

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Brunswick



May, 2017

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*Our Mission is
To be a spiritual community
To welcome all
To nurture one another
To work for justice
And to care for the earth.*

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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Minister Emeritus
Nicole Boutlier,
Director of Religious Education
Stephanie Bernier, Music Coordinator
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Derek Herzer, Choir Accompanist
Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator
Tony Sulkoski, Sexton
Claire Curole, Ministerial Intern
Dan Ellis, Webmaster



SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

May 7 "Through All Time and Space in this Divine Moment"

Minister Emeritus Rev. Brad Mitchell will cover for Rev. Stocker, who is preaching in Rockland to help provide coverage for their minister's sabbatical. A poetic expression of the evolution of the gods from multi-power centers to the inter-relational, interdependent web of existence of which we are all part. Music by Derek Herzer and the choir.

May 14 Mothers Day

Rev. Stocker and Student Minister Claire Curole will team up with Portland Playback Theatre, an improv group, to produce a vibrant, interactive worship service. Mothers' Day is a complex holiday – one of sorrow, celebration, regret, or even anger, depending on one's experiences. Portland Playback Theatre will help us to explore Mothers' Day in depth. Music by Derek Herzer.

May 21 RE Sunday

Nicole Boutlier and Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Today we celebrate our kids and teachers as they wind up their year of exploring world religions. Overarching theme of the service will be "The Golden Rule." Music by Jud Caswell.

May 28 "And the Greatest of These is Love"

Rev. Sarah Gillespie

We hear these familiar words from 1st Corinthians 13 during weddings at this time of year: "Love is patient, Love is kind. Love bears all things." But what does this passage mean for us in our daily lives? Our Universalist forbears held Love at the center, and we are still called to do the same. Through my lens as a healthcare chaplain, join me in exploring what Love looks like in sickness and in health. Music by Larry Lemmel. Read a short bio of Rev. Gillespie on page 4.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



During the month of May, our last month of Religious Education (RE) programming for the year, we will be exploring the Golden Rule also known as the Ethics of Reciprocity. The Golden Rule, stated simply, is that we are to treat others as we would wish to be treated in return. This ethic is included in almost all religions, philosophies, and moral systems. Unitarian Universalism's first, second, sixth and seventh principles (1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person; 2. Justice equity and compassion in human relations; 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part) relate to this concept of the Golden Rule. Our living tradition draws from many sources including Jewish and Christian teachings, world religions, humanist teachings, and earth-centered religions. The Golden Rule can be found in all of these. When a concept is so widespread, it deserves attention! The Golden Rule is something

we've all heard of before. We know it, we can recite it, but do we actually institute it in our everyday interactions with those around us? This month do something to remind yourself of the Golden Rule on a daily basis. Make some sort of small reminder for yourself- write it out on a sticky note and attach it to a corner of the bathroom mirror where you'll see it each day, make it the wallpaper/background on your phone or computer, or any number of other things (you can be creative!). Keep this concept on your mind and find ways to actively live it out each day. Perhaps it will remind you to be kind in your online comments on social media, to smile at people as you pass them on the street, or to graciously let someone merge when they accidentally chose the wrong lane.

Our RE celebration service on May 21st will wrap up our program year. In this service we'll explore some of the ways various religions have chosen to state their versions of the Golden Rule and celebrate what we've learned together in the RE program, I hope you'll consider attending whether or not you have children in our program. I'll leave you with this quote from the Dalai Lama:

Every religion emphasizes human improvement, love, respect for others, sharing other people's suffering. On these lines every religion had more or less the same viewpoint and the same goal. If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

Nicole

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 Boutilier, 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@gwi

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

Important RE Announcements and Dates

May 07: RE classes, Youth Group Outing

May 14: RE classes

May 21: RE Intergenerational Celebration Service

May 28: No RE Programs

GRADUATES?

Every year, I like to publish in our annual report the news of the graduates within our congregation. If you (or your child who was raised in our church) are receiving a degree from high school or beyond, will you please let me know? I'd love to know what your degree is in and where you are headed next, if you know that.

Thank you,
Sylvia Stocker



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

The death of my 103-year-old father-in-law on April 20 has certainly altered my thoughts about this newsletter column.



Frank Lindsay Wellcome, Jr., was born and raised in Yarmouth, Maine, where his family had lived for several generations. In fact, his father installed the first town water system there. Frank was raised in the Yarmouth Universalist church.

Frank was a twin. He and his sister were born on Easter (hence her name: Esther). Esther predeceased Frank by many years. Frank always claimed she was the smart one. Considering how bright Frank was, Esther must truly have been wicked smaacht!

Trained as an electrical engineer at the University of Maine in Orono, Frank's engineering career was interrupted by World War II. He served in the Army Signal Corps in Europe. Upon his return, he worked first at S.D. Warren in Westbrook, then at Sprague Electric in North Adams, MA, then at Williams College in Williamstown, MA. Steve was his only child. Our son David was his only grandchild. His wife Fleta, who died in 2005, was his only wife.

Frank's mind was intact right up to the end. He was still memorizing poetry, even at his advanced age, and he enjoyed doing the crosswords every day. He read the *Brunswick Times Record* and the *Portland Press Herald* carefully, and he often knew more

about what was going on up here than we did. Frank was intelligent, opinionated, and engaging. He enjoyed time spent with family and friends, a good laugh, and remembering the old days, especially on Fleta's family's dairy farm in Westbrook. A lifelong Republican, he rued the day Donald Trump was chosen as candidate, then as President. He was old school, and the world had moved on to a much different place.

Although Frank had lived in Williamstown for nearly 60 years, he always thought of himself as a Mainer. He had a Maine accent, even after all those years of living "away." Thus, when, after his most recent hospitalization, he told us, "I want to go home to Maine," we did what we could to make it happen quickly. Even though his health declined precipitously once he got back here, and he couldn't really enjoy Maine for what it is, it meant a great deal to him (and to us) to be able to "come home."

Steve and I were fortunate – privileged, really – to be at Frank's side when he died. We got to say all the things families hope to be able to say to their loved ones before the final exit. But, even though Frank was 103, he so did not want to die! He would have gone on forever if he could have. He struggled right up until the very end, and that was hard to witness.

If you live until 103, you are, by definition, an institution, a force of nature. So while my family celebrates Frank's great long life, we are also stunned he is gone. I guess no matter how much you are prepared for the loss of a loved one – even if your profession brings you right up close to death, as mine does – there is no way of really readying oneself for such a momentous event. Steve and I are, and will be, okay, but the earth has shifted on its axis for us. We will need time to get our legs underneath us again. We give thanks for Frank's great long life and also for the many heartfelt condolences and offers for assistance we have received. Bless you, all of you.

Love, *Sylvia*



MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME BACK, DEBBIE!

The Membership Committee is happy to welcome Debbie Zorach back among our ranks. Debbie was one of this committee's first members and she is rejoining us after a brief hiatus. Shown to the right is Debbie with her grandson Oliver (age 5) and his parents, whom Debbie visits as often as possible in Chicago.

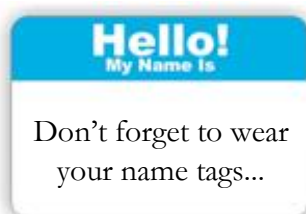


SPRING YOU AND UU CLASS

On Saturday, April 22nd, we conducted our second You and UU class this year. The seven attendees learned more about Unitarian Universalism, the history of UUCB and had an opportunity to deepen their own connection to our community. That brings to 18 the total number of people who attended these informative classes this year.

LARGE PRINT BROCHURES AND ORDER OF SERVICE

Last fall the End Inequality Leadership Team asked every committee of the church to think of some way they could address inequality in their work. In response, the Membership Committee decided to make large print copies of two of our most popular brochures: *We are UUs* and *Becoming a Member* for those who find the small print difficult to read. Look for them on our pamphlet rack. The Order of Service each Sunday is also now available in large print for those who would like it.



NEWCOMER'S POTLUCK--SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, June 4th, the Membership Committee will host a potluck lunch for everyone who has added his/her name to our mailing list this year. We will gather in the RE wing at 11:45, after the RE folks have vacated the area. Personal invitations will be forthcoming via email but please save the date if you have signed up for our mailings this year.

SUMMER CIRCLE SUPPERS--BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND



Maybe you're a snowbird who regrets you miss out on circle suppers every year. Or maybe you have a great home to host a circle supper when outdoor entertaining is possible. Or maybe you just heard about what fun was had in March at the last round of circle suppers and wish they came around more often! Whoever you are, we heard you! So we're offering two summer circle supper dates: June 17 and August 19. Carol Drake (a snowbird herself) has offered to help Leigh Peranteau and Debbie Zorach organize these events. Thank you, Carol. Save the dates and keep an eye out for more details.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MAY CHARITY WITH SOUL MAINE FAMILY PLANNING

Maine Family Planning (MFP) was founded in 1971 to ensure that all Maine people have access to high-quality, affordable reproductive health care, comprehensive sexual health education, and the right to control their reproductive lives.

Focused on low-income, uninsured, and underinsured Mainers, MFP offers complete reproductive health care at 18 health centers; surgical abortion care at its Augusta location; and medication abortion at all 18 sites. MFP also is the only organization in northern New England that offers training and education in abortion care to medical students, residents, and physicians.

As the major source of sexuality education in the state, MFP's trains educators to present evidence-based, comprehensive sexuality curriculums that focus on preventing HIV, STIs, and pregnancy, contributing to Maine's 4th

lowest-in-the-nation teen pregnancy rate. MFP also maintains an active public affairs presence, providing legislative education and advocacy at all levels of government.

For more information about Maine Family Planning, please visit their website at

www.mainefamilyplanning.org

or email info@mainefamilyplanning.org.



MUUSAN

MUUSAN Spring Conference & Annual Meeting *The Intersection of Faith and Advocacy*

UU Community Church of Augusta

(69 Winthrop Street, Augusta 04330)

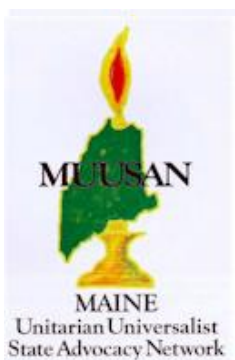
Saturday, May 13, 2017
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

The Hon. Tom Andrews

**President and CEO, Unitarian Universalist
Service Committee**

Former Congressman, Maine's First District



WORKING FOR JUSTICE

NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION TRAINING AT UUCB – PAST AND FUTURE

Close to 50 people attended the *Communication Where Everyone Matters* workshop with Peggy Smith at the church on Sunday, March 19. Participants found the experience meaningful, relevant, challenging and fun - *just the beginning* in the development of nonviolent communication skills and practice. If you were there on the 19th or not, and if you wish to deepen your knowledge and ability to use nonviolent communication in your life, Peggy is offering a more intensive training at UUCB on Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3. Working for Justice Steering Group encourages people to take this training. *How we talk and listen to each other, matters...now more than ever!*

Registration information in the flyer below. Note that the fee is sliding scale if needed.

SAVE THE DATE and REGISTER SOON!

Communication Where Everyone Matters: The Art of Nonviolent Communication

With Peggy Smith, certified trainer

June 2 & 3, 2017

Friday, June 2—6:30pm-8:30pm

Saturday June—9:00am-4:00pm

An hour for lunch on Saturday,
bring your own or enjoy a variety
of local eateries.

Location: 1 Middle St, Brunswick



- Learn ways to connect with yourself and others, even during times of conflict and stress
- Learn to hear the “Yes” inside every conflict
- Learn how to say and hear “No” with compassion and authenticity
- Gain skills in connecting, even with people you disagree with
- Bring more authenticity into your relationships

**You will leave this workshop with practical concepts and skills
you can put to immediate use.**

Fee Request: \$150 (sliding scale available)

FMI and Registration: <http://opencommunication.org/schedule.html>

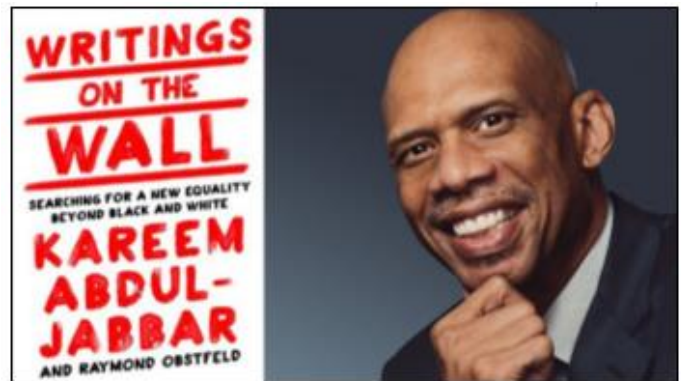
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CURTIS LIBRARY COMMUNITY READ COMES TO UUCB MAY 9

You are invited to take part in the Curtis Library “One Book, One Community” program right here at UUCB. This year’s book, Writings on the Wall: Searching for a New Equality Beyond Black and White, provides an interesting perspective on cultural divisions in America. On **May 9 at 12:00 noon** in the May Sarton Room, Donna Chale and Cathey Cyrus will be facilitating the discussion of Chapter 3 that focuses on religion.

Other chapters include perspectives on gender, class, gun violence, poverty and education. The author, Kareem Abul-Jabbar, suggests ways to overcome these divides, and explores the political and media forces that affect them. He draws from his experience as a superstar athlete, an inquisitive scholar, a celebrity, a father, an African American, and a Muslim.

There are many other opportunities to extend understanding of this book. The Curtis Library is offering lectures, movies, TED talks as well as discussions of each chapter throughout our community. More information can be found at CURTISLIBRARY.COM/COMMUNITYREAD.



THE WABANAKI PERSPECTIVE: WHAT WE SEE AS TRUTH

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

At the April 30 Sunday worship service, the Working for Justice Steering Group welcomes Roger Paul, Passamaquoddy/ Maliseet, a teacher of Wabanaki languages at tribal schools in Maine and at the University of Maine. Roger facilitates healing circles with Native men in Maine’s prisons and works actively to preserve and support the continuing growth and prosperity of the Wabanaki language, culture and people. *Please join Roger in the May Sarton Room following the service at 11:30 for further conversation about his work and the current concerns of Wabanaki people.*



HOUSING NEEDED

Church member Lynn Ellis is looking for a room or house share in Brunswick area (\$500 or less) along with her cat.

If you know of or have something to offer please be in touch.

lynnsellis62@gmail.com.

Also, Lynn is looking for some additional part time work - computer based is best.

UPDATE FROM THE ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE TEAM

Our annual commitment to support the church budget is made through our individual financial pledges of dollars. A healthy financial foundation means we can bring worship services, programs, religious education and social action to our community. Without it, we have no church.

While over 120 pledges have been collected, we are more than \$45,000 away from our goal of \$238,000 as of April 19. *We will all need to stretch to reach this goal.*

We ask those who have *not already pledged* to submit your pledge as soon as you can. For those who *have pledged*, please assess the church's place in your life and consider stretching to a higher dollar amount.

Those continuing an automatic withdrawal or payment must still complete a pledge form for our office administration. Pledge forms are available in the Fellowship Hall today or from the office during office hours Tuesday through Friday.

Should you wish to make your pledge online, here is the link: <http://www.uubrunswick.org/online-pledging/>

Unless we achieve the full goal of \$238,000 in pledges, we will be unable to provide our beloved minister, Reverend Sylvia Stocker, with the salary increase she forfeited last year when we had a shortfall in pledges. We continue to try to bring her earnings to the mid-level of UUA recommended salary range for churches of our size. Other key aspects of our church life would also be at risk, including fair wages for other staff, religious education programs and community outreach. We will achieve our goal only if everyone pulls together in this collective decision. We believe we CAN do it!

The 2017-2018 Pledge Drive Team
Carol Evans, Cindy Parker, Steve Loeb
and Jenn Hicks



HABITAT NEWS



Michele Ober, volunteer coordinator and ReStore manager, and site manager Ervin with Cuffy, Cathy, and Cuffy's friends.

On Saturday, Apr 15, two members of our church, Cuffy Chase and Cathy Meaney, along with several of Cuffy's friends helped build the front deck on Habitat house 4 in the Hope Lane subdivision. All had a very fun and satisfying time. We most likely will do another Build day in June so if you would like to be a part of the building team, please see Cuffy or Gretchen and we will put you on the list.

Last chance to sponsor these church members for the Habitat **Spring Walk on May 7:**

Wendy Meacham, Ed McCartan, Cuffy Chase, Gretchen Kamilewicz, Susan Thorner, Betsy Williams, Caroline Evans, Carol Briggs, Anne Spencer, and Mary Mendler.

You can also sponsor Team UUCB, by going online and Googling "habitat7rivers.org" to get to Habitat's Home Page. Below the photo of last year's walk, "click here for more info", and then follow the directions. There will also be a Habitat table in Fellowship Hall after Sunday service on May 7th.

Gretchen and Cuffy

UUCB CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

WOMEN IN HARMONY

Women in Harmony, a Portland-based chorus that sings for social justice attracted a large crowd to our church on April 8. **We raised another \$1,500 for local charities!**



Thanks Special thanks to **Caroline Evans** who happily takes on ALL the kitchen and coffee duties for our concerts. Because of Caroline's generosity, the Concert Committee volunteers are able to take on the other duties without the worry of refreshments. She always makes the refreshment table look so inviting and leaves the kitchen spotless at the end of a long night.

Why Do We Need Refreshments?

Coffee and refreshments are an important part of our concerts: they add to the festive atmosphere, they provide something for the audience to do during the break while the artists sell their merchandise, and it allows us to collect donations from outsiders to add to our coffers. We have collected **\$510** from refreshment donations so far this fiscal year!

So thanks to Caroline and to all the wonderful people who have baked delicious goodies for our concerts. Please know that you are genuinely appreciated!

SAVE THE DATE FOR JUD!

The Concerts for a Cause committee is proud to feature our own troubadour, Jud Caswell, in our last concert of the 2016-2017 concert series. If you've seen Jud sing in church, you already know he's talented, has a beautiful rich voice, and has written some songs that have special meaning to our congregation, including "*When the UU Church Burned Down*" and "*That's the Way We Climb*". If you've seen him at Byrnes Irish Pub, you know that he's one of the best performers of Irish music around. If you've seen him at the Side Door

Coffeehouse, you know that he is an extraordinary song-writer who writes intensely personal songs offering slices of life and lovely imagery. If you come to see Jud at his Concert for a Cause, you will see an expert musician on several stringed instruments and hear a varied repertoire of award-winning originals as well as some Irish favorites. You will leave the concert feeling lucky that we have such a great artist and decent human as a member of UUCB.

UUCB CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE



**Adults: \$12 in advance,
\$15 at door**

Students & Children: \$6

Available at church services,
at the church office,
Gulf of Maine Books or
brownpapertickets.com.
FMI: 729-8541

Refreshments needed for Jud's concert.

Please let us know what you can bring.
Sign-up sheets will be available after
church services, or
contact Sue Michaud, 729-4857 or
michaud_susan@comcast.net



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

Bennett & Perkins^{W_TH} Taylor Whiteside



From the White Mountains of New Hampshire comes a unique blend of harmonies and guitars from the duo of Kathy Bennett and Thom Perkins. The pair performs a startling array of original songs with powerful lyrics and melodies, coupled with exceptionally strong vocals and guitar playing. Joining them will be multi-instrumentalist Taylor Whiteside on mandolin and fiddle.

Friday Evening, May 19, 2017

Feature set preceded by the Open Mike

UUCB LANDSCAPING MAY 2017

Crocuses were at their peak for Easter Sunday as was the group of small Irises at the corner. Dwarf daffodils at the base of the corner sign are prominent now and soon there will be 3-6" Ipheion coming up in the same area. The Narcissus mixture along Pleasant Street is visible and should continue blooming into June and the Japanese catmint mixed with the narcissus is beginning to show shoots.

Now to try to fill in some of the spaces, guarding against the temptation to fill in ALL the spaces this early in the season. Our aim is to create an informal landscape with a variety of plants that are likely to thrive in the soil and environmental conditions at UUCB. To that end we are looking for perennial plant donations, in very small quantities that fit the following parameters:

Plants need to be:

- drought resistant
- have multi-season interest
- not be invasive or *at least* be easily controlled

And we need to keep in mind:

- Possible food source for pollinators
- native plants
- specimen garden



Possibilities include: Daylilies, Japanese Forest Grass, Lamium, Brunnera, and Epimedium.

We would like to put the majority of new plants in the ground by May 15. There may also be specimens that need to be transplanted in the fall.

For questions, comments and info please contact Cuffy Chase by email at cmc1322@gmail.com or cell phone at 207-504-4942.



FREE PLANTS

Looking for some plants for your yard? Dexter and I want to remove day lilies, astilbe, bleeding hearts, and a few other kinds of plants from gardens in our yard by our driveway. We are tired of fending off the deer; they have won! Plants are free, but a small donation for Habitat's weatherization program would be happily received.

Plants can be dug up between **9:00am-3:00pm on Saturday, May 6th** with a rain date of May 13 in case it is really raining. Please bring your own pots and maybe a shovel. It's first come, first serve. Call us at 833-5125 with any questions.

Gretchen Kamilewicz

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

RESERVATIONS FOR EIGHT



Here is a new opportunity to get to know our fellow UUs better!

Carol Drake and Sue Ellen Damour have offered to organize dinner groups of 8 each month. They will put out signup sheets for six different restaurants with eight seats available at each and they will make the reservations for the group. Check the signup sheets for the dates and times of each dinner.

The first set of dinner signups will be **May 15 and 17** at the Frontier, Little Tokyo, The Seadog, Richards, Pedro O'Hara's, Henry & Marty's.

WOMEN'S GATHERING NOTICE

Thursday, May 11

Even though the Women's Alliance has disbanded, we ladies still want to gather occasionally to catch up with each other. On **Thursday, May 11th**, we will meet at the home of Gretchen Kamilewicz, 27 Dipper Cove Road, Orr's Island, at **noon** for a potluck lunch and chat. Please bring something to share with fellow church friends. If you are new to the church, you are most welcome to attend.

MEN'S LUNCHEON

Wed, May 31

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.

PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK

Sunday, May 21

Please join us at the UUCB Plant-Powered Potluck after church on **Sun, May 21**, 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 plan to come, please **RSVP** to Faith Woodman at fewoodman@gmail.com or 891-0218 by **Thurs, May 18**.

If you are new to plant-based eating and would like to know more about its benefits and suggestions for recipes, go to www.forksoverknives.com.



There will also be a potluck for newcomers in June and two circle suppers during the summer.

(See the Membership article on page 5.)

So there are plenty of opportunities to get to know other UUCB people on a personal level.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD A SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE AT UUCB?

During the summer, when Rev. Stocker takes a well-deserved break, the UUCB Worship Committee provides a series of meaningful lay led services to keep us connected, to inspire us, and to invite new and/or different voices into the pulpit to share their thoughts and ideas.

The Worship Committee is beginning the planning process and wants to know if you (members and friends) have the desire and willingness to lead a service this summer? Those of you who have done this before are, of course, invited to return. Members and/or friends who have had some related experience speaking to groups or leading worship in other churches may also be considered. Volunteer worship leaders will be mentored through the entire process by a Worship Associate who will help with the planning and implementation of your service.

Summer services this year officially begin on June 25th and run thru September 3rd. Rev. Stocker will be preaching several Sundays in July, but will be away from the pulpit in August. The dates lay leaders will be needed in the pulpit are: **July 30, August 6, August 13, August 20, and September 3.**

If you have an idea (or a question) for a service, please jot it down and send it along to Worship Committee members Pat Harris at pjbharris@aol.com, or Cindy Parker at cindyparker48@gmail.com. Any member of the worship committee will be happy to talk with you about the details of leading worship. Please submit your ideas, questions, or requests by 5p.m., Tuesday, May 2nd, so that the committee can set the summer schedule at their May meeting.

Pat Harris, Susan Snow, Dan Ellis, Carol Briggs, Louise Gephart, Stephanie Bernier, Anne Merrifield and, Cindy Parker –

Your 2017 UUCB Worship Associates.



Auction Winners being well-fed and entertained at Dipper Cove on April 1.

BOARD REPORT

POLICIES, POLICIES, POLICIES

Your board has been buried in policies! In our retreat in August to plan the board's activities for the church year, we decided as a group to read our church bylaws and policies to be sure we all knew what they said. We have read a few each month, and have discovered many that needed to be revised. We also discovered that we have not followed the correct procedure for writing and revising policies (which we also had to revise!). One of the big things I learned is that we need to be posting each policy we write or work on to be reviewed by the congregation. Last year, when Sylvia was on sabbatical, we wrote three policies that I wrote about in the Parish Messenger, but didn't provide all the details and wording for your review. I apologize. I never knew there was a procedure about this.

As a result, friends, you will have the opportunity to read any new or revised policy and give input on that policy to any board member. An envelope containing any policy to be reviewed will be on the bulletin board opposite the window where we get coffee on Sunday mornings. Each policy will be in the envelope for 30 days and then returned to the board for

discussion, revision based on congregational input, final approval or congregational vote.

I want to assure you that most of these are very short, and the reading won't be as dull as you think it might be! I invite you to read these and respond to us. I also offer, for the longer ones, to send them to you electronically so you can read them at home. A phone call or an email request is all I need. We have learned a lot from this process and hope you will too.

Other board business has been centered on regular board business, the pledge drive, budget planning for the new church year and the discussion about the proceeds from the Gurnet Road sale. Please note that these proceeds cannot be used to apply to our annual operating budget as this money will not be ongoing from year to year. There will be much more information coming forward as we will be a voting on this at the annual meeting.

As always, please contact me or any board member with questions or comments.

Mary Larson, Chair, Board of Trustees



Easy Listening

WITH LARRY LEMMEL

**1st and 3rd Thursdays
of Every Month
Starting May 4**

2:00 - 3:30 in the Sanctuary

Internet performances of great classical music
No lectures; comments and questions welcome
Drop in any time; stay as long as you like

ADMISSION FREE - PLEASE INVITE FRIENDS

MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Roger Paul Q&A: MSR	1 8:30-3 RENTAL Garden Club: SAN, FEL, MSR, WBR	2 4 Membership: MSR 5 Staff: WBR 7 Worship: MSR 7 RE Committee: MBR	3 11 RENTAL SRF Meditation: WBR 3 Writers: MSR 4 Working for Justice: MBR	4 10 Rental Committee: MSR 2 Easy Listening Music: SAN 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 7 Choir: SAN	5 Teford Shelter Meal 5:30-10 RENTAL Freeport Chorus: SAN, FEL, MSR, WBR	6 10 AA Rental: MSR 10 Chalice Circle Facilitators: Rev Stocker's Office 7 Freeport Community Chorus Concert
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7 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30:Newcomers Chat: WBR 3 Daponte Concert	8	9 10 Chalice Circle: WBR 12 Community Read: MSR 4:30 Finance: MSR 6:30 Stories: WBR 7:30 Pastoral Care:	10 12:30 Chalice Circle: WBR 5:30-9:30 RENTAL Genuine Mindfulness: SAN, FEL, MSR, WBR	11 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 12 Women's Gathering Potluck: Gretchen's house 7 Choir: SAN	12 4 End Inequality: MSR	13 10 AA Rental: MSR 9:30-3 MUUSAN Spring Conference: UU Augusta 5-9:30 RENTAL Oasis Fundrasier: SAN
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14 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Intern Committee: WBR	15 Reservations for 8	16 2 Savvy Caretakers: WBR 6:30 Board: MSR 7 Snow Bird Chalice Circle: WBR	17 3 Writers Group: MSR 3:30 Poetry-Barkley: WBR 6 Chalice Circle: WBR 6:45 Council: MSR Reservations for 8	18 11 Wabanaki REACH: WBR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 2 Easy Listening Music: SAN 7 Choir: SAN	19 7:00 Side Door Coffeehouse: Bennett & Perkins 5 Parish Messenger Deadline	20 10 AA Rental: MSR 8:30-12 RENTAL Memorial Service 5:30-10 RENTAL Arts Are Elementary
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21 10 Intergenerational RE Church Service 12 Plant Powered Potluck: FEL 12 Chalice Circle: WBR	22	23 6:30 Stories: WBR 7 Concert Committee: MSR	24 5 MAC: MSR	25 9:30 Memoir Writing: WBR 10:30 Building & Grounds: MSR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" email & Order of Worship 7 Choir: SAN	26	27 10 AA Rental: MSR
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28 10 Church Service	29	30	31 12 Men's Luncheon: TBA 3 Writers Group: MSR 6 Black Lives Matter: SAN & FEL	SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry Room MSR = May Sarton Room MBR = Merrymeeting Bay Room RE = All RE Space HIL = Hildebrant Room CAR = Carson Room MAN= Mandela Room CL= Curtis Library		
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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 see page 5 to see when the deadlines are during the Holiday season.

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 June Parish Messenger is **Friday, May 19th**.