

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



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The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

September 4 "What is Wabi-Sabi?"

Martha Lentz and Sunday Chalice Circle

Wabi-Sabi is the Japanese art of finding beauty in imperfection, profundity in nature, acceptance of the natural cycle of growth, decay and death. It reveres authenticity above all. Music by Jud Caswell.

September 11 "All in the Family: Community and Cooperation"

Director of Religious Education Nicole (Shanks) Boutilier, Rev. Sylvia Stocker, and our new student intern Claire Curolé lead us in our homecoming service. We'll introduce the Religious education theme for September, Community and Cooperation, and set the tone for the year ahead! Music by Derek Herzer and the Choir under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

September 18 "Planting Seeds of Peace"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Rev. Stocker anticipates the International Day of Peace (September 21) and wonders how we might engage with our troubled world. Music by Derek Herzer.

September 25

Guest Speaker

Stay tuned for more information. Music by Derek Herzer.

*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.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome back! I'm excited to jump into fall programming as we implement our new Sunday morning RE offerings. We begin this year of exploring World Religions by examining the importance of cooperation through the Islamic wisdom tale *All in the Family* throughout the month of September. This story, which originates in Pakistan, tells of body parts revolting. The body parts are fed up with the stomach who is just constantly demanding food. So the brain, the mouth, and the other body parts decide to go on strike. As you can logically conclude, this is not going to work out so well for the body as a whole. If you want to know exactly how it ends, join us at the Homecoming Service, but suffice it to say that like a body, any group of people, including a church, must cooperate in order to survive and thrive. We all have different talents, interests, and abilities; we all take on different tasks and roles in our church community. None of these is more or less important than the others and it takes all of us genuinely offering of ourselves to make this community work. The Islamic tradition is not the only one to use the body to illustrate the need to work together and the importance of all parts- Christianity

explores this theme as well. If you're interested, you can find this illustration in the Bible, 1 Corinthians 12:14-26.

In September I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on ways in which you operate as a body within your family and within our church. If you have children in the RE program, share with them how you contribute to the church community and why you think it's important. Ask your children about the ways in which they contribute and brainstorm some ways they can be of service to our community which would excite them about being a part of church. And lastly, take some time to be mindful of all the ways in which you receive service from others in the church community. We're lucky to have each other!



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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 church staff.

Telephone/Fax: 207 729-8515

E-mail: uubruns@zwi

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

Important RE Announcements and Dates

Volunteers Needed: We are still seeking volunteers to guide the 1-3rd graders. Class group Guides lead the opening ritual and assist the group during the morning's workshop. Expect to commit to between 7-12 Sundays during the year depending on your availability. This requires no preparation, but it does require a love of children, patience, and enthusiasm!

Want more information? Please contact Nicole at uubrunswickdre@gmail.com

September 11: Intergenerational Homecoming Service

September 18: RE Programs Begin!

September 25: RE Workshops, Parent Orientation following the service

UUCB OFFICE RETURNS TO REGULAR HOURS IN SEPTEMBER

Beginning September 6, the UUCB office will return to regular office hours.

Tuesday through Friday 10am-4:00pm.

Deadline for Order of Worship and Weekly Announcements is Thursday at Noon.

Thank You, *Shirley Bernier*

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

For the next two years, our congregation has a wonderful opportunity to shape the future ministry of our denomination. Starting in September, Claire Curole, a student intern, joins our staff for two years (except in the summers). She will work roughly 20 hours a week.

Claire has finished nearly all of her coursework at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. In addition, she has completed her chaplaincy training at Maine Medical Center (and, in fact, has been invited to continue on there to provide ad hoc, on call coverage). In addition to her considerable native skills and talents, she has a large store of learning under her belt, which she is ready to apply to parish ministry.

All Unitarian Universalist seminarians have to complete the same requirements Claire is meeting now, with coursework, chaplaincy training, and parish internships. I did my internship at First Parish in Brookline, Massachusetts. That congregation helped to shape me into the minister I am today. I met regularly both with my supervisor, the Rev. David Johnson, and with the Congregational Lay Committee, a handful of wonderful people who provided additional direct supervision. Indeed, the entire congregation had a part in my formation. What made that internship particularly invaluable was that the congregation really treated me like a minister. Their expectations helped me to feel comfortable with the authority that comes with the position, to find my ministerial voice, to reach and stretch beyond some of my self-limiting views, and to understand and live into my ministerial identity. My experience in Brookline taught me how to love a congregation in a whole new way.

When I served in Bedford, Massachusetts, I worked with two different interns – not as their official supervisor, but as a guiding colleague nonetheless. That experience showed me how much the interns offer the congregation in return for their training. (That was much harder for me to see when I was the intern myself.) New perspectives, new creativity, and more up-to-date learning help the congregation to stretch and grow its overall ministry both within the parish and in the outside world.

Claire's duties will be dictated by her needs – the areas where she feels she must gain more experience and expertise. She will attend committee meetings, attend to pastoral care situations, and lead programs largely based on those needs. During each year, Claire will plan and lead four services on her own and contribute to other services as well. As Claire's supervisor, I will meet with her weekly and at other times, as needed. Together, we will reflect on her experience and set the course for her engagement with the parish.

How can you help? Claire will need your thoughtfulness and honesty, your participation in the activities she leads, your questions, and the safety of our healthy congregation to foster her fullest growth into ministry. Help her to think through problems. Ask her, with your words and deeds, to step into her minister shoes. Let her know when she's on the right track and when she needs to adjust her approach. Sign up for and participate in the programs she leads. Open your hearts to her as she will to you.

In addition, Claire will need a Congregational Lay Committee “to provide support, feedback and guidance about the lay perspective of the congregation: what it is, what it does, and how it relates to the clergy (role, functions, expectations, personal and professional identity) while helping to oversee the learning experience of the student in the congregation” (in the words of Meadville Lombard's Congregational Lay Committee Handbook). We are beginning to form that committee now. If you are asked to serve on that committee, please say yes!

I consider our congregation fortunate to be able to have the experience of being a teaching congregation. And, I also believe our congregation will be a great teacher for Claire. Exciting times ahead!

Love,
Sylvia



MEET OUR INTERN, CLAIRE CUROLE



This spring I completed a unit of CPE (student chaplaincy) at Maine Medical Center and I now serve there as an occasional on-call chaplain. I also volunteer for the Spiritual Care department at Maine General in Augusta, when time permits. Falling in love with chaplaincy was a surprise; now I'm looking forward to falling in love with congregational ministry all over again. While I plan to serve as an ordained UU minister in some setting, I'm still discerning where my call will ultimately lead.

Exploring in circles is nothing new for me: following where the Spirit leads has gotten me to some wonderful places I never planned to go. I earned my bachelor's degree in Mathematics at Louisiana State, and lived in Oregon for a few years before moving to Maine in 2005. I've worked in a variety of mostly office jobs, most recently as an accounting clerk for the state of Maine. Outside of employment I'm a lifelong creative "maker" - that is, I make things into other things: pigment into images on a canvas, words into stories or poetry or blogging, notes on a page into music, raw ingredients into food, textiles into quilts or clothing, whatever material is at hand. A minor in Religious Studies and a lifetime of spiritual exploration led me to our Augusta UU congregation in 2007, where I've had to step back from my involvement as a lay leader as I pursue professional ministry.

Hi! I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new intern (student minister) here at UUCB. I am a part-time student in the low residency MDiv program at Meadville Lombard Theological School, our UUA-affiliated seminary in Chicago, IL. I entered seminary in 2013 and am about two-thirds of the way through my degree; I plan to graduate in 2018 when I complete internship. For the next two years I will be commuting from Augusta, where I live with my spouse, a native of Winslow, our two cats, and my cactus collection.

What do mathematics, storytelling, art, music and religion have in common? They are ways of making meaning out of the world, of finding patterns in our experience, of taking the pieces we have and assembling them in ways that make sense - and then reassembling them when new experience comes along. The creative process at work is what makes us human - and where we find the Holy.

As we begin our work together I look forward to getting to know you and your stories - and to making some new and beautiful things together!

- Claire

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Price!*

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE

HELP GET OUT THE WORD

UUCB member **Kathy Fritz** has a mobile home for sale for **\$36,500**.

Excellent condition, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms in lovely, wooded nearby mobile home park that allows cats and dogs.

FMI: (207) 841-0424.

SUNDAY PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM



Starting **October 9**, we will be offering a chance for musicians in the congregation to get together once a month and jam. Sessions will be held the second Sunday of each month after church. All ages are welcome.

What to bring? Bring your lunch (hence, the name of the session, "peanut butter and jam"), your voices if you like to sing, your instruments if you play, and your sense of adventure.

In addition, bring music if you have some you'd like the group to try. Bear in mind that the easier the music, the more people who can join in. We have some suitable music at the church (around 20 copies of the UUA's book *Come, Sing a Song with Me*, which has lots of easy songs). In addition, both *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again* have songs many people know. They are great collections to use during jam sessions. If you have a copy of one or the other (or both), please bring them along.

I will be there with guitar, banjo, and dulcimer. I'm definitely not God's gift to music. Hopefully, knowing that will lower the bar a bit for some of you who might feel timid about participating. But I know how much fun it is to play with other musicians and how much we can learn from each other, too. So, join us for **our first session, October 9, after church!** Bring your peanut butter sandwich and we'll jam!

Love,
Sylvia

ENDING INEQUALITY

The Ending Inequality Team will be highlighting recommendations from each of the five study groups on a monthly basis. As you recall these study groups included Education, Health Care, Income, Criminal Justice, and Basic Needs.

For the month of September, the highlighted topic is **Income Inequality**. What can you do to help alleviate Income Inequality? There are a number of things all of which involve advocacy of some sort.

For example, you could support the referendum (**Fair Wage Maine Citizens Initiative**) initiated by the Maine People's Alliance which supports increasing the minimum wage in steps over several years.

And, by the way, the Maine **People's Alliance is also looking for volunteers** to canvass local businesses about this issue. They will provide training for those interested in volunteering. They are also looking for volunteers to distribute bookmarks rallying support to low wage workers and tipped workers.

Or you could support national legislation proposed by Representative Grayson of Florida to "**Scrap the Cap**" which would eliminate regressive social security tax policy. Right now the social security tax of 7.65 % is imposed on incomes up to \$118,000 which means that those with higher incomes are paying proportionally less than those with incomes under the cap. Letters to our legislators in support of changing this would make things more fair and would help fund the social security system.

And of course, you can **vote in November** in support of legislators who will promote policies aimed to reduce income inequality. The Ending Inequality team is sponsoring a **Candidates Forum on October 5th** which will allow you to familiarize yourself with local candidates for the state senate and their positions regarding issues of inequality.



WORKING FOR JUSTICE



SEPTEMBER CHARITY WITH SOUL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/7 RIVERS MAINE

As a covenant church with Habitat, our church has been very active in supporting its mission of providing safe, warm, and affordable homes to neighbors in need. We have done this through donating funds for building materials, providing volunteers at the various home builds, walking to raise money, and working in the ReStore. This year, in addition to continue building at the Hope Lane site, we are also providing a team of four UUCB volunteers for the Habitat Weatherization Program.

Habitat hopes to weatherize 15 homes this fall and 15 more in spring. Maine has the oldest building stock in the country and a number of these homes are owned by older citizens. Habitat plans to increase a home's energy efficiency by doing some of the following: installing up to six interior storm windows, new weather stripping/caulking around doors and windows, insulating the perimeter of cellar ceilings and doing small energy related repairs. Area churches will be supplying the manpower for this work.



We have the UUCB team assembled: Ashley Richards (leader), Tom Rumpf, Carol Briggs, and Cuffy Chase. For the 2016-2017 season, UUCB needs to provide \$500 for our share of the weatherization costs.

We thank you ahead of time for giving as generously as you can to this great organization. Gretchen Kamilewicz and Cuffy Chase, UUCB Habitat coordinators

HABITAT WORK DAY

This has been a productive summer for Habitat House Build #3 on Hope Lane. UUCB has had several workdays on this house and we have scheduled another workday for just the morning of **September 17**, from 8:30 to noon. Bowdoin College students will be working in the afternoon. We need about 8 people for this time. Here's a chance to experience a Habitat Build without working the whole or

If interested, please contact
Gretchen Kamilewicz at 833-5125
or gkamilewicz@gmail.com

or Cuffy Chase at 721-0042
or cmc1322@gmail.com

Many thanks.

WFJ PUBLIC POLICY OVERSEEING REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN



Phone Banking Opportunities at UUCB



Sunday, September 25 2-5pm



Wednesday, September 21 6-9pm

If you would like to volunteer to make calls, contact Lynn Ellis
at lynnsellis@yahoo.com or call 479-5208

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MUUSAN NEWS FROM JULY 9TH MEETING

19 UUs from 13 congregations attended.

Catching up:

We shared highlights of 2016 **General Assembly** in Columbus, where several of us had participated in the Public Witness ("State of Emergence: Faith Filled People Rally for Racial Justice," with Rev. Barber and others) and many services and workshops. Together we added stories from **PRIDE Portland**, where Maine UUs gathered our largest marching group ever (estimates ranged from 75-100 from about a dozen congregations). Thank you for showing up!

Good news:

MUUSAN was awarded a \$5,000 Challenge Grant from the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program, to be received when we have matched the \$5,000 from donors.

Ranked Choice Voting – Yes on 5:

Campaign staff reviewed how ranked choice voting works, why it promotes voter participation and healthy democracy, the current status of the campaign and how we can help.

Welcome, new Issue Group co-chairs Pam Gross and Rosemary Winslow for Health Care and Karen Kusiak for Democracy in Action!

MUUSAN priorities this fall:

A ranked-choice voting exercise to determine the level of support among ourselves for MUUSAN's priorities on four Nov. ballot initiatives had these results: Ranked Choice Voting (Question 5) finished with the strongest support. Sharing second place, there was strong and equal support for minimum wage question and the background check/gun control question.

Next MUUSAN Network meeting:

**Sat., September 10,
10:00-12:00 (2nd Saturday, every other month),
UU Community Church of Augusta.**



MUUSAN AT THE COMMON GROUND FAIR!

Great news! MUUSAN was selected to be at the Common Ground Fair in one of the Social Political Action tents. Openings are rare. We are so lucky to have this opportunity to share with thousands of people the message of our UU faith in action/legislative ministry.

We have **a few volunteer spots open** to help us table on Friday, Saturday, Sunday September 23-25. Shifts of 2-4 hours available or stay all day.

If you want to help, contact Lynn Ellis who is organizing this event for us. You can contact her at lynnellis@yahoo.com. Volunteer spots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. We look forward to sharing this experience with you!

CHALICE CIRCLES: SEVEN YEARS AND GOING STRONG!

Hear ye! Hear ye! New Chalice Circles will start in October. If you have never joined one of our Chalice Circles, this may be the year to do so. If you have been in a Chalice Circle before, I hope you will continue on.

Chalice Circles is an adult religious education program that allows people to draw closer to one another, to nourish hearts and spirits, and to engage minds in stimulating conversation. Chalice Circles meet once a month from October to June to explore a curriculum designed specifically for UU seekers.

This year, we will also offer a Chalice Circle for snow birds, if enough people are interested. We envision that group would meet from April to November.

Chalice Circles help us to embrace our Mission Statement. Each meeting has a *spiritual* component. The groups *welcome all* who are interested; at the end of a year, the groups re-form to open the door for more newcomers to join them. Group members *nurture one another* during the year by creating an environ-

ment where deep listening can occur. And groups provide service to both church and wider community to help us engage in our commitment to *work for justice* and *to care for the earth*.

What is required of you? First, we ask people who sign up for Chalice Circles to make a commitment to attend the meetings. Second, we ask that you be willing to listen deeply to the people in your group and to share from your own experience according to your comfort level.

Interested? Please fill out the attached form, and return it to the church office. You can place your form in the in-box on the wall next to the church office or mail it to:

UUCB
Box 129
Brunswick ME 04011

We will need to receive your form no later than Sunday, September 18.

Sylvia Stocker

Chalice Circles Signup Form

I want to join a Chalice Circle. I am available for gatherings at the following times. (Circle all that apply.)
I understand I need to make attendance a commitment so that my Chalice Circle can succeed.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I am interested in joining a snow bird group (circle one): Yes / No

Monday	morning	afternoon	evening
Tuesday	morning	afternoon	evening
Wednesday	morning	afternoon	evening
Thursday	morning	afternoon	evening
Friday	morning	afternoon	evening
Sunday	-----	afternoon	evening

Please return this form to the church office **no later than Sunday, September 18.**

IMMAGRANT JUSTICE PROGRAMS AT UUCB

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." - Hebrews 13:2

An Invitation

In this election season the subject of Immigration has become the subject of endless political bickering. UUCB's Adult Education Task Force invites you to take a different approach to learn about this troubling, complex, and many-layered subject this fall.

Our Focus will be on Immigrant Justice, and how this subject impacts us as we try to live our Unitarian Universalist principles and values.

Our Approach is designed to deepen our understanding of this complex subject and what it means to us as a faith community:

1. Understanding the Religious and Ethical Context. Rev. Sylvia Stocker will help us consider these dimensions of Immigrant Justice in a sermon on **Sunday, October 23**. Save the date!
2. Learning About the Issues. We will view documentary and semi-documentary films that illuminate the issues of Immigrant Justice.

Our first film, **"Who Is Dayani Cristal?"** will be shown in the Sanctuary on Wed, **September 28 at 7 pm**. What happens when immigrants lose their

lives while trying to cross the US-Mexican border? In an attempt to retrace the path of one such person and discover his story, director Marc Silver and actor Gael Garcia Bernal embedded themselves among migrant travelers, providing rare insight into the human stories which are so often ignored in the immigration debate. Running time, 1 hour, 23 minutes. Date of release, 2013.

3. Meeting Immigrants in Maine. To learn about their real-life experiences, we will meet immigrants who live in Maine communities and the people who assist and support them.

Immigrant Justice Events will be free and open to the general public as well as to UUCB members and friends. Please consider including friends and family members in deciding which events to attend.

To Learn More Right Now, go to uua.org/immigration to find out what our denomination and various UU congregations are already doing to promote Immigrant Justice.

The Adult Religious Education Task Force
Larry Lemmel, Martha Lentz, Nancy Meikle



WHO IS DAYANI CRISTAL?

A FILM BY GAEL GARCÍA BERNAL AND MARC SILVER

PRODUCED BY BRITDOC AND FILM IMPACT PARTNERS, CANDIDACENT FILMS, FORD FOUNDATION, DIAPYCNOSIS, SILVER/BERNAL FILMS, CANADA FILMS, BISE FILMS, HUNDAL, MARCHAND FILMS, MARC SILVER, DAVID ELLIOT, 2013. DIRECTED BY GAEL GARCÍA BERNAL AND MARC SILVER. CASTING BY DAN COGAN, LILLY HARTLEY, JEFFREY TARRANT, JESS BACHA, FREDY LEFER, MARC SILVER. COSTUME DESIGNER MARISA CLIFFORD, KORBAN RASSAM. EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS LUCAS GARCIA, THOMAS BERNAL, GAEL GARCÍA BERNAL, MARC SILVER. PRODUCED BY MARC SILVER.

FULSE BRITDOC CINESEM ENTERTAINMENT KOBAL COLLECTION

IN CINEMAS JULY 25TH



UUCB HOSPITALITY



With Sylvia's return to the pulpit we are reminded that the new church year is nearly here!

It is nice to have coffee and tea to sip as we gather after the service greet friends, old and new. The goal is to have everyone in the church who is able to volunteer for hospitality once this year.

Hosting Sunday Hospitality is a matter of setting up, making coffee and tea, and cleaning up. If you're hesitant, there is a place for

comments on the website where you may request an "experienced kitchen partner" if needed.

We will continue with the **online signup** system. Most people like the convenience of volunteering at home with their calendars in hand, and the system automatically sends out a reminder a week in advance.

To sign up please log on to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444a8a72ba5fa7-uucb1?1471533733197>
(copy and paste if necessary)

If computers daunt you, there will be a paper copy on the Harvest table during hospitality or you may call me at 725-7756.

Thanks to you all.
Heidi Neufeld

UUCB CHOIR

YOU are welcome!

In choir, we do together what we cannot do alone.

So much greater than the sum of its parts, the choir is open to ALL who enjoy singing with others. We practice on Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30.

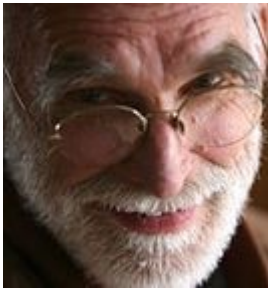
Our first practice will be on **September 8th** in preparation for the service on the 11th. If you're a quick study, you're welcome to join us. If you'd like to ease in more gradually, please join us on **September 15th.**

You may contact me at hvneufeld@gmail.com for more information.

- Heidi Neufeld, choir director



WOMEN'S ALLIANCE



On **Tuesday, September 13th**, the Women's Alliance will sponsor an evening program at 7 pm in the sanctuary. This program is open to all members and friends of UUCB. Bring your friends and neighbors, too.

The speaker will be **Mr. Chuck Lakin**, of Lastthings.net. He has years of experience helping people to understand their options for after death care.

Over the past year, the congregation studied the book Being Mortal, and other programs explored hospice

care, advance directives, Do Not Resuscitate orders, and Powers of Attorney.

Now, we will learn about types of funerals: home, traditional, green burial, cremation, or "alkaline hydrolysis" a green alternative to cremation. Also, there are options for scattering your ashes, or being buried at sea.

Mr. Lakin's goal is to provide information; what you decide to do is totally up to you. He welcomes questions. Detailed information will be available.

For further information, contact Adair DeLamater at 389-4488

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Wed, September 28

These monthly fellowship luncheons, which are held on the last Wednesday of each month with the exception of holidays. All men of the church are welcome. For details, contact Brad

Mitchell, bmitch10@gmail.com,

or Jim Michaud at

michaudjim33@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP ART GALLERY

Our exhibit for this month is "Outdoor Spaces" acrylic paintings by Laurie Burhoe. This show runs from August 14 through September 14. This show will be up during the September 9th Art Walk.



PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK



The UUCB Plant-Powered Potluck (formerly Vegan Sunday) will be held after church on **Sunday, September 18**, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall.

Come share delicious plant-based food and camaraderie with us and 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 Deborah Zorach at dszorach@zwi.net or 207-729-8103 by **Thursday, September 15**.

If you are new to plant-based eating and would like to know more about its benefits and suggestions for recipes, a good site to check out is www.forksoverknives.com.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

UUCB CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

State Street Traditional Jazz Band



**Saturday, September 24
7:30 pm**

On Saturday, September 24th the UU Church of Brunswick will present the first concert in its 2016-2017 **Concerts for a Cause** series. Portland's **State Street Traditional Jazz Band** will provide a taste of New Orleans jazz of the early 1900's.

The State Street Traditional Jazz Band formed in 1989 and consists of a number of master musicians playing trumpet, trombone, tuba, banjo, clarinet, drums and piano. The band will conjure up Mardi Gras on Bourbon Street and take you on an unforgettable musical journey to the Louisiana Delta.

You do not want to miss this performance which delights audiences of all ages with pure joy. Audience members will be invited to join in a mardi gras parade when the band plays "When the Saints Go Marching In." For extra fun, bring a decorated parasol for the parade.

Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door

Get your advance tickets from David Roundy or Sue Michaud after church services. Also

available in the church office, at Gulf of Maine Books, or online at <http://StateStreet.brownpapertickets.com>.

Need refreshments and a refreshment coordinator (2 FREE tickets) for this concert. Your tasks would be to make coffee, serve refreshments, and cleanup. Signup after church or contact Sue Michaud at 729-4857 or michaud_susan@comcast.net.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

UUCB AUCTION NOVEMBER 5 @ 6 PM

Needed: TWO (OR MORE) ENTERPRISING PEOPLE TO LEARN HOW TO ORGANIZE THE CHURCH SERVICE AUCTION

You will work with Maryli Tiemann or Sue Ellen Damour. We will organize the items donated for the silent and live parts of our church auction and manage the event.

The person working with Maryli will help create the auction booklet, help decide on the order in which the items will be auctioned off, help receive the live auction items on Saturday morning and deliver the items to the auctioneers at the event.

The person working with Sue Ellen will help create the donation form, help plan the arrangement of the items, receive the goods and set up on Saturday morning. Saturday night we will monitor the tables as people collect their treasures.

Needed: 6-8 WILLING PEOPLE TO TAKE DOWN TABLES AFTER THE AUCTION . Contact info below.

This event does not require vast amounts of work and it is a really fun way to make more connections with fellow congregants.

Contact Maryli at Maryliti@gmail.com

or Sue Ellen at sedadamour@msn.com

Subject: UUCB Auction (to prevent items going to junk mail)

A poster for "emma's revolution" featuring Pat Humphries & Sandy O. The top half has a blue background with the text "emma's revolution" in white and "pat humphries & sandy o" in white. Below this is a black and white photo of the two performers playing acoustic guitars and singing into microphones. Text on the poster includes a quote: "Bold, profound, moving, hilarious and transformative." and a description: "Award-winning, internationally touring songwriters in the tradition of Pete Seeger, Phil Ochs and Holly Near." A blue banner in the top right corner of the photo area says "October 22 @ 7:30pm".

emma's revolution

pat humphries & sandy o

October 22 @ 7:30pm

"Bold, profound, moving, hilarious and transformative."

Award-winning, internationally touring songwriters in the tradition of Pete Seeger, Phil Ochs and Holly Near.



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

METEORA



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Will Brown, Kat Logan, Jim Loney

Meteora was formed in 2011 and plays an eclectic array of original songs and folk ballads, as well as traditional songs and original arrangements. "Meteora" translates from the Greek as "suspended in air."

Kat Logan and Jim Loney are a singer-songwriter couple from Friendship. Kat, who plays piano, accordion, banjo and guitar, has performed folk, country, and blues music throughout New England for the past 20 years. Jim, who plays guitar, banjo and hand percussion instruments, has performed Delta Blues and R & B for many years and also played with the band Primo Cubano. Both Kat and Will recorded songs on the 2009 Grammy-nominated folk album, "Singing Through the Hard Times - A Tribute to Utah Phillips."

Will Brown from Lincolnville plays guitar, laud, banjo, and frame drum percussion, and does handy sprints on the cornet. He has been playing and singing folk music around campfires and in concert since 1963, and has been recording with Gordon Bok, Cindy Kallet, Grey Larsen and Anne Dodson during the past 30 years.

Friday Evening, September 16

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.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Ready? Set? Go! September will come to UUCB with our usual flurry of activities. Sylvia is back, Nicole will be starting up our new Religious Education programming, Chalice Circle sign-ups are needed, Adult Education programs are starting up. There are many things listed in this newsletter, so please read about them. Two really important dates for you to know are September 11 and September 18, both Sundays.

September 11 will be our annual Homecoming Service, with Sylvia in the pulpit, choir singing, and a special Homecoming Lunch following the service. There was such success with the SoUUps On Lunch after church this past winter, we decided to try it for Homecoming Sunday. The potluck meal will feature salads, bread and desserts. After the service we will clear the church, quickly set up the tables, and the buffet will begin. There will be more information coming soon, with suggestions for who-brings-what, based on the first letter of your last name. We all seem to love celebrating together with good food, so here is our time! We are hoping you will all come to the service with your food to share, and stay for lunch! (This will replace the Homecoming Saturday night dinner we've held in the past.)

September 18 we will be having a Congregational Meeting after the service. It shouldn't last too long, but we need your input on several important issues. As we all well know, this is an election year with a number of referendum issues up for vote. Working For Justice and two of our End Inequality study groups would like to make public statements supporting the referendum for background checks for gun purchases, and the Ranked Choice Voting issue. The End Inequality group would like to make a statement on increasing the minimum wage and the possible education tax. Both groups have worked hard on carefully wording statements for your vote to be able to make public statements of support and offer education on these issues. As our bylaws require a congregational vote for every public statement, your vote is needed. Please stay for the additional few minutes following the service.

We are so looking forward to the new church year. Let's make it the best one ever! We are hoping each and every one of you will find a way to be involved with our busy congregation.

Mary Larson,
Board Chair



SEPTEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry Rm MSR = May Sarton Room MBR = Merrymeeting Bay Room RE = All RE Space HIL = Hildebrant Room CAR = Carson Room MAN = Mandela Room CL = Curtis Library Seminar Room				1 10 Rental Com: MSR	2 Tedford Shelter Meal	3 10 AA Rental: MBR Office Closed
4 10 Church Service Nursery Unstaffed 12 Chalice Circle: MSR Office Closed	5 	6 5 Staff Mtg: WBR 6:30 Worship: MSR	7 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 2:30 Chalice Circle: MSR (topic Writing) 3 Writers Group: PEN 7 RE Comm: PEN	8 11 Wabanaki: MSR 12:30 Chalice Circle: WBR 7:00 Choir: SAN	9 10 Friday Chalice Circle: WBR 10:30 Building and Grounds: MSR 5-8 Art Walk: SAN, FEL & MSR	10 10 AA Rental: MBR 10-12 MUUSAN mtg: UU Church Augusta Office Closed
11 10 Intergenerational Church Service 11:30 Homecoming-Potluck 9-11 Patriot Day Office Closed	12	13 4:30 Finance: MSR 6:30 Stories: WBR 7:00 Women's Alliance: SAN 7:30 Pastoral Care: WBR	14 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 6:45 Council: MSR	15 7:00 Choir: SAN	16 Side Door Coffeehouse: Meteora	17 10 AA Rental: MBR 8:30-Noon Habitat Build at Hope Ln Office Closed
18 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Special Congregational Meeting 12 Plant-Powered Potluck: FEL Office Closed	19	20 2 Savvy Caretakers: WBR 7 Board: MSR	21 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 3 Writers Group: MSR 6-9 Ranked Choice Phone Bank: PEN	22  9:30 Memoir Writing Group: WBR 7:00 Choir: SAN Autumn Equinox	23 5 Parish Messenger Deadline Common Ground Fair	24 10 AA Rental: MBR 7:30 State Street Traditional Jazz Band Common Ground Fair Office Closed
25 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes RE Parent Orientation following service 1:30-5 Gun Sense Phone Bank: PEN Office Closed	26 Common Ground Fair	27 6:30 Stories: WBR 7 Concert Task Force: MSR	28 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 12 Men's Luncheon 7 Adult Ed Film: SAN "Who Is Dayani Cristal?"	29 12:30 Chalice Circle Facilitators: WBR 7:00 Choir: SAN	30 9:30 Angel Cleaners	Oct 1 10 AA Rental: MBR 8-4 Curtis Memorial Library Rental: MBR 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 **Wednesday 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)**. The deadline for the October Parish Messenger is **Friday, Sept 23rd**. (michaud_susan@comcast.net)