

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

October 2 "Light"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

With Diwali arriving in October, and as our Religious Education kids take up a study of Hinduism, Sylvia explores the topic of light. Music by Derek Herzer and the Choir under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

October 9 "And That's Another Story"

Claire Curol

In our busy and complex world, the story we hold true often turns out to be a small part of what is actually happening. What about the truth in the stories we don't know yet? Music by Grace Lewis-McLaren.

October 16 Election Day Sermon

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Following a long-established custom dating back as far as Colonial times, Sylvia is offering an "election day sermon," to name the issues she feels are most important in this election season. Yes, Sylvia knows the election comes later, but Mainers start voting early, so she is trying to get a word in before people head to the polls. Music by Derek Herzer.

October 23 "Mi Casa"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Reflections on Immigration. Rev. Stocker preaching. An increasing and astonishing number of refugees are on the move in our world. They have often left hellish situations of terror, poverty, and despair to find new homes of hope and promise. How is that a spiritual issue for us? Music by Derek Herzer and the Choir under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

October 30 TBA

Worship Committee

Music by Hugh Maynard and Larry Lemmel.

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

Derek Herzer, Choir Accompanist

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

Tony Sulkoski, Sexton

Claire Curol, Ministerial Intern

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



In October we continue our exploration of World Religions by focusing on the topic of light as seen through the Hindu celebration of Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita. In short, the story explains the origins of Diwali and is about the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness. Light is a common

theme in religion and cultural celebrations symbolizing truth, goodness, life, and the divine. Light plays a prominent role in Unitarian Universalism as well. Most UU congregations light a chalice and that light represents many things including hope, love,

reason, and community. So why is light so important to us and such a common motif in many cultures and religions? At the most basic level light allows us to survive. Plants capture the energy of light and turn it into our sustenance. Light provides warmth as well as protection and guidance in the darkness. As we enter into a period of shorter days and increased darkness, take a moment or two to consider the importance of light in your life and the ways in which it is (or could be) an important symbol of your spirituality. What does light symbolize to you? As Rama and Sita were guided home by lights placed in the darkness to illuminate the path, what 'lights' guide you and help you find your way in your life/spiritual journey?

HOW TO REACH US

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

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

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

Monday is the Sabbath for church staff.

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Important RE Announcements and Dates

Oct 02: RE programs PreK-grade 6, youth group

Oct 09: RE programs PreK-grade6, youth group

Oct 16: RE programs PreK-grade 6

Oct 23: RE programs PreK-grade 6, youth group;
Pumpkin Carving following RE programs and
the worship service!

Oct 30: RE programs PreK-grade 6, youth group

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LARRY LEMMEL, PIANO



Sunday, October 2 at 11:30 am

Music by Mozart, Brahms
and Roy Harris

Admission Free – Please Invite Friends

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

As I write, I have an editorial from today's (September 22) *New York Times* on my mind. Called "15 Questions for Clinton and Trump. You Choose," the article lists important issues the candidates are not addressing for the most part and asks readers to vote on the top three areas of concern for them.

Unitarian Universalists are the democracy people. Our congregations have been governed by democracy pretty much since the get-go. Democracy is a flawed system, of course, as all human systems are. Democracy is at its best when voter turnout is high. It's a weaker system when voter turnout is low, as it often is. In addition, a "winner takes all" form of governance leaves little room for voices at the margin. So, yes, democracy is flawed. Nonetheless, I can't think of a system I would like better. As Winston Churchill once said, famously, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others."

What I love most about democracy from a theological perspective is its hopeful confidence in human beings. In its purest form, democracy says all voices matter, everyone has a right to speak up, our views count equally, and the masses are capable of governing themselves. That perspective of human beings differs significantly from one that insists human beings are born sinners, little more than worms, the lowest of the low.

For me, the upcoming presidential election feels like a slap in the face. With the candidates offering little substantive dialogue about issues, I feel the masses are being manipulated and treated like nitwits. It's hard to feel as though the candidates, and the media following breathlessly on their heels, take seriously the very real needs of the very real world. Because we Unitarian Universalists are the democracy people, that's a theological issue as well as a political one: The circus-like nature of the election season bumps up against our old and honored tradition of believing in and lifting up the voice of the people.

The *New York Times* editorial caught my eye, because it raises up some of the issues I think about a lot. What questions do you want the candidates to answer? Here's the list the *New York Times* offers:

1. What evidence-backed measures should be taken to improve the public school experience of every child?
2. It is widely accepted scientific fact that climate change is real and potentially catastrophic. What specific action will you take in the next four years.

3. Health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs are rising rapidly. What would you do to control them?
4. What are three important initiatives you could accomplish despite Congressional gridlock?
5. What would you do to reduce the extreme income inequality in this country?
6. Sanctions and global condemnation haven't deterred North Korea's nuclear ambitions. What would you do?
7. What specific actions or tactics will you use to fight the Islamic State that the Obama administration hasn't already tried?
8. Where would you set the limits of surveillance by the U.S. Government?
9. What should be done to strengthen the Social Security system so it can keep supporting retirees now and in the future?
10. The racial divide between policing and politics seems wider than ever. How could the next president help turn this around?
11. There are 43 million people living in poverty in this country. What will you do about this?
12. How do you plan to get money out of politics?
13. What would your administration do to reduce gun violence and mass shootings?
14. How will you minimize the domestic threat of home-grown terrorists?
15. Where has American policy on Syria failed? Should something be done militarily to stop the slaughter?

I know a positive view of humanity can be a stretch sometimes, but I feel we are our own best hope. Moreover, I witness ordinary people just like us doing amazing things all the time. I would like to see an election season that takes our voices – the voices of the people – seriously by taking the issues seriously, too. I feel the future of democracy depends on that.

Love,
Sylvia



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome back to our new church year! It was great to see the sanctuary overflowing on Homecoming Sunday and to have so many folks stay for the potluck lunch.

SAVE THE DATES!

Circle Supper: October 15



As we saw last Sunday, sharing a meal is a tried and true way to get acquainted or reacquainted. Circle Suppers are another way we offer this opportunity to each other. The first Circle Supper of the year will be held Saturday, October 15th. Circle Suppers have become an "institution" here at UUCB. At

least twice each year members and friends open their homes to host six to eight people for a "planned potluck" dinner or lunch. A small group social setting allows folks to get to know each other on a more personal level and to feel more deeply connected with the congregation. Don't miss this unique opportunity! Contact Leigh Peranteau at leigh763@yahoo.com or 207-725-4874

Circle Supper: October 15 (cont.)

if you would like to attend, or host, a supper in October. A sign up sheet will also be available at the visitor's table on preceding Sundays.

You and UU Class: November 19

Our next *You and UU* class is planned for November 19th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This Saturday class is designed to introduce newcomers to Unitarian Universalism and UUCB. It is strongly recommended for anyone considering official membership. If interested in attending, or learning more about this class, please call the church office at 729-8515, or stop by the Visitor's Table on Sunday.



Karen Rienert

WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE BEHIND THE VISITOR'S TABLE? (CONT.)

Karen Rienert is a social worker who lives in Lisbon Falls with her husband, a dog, a cat, and excessive numbers of books. She has three stepchildren, two of them in the area, and attends St. Paul's Episcopal Church as well as UUCB, finding many commonalities in the living out of faith.

Submitted by, Betsy Williams



Social Justice Llama at the MUUSAN booth at the Common Ground Fair

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

What a great joy it was to see so many of you at the Homecoming Potluck Luncheon following the church service on September 11! It was the perfect way to start the busy year ahead. People smiling, laughing, and some deeply conversing all speak to the wonderful community we have. I want to thank each one of you for your delicious food but mostly your enthusiastic presence.

The Board has been busy this month, not just with hosting the luncheon but planning the Congregational Meeting and participating in our Board retreat on September 20. Each September we establish goals for the church year. Some goals we meet, others get carried over for years. Our hope is to finish each of these this year, however.

The goals this year are:

- 1) Work with each committee to provide a clear charge and fill all necessary leadership roles;
- 2) Increase engagement of the congregation in church activities;
- 3) Work with the End Inequality Leadership Team to move from study to action; and
- 4) Study and adopt a cohesive governance model for church finances. Committees will be contacted to work with us on all of these goals. We also welcome input from all members of the congregation.

We have already started on our third goal to move from study to action on inequality issues. Two of the referendum issues you voted to support in the Congregational Meeting were recommended by End Inequality study groups. The other two were action items from our Working for Justice Committee. In addition, at the Council meeting earlier this month, each committee was asked to plan a program or activity to address an issue of inequality in our community. There were many suggestions listed in the summary of the End Inequality study groups and committees can also suggest new actions. We hope to find at least one church-wide project too.

I've had questions regarding our church's involvement in politics this fall. The board and others have checked into this extensively with UUA and with our non-profit regulations. According to one of the people at UUA I spoke to regarding this, we may voice an opinion on issues, but not on individual candidates. "In fact, you may not only voice an opinion as a church, but you are morally obligated to do so." The forum in early October planned by the End Inequality Leadership Team includes all candidates who will be given equal opportunity to state their positions.

Please approach any board member with questions or comments. We are here to represent all of you.

Mary Larson,
Board Chair

SUNDAY PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM



What is it? A musical jam session after church.

Who's invited? Everyone who wants to make music together. All ages welcome.

When is it? The first PB&J will meet after church on Sunday, October 9. If enough people are interested in continuing, we will meet after church the second Sunday of each month.

What should you bring? Your lunch, your instrument if you play; your voice if you sing; something easy enough for a lot of people of varying abilities to play together; copies of books like *Rise Up Singing* or *Rise Again*.

What else? Bring a sense of fun and adventure. We have no idea how many people might like to be part of a group like this, but we are hoping to have a lot of fun jamming together. I will be there with dulcimer, guitar, and banjo.

Love,
Sylvia



WORKING FOR JUSTICE

OCTOBER CHARITY WITH SOUL THE GATHERING PLACE



The Gathering Place is a nonprofit 501c3 charitable organization founded in Brunswick, Maine in 2010 to give daytime shelter, friendship and hope to the materially poor and homeless. On its first day, The Gathering Place received 7 guests. Now on a typical day, the volunteer driven organization welcomes between 50 and 70 guests. In five years, The Gathering Place has received approximately 60,000 visits.

The plight of the poor and the homeless in small communities is very serious. Unfortunately, in many smaller towns and cities, especially the more prosperous ones, there can be the perception there are not many suffering

from poverty and homelessness. In fact, that is usually not the case. Deep, almost unimaginable poverty, hunger, isolation, and homelessness are often invisible, below the surface of ordinary life. It is these needs of the soul and the spirit that The Gathering Place seeks to address. In the words of one of our guests, *"There's always a really fine line. You don't have to have an addiction to become homeless. It can just take an ordinary life problem, like an injury, an illness or problems with children to push you over the edge...to lose everything. People think it can't happen to them, but it can. We know from experience."*

This is an exciting time for The Gathering Place. We have just completed a very successful capital campaign and have built a beautiful new home for our guests. In its new home, The Gathering Place will be able to realize its vision of creating a caring community for greater Brunswick by collaborating with guests, volunteers, staff, and neighboring organizations to provide the most vulnerable among us with daytime shelter, access to resources, and opportunities to improve their lives. The Gathering Place has evolved into a real community -- a community where our guests and volunteers help each other and treat each other with respect. We are open Mon-Fri. 9:00am-3:00pm and located at 5 Tenney Way (off Union Street). Want to help? Come volunteer! Give us a call and find out more at 841-5905 or visit our website at brunswickgatheringplace.org.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE NEWS

The Working for Justice Steering Group met in August (copy of meeting minutes on the UUCB website) to begin looking ahead for the new fiscal year. Issues that are active and on-going include

- Immigration,
- Maine-Wabanaki REACH, and
- Public Policy - MUUSAN and Gun Violence Prevention/Education.

Next meeting is **Monday, October 3** at 4PM. We are always looking for new members!

WFJ PUBLIC POLICY OVERSEEING REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN



Phone Banking Opportunities at UUCB
(October & November)



Sunday, September 30 2-5pm



Sunday, October 9 -- 2-5 pm

Wednesday, October 26 -- 6-8:30pm

Sunday, November 2 -- 6-8:30

Sunday, November 6 -- 2-5pm

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

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MUUSAN NEWS FROM SEPTEMBER 10TH MEETING

19 UUs from 13 congregations attended.

Lynn Ellis & Pat Moore joined 37 Unitarian Universalists who gathered from 15 UU congregations at Augusta's Lithgow Library on Saturday, Sept. 10 for a terrific meeting to support MUUSAN's legislative ministry!

Issue Papers on MUUSAN's four endorsed ballot initiatives (Questions 5, 4, 3, and 2) were issued and chalice lighting rituals to help us stay mindful of our UU Principles as we work to bring those measures to fruition in Maine. These papers can be found at www.muusan.org

Issue Groups (Democracy in Action, Health Care for All, and Climate Change) met and discussed their ballot-related agendas and their plans for the upcoming legislative session.

Joy and excitement filled the room as everyone mobilized for social justice action on behalf of our Seven UU Principles.

MUUSAN will meet again on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the UU Community Church of Augusta.



L to R: Sue Kennedy, UUCB; Lynn Ellis, UUCB

MUUSAN had a booth at the Common Ground Fair



L to R: Lynn Ellis, UUC Brunswick; Peter Lehman, First Universalist Church Rockland; Rosemary Winslow, UU Church Waterville; Dale McCormick UU Community Church Augusta

ADULT EDUCATION

IMMIGRANT JUSTICE PROGRAMS

THE ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TASK FORCE INVITES YOU
to explore issues of immigrant justice and
meet immigrants living in Maine and those who serve them.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 7 PM

“Who is Dayani Cristal?”

This 2013 film documents what happens when immigrants lose their lives while trying to cross the US-Mexican border. To retrace the path of one such person, director Mac Silver and actor Gael Garcia Bernal embedded themselves among migrant travelers, providing rare insights into the human stories which are so often ignored in immigration debates.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 7 PM

“Rain in a Dry Land”

After more than a decade in a refugee camp in Kenya, to which they had fled to escape the civil wars tearing apart the Horn of Africa, two Somali Bantu families are finally allowed to immigrate to America. Their resettlement, began in 1999, was interrupted by September 11, and began again in 2003.

This PBS documentary follows their journey from Kenya to America and the experiences of both families as they settle in Springfield, MA and Atlanta. They are, in a Somali Bantu expression, grateful recipients of *bish-bish*, which translates literally as “splash-splash,” indicating the first rains after a long drought and, by extension, resettlement in America.

“The particular strength of this film is in its intimacy, its insistence on portraying immigrants as complicated, high-strung people negotiating the personal boundaries between their traditions and western modernity.”

— Stephen Holden, *The New York Times*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 11:30 AM

“Working with Somali Immigrants in Lewiston”



Kim Wettlaufer

is a community activist and former executive director of the Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston, Maine, a resource for Somali and Somali Bantu families, helping them adjust to life in the United States. More broadly it serves one of the neediest neighborhoods in Maine, offering programs that include meals, a food pantry, a diaper distribution service, and a drop in center.

After graduating from Bates College in 1980 Wettlaufer was a journalist for the Lewiston Sun Journal and track coach at Lewiston High School. He was chair of the capital campaign at Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice that raised the funds to build an in-patient hospice house, the first of its kind in Maine.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE



"ARMCHAIR ADVENTURE IN CAMBODIA"

Tues, October 11

The October meeting of the Women's Alliance will be held at church on **Tuesday, October 11th, at 10:30.** We are very pleased to have our own Grace Lewis-McLaren present her program titled "Armchair Adventure in Cambodia."

For three weeks early last year, Grace was in Cambodia. She had accepted the opportunity to be a volunteer teacher of "street kids" in the city of Siem Reap, in the northwest part of the country. Grace had chosen Cambodia for her first experience in Southeast Asia, and it was a memorable one. In addition to sharing her stories, she has put together a brief slide show to share.

We hope you can join us for this interesting program. If you can stay for lunch, please bring a bag lunch with fruit, cookies, or another goodie to share.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Wed, October 26

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 "Dimensional Play" acrylic paintings by Mildred Johnson. This show runs from September 16 through October 11.

PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK



The UUCB Plant-Powered Potluck (formerly Vegan Sunday) will be held after church on **Sunday, October 16**, 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 Esther Melcher at brunswick64@gmail.com or 207-798-7955 by **Thursday, October 13.**

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

UU CHURCH OF BRUNSWICK RAISES \$10,000 FOR CHARITY FIVE AREA NON-PROFITS RECEIVE \$2,000 EACH



Each year the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick holds several fundraising events to meet the needs of the church's annual budget. Then at the end of each fiscal year, the extra money raised is given to local charities. The number of charities supported depends upon how much money has been raised during the year.

This fiscal year, \$10,000 was raised through: the church's "Concerts for a Cause" series, Holiday Fair, a sold-out Ysaye Barnwell workshop, and a successful Appraisal Fair.

Recipients of the \$2,000 gifts are:

- ♦ **Tedford Housing's Merrymeeting Project for Homeless Youth**, which helps homeless students find a safe place to live, reunify with family, access resources and complete schooling.
- ♦ **The Gathering Place**, which provides daytime shelter, sustenance, access to resources and opportunities to improve the lives of the materially poor or homeless.
- ♦ **Habitat for Humanity/7 River Maine's Weatherization Program**, which provides home weatherizing assessments and completing cost-effective projects to increase energy-efficiency, reduce heat loss, lower energy bills, and increase comfort in the homes.
- ♦ **Midcoast Hunger Prevention's Backpack Program**, which supplies students and families with enough food to get through each weekend so they don't go hungry.
- ♦ **Maine Boys to Men**, which helps boys reach their potential to become emotionally healthy, respectful, non-violent men.

Receiving the checks from the UU Church are (from left to right):

Mark Primeau-Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine, Gif Jamison-Tedford Housing, Maine Matt Theodores, Boys to Men, Karen Parker-Midcoast Hunger Prevention, Phil Studwell-The Gathering Place

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



UUCB CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

PRESENTS

EMMA'S REVOLUTION

SATURDAY, OCT 22 AT 7:30 PM

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BRUNSWICK

Emma's Revolution is a classic, globetrotting duo comprised of activist singer/songwriters Sandy O and Pat Humphries. Their music is progressive, socially-conscious and shot-through with intelligence and cutting humor. One reviewer describes them this way: *"Smart, funny and informative. Like Rachel Maddow and Jon Stewart with guitars."*

With hauntingly beautiful harmonies and powerful acoustic instrumentals that deliver the energy and strength of their convictions, Emma's Revolution creates new standards in the art of social justice. Their songs have been sung for the **Dalai Lama**, praised by **Pete Seeger** and recorded by **Holly Near**.

Their song *"Peace, Salaam, Shalom"* is sung around the world and has been called the anthem of the anti-war movement. *"If I Give Your Name"* won Grand Prize in the John Lennon Songwriting Contest and

the band's music has been featured on NPR's "All Things Considered", Pacifica's "Democracy Now!" and "The Thom Hartman Show".

Emma's Revolution wrote "Love Reaches Out" for the 2014 Unitarian Universalist General Assembly theme. Their songs, "Keep on Moving Forward", "Swimming to the Other Side" and "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" are sung by UU congregations across the country and included in the "Earth and Spirit Songbook", the UU Tapestry of Faith series and the new UU Spanish Hymnal.

Emma's Revolution were featured performers at the **Parliament of the World's Religions** in Salt Lake City in Oct 2015. The oldest, largest, and most inclusive gathering of people of all faiths and traditions", the Parliament brought together 10,000 global and religious leaders, grassroots activists, and practitioners from 50 traditions—and more than 80 countries—to collaborate to achieve a more peaceful, just and sustainable world. Emma's Revolution opened the Saturday evening session of speeches by famed primatologist and conservationist Dr Jane Goodall, Nobel Laureate Mairead Maguire and Dr. Tariq Ramadan, among others.

In the spirit of Emma Goldman's famous attribution, "If I can't dance, I don't want to be part of your revolution," Emma's Revolution brings their uprising of truth, hope and a dash of healthy irreverence to concerts and peace & justice, labor, human rights, environmental, LGBT and women's rights events around the world. Touring over 200 days a year, Emma's Revolution has performed at hundreds of events from Canada, Chile, Korea, Scotland, England, Israel/Palestine, Nicaragua, Cuba, and throughout the US spreading their message of peace and justice. Emma's Revolution consistently delivers performances that are an *uprising of hope and harmony so powerful audiences leap to their feet*.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. Available after services or at the church office (729-8515), Gulf of Maine Books, or online at <http://emmasrevolution.com/live/>.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

The first fundraiser of the 2016-2017 fiscal year was a great success on several fronts. First of all there were many people there who had never set foot in the church before. We surpassed our goal of \$500 by raising **\$597** through ticket sales and refreshments. The audience was full of joy throughout the concert. Many were dancing in their seats; others were dancing in the front and back of the church, and many followed the band up and down the aisles while singing "The Saints Go Marching In." It was a special evening at UUCB.

THANK YOU ALL WHO HELPED SUPPORT THIS CONCERT!



ALL THE LATEST ABOUT OUR AUCTION

NOVEMBER 5 @ 6 PM



GRAB ONE! Donation forms are available with this Newsletter, with the next several THIS WEEK emails and outside the office. Donate a service or an item.

The earlier you get them in the more time our fabulous auctioneers have to embellish them with their original humor!

BUY YOURS! Ticket are available for \$5 on Sundays and in the office weekdays. They will be more expensive at the door!

USE YOUR MUSCLES! Sign up to help set up the tables/chairs on Thursday, Nov 3 at 3 PM or, sign up to put away the tables after the event.

PLAN TO EAT?! Gretchen Kamilewicz is looking for people to make appetizers, including nice finger sandwiches, and delicious desserts for the church auction.

She also needs help in the kitchen. If you can help her out, please either sign up at church in the fellowship hall or email her at gkamilewicz@gmail.com.

CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE. Sign up is a must!

ALL SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
SUNDAY MORNINGS

Questions?
sedadamour@msn.com,
marylit@gmail.com, or
gkamilewicz@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

HOLIDAY FAIR

With the church holiday fair just two months away, it is time to start checking your house for nice items for both the White Elephant Table and the new Sugar Plum Room. The White Elephant Table is looking for good, used items that people might like to buy as gifts for the holiday, or for themselves. Items that sell: kitchen wares, jewelry, CDs, DVDs, books, small tools, puzzles, craft kits, holiday tree decorations, and small musical instruments. Items that don't sell: old dishes and large items. Items can be brought in the week of the fair starting on Tuesday, November 29, during regular church business hours. Any questions, please call Adair Delamater at 389-4488. New this year is the Sugar Plum Room for grades K-5 where children can purchase gifts for their family, friends, and even pets, for 50 cents to \$5.00. Items wanted are pet toys, fashion accessories, home fix-up items, costume jewelry, puzzles under 100 pieces, games, mugs, children's books, handicrafts, stocking stuffer-size toys, figurines, and picture frames.

Donations for this room will be accepted starting Sunday, November 6 through November 27. A basket for your donations will be in fellowship hall during these Sundays. You can also bring your donations to church during the week of the fair from Tuesday through Friday. Contact Cuffy Chase at 721-0042 or Sienna Dode at 443-5890 with your questions.

Like last year we will have a UUCB craft table so if you are a craft-minded person, start stitching away. Robin Hansen, 443-5181, or Pat Harris 725-7772, can give you ideas of what sold last year. Remember your clientele when deciding what to make.

Starting November 6th we will have sign-up sheets for all areas of the fair after church in fellowship hall. Last year we had a tremendous fair due in large part to the wonderful participation of our congregation. We hope to do as well or better this year. Gretchen Kamilewicz, co-chair, and Leigh Peranteau, co-chair.

Holiday Fair Organizer, *Gretchen*





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

CILANTRO

Margot Frost and Earl Bigelow

Singer/songwriter Margot Frost has been performing since the late 70s, appearing primarily in Boston and surrounding areas. Now living in Maine, the acoustic guitarist is currently writing, recording and performing in a variety of venues with local musicians including Earl Bigelow. A guitar instructor with a recording studio in Bowdoinham, Earl has been an integral part of the music scene in Maine since 1977. He has produced many ensembles and music productions such as the well known "Natives Are Restless" concert, an annual event at the Chocolate Church in Bath where Margot and Earl began their musical collaboration.



Now performing as Cilantro, they bring a wide range of style and variety to their act either as a duo or with their full five piece band.

Friday Evening, October 21

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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ENDING INEQUALITY



Each month from now until January 2017 the End Inequality Leadership Team will highlight recommendations for action in one of our five focus areas: Income, Education, Food/Shelter/Clothing, Criminal Justice, and Health Care. This month's focus is on Education.

While particular issues related to each of the above categories have been identified, they are interconnected, and it is clear that income inequality is often a significant factor. Poverty has a major adverse impact on child development. For some families, raising the minimum wage could mitigate the effects, and concern for children is among the reasons to support this initiative on the November ballot.

One of the most blatant forms of inequality in education has to do with the way our public schools are funded. Reliance on property tax revenues has established long-standing inequities resulting in vastly different opportunities for children, based on where they happen to live. In Maine, legislation designed to address this issue was passed in 2003, but never implemented. The *Maine Public Education Tax Initiative* (Question 2 on the November ballot) presents voters with an opportunity to have a direct impact on reducing inequality.

The Education Study Group chose to focus on issues of early childhood education and care, noting that efforts directed toward helping children in the early years has the highest potential impact on future success. United Way of Mid Coast Maine shares this focus, and brings together a wide variety of organizations devoted to improving the lives of young children. There are opportunities to volunteer, and donations can be directed toward particular programs or to the umbrella agency. **The Best Start program** is especially promising as a means to provide links to home visitation services for all families. Directly related to income inequality, the need for all babies to have diapers is a pressing concern for many low-income families. United Way's **Diaper Project** is effective in addressing this need. Further information about these and other programs is available at their website: <http://www.uwmcmm.org/>



CANDIDATE FORUM FOR MAINE SENATE DISTRICTS 23 AND 24

Candidates for Maine Senate Districts 23 and 24 will answer questions at a Forum on issues of inequality on **October 5th at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick**. The Forum will run from **7:00- 8:30 p.m.** The Forum is free and open to the public.

Candidates will answer questions submitted by the audience in the areas of:

- 1) income, 2) health care, 3) education, 4) clothing, food, and shelter, and 5) criminal justice.

Dr. Douglas Bennett, former president of Earlham College (and now a resident of Topsham) will serve as the moderator for the Forum. The forum provides the opportunity for each candidate to respond to each question asked. Doors will open at 6:30 to give attendees time to write their questions and submit them to the moderator.

The candidates in District 23 are Guy Lebida (R) and Eloise Vitelli (D). Senate District 23 includes the municipality of Dresden and all of Sagadahoc County.

In District 24, the candidates are Tristram Coffin (R) and Brownie Carson (D). District 24 includes municipalities of Brunswick, Freeport, Harpswell, North Yarmouth and Pownal.

Neither district has an incumbent running for re-election. The Forum will provide a good opportunity for the public to hear and meet the candidates.

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9 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Peanut Butter & Jam: SAN 1:30 Phone Bank - Ranked Choice: PEN Office Closed	10 4 Membership: Off Site	11 10:00 Women's Alliance Film: SAN 11:30 Lunch: MSR 2 Holiday Fair: MSR 4:30 Finance: MSR 6:30 Stories: MBR 7:30 Pastoral Care: MSR	12	13 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 6:45 Choir: SAN	14 10:30 Bldg & Grounds: MSR 3:30 End Inequality Team: MSR	15 10 AA Rental: MBR 7 Can U Here Me Know show: SAN Office Closed
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