

# Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Brunswick



## August, 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

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister  
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## SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

### Aug 6 "Brave Enough to Say Hello"

Bree Candland\*

There's an Arab proverb that says "one good word is enough warmth for a whole winter." It can be scary and even uncomfortable to put ourselves out there, even just to say hello to someone new. Imagine how a kind word or a shared moment can have a positive impact on someone else, though, and how that interaction might also benefit our own lives. Music by Grace Lewis-McLaren.

### Aug 13 "The Sacred Universe"

Gar Roper\*

Whether we believe in a God, or are inclined to atheistic belief, there is the sense of something more to the cosmos than human devices. What is that something that sages, prophets and we ourselves try to articulate. Does the idea of sacredness serve a meaningful purpose in contemporary life? Music by Larry Lemmel.

### Aug 20 "Wendell Berry: A Life of Reverence"

Larry Lemmel\*

Beginning this fall the Adult Education Committee will sponsor a series of programs about Wendell Berry, the 83-year-old Kentucky farmer who is also a prolific novelist, poet, environmental activist, and cultural critic. Berry is not a Unitarian Universalist and has written little about religion, but he has a strong following among religious liberals, who identify with his major themes of fidelity, reverence, and personal responsibility. Today's service will preview our exploration of Wendell Berry and his relationship to Unitarian Universalist principles. Members of the congregation will provide short readings to illustrate Berry's burning concern for social justice and for the improvement of our flawed social institutions. Music by Paul Schaffner and Grace Lewis-McLaren.

### Aug 27 "This Finite Earth"

A musical service with Jim Scott\*

Jim intersperses songs and personal reflections on a spiritual ecological awareness. Drawing on his own music and other songs of ecology, diversity, community and peace Jim turns the congregation into the choir, taught by ear and with an invitation to all to join in the joyful music. Come listen or participate. No experience necessary!

Jim holds that churches can offer the "spiritual response" so timely now, as "the spirit of life on earth is in crisis." Jim's uplifting songs provide the balance to the "wake up call," leaving participants with a vision and inspiration to take the healing into our own hands.



*\*Read about our August worship leaders on page 2.*

## AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

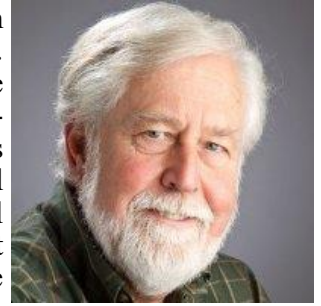
### Bree Candland—August 6:



Bree Candland is a teacher, traveler, music lover, and animal enthusiast. A proud alumna of Bowdoin College, she has taught social studies at Mt. Ararat High School in Topsham since 2001. She majored in Government and Legal Studies and studied abroad in Namibia in 1999.

Bree attended Bangor Theological Seminary in Portland and earned an MA in Theology in 2011, which inspired the implementation of two courses that are now required for all 9th graders at Mt. Ararat High School--World Religions and World Governments. Bree founded and writes [whatbreesees.com](http://whatbreesees.com), which is Maine's only independent concert review blog. She is on the Board of Directors of Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center in Gardiner, which is Maine's oldest opera house. Bree is busier than ever these days, having added mixed martial arts training to her already full schedule. She also adores her new cats Nelson Mandela and Margaret Thatcher, loves the beach, and stops to pet every dog in her path (after asking for permission, of course). She has attended UUCB since January of 2017.

### Gar Roper—August 13:



Gar Roper, holds degrees in philosophy and psychology. He has pursued knowledge through study, teaching, writing, and speaking. At 73 years of age, he has seen a good deal of life and enjoys thoughtful consideration of "What does it all mean?" He and his wife Betsy are Freeport residents and UUCB members committed to peace and understanding among all people.

### Larry Lemmel—August 20:

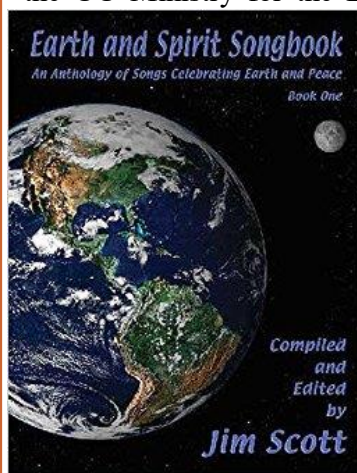


Larry Lemmel grew up in a non-church family. He has been a Unitarian Universalist since 1962, in Oklahoma, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. He is a member of UUCB's Adult Education Committee, plays occasionally for services and after-church recitals, and

teaches music courses at Mid Coast Senior College.

### Jim Scott—August 27:

From his work with the Paul Winter Consort, where he was co-composer of their celebrated "Missa Gaia/Earth Mass" Jim has long been an activist for peace and the earth with his music. Former Co Chair of the UU Ministry for the Earth, Jim helped create the



"Green Sanctuary" program. He has visited more than 700 UU Churches over three decades and his songs are in our hymnbooks. Supported by a grant from the Fund for Unitarian Universalism, Jim's "Earth and Spirit Songbook," has been widely acclaimed by UU congregations.

### HOW TO REACH US

**The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick**  
PO Box 129, Brunswick ME 04011

**JULY 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](mailto:uubrunswickdre@gmail.com).

Monday is the Sabbath for church staff.

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

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## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Just as I am wrapping things up to go on vacation, I have received an appeal from the Northern New England District Chalice Lighter program. Steve and I have contributed to this program during our years in the Northern New England District. But I have been less good about publicizing it.

Some of you may recall that when our church burned the Chalice Lighter program awarded us two grants to help us rebuild. The grants totalled around \$10,000 – all money raised from individual Unitarian Universalists in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont who wanted to help a sibling congregation in need. Many of those individual donations were small, but small contributions add up.

Now other churches need our help.

Let me give you the words of the committee that awards the Chalice Lighter grants:

*"The Northern New England Chalice Lighter grant program is committed to maintaining and expanding the capacity of UU congregations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to meet the needs of members, potential members and the communities they serve. A high priority is placed on congregations that are either expanding programming and ministry, or making critical renovations to make their spaces more accessible and sustainable."*

*"Right now, the NNED Chalice Lighter program is modest in its capacity to assist congregations coming to us for help. In the past year our grants totaled about \$10,000. Almost all grant funds come from individual UUs throughout the region who commit to contributing modest gifts when we issue a "call" several times a year."*

*"We need your help to increase our capacity to help congregations like yours when they have opportunities to grow and increase their impact...It doesn't take much to grow. Twenty-three new Chalice Lighter members would increase our grant budget by 10%. Two hundred would nearly double our capacity. We can only do that with your help."*

I know there are many good causes to which we can all contribute, and we all have to make our choices. I ask this, though: Seeing as we are direct beneficiaries of the Chalice Lighter Program, wouldn't it be great if our church offered some robust contributions so that other congregations could prosper as well?

You can contribute by sending your check to Chalice Lighter Program, PO Box 333, New Ipswich, NH 03071.

(And, in case you are curious, I am including information about the grants that have been awarded in the past year.)

Okay, gotta go write my own check now! See you in September.

Blessings,  
Sylvia

### CHALICE LIGHTER GRANTS IN THE PAST YEAR

- **Strafford, VT, Universalist Church:** \$5,000 towards a ramp to provide access for persons with physical limitations.
- **The First Universalist Parish of Derby Line, VT:** \$1,685 towards installation of keyless locks on exterior doors of their building. They also trying to replace their roof and repaint their building.
- **The Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast, ME:** \$2,000 towards a collaborative project to employ an intern serving congregations in Belfast, Ellsworth, and Castine. The grant supports both congregational growth and education in all three congregations.
- **The First Universalist Church of Yarmouth, ME:** \$1,384 in support of expanded hours for a program associate whose work has demonstrated a positive impact on program development, membership, and community collaboration.





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We are sad to announce that Hannah Cain, our wonderful Youth Adviser, has resigned. She is moving out of Brunswick to be closer to both school and her other part-time job. She loved her youth group kids and is sad to leave them. But, like the rest of us, she cannot be two places at once!

Hannah stepped with considerable ease, creativity, and skill into a brand new position. Over the past year she planned curricula and activities based on the religious education themes for each month. She was sensitive, observant, and thoughtful about the youth she worked with, keeping their interests and needs always in her focus. She did excellent work, and we will miss her. We thank her for the fine job she did.

Meanwhile we are looking for a new Youth Adviser. (See ad below) If you are interested in applying, please send a resume and cover letter to our Church Office Administrator, Shirley Bernier at [uubruns@gwi.net](mailto:uubruns@gwi.net) or UUCB, Box 129, Brunswick, ME 04011.

*Sylvia Stocker*



## JOB OPENING: YOUTH ADVISOR

### Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

15 hours average per month for 10 months September to June.  
Fixed monthly stipend of \$225, an average of \$15 per hour.  
Sunday mornings required; other hours as scheduled and necessary.  
One Sunday off per month.

#### Responsibilities:

- ♦ Meet regularly with the Director of Religious Education to plan programming.
- ♦ Plan and implement youth programs and activities.
- ♦ Communicate with parents and youth about youth group activities and other relevant information through email, social media, in person, and via youth group bulletin board.
- ♦ Help plan and facilitate service activities with the youth group.
- ♦ Chaperone and transport youth to youth group activities that take place off church property.
- ♦ Assist in recruiting religious education volunteers for youth programming.
- ♦ Attend relevant district trainings as schedule, hours, and church budget allow.



**To apply:** Resume and cover letter to Shirley Bernier [uubruns@gwi.net](mailto:uubruns@gwi.net)  
OR: Shirley Bernier, UUCB, Box 129, Brunswick, ME 04011

## ADULT EDUCATION

### THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO **Build Your Own Theology**



Starting in October, Minister Emeritus the Rev. Brad Mitchell and the Rev. Sylvia Stocker will team up to lead an 8-session program called “Building Your Own Theology.”

This course may be of interest to new UUs as well as to experienced members and friends who want to explore their own religious beliefs. We will consider our individual spiritual journeys, personal ethics, making meaning, and how our beliefs require us to act in the world. By the end of the program we will create individual belief statements.

The course will meet once a month, from October to May, either on the first Sunday of the month after church or the first Wednesday of the month in the evening.

If you are interested, please contact office administrator Shirley Bernier in the church office or by calling 729-8515. Let her know your first and second choices for the timing of the program. Brad and Sylvia will determine when

to facilitate the course based on which timing is most popular for participants.

Both members and non-members are welcome to take part.



Adult Education Committee: *Larry Lemmel, Martha Lentz, Nancy Meikle, Hank Simpson.*

## CHALICE CIRCLES HEADS UP!

Another year of chalice circle programming has come to an end, and we now set our sights on the next church year. At our last facilitators' meeting, one of the facilitators remarked that she felt she had the best job in the whole church. “Where else,” she wondered, “do you have a chance to really get to hear people's life stories and get to know them on such a deep level?”

I agree. Chalice Circles offer something very special because they are based on a philosophy of deep listening, providing all participants with the opportunity to speak, *uninterrupted and without debate*, from the center of their hearts. Facilitated groups with prepared topics make safe places to explore varying subjects from the vantagepoint of individuals' personal experiences.

Chalice Circles help us to embrace our Mission Statement. Each meeting has a *spiritual* component. The groups

*welcome all* who are interested; at the end of a year, the groups re-form to open the door for more people to join them. Group members *nurture one another* during the year by creating an environment where deep listening can occur. And groups provide service to both church and wider community to help us engage in our commitment to *work for justice* and *to care for the earth*.

Starting in October, we will offer new our next set of groups, most of which will run from October to May. We will also offer our snowbird Chalice Circle, which will run from April to November. The Chalice Circle facilitators and I are in the process of determining specific meeting times for groups. But, in the meantime, I want to give you a heads up so that you can plan to sign up when detailed information is available in September.

*Sylvia Stocker*

## FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

### RESERVATIONS FOR EIGHT

Carol Drake and Sue Ellen Damour have organized the next set of “Dinner for 8” groups for August, and invite you to sign up for the dinner that suits your fancy. Signups are on Harvest table after church service.

#### Monday, August 14 @ 6pm

<b>Dolphin Marina</b>	6:00 pm
<b>Squire Box Tavern</b>	6:00 pm
<b>Azure Café</b>	6:00 pm

#### Wednesday, August 16

<b>Henry and Marty</b>	5:30 pm
<b>Tuscan Bistro</b>	6:00 pm

#### Friday, August 25

<b>Solo Bistro</b>	6:00 pm
<i>(Live jazz on Friday nights)</i>	



Sign ups will be available Sundays after church. Carol & Sue Ellen will make the reservations. All you need to do is show up at the scheduled time.

### CIRCLE SUPPERS

Saturday, August 19

This is it, your last chance to attend a Circle Supper this summer. Circle Suppers are pot-luck events at member's homes. To host or attend as a guest sign up on Sundays or contact Carol Drake at 973-713-3593 or [taffydrake@gmail.com](mailto:taffydrake@gmail.com).



### PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK GROUP

Sunday, August 20



The Plant-Powered Potluck group invites you to join them on **Sunday, August 20, at 12 noon at the Olive Branch Cafe, 791 Lisbon Street, Lewiston**. Each month during the summer, we will gather at a different restaurant to enjoy plant-based foods. We more than welcome anyone who would like to attend. If you are interested, please contact Jessica Tracy by **Thursday, August 17**. She can be reached at [207-729-7294](tel:207-729-7294) or [jtracy@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jtracy@myfairpoint.net).

### MEN'S LUNCHEON

Wednesday, August 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).



## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### AUGUST CHARITY WITH SOUL DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS



Doctors Without Borders /Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an independent international humanitarian organization that delivers emergency medical aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural and man-made disasters or exclusion from health care in more than 60 countries.

Every year MSF sends around 3,000 doctors, nurses, logisticians, water-and-sanitation experts, administrators and other professionals to work alongside over 25,000 locally hired staff. Together they run medical projects in more than 60 countries around the world.

In emergencies and their aftermath, MSF provides essential healthcare, rehabilitates and runs hospitals and clinics, performs surgery, tackles epidemics, carries out vaccination campaigns, operates feeding centers for malnourished children and offers psychological support.

When needed, MSF also constructs wells and dispenses clean drinking water and distributes materials like blankets, plastic sheeting and other basic necessities.

Through longer-term programs, MSF treats patients with infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, sleeping sickness and HIV/AIDS and provides medical and psychological care to marginalized groups such as street children. MSF was founded in 1971 as the first non-governmental organization to provide both emergency medical assistance and bear witness publicly to the plight of the people it assists. MSF is an international network with branches in 23 countries.



### ACKNOWLEDGING MAINE'S INDIGENOUS CULTURE AUGUST 16 @ 7PM

Mid-Coast Indigenous Awareness Group invites you to the last evening of its summer film series about Maine's Wabanaki Peoples.



#### **First Light: Truth and Reconciliation Commission** (13 minutes)

For centuries, the United States government has taken Native American children away from their tribes, devastating parents and denying children their traditions, culture, and identity. *First Light* documents these practices from the 1800s to today and tells the story of an unprecedented experiment in truth-telling and healing for Wabanaki people and child welfare workers in Maine.

#### **Wilderness and Spirit, A Mountain Called Katahdin** (90 minutes)

This documentary explores ways of thinking about the wilderness and how people from many walks of life, past to the present, have found spiritual solace and strength in this mountain called Katahdin.

The film presents the many facets Mt. Katahdin: from Thoreau's own experiences there to Penobscot storytelling; from the annual 100 mile run to the many voyages along the Appalachian Trail. Interviews telling the story of the mountain's past and present, and scenic footage of the area, are enhanced by the original soundtrack.



## GREEN SANCTUARY

### A SCARY MOMENT? MAYBE.

### DID WE WITHDRAW FROM THE PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD? MAYBE.

The First of June, 2017, was a scary moment for supporters of climate change action. On that day, President Trump announced his intention to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Accord, an agreement that had been signed and pledged 3 billion dollars by President Barack Obama.

His decision to withdraw from the Paris Accord shocked Congress, the American people, and the world — our allies, our adversaries, those we support and those who support us. It seems to move us from leadership role in climate change action to a bystander. Paris City Hall was illuminated in green that night in protest to President Trump's announcement. Buildings in New York City, Boston and elsewhere around the world joined the protest.

I found the President's announcement distressing and decided to speak on it today to sort out for myself and the rest of our church what that means for us, the country, and the world.

I knew that 195 countries had signed onto the Paris Climate Accord. I heard then that our withdrawal would not be effective for four years and that we could elect another president by that time. I knew each country who signed had offered to present a plan — to voluntarily reduce its carbon emissions by whatever amount it found feasible and desirable, and that the United States had pledged to reduce our carbon emissions by 26–

28 percent by 2025 from our 2005 levels.

Why, if our own plan was devised by us and was completely voluntary, did the President say that we, or he, could negotiate a better “deal?”

Why did he say the Accord violates our sovereignty? I was, and am, confused.

I also knew — on my back burner — that the developed countries (China, the EU, the US, Australia, and others) agreed to help developing countries develop in a non-harmful and sustainable way.

And I knew that Barack Obama was able to sign us on to this without bringing it before the (Republican) Senate for ratification, because technically it isn't a treaty. It is an agreement/an accord.

I printed off a copy of the Paris Climate Accord — and read it: Turns out, it's a framework, a structure, to accommodate voluntary reductions in emissions, to tally them accurately, and to receive and disburse sustainable development aid to developing nations. It comes under the UN Climate Change Secretariat (See their emblem?) There are rules for voting, rules for tabulating emissions reductions, rules for signing into the agreement, rules for administering funds, and rules for nations wanting to withdraw.

In some ways, it parallels Pope Francis' Encyclical, but it actually

sets up a governing body and a plan global summits on the issue of climate change. The next summit is in 2018, possibly in Bonn.

I also learned on line that Barack Obama pledged 3 billion dollars to be dedicated to helping developing countries deal with climate change—the largest donation by any country. I wondered how he could do that without House approval. Where would the money come from? and learned that it came from already dedicated International Aid monies controlled by the Executive Branch — that is, the president, and that 1 billion of that has already been spent. I wondered if that money was the reason President Trump announced our withdrawal.

I spoke recently to Senator Angus King, who said “No.” He thought the decision was based not on money but on a general disbelief in human-engineered climate change by the President's political base. He thinks it was a bad decision.

Sen. King — and others — think that without our presence in the Paris Climate Agreement, India and China might decide to back out of their own commitments to reduce carbon emissions.

That's possible, but it doesn't seem to be happening.

Climate change—also called Climate Disruption—is such an urgent and universal issue that not many people stood around gaping and waiting for something to hap-



## GREEN SANCTUARY

pen. And until 8 and a half years ago, our presidents didn't back action on Global Warming. Our cities did, and our states did. Back then, 400 cities and many universities had signed on to getting their emissions below the 350 ppm mark and keeping world temperature rise under 2 degrees Celsius.

Within hours of President Trump's announcement, things started happening. Former New York Mayor Bloomberg announced that the governors of California, New York, and Washington State were forming a coalition of US states that would apply to sign on to the Paris Climate Accord.

Soon, the group included 30 mayors, three governors, more than 80 university presidents and more than 100 companies, negotiating with the UN to have sign on to the Paris Climate Accord alongside other nations.

By the evening of June 2nd, 10 state governors had announced their intention to join the coalition: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Oregon, and Hawaii. On June 5, governors of Virginia, Minnesota, Delaware — and Puerto Rico joined in: 12 states plus Puerto Rico, including the two Republican governors of Massachusetts and Vermont. Elected officials of eleven more states, including Maine, want to join — nearly half the US.

In an interview, Michael Bloomberg explained: "We're going to do everything America would have done if it had stayed committed."

By redoubling their climate efforts, he said, cities, states and corporations can achieve, or even surpass, the US pledge of a 26–28 percent reduction by 2025.

One of the US commitments is to contribute to the operating budget of the Accord's coordinating agency, the UN Climate Change Framework Convention (banner).

Bloomberg's charitable organization, Bloomberg Philanthropies, has offered to donate \$14 million over the next two years to help fund the Convention budget. That figure represents the United States' share, according to his spokesperson.

It was unclear how the Coalition could sign onto the Accord. There's no mechanism for entities that aren't countries to be full parties to the Accord, according to **Christiana Figueres**, who until recently was the executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Ms. Figueres described the President's decision to withdraw as a "vacuous political melodrama," and said the American government is still required to report its emissions to the UN for four more years, until our withdrawal is finalized.

But, Ms. Figueres said, the US Climate Coalition's submission will be included in future UN reports on the progress made by nations who signed the Accord.

And The UN Climate Change Secretariat showed the US Climate

Coalition a number of international organizations that work within the Paris Accord. There is also a non-Party stakeholder status that the United States Climate Coalition can take. (What a come-down!)

Will the Paris Climate Accord, its structure, its promise, fall apart without us?

Maybe not.

Draw breath. Relax. Breathe in **hope**. Exhale—carbon. Breathe in **sensibility**, breathe OUT **outrage**. Forget outrage: It's an intentional distraction. It cripples our ability to think and to act. Shrink **outrage** to the size of a walnut, to a dandelion fluff, and blow it away. Poof!

Then, we can begin where we are anyhow, having followed through on many decisions to change our way of living in our families, in our church, in our community, in Maine, on the Earth. We will not be alone.

*Robin Orm Hansen*  
Sermon delivered at  
UU Church of Brunswick,  
June 25, 2017



## UUCB CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

### LIPBONE REDDING

SEPTEMBER 9 @ 7:30 PM

✦ KING of Lip-Tromboning ✦



Tickets available after church services,  
in the church office, Gulf of Maine Books,  
or online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).  
\$15 in advance, \$18 at door  
Students & Children: \$8

Storyteller, songwriter, guitarist and voice-instrumentalist, Lipbone Redding revs up a party with his original songs that effervesce with New Orleans swing, Memphis grooves and New York City style. He puts on an engaging entertaining show for all ages and musical tastes. His unique style is informed by everything from 20s Jazz, Ska, Latin, Indian Classical, 70s Soul, and even Disco.

Lawrence “Lipbone” Redding has spent the last 20 years traveling the world collecting and recounting exotic tales through music and performance art. Despite humble beginnings as a New York City subway singer, Lipbone has released 8 albums and over 20 live recordings and now

performs in festivals, theaters and concert halls across America and Europe. He also teaches workshops and collaborates with other musicians, dancers, and performance artists.

A one-man orchestra with no electronic effects, his natural human sounds of overtone singing, bass and beat-boxing, and his astonishingly realistic lip-tromboning are a must-experience event—as he weaves his stories with funky rhythms, catchy melodies, brash humor, soulful singing, and inventive guitar playing.



Although Lipbone Redding has traveled the world and is well-loved everywhere he plays, he has never toured in New England, so he is not well-known here. We REALLY need your help getting the word out about this amazing musician.

- If you are on Facebook, please LIKE and comment on the **UU Concerts for a Cause, Brunswick** Facebook page.
- Also SHARE and INVITE your friends to the Concert EVENT.
- You will get an email from Shirley about the concert which will contain links to his music and to a PBS *On Tour* program that features Lipbone. Please FORWARD this email to all your friends.



## UUCB CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

### IT'S OFFICIAL!

Fundraising Events for the 2016-17 fiscal year raised **\$8,940** for local charities. The very dedicated organizers of those events will soon have the opportunity to discuss which of the Charities with Soul to support and then make a recommendation to the board of directors. Fundraising Events (Holiday Fair, Auction, and Concerts for a Cause) raised \$8,000 for the church budget and 100% of monies raised over that amount, \$8.940, will be given to very important causes. Stay tuned for the final decision.

- ♦ Thank you to those who organized these events.
- ♦ Thanks to everyone who worked at one of these events or concerts.
- ♦ Thanks to everyone who provided food for one of these events or concerts.
- ♦ Thanks to everyone who attended an event or concert.
- ♦ Thanks to everyone who spread the word about an event or concert.

It takes more than a committee to make these events happen. We need the help of ALL church members to make them successful.

## UNDER THE SONG TREE

**SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 28 @ 7:30 PM**



The acoustic union of three established Maine songwriters (Dan Merrill, Anni Clark, Lynn Deeves) resulted in such a positive response that in 2000 the trio recorded a CD, *under the song tree LIVE*. The CD clearly demonstrates their talents as seasoned musicians and songwriters, and their strength as a trio of performers who are passionate about music. In 2002, NH's Jam Music Magazine readers voted them "Folk Artist of the Year." Their concert features acoustic guitars, flute, harmonica, a variety of percussive instruments, and stellar three part harmonies.

**Lynn Deeves** is no stranger to UUCB. She has provided music for many of our worship services and Working for Justice events, and as featured performer at the Side Door Coffeehouse. After 17 years of singing in the top-40 club circuit, receiving Maine Female Vocalist of the Year, Lynn began writing her own songs with folk, blues, and gospel influences. Rich, soulful vocals combined with a sharp wit, and dynamic stage presence, have created a continually expanding NE fan base.

**Anni Clark** is part folk, part blues, sometimes pop, but all parts original. For over 20 years this Maine native has pleased audiences nationwide with her captivating voice, mindful lyrics, and excellent guitar playing. She has received Female Artist of the Year on multiple occasions.

**Dan Merrill** creates intimate, honest lyrics and soaring vocals set to pop, funk, acoustic rock, folk and singer-songwriter styles. During his acoustic beginning in the 90's, Dan won the coveted "Newfolk" songwriter's award at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas in 1995. In 2000, he joined forces with the modern progressive rock band out of Pennsylvania, Simon Apple which yielded the band's first U.S. Top 10 single in 2005 - Hold Me [Like A Lover] written by Dan. He was also JPF (Just Plain Folks), awarded "Male Vocalist of the Year."

Tickets go on sale in September: Adults: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Students & Children: \$6





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

## The John Cross Project

Singer songwriter, John Cross, is a smooth resonant baritone from Brunswick Maine, His music spans many genres. He performs as easily on a country stage as he does in blues and rock venues. Joining him is John Hoef. They perform as the duo "The John Cross Project." John Cross models his writing style after Tom T. Hall who once said "Write what you know". To know John Cross, all you have to do is listen to his songs. He's an open book and freely shares his life with you. Just sit back and enjoy.



## Karen Gray

Karen Gray is a Brunswick native, who taught herself guitar about 10 years ago. Friends, and fans have watched her emerge into a sweet-voiced troubadour with a style of her own.

Karen has earned a reputation as one of Mid Coast Maine's up and coming singer/songwriters.

Her debut CD is under construction at Jud Caswell's Frog Hollow Studios.



# Friday Evening, August 18, 2017

***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.

## BOARD REPORT

**I**n the midst of July at the end of a hot and sticky week I hope that you all have been able to find an occasional breath of cool air and perhaps have been able to get close enough to the shore to enjoy a breeze. The gardens are becoming rampant and the lawns are beginning to slow down a little. Family and friends have either come and gone or are expected and Maine is living up to its moniker of Vacationland.

Looking forward to the coming year and some of the events for the late summer and Fall. First, I want to assure you that Nicole and RE committee along with the Sabbatical Support Committee have done an excellent job of planning out the entire curriculum for the Fall while Nicole is on her very well deserved sabbatical. We all wish her well.

The board will be looking at a more comprehensive stewardship process with the Finance Committee and long range planning in coordination with all our church committees.

The Gurnet Road committee will be reinstituted to meet with individuals and committees which might have suggestions for disbursement of the \$22,500 for improvements or completion to the church building. There will be congregational meeting(s) in the Fall to discuss and vote on the improvements.

The board has almost completed the process of reviewing all the church policies and will post the latest Communication Policy for the 30 day congregational review on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

The UUCB is cosponsoring, with the Maine Veterans for Peace, two events worth attending. First "An Evening with Judith Sloan" on Thursday July 27th at 7:30 who "Along with millions of other Americans Sloan finds herself 'between a laugh and a hard place'". And second on Friday September 8th the documentary "Is Anybody Listening" *"A woman's journey to -- and across -- the soul-*

*destroying chasm between veterans and others. A film about the power of love and connection." A documentary about the power of listening and helping combat veterans return to society.*

I want to extend a huge thank you to our Concert Committee for all the wonderful programs they have brought to us this year and the funds they have raised for Concerts for a Cause and for the spectacular events they have for us next year. The first of which is the Lipbone Redding concert on Saturday September 9 at 7:30. This should be really interesting since Lipbone is the "King of lip-tromboning".



Charlie Evans, Board Chair



### POETRY WITH BARCLAY AND MARYLI

*English teachers extraordinaire*

**Wednesday, August 16  
May Sarton Room**

We meet at UUCB in available room, the third Wednesday of the month from 3-5PM. All Poets or Poetry lovers or wannabees ( + those of us who need help making sense of some!!, that's me, Esther) ALL are welcome, Come when you can- no commitment for life necessary. Bring 10 copies of a favorite of yours, ( if you wish)



# AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry Room MSR = May Sarton Room PEN = All RE Space MBR = Merrymeeting Bay Room		<b>1</b> 9 Rental-Restorative Justice: MBR <b>4:30 Membership:</b> MSR <b>6:30 RE Committee:</b> WBR 6:30 AA Rental: MBR <b>7 Worship:</b> MSR	<b>2</b> 11 Rental-Meditation: WBR <b>6 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship	<b>3</b> <b>2 Easy Listening Music:</b> SAN	<b>4</b> <b>Teford Shelter Meal</b>	<b>5</b> 10 AA Rental: MBR
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<b>6</b> <b>10 Church Service</b>	<b>7</b> 5 Rental-Daponte: SAN	<b>8</b> <b>10 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR <b>4:30 Finance:</b> MBR <b>6:30 Stories with Soul:</b> WBR 6:30 AA Rental: MBR <b>7:30 Pastoral Care:</b> MSR	<b>9</b> 9 Rental-Art Class: PEN <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship	<b>10</b> 9 Rental-Art Class: PEN	<b>11</b> Rental-VentiCordi 2 Piano Tuning 5:30 Setup 7 Concert	<b>12</b> 10 AA Rental: MBR 1:00 Rental-Brunswick Area Indivisible: MBR
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<b>13</b> <b>10 Church Service</b>	<b>14</b> <b>6:00 Dinner for 8</b> Dolphin Marina Squire Box Tavern Azure	<b>15</b> 2 Savvy Caretakers: WBR <b>6:30 Board:</b> MSR <b>7 Snow Bird Chalice Circle:</b> WBR	<b>16</b> <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" & OOW <b>3 Poetry with Barclay &amp; Maryli:</b> MSR <b>6 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR <b>Dinner for 8</b> 5:30 Henry & Marty 6 Tuscan Bistro <b>7 Indigenous Peoples Day Film:</b> SAN	<b>17</b> <b>12 Wabanaki REACH:</b> MSR <b>2 Easy Listening Music:</b> SAN <b>5:15 AllCare:</b> MBR	<b>18</b> <b>9:30 Church Angels Cleaning</b> <b>5 Parish Messenger Deadline</b> <b>7 Side Door</b> Karen Gray AND John Cross Project	<b>19</b> 10 AA Rental: MBR <b>Circle Suppers</b>
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<b>20</b> <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>12 Plant Powered Potluck:</b> Olive Branch Café <b>12 Chalice Circle:</b> WBR	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 Stories with Soul:</b> WBR	<b>23</b> <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship	<b>24</b> <b>9 UUCB Gallery Committee:</b> MSR 9:30 Rental-Memoir: WBR <b>10:30 Building &amp; Grounds:</b> MSR	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 Dinner for 8</b> Solo Bistro	<b>26</b> 10 AA Rental: MBR
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<b>27</b> <b>10 Church Service</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>4:30 Membership:</b> MSR <b>6:30 Concert Committee:</b> MSR	<b>30</b> <b>12 Men's Luncheon:</b> TBA <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" email & Order of Worship	<b>31</b>	<b>Sep 1</b> <b>Tedford Shelter Meal</b>	<b>Sep 2</b> 10 AA Rental: MBR
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## ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS/DEADLINES

During August, items to be placed in the "This Week" email, Announcement Insert (The green sheet) or the Order of Worship must be submitted to the office administrator by Wednesday at NOON.

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 September Parish Messenger is **Friday, August 18th**.