

# 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.

#### November 6 "Day of the Dead"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

In autumn, as the leaves die and drift to the ground, it's hard not to be reminded of mortality. Today we will have time in the service to remember our loved ones who have died. You are invited to bring a photo or memento of a deceased loved one to decorate our chancel. Music by Derek Herzer.

(Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 AM November 6. Set your clocks BACK one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.)

#### November 13 "Serving the Greater Good"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

With the election behind us – and on Veterans' Day weekend – we take time to consider what it means to serve. Music by Derek Herzer.

#### November 20 Intergenerational Thanksgiving

Rev. Stocker, Nicole Boutilier et al. join forces to consider gratitude and small-t thanksgiving. At this service we will collect non-perishable items for Midcoast Hunger Prevention. Please bring some canned goods or toiletries for others who need help filling their larders. Music by Derek Herzer and the choir, under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

#### November 27 TBA

Worship Committee

Music by Jean, Nathaniel and Zachary Lay

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The RE focus for November is gratitude. We will be exploring earth-based spirituality through the story *Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message* by Chief Jake Swamp. The story is based on the Iroquois Thanksgiving Address, a message in appreciation of Earth and all of her inhabitants. In

the author's note at the beginning of the book, he states that Iroquois children are taught to greet the world by saying thanks to all living things each morning. How different might our days be if we trained ourselves to wake up each morning to spend our first few moments of wakefulness giving thanks?

As I pondered how I might personally wake up each morning and give thanks, I thought of a book I recently read called *On Trails* by Robert Moor. A large portion of the book was about Native Americans and the extensive trails that they created, many of which later became our own network of roads. In his research on trails, Moor delved into the concept of the Native American attachment to place, a geographic rootedness. In many Native American stories, there are often very specific details about flora, fauna, and place even though as stories are passed down, time frames may become vague and characters are turned into archetypes. Stories that contain geographic details remind listeners of the lessons learned in the stories each time that specific location is passed by. We live in a culture in which it can be easy to be disconnected to the geographic place in which we currently reside for many reasons. In an effort to be mindful of the connection I want to foster with the place I live, I have been trying to start my day by focusing my thanks on something specific to my location: the family of cardinals that visits my bird feeder on a daily basis, the trails a few miles away that I love to run with my dogs, the loons that call to one another as I quietly paddleboard around the lake in the early morning. On the days that I remember to start out giving thanks instead of rushing to check my email, start my to-do list, or look at Instagram, I feel more centered. Throughout the day I find myself taking more notice and appreciation of the natural beauty around me. If you don't already make it a practice to do so, try waking up and spending a few moments in gratitude. See if it makes a difference in your day.

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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

**On Thanksgiving week, the office will only be open all day on Tuesday and 10-2 on Wednesday.**

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 Boutilier, 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.

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### Important RE Announcements and Dates

**Nov 06:** RE programs PreK-grade 6, youth group

**Nov 13:** RE programs PreK-grade6, youth group

**Nov 20:** Intergenerational Thanksgiving service

**Nov 27:** RE programs PreK-grade 6, youth group

## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

I am well aware of the complexities of celebrating Thanksgiving. The story is one of our national myths, based on a little bit of fact and a lot of wishful thinking. That myth glosses over the terrible atrocities settlers committed against the native tribes of our land. For the last 46 years, many descendants of the New England tribes have observed a National Day of Mourning to draw attention, not only to the inaccurate historical accounting Americans learn in school, but also to the struggles tribal people continue to endure. November, with its over-emphasis on turkey and stuffing, is a good time to remember the not-so-pretty true story behind the one we've all learned. Each year at this time, I make a special effort to heighten my own awareness.

At the same time, I do not relinquish gratitude. Instead, I practice what I call small-t thanksgiving. My last turkey dinner is several years behind me. My spouse and I have usually traveled on Thanksgiving Day so that we could spend some time with our son in Indiana. The three of us have always cooked some kind of special meal during the weekend, but most of the traditional trappings of Thanksgiving are gone for us now. Instead we have thanksgiving without the capital T. That's a time to name the things for which we are grateful.

In my life, there is much that stirs gratitude in my heart. This year, one thing I hold keenly in my thoughts is my gratitude for this congregation, especially given its great gift of a sabbatical during the past year. Yes, I know the sabbatical is contractual in nature. But it would hard to find a congregation that released its minister for a period of time with as much

grace as this congregation released me. Your care and support were obvious to me. Your willingness to step up to the plate and carry an extra load so that I could rest was remarkable.

As you know, the years leading up to the sabbatical were intense. As satisfying – even thrilling! – as it was to build the new building, my stores were depleted in the process. When I first left for sabbatical, I was astonished at how tired I was. Once I stopped feeling constantly driven to the next event or obligation, I found myself dozing off just about every time I sat down to read! Until then, I hadn't realized the level of my exhaustion. I am so grateful to all of you for allowing me simply to rest.

The various activities I took up during sabbatical replenished my stores as well. I am grateful for the extended period of time to work harder on playing dulcimer and banjo; grateful for the trip to the World Parliament of

Religions in Salt Lake City and subsequent tour of some of the national parks in Utah; grateful for attending the stupendous Festival of Homiletics and also MLK's birthplace, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, and the Museum of Civil Rights in Atlanta; grateful for my first visit to Washington DC in over 40 years; grateful for a restorative week in the heart of the Maine woods near Baxter State Park; grateful for the opportunity to take time to strengthen my neighborhood bonds (and even create a pick-up band, The Brown-Tail Moths – ha! – to play at a neighborhood block party). I am grateful for all those things and so much more.

Now that I am back and in the swing of things again, I am daily reminded of how all of you worked to keep the church percolating in my absence. You are the best! And – this year, as I gear up for my small-t thanksgiving – I am so thankful for all of you.

Love, *Sylvia*



So many new faces! So much activity at the Visitor's Table! It must be fall!

## HELP WANTED!

## WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE BEHIND THE VISITOR'S TABLE?

A portrait of Dr. David J. Nisbet, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark polo shirt, standing in front of green foliage.

## YOU AND UU CLASS

I joined the membership committee recently and really enjoy working with this committed and experienced group. I am still getting my feet wet, but it has been a lot of fun to welcome newcomers at the Visitor Table and help to introduce them to our warm church community.

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## WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

### "BOW-MAKING...CONES...MEALS ON WHEELS Tues, November 8



The Women's Alliance is hosting a holiday craft day on Tuesday, November 8, 10:30-1:00, at UUCB. Robin Hansen will be organizing BOW-MAKING and the wiring of PINE CONES for the wreathes to be sold at our Holiday Fair. There will also be materials to make the simple favors for the MEALS ON WHEELS December trays. Please bring your sandwich. Hot cider, coffee, tea, and goodies provided. There will be a collection box for an unwrapped toy or book, or size 4 or 5 diapers, for those who wish to contribute to the Tedford Shelter. Please join us!! All are welcome; we need many hands!!-



## HOSPITALITY HELP IS NEEDED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!



It would be nice to have volunteers lined up through the end of the year before the holiday madness begins. Please choose a date soon.

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>

## SUNDAY PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM

**What is it?** A jam session for musicians of all ages, abilities, and stages.

**When?** After church the second Sunday of every month.

**Who Should Come?** You.

**What to bring?** A bag lunch, your voice, an instrument if you play one; some easy music to play and sing together. (Books like *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again* are helpful.)

**NOVEMBER 13**

We had a smallish but hearty group at our very first session in October. We hope you will join us on **November 13**. Why? Because it's fun!



## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### NOVEMBER CHARITY WITH SOUL BOYS TO MEN



The mission of Boys to Men is to reduce interpersonal violence, specifically male violence against women and girls, and to support the development of emotionally fluent, civically engaged boys. Maine Boys to Men brings boys, girls, men, and women together to stand up in support of gender justice and against gender-based violence. They confront the rigid stereotypical gender-based boundaries that limit us all. Maine Boys to Men provides safe spaces for people to discuss these complex issues, learn from each other, and begin to do the self-reflection necessary to participate in the solution. They train people to notice and safely intervene to confront sexist attitudes and behaviors before situations become violent. Lastly, we organize boys, girls, men, and women to work together as allies and leaders who take specific action in support of gender justice and against gender-based violence.

Maine Boys to Men delivers programming to a variety of audiences to saturate communities and provide support of the sustainable youth-led action groups that ultimately drive broader change. The *Reducing Sexism and Violence Program* (RSVP) is a continuum of nationally recognized curriculums that serve girls, boys, men and women and empower participants to continue as leaders to drive social change within their communities and is delivered to Middle School and High Schools. Change is driven through *Youth-led RSVP Action Groups* that are supported by Maine Boys to Men and their volunteers.

*Boot Camp for New Dads* is a national evidence-based program delivered by Maine Boys to Men three times per month in Portland and Brunswick. The program models different ways of parenting than what the men might have seen growing up and are encouraged to be equal participants in parenting their children. Delivered alongside this is their *Fatherhood and True Strength* workshop which provides a bridge for men to enter into RSVP in a way that's very relevant to them as new fathers.

## SAVE THE DATE

**SANDY HOOK VIGIL 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7-8:30PM**



This year's event will offer MUSIC IN MEMORIAM. UUCB musicians and community musicians who want to participate please be in touch with Lynn Ellis at [lynnsellis@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnsellis@yahoo.com)

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### MUUSAN UPDATES

*The next meeting of MUUSAN will take place Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>  
10AM – 12PM at the Augusta UU church.*

One of the 3 issue groups MUUSAN is active with is **Climate Change**. In alliances with other organizations, the focus is on promoting policies, both statewide and national, that support UU principles.

Areas of Focus include:

- ♦ **Environmental Protection** – we oppose the piping of tar sands oil through Maine, oppose weak rules for open pit mining, and support bills that would protect Maine lakes.
- ♦ **Energy Efficiency** – we support federal legislation that sets emission standards for both new and existing power plants, and back state bills to reduce the cap on carbon pollution for power plants under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and encourage home weatherization and other efficiency methods.
- ♦ **Sustainable Energy Sources** – we support legislation that encourages the use of solar energy in Maine.



Photos taken at First Parish Church where the new documentary, "Facing the Surge" was shown. The film talks about the dangers of rising sea levels. Mary Ann Larson, member of First Parish and co-chair of MUUSAN Climate Action committee coordinated with the Citizen's Climate Lobby group. The showing was followed by a panel discussion on the topic involving the director of the film.



### SERVICE IN WEST PARIS

Lynn Ellis, UUCB will do the service at the First Universalist Church of West Parish on November 27th. The title of the sermon is "Advocacy & Legislative Ministry" and will highlight the history of MUUSAN.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) QUESTION 3 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!

I have agreed to be in charge of hospitality for the Get out the Vote (GOTV) for Question 3 on Background Check Ballot Question from November 5 -8th. The GOTV location will be St. Paul's Church in Brunswick.

What is needed: ample food and drink for all phone volunteers and canvassing volunteers. Nov. 5, 6, 7 Lunch and Dinner and Nov 8 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

The most likely number of volunteers is 35-50 at this point.

Please let me know that you can assist with providing this important nourishment for dedicated volunteers. Hearty soups and salads, casseroles etc. OR donations of cash or Hannaford gift cards or local Pizza places will all be welcome. I will manage all logistics of pickup etc. I will also be asking local restaurants to pitch in so if you know of those you think would assist let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you on behalf of the campaign.

Lynn Ellis – [lynnsellis@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnsellis@yahoo.com) or 479-5208



## WORKING FOR JUSTICE STEERING GROUP

The Working for Justice Steering Group would like to welcome new members to the group.

Our next meeting is **Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30PM** in the May Sarton Room at the church.

If you are interested in getting involved in social justice and advocacy, please do join us!  
For more information talk with Cathey Cyrus or Lynn Ellis.

## COLUMBUS DAY OR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY?

Many cities, counties, states and colleges across the country have organized to replace the Columbus Day holiday with a celebration of Native People's heritage and culture - recognizing the past genocide and colonization and the continuing discrimination against indigenous people in the United States.

This October Belfast inaugurated a recognition of Indigenous People's Day with a series of events to inform and include the community in a celebration of Maine's Wabanaki people. In Orono and Bangor proposals for such a holiday celebration change as well as cross cultural education programs are in progress. UUCB Working for Justice and others in the wider Brunswick community think it is time for Brunswick and Bath to begin a similar effort.

It is widely held that changing Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day can begin to encourage reconciliation and wider truth telling within our communities. What kind of celebration, ceremony and programming could we create that would recognize and honor the people whose land we live on today - the people with whom we can learn to care for the earth we all share?

On **Tuesday, November 29 from 7-8:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick**, Diane Oltarzewski, from Belfast, will be present to talk with interested community members about her experience organizing in the Belfast community. We have invited others active in similar organizing efforts in Maine. Please join Working for Justice and others in this conversation, and together let's create a vision and plan of action for holiday change in the Brunswick and Bath communities.

## 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, NOVEMBER 16**  
**at 7 PM**

## “DOCUMENTED”

A FILM BY AN UNDOCUMENTED AMERICAN

Running time, 1 hour, 29 minutes  
Date of Release: 2013

In 2011, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas outed himself as an undocumented immigrant in the New York Times Magazine. “Documented” chronicles his journey to America from the Philippines as a child; his journey through America as an immigration reform activist/provocateur; and his journey inward as he re-connects with his mother, whom he hasn't seen in 20 years.



## LOOKING FOR WORK



JOBS such as:

- ♦ driving to appointments
- ♦ computer work
- ♦ companionship
- ♦ light meal prep

(no personal care or physically challenging tasks)

Contact – Lynn Ellis at 479-5208

## ENDING INEQUALITY: OPTIONS FOR ENGAGEMENT

Each month from now through January, the End Inequality Leadership Team will highlight recommendations for action in the five focus areas which church members studied: Income, Education, Food/ Shelter/Clothing, Criminal Justice, and Health Care. November's focus is on Food and Shelter. (To read more about key findings and solutions, please read the Ending Inequality Action Guide created from the Study Group's work: go to the UUCB website and follow the ending inequality links <http://www.uubrunswick.org/>. The Guide was emailed to all members last July. )

Food insecurity and homelessness are serious problems in Maine. The Study Group which focused on these issues found that 1 in 4 children in Maine are "food insecure," defined as not knowing where their next meal will come from. Over 200,000 Mainers experience food insecurity annually.

There is a need for temporary and emergency housing for local people, including families. Local agencies reported in the spring that they had over 100 emergency housing requests over a 6 month period which could not be met with current facilities.

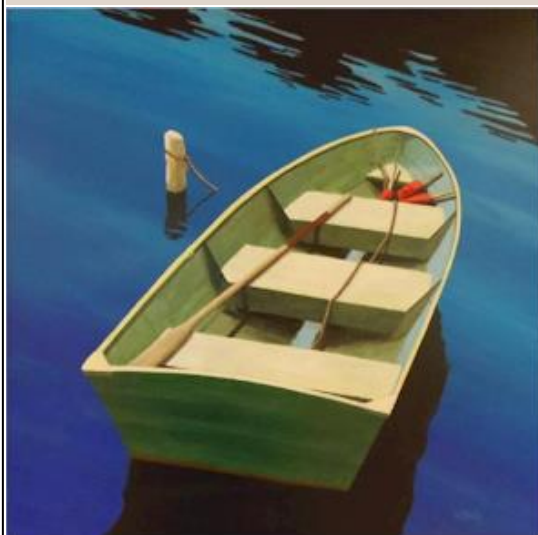
Support for people who are hungry or homeless must be undertaken with respect for their dignity, privacy and their involvement in defining their needs. Thankfully, we have organizations whose employees and volunteers are trained and equipped to guide individuals and families in qualifying for

existing solutions, where resources allow it. One way for our church members to engage is ongoing support (dollars and time) for the work of organizations such as Tedford Shelter, People Plus, Mid Coast Hunger Prevention, The Gathering Place, United Way and Meals on Wheels. We can also advocate for legislative changes by contacting state and federal elected officials. The Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) advocates on public policies which can ease the burden for many needy or low income Mainers.

What can you do on your own or working with others? Here are some ideas from the Action Guide: provide a meal for the Tedford Shelter; pass out 211 cards which are pocket sized resource guides to local support networks; donate a portion of your garden to the Food Pantry; organize a drive for clothing and household items which can be donated; volunteer at Mid Coast Hunger Prevention or The Gathering Place; help raise funds or construct a home through Habitat for Humanity. There is much we *can* accomplish, working together and with others!



### FELLOWSHIP ART GALLERY



Please be sure to take note of the art on display in our Fellowship Gallery and in the May Sarton Room. Your comments and appreciations in the guest book are always welcome as well!

This month's exhibit includes some of the vibrant acrylic paintings of Boothbay Harbor's Marky Reilly.

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS



### AUCTION NEWS!

**NOVEMBER 5 @ 6 PM**

Buy your ticket **today!** Only \$5 for a magical evening! We need to know how many folks will be sharing our food and our tables!

**Save the DATE: Saturday, November 5th**

From **6:00-7:00** there will be a Preview, silent auction action and Hearty Appetizers with SPECIAL GUEST, Walk Around Magician, Mark Vaillancourt. **Don't miss. Fascination for all!**

Yes, we'll enjoy a magical guest for the first part of our evening **to help us get create budget magic for our UUCB**. Mark's Magic is up close, small group, walk around. He will perform as well as offer his talent as an item to our auction. Think of a special occasion coming up for your friends, family or business...

Then our UUCB **Live Auction begins at 7:00** - till the Final Gavel drops from our Premier Auctioneers: Rene Bernier and Dick Brown

Yep, Rene and Dick are back with their wit and humor to delight and entice us.

Soon you'll find a list of offerings in your email box so you can be inspired and plan what you'll bid on.

Won't be in town??? We'll set you up with someone who will bid for you. You **MUST** let us know **before Friday, Nov 4th**.

See you here on November 5th for our Magical Auction. Please, remember to bring cash or a check; no credit cards can be accepted.

Good friends and great food. What an evening!

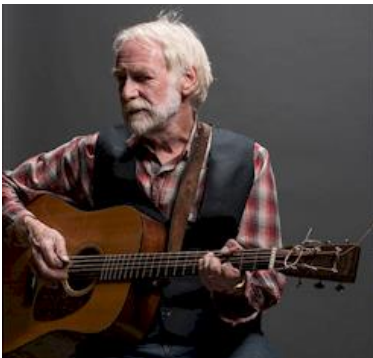
Questions? Contact Sue Ellen Damour at 207-406-2410 or [sedamour@msn.com](mailto:sedamour@msn.com).



## CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

### SAVE THE DATE

**DAVID MALLET**  
**SAT, JANUARY 28**



### EMMA'S REVOLUTION

October 22nd... another successful concert at UUCB! Emma's Revolution brought in a large crowd of ardent fans who adored their music and their social justice advocacy. The audience was very happy to sing and clap along with them on their uplifting songs, and to get motivated to "keep on moving forward" with important issues such as the Dakota Access Pipeline.

THANK YOU to Carol and Charlie Evans who provided lodging for Pat and Sandy, to Caroline Evans who was our kitchen guru, and to all those who donated refreshments for the event. Thanks also to Cathy Cyrus and Lynn Ellis (and many others) who helped spread the word about this special concert. Thanks also to the Concert Committee members who, as always, worked behind the scenes to make everything go off without a hitch.

Concert Committee: *Susan Michaud, Ann Spencer, David Roundy, Donna Susmihl, Debbie Zorach*

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### HOLIDAY FAIR

With the church holiday fair now just a month away, it is time to start checking your house for nice items for both the White Elephant Table and the new Sugar Plum Room.

**White Elephant Table**—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.

**Sugar Plum Room**—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.

**Craft Table**—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.

**Baked Goods Table**—The ever popular bake goods table will again be at the fair as well as the **festive wreaths** made by Robin and Erik Hansen and a number of UUCB elves. Finally you will be able to purchase breakfast items and delicious soups, bread and pies for lunch at the **UUCB Café**.

Starting November 6<sup>th</sup> 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, but we need your help.

*Gretchen Kamilewicz and Leigh Peranteau, co-chairs.*





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

# Jud Caswell



Maine's Jud Caswell is a little bit like a one-man folk festival. You've got your banjo picking, your Irish drinking songs, a rack of acoustic instruments, and a deep catalog of award-winning originals. He's often compared to James Taylor and David Wilcox, but his songs draw on a long musical history and wide-ranging influences from jazz and Piedmont blues to contemporary folk and rock.

## Friday Evening, November 18

***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.

The use of the UU Church of Brunswick does not imply endorsement of the charter or opinions of contracted groups or individuals by the Church or its members.

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## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

**W**hen I asked the board what I should write about for the Parish Messenger this month, they all said one thing - VOTE! And VOTE EARLY if you can. I already have voted at the town offices, and it is very easy. It is one power you have that to be heard. I hope many of you were at church on October 16 when Sylvia gave her election day sermon. It was extraordinary, and put a perspective on what we have been going through for the past months. For those of you who were not at church that week, I urge you to pick up a copy in the Fellowship Hall. I have made my own copies and mailed them to family and friends.



Now, on to what your Board is doing! This month it was business as usual, with review of minutes, reports from Sylvia, the treasurer, and many committee liaisons. Very soon, you will be given a survey soliciting ideas of how to use the proceeds from the sale of the Gurnet Road property. A task force is working on how to get input from the congregation. Please participate. The task force will then try to compile a list of the most mentioned items, and bring it again to you for a vote. In addition, several board members will be participating in three webinars on church leadership, stewardship and church financial management being given through the New England District of UUA.

I also hope you are planning to attend the auction for our church on November 5. There are many wonderful, fun and valuable things and activities being auctioned off, and we need you to attend. It will be a fun evening to watch, and hopefully give you some good things to purchase! Tickets for this night are only \$5 – so please, please attend!

As always, board members are available to all of you for any of your concerns. Look for the red ribbon on our name tags in case you don't know who we are.

*Mary Larson,*  
Board Chair

## PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK

The UUCB Plant-Powered Potluck (formerly Vegan Sunday) will be held after church on **Sunday, November 20**, 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 Larry Lemmel at [llemmel@myfairpoint.net](mailto:llemmel@myfairpoint.net) or 207-720-0387 by **Thursday, November 17**.

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](http://www.forksoverknives.com).

## MEN'S LUNCHEON Wed, November 30

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](mailto:bmitch10@gmail.com), or Jim Michaud at [michaudjim33@gmail.com](mailto:michaudjim33@gmail.com).

# NOVEMBER 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		<b>1</b> <b>5 Staff Mtg:</b> WBR <b>6:30 Worship:</b> MSR <b>7 RE Committee:</b> MBR	<b>2</b> <b>12:30 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR <b>3 Writers Group:</b> MSR <b>6-8:30 Phone Bank - Ranked Choice:</b> PEN	<b>3</b> 10 RENTAL: MBR <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship <b>3 Auction Setup</b> <b>6:45 Choir:</b> SAN	<b>4</b> <b>Teford Shelter Meal</b>	<b>5</b> 10 AA Rental: MBR <b>10 Chalice Circle Facilitators:</b> Rev Stocker's Office <b>6 Auction</b> Office Closed
<b>6</b> <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes</b> <b>11:30 Newcomers Chat:</b> WBR	<b>7</b> <b>4 Working for Justice:</b> MSR Office Closed	<b>8</b>  <b>10 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR <b>10:30 Women's Alliance :</b> MBR <b>4:30 Finance:</b> MSR <b>6:30 Stories:</b> WBR <b>7:30 Pastoral Care:</b> MSR	<b>9</b> 6 Rental—Friends of Merrymeeting Bay: MBR <b>6:45 Council:</b> MSR	<b>10</b> <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship <b>6:45 Choir:</b> SAN	<b>11</b> <b>Building &amp; Grounds</b> <b>10:30am MSR</b> <b>3:30 End Inequality:</b> MSR 	<b>12</b> 10 AA Rental: MBR 8-4 Rental—Day of Mindfulness: Entire Building 10-12 MUUSAN Mtg: Augusta UU Office Closed
<b>13</b> <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes</b> <b>11:30 PB &amp; Jam:</b> MBR <b>11:45 Green Sanctuary:</b> MSR Office Closed	<b>14</b> <b>4 Membership:</b> Debra VamVikites hous1-6e 5:30 All Care: MRS Office Closed	<b>15</b> <b>10 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR 2 Savvy Caretakers: WBR <b>6:30 Board:</b> MSR	<b>16</b> <b>3 Writers:</b> MSR <b>7 Adult RE Film "Documented":</b> SAN	<b>17</b> <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship <b>6:45 Choir:</b> SAN	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 Side Door Coffeehouse:</b> Jud Caswell <b>5 Parish Messenger Deadline</b>	<b>19</b> 10 AA Rental: MBR <b>8:45 You and UU Class:</b> SAN & MBR Office Closed
<b>20</b> <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes</b> <b>12 Plant-Powered Potluck:</b> FEL <b>12 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR 1-6 Rental—Daponte Office Closed	<b>21</b> Office Closed	<b>22</b> <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship <b>6:30 Stories with Soul:</b> WBR	<b>23</b> <b>6 Chalice Circle:</b> MBR Office Closing at 2 pm	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 10 AA Rental: MBR
<b>27</b> <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes</b> <b>12 Wreath Making:</b> PEN Office Closed	<b>28</b> Office Closed	<b>29</b> <b>7-8:30 Working for Justice discussion about Indigenous Peoples Day</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Holiday Fair Set Up</b> <b>12 Men's Luncheon</b> <b>3 Writers:</b> MSR	<b>1</b> 10 Rental: MSR <b>Holiday Fair Set Up</b> <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship <b>7 Choir:</b> SAN	<b>2</b> <b>Holiday Fair Set Up</b> <b>Tedford Shelter Meal</b>	<b>3</b> 10 AA Rental: MBR <b>9-2 Holiday Fair</b> <b>10 Chalice Circle Facilitators:</b> Rev Stocker's Office Office Closed

## ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS/DEADLINES

If you have items to be placed in the "This Week" email, Announcement Insert (The green sheet) or the Order of Worship, please submit it to Shirley, the office administrator, by **Thursday at 12:00 pm**

If you want an announcement or article to appear in the monthly Parish Messenger, send it to the newsletter editor, Sue Michaud (michaud\_susan@comcast.net) on or before the **3rd Friday of each month (usually)**. The deadline for the December Parish Messenger is **Friday, November 18th**.