minister and one line stuck out to me. I can't remember the name of the minister or where I found the article but in the midst of the talk of the New Year and reflecting on the old and looking toward the new, she wrote about each day being a new beginning and a time for new possibilities. I know, many of you may be thinking that's stating the obvious. But for me, I had a moment of inspiration. Instead of looking at the whole year, what if I just took it day by day? Instead of my New Year's resolutions maybe I need daily resolutions. Today I will make the assumption of good intentions and won't take it personally when my spouse says something I don't agree with. Today I will bring my own lunch from home instead of buying out. Today I will spend one hour organizing my junk drawer. Today I will take deep breaths when someone cuts me off changing lanes in traffic. Today I will spend 10 minutes in meditation. Every day is a new day, so if I disappoint myself one day, I can start anew the next. If I'm having a particularly bad day, I can make hourly goals. This hour I will not eat a Reese's Peanut Butter cup. This hour I will find at least 20 things in my life for which I am grateful. This hour I will count 10 deep breaths instead of yelling in frustration. Each day, each hour, each moment I can find ways to be my best self and when I make a mistake there is always another opportunity just around the corner to start anew. What are your hopes, aspirations, and goals this year...this day...this hour...this moment?

Happy New Year.  
*nicole*



### HOW TO REACH US

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of Brunswick**  
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**Office Hours** at 1 Middle Street are  
Tuesday through Friday from 10-4.

The office administrator is  
Shirley Bernier.

**The Minister**, Rev. Sylvia Stocker is  
on sabbatical and will resume office hours  
in February.

For information on how to reach  
a **Pastoral Care Associate**, call  
207-729-8515

**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 church staff.

**Telephone/Fax: 207 729-8515**

### IMPORTANT RE DATES

- Jan 03:** RE Classes, Youth Group
- Jan 10:** RE Classes, OWL
- Jan 17:** RE Classes
- Jan 24:** RE classes, youth group; RE party at the Bath YMCA from 12-2:30 with swimming, pizza, and more
- Jan 31:** RE Classes, Youth Group

## JANUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

### Rev. Mark Glovin: January 3

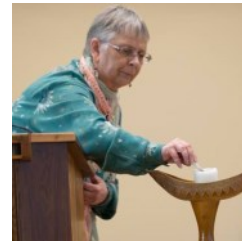


Mark is in the middle of his eleventh year serving the First Universalist Church in Rockland. He graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry in 2003 after receiving a call to ministry, while attending Clark University where he majored in philosophy. A native New Englander, Mark learned lessons early in life about painful blessings as a die-hard Red Sox fan.

Mark also learned early in life about Beloved Community through his experience at overnight summer camp. Spending summers from the age of 7 until 23 at camp, Mark developed a love of the outdoors and a deeply felt sense of our interconnectedness to Earth. Grounded in this belief that separateness is the illusion, Mark invites his congregants to live out Thurman's admonition to "do what makes you come alive," keeping in mind that what we do affects everything around us. And so, we are called to act wisely and generously, with creativity and compassion.

### Trudy Ferland and Lynn Ellis: January 10

Trudy, who co-chairs the Maine UU State Advocacy Network with Dale McCormick, is a member of the First Universalist church in Pittsfield. Lynn Ellis is a very active member of UUCB Working for Justice Committee and is UUCB's liaison to MUUSAN. She also moderates the monthly Public Policy Forums, and heads up the very successful kitchen during the Holiday Fair.



### Rev. Dr. Jodi Cohen Hayashida: January 17

Rev. Dr. Jodi Cohen Hayashida has served as the minister of First Universalist Church of Auburn for 16 years. She is a life-long Unitarian Universalist and is now joyfully raising her two daughters to be (hopefully) life-long UUs as well!

### Rev. Myke Johnson: January 24

Rev. Myke Johnson is the minister of Allen Avenue UU Church in Portland, and also writes a blog, *Finding Our Way Home: A Spiritual Journey Into Earth Community*, at [www.findingourwayhomeblog.wordpress.com](http://www.findingourwayhomeblog.wordpress.com).



### Carl Goranson: January 31

Carl Goranson was born with farming in his blood and has lived his whole life on Goranson Farm, established by his grandfather, now farmed by his parents Jan Goranson and Rob Johanson. Carl is a recent graduate of Bennington College in Vermont, where he focused on Agro-ecology. His final project was a crop rotational model for Goranson Farm.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### JANUARY CHARITY WITH SOUL: INDEPENDENCE ASSOCIATION



# Independence Association

*Assisting adults and children with disabilities in obtaining full and inclusive lives in their chosen community.*

## 50 years of Independence & Celebrating Ability



October 2016 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence Association (IA). Reflecting on the 50 years of service, we celebrate that IA has successfully met our founder's original goals and mission. We have consistently been a leader in providing opportunities for independent living and supportive service to children and adults with developmental disabilities in their chosen community. We take pride in our history of providing exemplary supportive care, leading in industry innovation, maintaining fiscal responsibility and delivering strong stewardship for the past 50 years.

Looking back we recognize that our success was not accomplished alone. Therefore, we are humble and grateful for the financial support and collaborative relationships within our community that have ensured our success.

As we embark into our future, Independence Association is committed to long term viability through investments in our providers, programs, infrastructure and most importantly innovative compassionate services to the individuals we serve. With this commitment in mind, Independence Association thanks the members of the Unitarian Church of Brunswick for your support towards our "Keeping our Clients Warm Campaign".

The generous financial support your congregation is offering during the month of January will go directly into insulating homes and buildings where we house individuals and service programs. Your funds have the potential to be doubled as we will use them to match grants that we are working on towards this initiative. We will use your donations to ensure the warmth and comfort of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities in your community throughout this winter and future winters. Funds to maintain or upgrade old homes are not covered by any state or federal funding and they are very difficult to secure. So the money you are giving is extremely important to everyone we serve and for this support we are forever grateful.

Since 1966, you, our community, have supported Independence Association's success:

- 50 years of meeting the highest standards of individual and family support
- 50 years of commitment towards individual and community enrichment
- 50 years of advocacy on behalf of all individuals and families with developmental disabilities in Maine
- 50 years of investing in an individuals independence and celebrating their ability
- 50 years of compassion, care and freindship

WE THANK YOU.

Sincerely,

Ray Nagel, Executive Director  
Independence Association

### **WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH THE SOMALI COMMUNITY?**

The Working for Justice committee has learned that there are numerous volunteer opportunities to work with the Somali community in Lewiston through the Lewiston Adult Education program. If you would like to tutor English, math, or provide computer support at the Adult Learning Center, please call 784-2928 for information and an application.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### JANUARY PUBLIC POLICY FORUM AND MUUSAN

What was the Third Sunday Forum (now called Public Policy Forum) will meet after the **January 10th** Service led by Trudy Ferland, co-chair of the MUUSAN Steering Committee. Lynn Ellis and Pat Moore, congregational liaisons\* to MUUSAN for UUCB, will assist with the service. All 3 will answer questions about legislation that is being followed in Maine in the May Sarton Room following the service.

\* Congregational Liaisons attend bi-monthly meetings and keep their congregation informed of critical issues.



### SCENES FROM THE SANDY HOOK VIGIL



Lynn Ellis lighting the chalice with these words: *"We gather this hour as people of faith. With joys and sorrows, gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share together. Today we will witness the faces of those who died on that December day in Newtown, CT and we will hear the stories of some of the lives lost to gun violence here in the state of Maine."*

Women in Harmony blessed our Vigil to Remember Sandy Hook and other victims of gun violence. They made the event beautiful. So grateful.



*"People say, what is the sense of our small effort. They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that. No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There's too much work to do."*-- Dorothy Day

. (Photos by Michele Stapleton)



## THANK YOU!

to Eric and Robin Hansen  
for the beautiful trees  
for our sanctuary  
and to members  
of the Worship Committee who  
decorated them  
after the Mitten Service.

Pictured: Pat Harris, Anne Merrifield, Sharon Brown, Heidi Neufeld, Stephanie Bernier.

Not Pictured: Carol Briggs, Dan Ellis)

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On Saturday, November 21st, six members of UUCB painted trim and installed kitchen cabinets at the second Habitat house on Hope Lane. A big thank you goes to Catharine Chase, Carol Briggs, Carol Toroomian, Heidi Neufeld, and Dexter and Gretchen Kamilewicz. Then on December 11th Catharine and Dexter went back and installed trim on all but one window. The second Habitat house is nearing completion and hopefully Christina will be able to move into her home in January.

Remember Habitat for Humanity when you are making your year-end contributions. A check made out to **HFH/7RM** can be sent to:

Habitat for Humanity,  
126 Main Street  
Topsham, ME 04086

Thank you.  
*Gretchen Kamilewicz*



## MITTEN TREE SUNDAY



Sharon Brown, Carol Briggs, Anne Merrifield with the bags of mittens, hats, and scarves from the mitten trees. The mittens will be delivered to Midcoast Hunger Prevention for distribution among their clients.



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### HOLIDAY FAIR... SUCCESS!

The total amount raised from the Holiday Fair was **\$4,218.98**. Thanks to all who helped made this Fair such a success! A special thank you goes to the Fair coordinators: Erik Hansen (wreaths), Robin Hansen (vendor tables and UUCB craft table), Lynn Ellis (café), Adair Delamater (green elephant), Skip Brimlow (men's table), Penny Elwell (Women's Alliance bake table), Maryli Tiemann (publicity), Mike Heath (music), and David Damour (money). I would like to thank Sue Ellen Damour who provided guidance to this year's Fair chairperson and a big thanks to Steve Black who donated the proceeds (\$600) from the sale of his photographs. See you next year! Gretchen Kamilewicz, Fair



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### SAVE THE DATES

Since the fair and concerts have already earned enough money to fulfill the needs of the church budget, we will undoubtedly be able to donate future profits from concerts and events to outreach!



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  
 Sat, June 11, 2016 – Appraisal Fair (Antiques Roadshow)  
 Sat, Sept 24, 2016 - State Street Traditional Jazz Band Concert  
 Sat, Oct 22, 2016 - Emma's Revolution Concert  
 Sat, Mar 11, 2017 - Libana (tentative date)  
 Sat, Apr 8, 2017 - Women in Harmony Concert

**\* These events (and dates) are tentative and contingent upon volunteers stepping up as organizers or co-organizers. If you would like to help out, please contact Mary Larsen, Board Chair.**

### CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE: ELLIS PAUL... SAT, MARCH 12

Ellis Paul's songwriting credentials are unassailable. They are as genuine as the 15 Boston Music Awards he has earned and as authentic as the musical roots he draws upon with every note he plays. At the invitation of Woody's daughter, Ellis wrote a song with Woody's unpublished lyrics and was given an honorary citizenship to Okemah, OK, which is Woody's hometown.

Ellis grew up in a potato farming family in Maine, earned a track scholarship to Boston College, and got his musical start at Boston's open mic scene, while studying to be a social worker. He emerged out of the Boston music scene during a time when contemporary folk was beginning to come into the mainstream. Ellis was one of its more memorable exponents, and he earned his place on the national map with 20+ years of playing 150-200 shows annually. He has 19 releases, a documentary film, a book of poems/short stories, and children's book projects to his credit.

Ellis' songs have been featured on Hollywood soundtracks in films such as: *Me, Myself & Irene*, *Shallow Hal* and *Hall Pass*, as well as TV shows and documentary films. He has performed on stages at the Newport Folk Festival, Carnegie Hall, and clubs and coffeehouses all over the world. This past year, Ellis fan-funded his 19th release, "Chasing Beauty", produced by Sugarland's Kristian Bush. He was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Maine, and was inducted into the Maine Music Hall of Fame.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door and are available after church services, in the office, at Gulf of Maine Bookstore, or online at <http://uucbpaul.brownpapertickets.com>.



### YSAYE BARNWELL WOKSHOP!!... SAT, APRIL 2

Ysaye Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock will be bringing her amazing all-day workshop ***Building a Vocal Community: Singing in the African-American Tradition*** to our church. This is a repeat of the very successful workshop that was done several years ago at our church. We will need to get out the word to all your friends who like to sing. Please contact Heidi Neufeld if you would like to help out. Details coming soon!



# Ted DeMille

THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH of BRUNSWICK  
1 MIDDLE STREET  
OPEN MIKE SIGNUP - 6:45 PM  
OPEN MIKE START - 7:00 PM  
FEATURED PERFORMER - 8:30 PM  
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$8



Ted DeMille writes with authority and performs with an accessible, understated passion. His music is decidedly left-handed and draws influence from Chuck Berry, Bob Dylan, Greg Brown, and Bill Monroe. Ted's songs are instantly memorable and equally comfortable in a waxed New England hall, a Bluegrass Festival, a church basement, or the intimate confines of a cozy listening room. He sings songs worth hearing. Joined by the indispensable Taylor Smith on mandolin, guitar, and vocals. This is a show not to be missed.

## Friday Evening, January 15

*Feature set preceded by the Open Mike*

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

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## 5TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY PASTA SUPPER

Organized by Brunswick Democratic Town Committee  
**to Benefit the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program**  
**Monday, January 18, from 5-7 pm at UUCB.**



**\$10 donation per person, children under the age of 10 free.**

Fatuma Hussein of Auburn is the featured speaker and will make some brief remarks about her work with refugee women from Africa. Now Executive Director of United Somali Women of Maine, Ms. Hussein lived in Somalia, Kenya, and Atlanta, GA, before she arrived in Maine in 2001. After that, MCHPP Executive Director Karen Parker will provide a short overview of the programs her organization operates for the benefit of residents of Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Brunswick, Durham, Harpswell, Lisbon, and Topsham.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jackie Sartoris at [jacqueline.sartoris@gmail.com](mailto:jacqueline.sartoris@gmail.com) or 729-6327.

## END INEQUALITY LEADERSHIP TEAM



We have entered the next phase of our project to form groups focused on studying the aspects of inequality of most concern to the congregation. Group facilitator training was completed on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Led by Carol Evans, eleven members of the congregation who have made a commitment to co-facilitate study groups participated in the workshop. Each of the facilitators chose to be responsible for one of the following categories: 1) Income; 2) Shelter/Food/Clothing; 3) Education; 4) Medical Care; and 5) Judicial. Signup sheets have been made available in church, and 23 people have signed up to participate thus far. It is expected that each group will meet at least once before Christmas. Groups will continue to be open for new members, but we encourage those interested to join at this time. Signup sheets will be available after church, and requests may be sent to [end.inequality123@gmail.com](mailto:end.inequality123@gmail.com).

Another of our goals is to develop and maintain connections with other efforts to end inequality in the church and in the community. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, three members of our Team attended a breakfast meeting

hosted by Goodwill Northern New England. Goodwill is an international organization whose mission is to “enhance the dignity and quality of life of individuals and families by strengthening communities, eliminating barriers to opportunity, and helping people in need reach their full potential through learning and the power of work.” We learned that Goodwill provides an amazing variety of services in northern New England, and we will include information about them in the inventory of existing programs currently being developed by Heather Osterfield and Judy Chambers.

Other events focusing on ending inequality include: 1) a “community read” sponsored by our Adult Education group; 2) a film presentation and discussion about the challenges faced by Wabanaki people, sponsored by the Working For Justice group; 3) a film and discussion focused on addressing the problem of increasing costs of health care; and 4) a church-wide forum scheduled for Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> which will bring together the End Inequality study groups and people working on other related church initiatives to review progress and plan for the future.

*Glenn Williams*

## PETER AND JOHANNAH’S NEW ROCK OPERA

“Hollowbody Electric Band” has just begun an Indiegogo campaign to raise money for the recording of their next CD—a rock opera called “One Way Trip to Mars.” The storyline, music, and lyrics were written by Peter Alexander and Johannah Harkness, and the band has already worked up most of the material. Peter and Johanna are both friends of UUCB, and Peter is the nephew of Daphne Holden.

As we helped Jud Caswell with his last CD, **Peter needs our help now.** Online funding is an integral part of the business model for today’s musicians, who find it increasingly difficult to support themselves in the traditional manner. Please check out their campaign by going to the following webpage:

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/hollowbody-electric-band-s-new-rock-opera#/>

2015 has been a great year of creativity for the Band. They released their “Prickly Stickers” CD (which was accepted for contention in the “Best Rock Album” category of the Grammys), and they produced a couple of fun music videos.

“Prickly Stickers” was recorded in their own “Hollowbody Electric Studio” in Bath, but they are planning to record “One Way Trip to Mars” in a professional studio and get it professionally promoted—and that’s why they need our support.



Johanna Harkness

Peter Alexander

## MEMBERSHIP

Do you ever look around you on Sunday morning and say to yourself, “Wow, there are a lot of people here I don’t know!” It’s a common refrain as UUCB finds more and more newcomers coming through our doors. So what can you do to connect with them? Here are a few tips:

Make it a personal policy to sit beside someone you have never seen or met. This simple act will lead to the introduction that is sometimes hard to initiate.

Look for people wearing paper name tags. Though sometimes that means “old-timers” have simply misplaced their name tags, it is usually a signal that someone is visiting.

Come to Membership Committee events! We make a special effort to invite newcomers to our events. Help us make them feel welcome by attending yourself.

## SOUUPS ON POTLUCK—FEBRUARY 7

Our traditional SOUUPS ON Sunday has morphed into a **welcome back gathering for Sylvia**, who will be returning to the pulpit from sabbatical Sunday, February 7. The Membership Committee will host an all-church potluck lunch immediately following the service. We will supply soups—the “potluck” part will be your contribution. Save the date and stay tuned for more information about what you can bring.



## READY FOR MORE?

If you would like to get more involved with UUCB, the Membership Committee is here to help. Debbie Zorach is eager to talk with you and help connect you to the life of our congregation. Contact her via phone (207-729-8103) or email [dszorach@gwi.net](mailto:dszorach@gwi.net).

*Betsy Williams, for the Membership Committee*

## WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

**Tuesday, January 12th at 12:00 pm**

The Women's Alliance will meet at the church on Tuesday, January 12, at 12 noon. Please bring your thoughts, ideas, and/or suggestions of any books, poems, or films you would like to share, and we will relax, listen, and discuss. Make sure to bring your lunch, and if possible, an appetizer or dessert to share. Beverages provided.

*Please join us; all are welcome.*

## VEGAN SUNDAY-JANUARY 17

All are welcome to join the Vegan Sunday group for a delicious plant-based meal on Sunday, January 17, at noon in Fellowship Hall. We enjoy eating tasty, nutritious meals and the camaraderie of other vegans and those who want to explore a plant-based 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 Deborah Zorach at [dszorach@gwi.net](mailto:dszorach@gwi.net) or 729-8103, and let her know what vegan dish you wish to bring.

## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

**H**ave you noticed the much more readable sign above our entry way door? Thanks to the Building and Grounds Committee, the sign has been repainted with darker letters, and now welcomes newcomers to our beautiful building.

Many of you have also probably noted that Governor LePage is releasing some of the funds for land trust properties. Dexter Kamilewicz, our representative to the Brunswick Topsham Land Trust, is in frequent contact with them regarding the possible sale of our Gurnett Road property. You will be notified as soon as we know if our property be one of those that will benefit from this political action.

Our busy congregation seems to be busier than ever, even in the hectic holiday season. What a great testimony to the strength of our congregation! The Holiday Fair, headed by Gretchen Kamilewicz, her two most critical committee heads, Robin Hansen and Lynn Ellis, and most importantly, a great crew of volunteers, netted approximately \$4,000 - \$1,000 more than last year. Thank each and every one of you for your efforts in organizing, cooking, baking, gathering greens and making wreaths, set up, etc.. The food was great, the greens beautiful and the atmosphere very happy.

Ross Miller and his many orchestra members have rehearsed weekly to give us our own concert on December 20. How wonderful to have our own orchestra! The diversity of the talents of our church members continues to impress me.

On a more somber note, Lynn Ellis and members of the Working for Justice Committee held a moving tribute to victims of gun violence on December 12, the anniversary of the Sandy Hook killings. This important issue continues to be of utmost importance as more and more terrible things happen.

The Worship Committee is working hard to prepare the Christmas Eve service, and has coordinated the efforts to keep vibrant and meaningful services each week. Sharon Brown heads that committee, and the many members keep things flowing smoothly.

The hard work, joyful spirits, and sense of community at UUCB is something I am most grateful for this season. Thank you all for making our church a very special one. Happy Holidays!

*Mary Larson, Chair*



# JANUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Tedford Shelter Meal	2  <i>Office Closed</i>
3 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11 New Comers Chat: WBR  <i>Office Closed</i>	4 1 Fair Committee: MSR 4 Working for Justice: MSR  <i>Office Closed</i>	5 4:30 Membership: MSR 6 RE Committee: MER 6:30 Worship : MSR	6 10 Health Care Study Group: MSR 1:30 Food/Clothing/Shelter Study Group: MSR 3 Adult Ed: MST 7 Council: MSR	7 10 Rental Committee: MST 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 12:30 Chalice Circle: WBR 7 Choir: SAN	8 10 Friday Chalice Circle: WBR 10:30 Buildings & Grounds: MSR 3:30 End Inequality Team: MSR	9  <i>Office Closed</i>
10 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Public Forum 12 Green Sanctuary: MSR  <i>Office Closed</i>	11  <i>Office Closed</i>	12 12 Women's Alliance: MSR 4:30 Finance:: MSR 6:30 Stories : WBR 7:30 Pastoral Care: MSR	13 3 Writers Group: MSR	14 12 Noon Deadline: Order of Worship for 12/27 Service And "This Week" 7 Choir: SAN	15 7 Side Door (Ted DeMille)	16  <i>Office Closed</i>
17 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 12 Vegan Sunday Circle: FEL  <i>Office Closed</i>	18 5-7: MLK Pasta Dinner to benefit MCHPP  <i>Office Closed</i>	19 3 Chalice Circle: WBR 6:30 Board: MSR	20	21 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship Education Study Group: MSR 7 Choir: SAN	22 5 Parish Messenger Deadline	23  <i>Office Closed</i>
24 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes RE Winter Activity 12 Sunday Chalice Circle: WBR  <i>Office Closed</i>	25  <i>Office Closed</i>	26 6:30 Stories : WBR	27 Men's Luncheon: Off Site 3 Writers Group: MSR	28 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 12:30 Chalice Circle Facilitators : WBR 7 Choir: SAN	29 9:30 Angel Cleaners	30  <i>Office Closed</i>
31 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS/DEADLINES</b>  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 <b>Thursday at 12:00 pm</b>  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 <b>3rd Friday of each month</b> (usually). The deadline for the February Parish Messenger is <b>Friday, January 22nd.</b> (michaud_susan@comcast.net)					