

# Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Brunswick



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### The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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### SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

#### Oct 1

**Claire Curole**

Worship led by student minister Claire Curole with music by Jud Caswell.

#### Oct 8 "Many Hands"

**Rev. Sylvia Stocker**

In our first Indigenous People's Day since the town of Brunswick declared the second Monday in October to be Indigenous Peoples Day, Rev Stocker and others will create a worship service for all ages, based on a beautiful Penobscot story. (See Minister's Musings for more information about Indigenous Peoples Day.) Music by Grace Lewis-McLaren.

#### Oct 15 "Art and Soul"

**Rev. Stocker and Art Committee**

Join artists Steve Black, Martha Lentz, and Ed McCartan and Rev. Stocker as we explore the connection between art and the inner life. Music by Derek Herzer and the Choir under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

#### Oct 22 "Building the Beloved Community"

**Rev. Sylvia Stocker and  
Sonya Green\***

Level 1 Trainer in Kingian Nonviolence and Associate Minister at Union Baptist Church in Hartford, and Rev. Stocker collaborate to explore using nonviolence as taught by MLK to engage our troubled world.. Music Derek Herzer.

#### Oct 29 "Living with Discouragement and Hope"

**Rev. Pam Gross\***

Music by Derek Herzer.

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

*\* Learn more about our guest worship Leaders on page 2.*

## GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS



### SONYA GREEN

October 22: "Building the Beloved Community"

Sonya Green is an ordained minister serving as an Associate Minister at the Union Baptist Church in Hartford, Connecticut. She will earn a Masters of Divinity degree with a Focused Certificate in Ethics and Social Justice at the Andover Newton Theological School in May of 2018, and began her theological studies in the Cooperative Masters of Divinity Program at the Hartford Seminary. A graduate of Trinity College in Hartford, Sonya has worked in both public and independent schools in the Greater Hartford area in Connecticut, and as an education and public program coordinator for the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in Hartford.

Drawn to peace building since childhood, Sonya is certified as a Level 1 Trainer in Kingian Nonviolence, and Board Member for the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence. Sonya participates in the Facilitator's Laboratory of the Mission Institute in Boston, which trains facilitators to lead conversations on race and racial reconciliation. She serves as the chaplain for the Greater Hartford Chapter of the Links, Inc., and is a member of the Community Engagement Board of the United Way of Central and Northeast Connecticut.

Grateful and proud, Sonya has six wonderful adult children and a son-in-law encouraging her in journey to pursue her call in ministry.

### 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 on sabbatical from September 1 to January 6. If you have RE concerns during her absence, contact Melissa Fochesato or Kate Phenix at [uubrunswickrec@gmail.com](mailto:uubrunswickrec@gmail.com).

Monday is the Sabbath for church staff.

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### REVEREND PAM GROSS

October 29: "Living with Discouragement and Hope"

For nearly 20 years, Pam served UU congregations in Maine. First, as a Director of Religious Education for UU Society of Bangor, and then, as Minister for the UU Church of Belfast from 2000-

2009. She decided to pursue chaplain credentials and, after training in Boston as a Chaplain Resident, Pam worked as a chaplain in Maine. In 2015, Pam left her position to join her new spouse in retirement, celebrate the marriages of two daughters, move to a new home in Brunswick, and is now enjoying her first grandson and step-grandson. Pam joined UUCB in 2016 and is serving MUUSAN as steering committee member and co-chair of the *Health Care for All* Issue Group.



## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

On Monday, September 18, Brunswick's Town Council did something remarkable: They approved a proclamation declaring the second Monday in October to be Indigenous Peoples Day in Brunswick. That recognition does not replace Columbus Day, a holiday that can be changed only at the federal level, but adds to Columbus Day a corrective and restorative focus that honors the people and cultures of indigenous people (in our region, the Wabanaki) and recognizes the brutal history that has marginalized and all but destroyed the first people to inhabit the lands where we now live.

### A Resolution to Acknowledge Maine's Indigenous Cultures

WHEREAS, the Town of Brunswick recognizes Indigenous people have lived upon this land since time immemorial, and natives and non - natives have shared this community for hundreds of years; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brunswick recognizes the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of the Wabanaki and other Indigenous peoples in the lands that became known as the Americas, including Maine; and

WHEREAS, the idea of a day to celebrate Indigenous peoples and cultures was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to a United Nations – sponsored conference; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of cities, states, and communities around the Country have declared the importance of a day to celebrate Indigenous peoples and cultures; and WHEREAS, the Town Council of Brunswick wishes to recognize and honor the Wabanaki and other Indigenous peoples to better reflect the experiences of native peoples and to hold in esteem their roots, history, and contributions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Brunswick recognizes the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day, and encourages enhanced knowledge of the Wabanaki and of our shared history and future.

The Town Council vote was the longed for capstone of one of our justice efforts. In fact, our very own Cathey Cyrus gave a beautiful, heartfelt opening presentation about Indigenous Peoples Day, and I was one of the town's citizens to speak in its favor. (My remarks appear on page 5 in this newsletter.)

Actually, however, approving the proclamation represents only the beginning of something new: reaching across barriers of both past and present and beginning the hard but rewarding work of restoring relationships across cultures. The native populations in Maine and all over this continent have suffered in ways most of us cannot even begin to imagine. We

have much to learn from that history and our ancestors' part in it, from the resilience and perseverance of the Wabanaki, and from the Wabanaki world view and culture still vibrant today. We also have a great deal to learn both about injustices still perpetrated on indigenous peoples and the ways we can advocate for positive change.

For me, this is religious work. The root of the word, "religion," means "to bind together." By nature, human beings seem most naturally to be tribal, from my vantage point. Most people tend to seek out others like themselves when they form relationships. But, for me, "binding together" means to recognize, honor, and celebrate the bonds we share with all human beings, not just the ones who seem to be like us. It means making bonds across differences. It means recognizing the life force or spirit of God that flows through everyone – that there is no such thing as Other, or Them. There is only Us, all of us, and the challenge is learning to live in such a way that all of us can thrive. Ultimately, the bonds reach even beyond humanity to the web of all life. In that way, what we do together as a religious people is counter-cultural, because it asks us to grow bigger than our tribal instincts. It asks us to expand beyond our comfort zones. It asks us to do what isn't easy and, in so doing, to lead by example so that others may follow.

I feel humbled by the amount of growing I still need to do. I know my work will never be finished. But I also give a deep bow of gratitude to the universe that sets the opportunities before me and invites me to engage. What an absolute privilege that is. And what rich rewards await when I take up the work.

Love,  
Sylvia



*Read Rev. Stockers' remarks from the Sept 9th Town Council meeting on Page 5.*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### DOROTHEA DIX & UU PRINCIPLE #1

This year, the RE program will be learning about the seven UU principles and famous UUs in history.

In October, the RE program will be studying UU Principle #1, “the inherent worth and dignity of every person,” or, as we say in RE, “we believe that each and every person is important.” We encourage families to talk about principle #1 throughout the month, and share the story of Dorothea Dix, who embodied this principle.

Dorothea was born April 4, 1802 in the town of Hampden, Maine. She chose to become a UU as an adult after hearing a UU minister preaching that God was love and we are all a part of that love and are called to show that love to others.

Dorothea helped create the first hospitals for people with mental illness. In her time, people who acted strange or could not communicate because they had difficulty thinking and interacting the same way most others did, were kept in prisons. Often they were chained and given very little clothing.

When Dorothea was in her forties, she visited a women's prison and saw women in chains with no clothes on. Dorothea was appalled, and called her friends in the Massachusetts government. They told her they would need a written report before they could act. Dorothea went to every prison in Massachusetts and wrote a detailed report about the conditions for the mentally ill in each one. With her reports, Massachusetts, and other states, began to open hospitals that treated the mentally ill with respect and gave them good food and warm clothing.



*Melissa Fochesato,*  
RE Committee Member

### KEEPING THE (RE) SHIP AFLOAT!

If you see some members huddling and chatting in frantic whispers and rushing about on Sundays – there's a good chance these generous souls have volunteered to keep the RE program running smoothly while Nicole is on sabbatical. Who's who?

- ◆ **Guides** will still walk the children to class and lead our morning rituals, before turning the lesson over to. . .
- ◆ **Workshop leaders**, who have volunteered to lead a lesson or two throughout the year.
- ◆ **Sunday Morning Point People** are available every Sunday for questions from parents and as a resource and support for guides and workshop leaders. They will make sure to be distinguishable to everyone – look for ribbons, hats or other enhancement!
- ◆ Our **Snack Coordinator** has volunteered to make sure healthy, allergen free snacks are available for each class. Let us know on the registration form if your child has dietary preferences.
- ◆ **RE Committee members** will also be available for questions or support, contact us at [uubrunswickrec@gmail.com](mailto:uubrunswickrec@gmail.com) if you need us!

For more details about Dorothea Dix, visit the UUA's Tapestry of Faith site: [www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/windows/session16/143973.shtml](http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/windows/session16/143973.shtml)

### Important RE Announcements and Dates

- Oct 01:** RE for children and youth;  
Parent orientation following  
the worship service
- Oct 08:** Intergenerational Worship Service
- Oct 15:** RE for children and youth
- Oct 22:** RE for children and youth
- Oct 29:** RE for children

## REV. STOCKER'S REMARKS AT SEPT 18 TOWN MEETING

I am Sylvia Stocker, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church, which will honor Indigenous Peoples' Day on Sunday, October 8. I live at 2 Braemar Road.

I speak in favor of the Proclamation.

I value justice and truth telling. For me, that includes making marginalized people visible and audible. That means recognizing how our dominant culture has trampled the rights of First Nations people. It means grieving what everyone has lost as a result. It means honoring what remains of those oppressed cultures.

In their conquest of these lands, Europeans tried to eradicate the people who already lived here. Over the centuries, the consequences have been devastating for First Nations people all over this continent, including, and most pertinent to tonight's discussion, the Wabanaki of this region.

My English family migrated here in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. I assume I inherit from them a legacy of either tacit

approval or active enforcement of genocide. I *personally* feel ashamed of that legacy.

We cannot change the past. But by admitting and beginning to reverse past harm and injustice, we can learn and grow now and in the future. Learning how First Nations people regarded our earth as a sacred place to be shared and protected for the generations can help to cultivate respect for the earth. Learning about the courage and resilience of First Nations people, who carried their culture forward despite centuries of oppression, can build strength of character and respect for the many cultures who share our nation home.

I long for Brunswick to honor the Wabanaki who lived first on this land, whose culture was systematically marginalized and destroyed, and whose descendants survive, to this day, nonetheless.

Please adopt the Proclamation to Acknowledge Maine's Indigenous Cultures.



**PUMPKIN CARVING WITH THE UUCB**

**Hosted by the Religious Education Committee**

Join us for a fun afternoon of pumpkin carving, treats and great company. We'll supply the tools, space and easy clean-up. You just need to bring the pumpkin and fun - and, actually, if you don't have a pumpkin, we'll have some small pumpkins available at the party. We will supply light refreshments, but participants are welcome to bring their own lunch to enjoy. All ages encouraged to come.

We hope to see you there!

**Date & Time:**  
**Sunday, October 22**  
**11:30 am to 1 pm (immediately after service)**  
**UUCB's Religious Education Great Room**

**RSVP to**  
**[uubrunswickrec@gmail.com](mailto:uubrunswickrec@gmail.com),**  
**and be sure to let us know**  
**if you'll need us to supply**  
**a pumpkin.**

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE



### OCTOBER CHARITY WITH SOUL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/7 RIVERS MAINE

As a covenant church with Habitat, our church has been very active in supporting its mission of providing safe, warm, and affordable homes to neighbors in need. We have done this through donating funds for building materials, providing volunteers at the various home builds and for the Habitat Weatherization Program, walking to raise money, and working in the ReStore.

#### UPDATE FROM MARK PRIMEAU, DIRECTOR

##### NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION

The final home at our Hope Lane subdivision in Brunswick has been completed. We recently started the foundation of house #45, piloting the use of **modular construction** on land located on Middle Street in Bath. There are two issues our affiliate hopes to address by moving to this model of building. This will effectively shorten the time needed to complete a house, making better use of our volunteers' time and assisting prospective homeowners who live in substandard conditions more quickly. In addition, since modular construction is more cost effective, this model will allow the generous donations we receive to go further and make Habitat housing even more affordable. Once we have the scheduled delivery date for this new home, a schedule for volunteer participation will be made available. We expect the home to be set up by late September and a 10-Saturday volunteer build is planned to finish the modular unit.

To support our first modular build, Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine is excited to launch our first crowd funding campaign through **Crowdrise**. We are seeking support from the community to raise **\$30,000** to build this new affordable home for a family in the City of Bath, ME. Making a donation is easy using the Crowdrise website: <https://www.crowdrise.com/build-hope>.

You can also help us by sharing this message with your family, friends and colleagues through email and Facebook and inviting them contribute and be a part of this build. Photos and updates will be posted on the project so you can watch as the vacant lot on Middle Street in Bath is transformed into a brand new home! Please join us and be a part of this exciting new project!

Habitat is currently in the planning and permitting stage for the 2018 construction of homes #46 and #47 to be built on land purchased in the Town of Wiscasset. Grant funds received from Maine Housing helped us to purchase the land for these homes, our first new construction projects in Wiscasset.

##### WEATHERIZING & REPAIR AND HOME MODIFICATIONS

Our weatherizing, repair and home modification program assists 60 to 70 mid coast Maine homeowners each year. These homeowners may struggle to stay warm, may have critical home repair needs, or may be elderly or disabled individuals who need home modifications in order to be able to remain in their homes more safely and independently. Free services available to income qualified homeowners are basic weatherization improvements, critical repairs, installation of interior storm windows to increase energy efficiency, modifications to the home that enhance safety, mobility and accessibility, and alterations that make the home more comfortable. Examples of the work Habitat can do include: repair flooring, build ramps and stairs, install handrails, widen doors, modify bathrooms and kitchens, and make plumbing, electrical and heating improvements.

*If you have any questions please contact Gretchen Kamilewicz ([gkamilewicz@gmail.com](mailto:gkamilewicz@gmail.com)) or Cuffy Chase ([cmc1322@gmail.com](mailto:cmc1322@gmail.com))*

#### LARRY LEMMEL, PIANO

Sunday, October 29 at 11:30 am



Music of Chopin, Scriabin and Beethoven.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN BRUNSWICK! – OCTOBER 9, 2017

On Monday, 9/19, the Brunswick Town Council voted to approve a resolution making the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples' Day. The resolution, sponsored by the Council Human Rights Task Force was brought to the Council by the MidCoast Indigenous Awareness Group (MIAG). Many thoughtful and moving statements of support (as well as a few in dissent) by community people preceded the Council's vote of approval.

#### Wabanaki Film Evening to Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day

On Monday, 10/9, from 6-8pm, at UUCB, MIAG will celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day with a film and discussion of Wabanaki issues along with some hearty snacks. Please see the accompanying flyer for details.

MIAG has also been working closely with the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust and Curtis Library to schedule a series of October events celebrating Maine's Wabanaki people and culture. (Check the Land Trust's and Curtis Library's websites for details.

### CONVERSION, COMMUNITY AND CLIMATE

#### Maine Peace Walk for Conversion, Community and Climate – 10/13-21

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Maine Peace Walk, organized by Maine Veterans for Peace and Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space will be centered in Bath from 10/13-10/21. Walkers will go door to door to educate residents about the Walk's mission to promote the conversion of Bath Iron Works from the building of warships to the peaceful and sustainable production of renewable energy systems. Walkers will also participate in morning and afternoon vigils at BIW and gather each evening for a public program of film, music and speakers.

**On Tuesday, October 17** the walkers will gather at UUCB from **6-9pm** for a **community pot luck supper and panel discussion on Conversion, Community and Climate** to include speakers: *Joyakgol*, South Korean peace activist from Jeju Island; *Leslie Manning*, Quaker activist; *Mary Beth Sullivan*, social worker from Bath. Working for Justice Steering Group, PeaceWorks and Maine Peace Walk will co-host the evening.

**Join in the pot luck supper and learn from the panel of thoughtful speakers.**

*If you can help in setting up for the evening, providing food for the potluck or overseeing clean up by participants and other volunteers, please see Cathey Cyrus. Many thanks!*

### AN ABYSSINIAN MEETING HOUSE/UUCB COLLABORATION

*We Shall Overcome: Lessons in Non Violent Communication*

**Saturday, 10/21, 7-9pm, UUCB**

The Abyssinian Meeting House is presenting this evening to raise awareness of the Meeting House's ongoing restoration efforts, co-hosted by the UUCB Working for Justice Steering Group. The program will feature speakers, music, coffee and conversation. A flyer with details will be posted soon.

**If you can help welcome this event to our church** by contributing to the reception following the program, please talk with Cathey Cyrus for more information.

We will need finger food desserts, coffee and tea and help organizing set up and clean up. Many thanks! Working for Justice Steering Group

### WABANAKI REACH WORKSHOP IN NOVEMBER AT UUCB

UUCB will host an all day Wabanaki REACH workshop on Saturday, November 18 beginning at 9:30am in the UUCB sanctuary. This workshop has been well received across the state with over 700 Mainers participating. Maine and Wabanaki people are at an historical juncture in their long relationship. The workshop is an opportunity for non-Native people to reflect on our shared history and future with Native people. The workshop includes a very brief history of US government relationships with Native people; awareness of white privilege; and understanding decolonization. The workshop is free, but space is limited and registration is required. You can register online at [mainewabanakireach.org](http://mainewabanakireach.org).



## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MIAG SPONSORED  
EVENT (MID-COAST INDIGENOUS  
AWARENESS GROUP)

**OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY**

**FILM AND FOOD NIGHT**

OCT. 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
THE  
**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BRUNSWICK**  
ONE MIDDLE STREET / DOWNTOWN BRUNSWICK

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING CELEBRATING AND HONORING:  
- **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY** -

THERE WILL BE HEARTY SNACKS OF LOCAL EATS FOLLOWED BY  
A COLLECTION OF FILMS: SHOWCASING NATIVE SURVIVAL AND  
(WITH COFFEE/DESSERT/DISCUSSION AFTERWARDS!) RESILIENCE

THIS EVENING OF FILM AND FOOD IS FREE WITH ALL  
DONATIONS GOING TOWARDS FUTURE PROGRAMMING AIMED  
AT ACKNOWLEDGING MAINE'S INDIGENOUS CULTURE.



### VOLUNTEER AWARD

Volunteer **Catherine “Cuffy” Chase** was recognized by Habitat for Humanity/7Rivers Maine at their recent annual Volunteer Recognition event. Cuffy received the President’s Award, given to recognize a volunteer who has supported Habitat’s mission in a multitude of ways.

Cuffy’s support for Habitat includes working in the ReStore each week, volunteering on our build sites, supporting our Spring Walk and other fundraising activities, and acting as one of the church representatives for the UU Church.

Standing with “Cuffy” is Habitat’s volunteer coordinator, Michele Ober.



## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

# Maine Peace Walk

The 6th annual Maine Peace Walk will come to Brunswick on October 17. Please join us in greeting the walkers with a public supper and hear these excellent speakers.

### Panelists:

**Joyakgol**—South Korean peace activist from Jeju Island who has been working for the past 20 years to stop US base expansion in his country. He also works to protect the endangered Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins who daily circle Jeju Island and are now threatened by the new Navy base.



**Leslie Manning** – Quaker activist will speak about budgets as moral documents and the need to build political support for cutting the bloated Pentagon budget

**Mary Beth Sullivan** – Social worker from Bath will speak about how conversion of BIW is possible and could create more jobs by building rail, solar, wind and tidal power systems to help deal with climate change

## For Conversion, Community, and Climate

**Supper & Panel Discussion**

**UU Church of Brunswick**

**Tuesday, October 17**

**Pot Luck Supper 6:00 pm, Panel 7:00 pm**

**Sponsored by:** UUCB Working for Justice Steering Group; PeaceWorks; Maine Peace Walk

### Display a lawn sign of **WELCOME to new Mainers**

*"No matter where you are from,  
we're glad you're our neighbor."*

- written in Arabic, English and French (or Spanish)

Signs are available for \$10 each in the church office. Please make checks out to **Cathey Cyrus** who has purchased the signs for our congregation through the MidCoast New Mainers Support Group and Hope Gateway Church in Portland.



## WORKING FOR JUSTICE



### MUUSAN - BURSTS INTO FALL

(Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network)

September 9, 2017

The first MUUSAN meeting since June 13<sup>th</sup> was bursting at the seams with momentum, enthusiasm and a very full agenda.

The most urgent focus by far was getting out the vote for the Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> election to assure passage of Question Two, the Medicaid Expansion ballot proposal that if passed, will provide health care coverage for an additional 70,000 Mainers, living in or near poverty. We were charged with returning to our church congregations and greater communities to do all in our power to alert people about the critical importance of voting in this off year election. So, as one of UUCB's MUUSAN reps, my first nudge of the season comes via this newsletter. There will be opportunities at church for you to learn more about Question Two and to volunteer to get out the vote and to become convinced, if you aren't already, in the just, compassionate and strategic economic reasons that your vote will be essential. Here are a couple of websites you may find helpful, highlighting the specifics:

<http://mainersforhealthcare.org/about/>

<http://www.mejp.org/>

Other interesting and important events of the day included:

- Overview of the rather amazing MUUSAN accomplishments during the 2016-17 church year. A summary for this newsletter would be too long but you will find a posting on the MUUSAN website, [www.MUUSAN.org](http://www.MUUSAN.org), (plus, other excellent links to the work of MUUSAN and ways for you to participate.)

- A serious, heartfelt appeal for donations and substantial \$ contributions to keep MUUSAN afloat. Some previous funding sources are ending and more money will be required for MUUSAN to continue doing it's most important work of representing UU values in the public sphere such as active and collaborative legislative lobbying and networking and retaining it's one paid staff person, Administrator, Betsy Parsons.
- Insight shared on upcoming legislative session. MUUSAN will continue it's advocacy and active involvement in support of, Rank Choice voting, Solar energy and health care legislation.
- Break out of Issue Groups; Health Care for All, Democracy in Action, Climate Change and the newest, Racial Justice. All groups returned with summaries of their meeting, specific suggestions, recommendations and goals. If you have some curiosity and feel the urge to become involved in MUUSAN, one of these focus groups may be just the place where you can picture your self, sharing your passion, expertise or talents.

The next meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10-12, in the UU Community Church of Augusta. I think you would enjoy the joyful gathering of people, sometimes two or three from the same church, representing some of the 25 UU churches in Maine. You would be so warmly welcomed! Before then....be sure to go to the polls on November 7<sup>th</sup> to cast your yes vote for federal expansion of Medicaid (known in Maine as Maine Care).

Sue Kennedy...one of your MUUSAN representatives  
373-0578 [skennedy@hgfx.org](mailto:skennedy@hgfx.org)

## ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee Invites You to

### Wendell Berry: An Authentic Voice

Interviews, Readings and Other Video Clips  
featuring Wendell Berry, on Social Justice,  
Free Trade, Personal Responsibility  
and Gay Marriage.

**UUCB SANCTUARY**

**Sunday, October 22 at 11:30 am**

*Please Invite Family and Friends!*



## MEMBERSHIP

### HOMEcoming POTLUCK

What a great start to the new church year! On Sunday, September 10th we hosted a potluck lunch for over 90 people in the sanctuary. The place was abuzz with the chatter of old friends reconnecting after a busy summer and newcomers diving in to our welcoming community. This second annual event is a keeper!

### CIRCLE SUPPERS



October is Circle Supper month. The next round of suppers will be held Saturday night, **October 21<sup>st</sup>**. These small group dinners in the home of UUCB members and friends is a great opportunity for people to get

to know each other through longer and deeper conversation than coffee hour allows. We especially encourage newcomers to attend a supper. If you would like to host or attend a supper on October 21<sup>st</sup>, please email or call Leigh Peranteau at 207-725-4874 or leigh763@yahoo.com

### VISITOR'S TABLE

Activity at the Visitor's Table picked up in September. Many of you heeded our call to check your family's entry in the UUCB directory that we keep at the table each week. Shirley will be adding any changes to her master list and everyone will receive a revised directory later this fall. If you want a paper copy, please ask Shirley directly.

### YOU AND UU CLASS



On Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> we will offer a You and UU Class at the church from 9:00am to 12:00pm. With Sylvia's help attendees explore their own interests in UUCB and learn about the history and beliefs of Unitarians and Universalists of

the past and today. We strongly encourage attendance by anyone who is interested in joining UUCB. The class is co-led by Betsy Williams and Michael Cain. Please contact Shirley at the church office to sign up (207-729-8515) or stop by the visitor's table on Sunday to learn more.



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

## UNDER THE SONG TREE

## REUNION CONCERT

OCTOBER 28 @ 7:30 PM



Dan Merrill

Anni Clark

Lynn Deeves

## Folk Artist of the Year

2002 Jam Music Magazine

A rare reunion concert of "under the song tree," a trio of Maine's favorite singer-songwriters, features acoustic guitars, flute, harmonica, a variety of percussive instruments, and stellar three-part harmonies.

In 2000 three established musicians joined forces and recorded a CD, "under the song tree LIVE." The CD clearly demonstrated their talents as seasoned musicians, songwriters, and passionate performers. The success of their CD and live gigs prompted Jam Magazine to name them Folk Artist of the Year.

**Dan Merrill**—creates intimate, honest lyrics and soaring vocals set to pop, funk, acoustic rock, and folk. Dan has won the coveted "Newfolk" songwriter's award at the Kerrville Folk Festival, wrote a top-ten single for his band Simon Apple, and has earned the title of Male Vocalist of the Year by "Just Plain Folks."

**Anni Clark**—is part folk, part blues, sometimes pop, but all parts original. For over 30 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.

**Lynn Deeves**—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.

**These 3 local favorites haven't performed together in over 10 years. You don't want to miss this rare reunion concert!**

**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](http://brownpapertickets.com).

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### RECIPIENTS OF THE 2016-2017 PROFITS FROM CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE, THE HOLIDAY FAIR AND THE AUCTION

- Oasis Free Clinics
- Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP)
- Four Directions
- Mid Coast Hospital's Addiction Resource Center (ARC)



Receiving the checks from the UU Church are (from left to right):  
SueRoche (ILAP, Executive Director), Catherine McConnell (ARC, Director of Behavioral Health),  
Anita Ruff (Oasis, Executive Director), Susan Hammond (Four Directions, Executive Director)

### REFRESHMENTS HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

Once again we need refreshments for the  
“under the song tree” concert on Sat Oct 28th.

I’m hoping that we can get some new  
volunteers to help with this concert.

Please sign up on the harvest  
table after church on Sundays or  
contact Sue Michaud at 729-4857  
or [michaud\\_susan@comcast.net](mailto:michaud_susan@comcast.net).



### UPCOMING CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

October 28	under the song tree
January 13	Novel Jazz Septet
March 31	Heather Masse
April 7	Bill Staines
June 2	John Gorka
June 23	Barbershop Bash (Royal River Chorus and Nor’easters)



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS



The Annual Holiday Arts Fair will be here sooner than we imagine. The Fair is scheduled for Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is an important fund raiser for UUCB and a wonderful opportunity to share our lovely space with the larger community.

It is time to check closets, attics and basements for items in good condition for the White Elephant Table and The Children's Room.

The White Elephant Table is looking for items that others may buy as gifts or for themselves. Items that sell: kitchen wares, jewelry,

CDs, DVDs, books, small tools or appliances, puzzles, craft kits, Christmas tree decorations and small musical instruments. Items that don't sell: old dishes and large items. Items can be brought to the church the week of the Fair beginning Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> during regular church office hours. Any questions, please call Adair Delamater at 398-4488.

The Children's Table will be aimed at providing *gifts specifically for children. All items will be priced at \$5 or under.* Items we would like to include are art supplies, toys, puzzles, books, stocking stuffers, games, coloring books, stuffed animals, hats, socks, T-shirts, hairclips and hair ribbons. Donations for this room will be accepted beginning Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. A basket for your donations will be located in the hall across from the kitchen. Please contact Cuffy Chase at 721-0042{cmc1322@gmail.com} or Erin Haynes at 650-0237{ErinLHaynes@hotmail.com} with your questions.

It is time to start making items for the UUCB craft table. Robin Hansen 443-4571 or Pat Harris 725-7772 can give you some ideas of items that have sold well in the past. Remember the buyer when deciding what to make.

Starting November 5<sup>th</sup> we will have sign up sheets for all tasks related to 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. *Leigh Peranteau and Maryli Tieman*, co-chairs



## Friday, October 20, 2017

*Feature set preceded by the Open Mike*

**Rough Sawn** is a band of farmers and carpenters based in Topsham, Maine. They play a variety of acoustic styles, drawing from the bluegrass, country, and Western swing traditions, as well as original songs by singer/songwriter Seth Gallant. The band also features Steve Frens on mandolin, Ben Whatley on guitar, and Nick Whatley on upright bass. They perform a mix of music with 3-part harmony that might just get you slapping your leg to the beat, and you'll be sure to want to know... **"Where did that song come from?"**

OPEN MIKE SIGNUP - 6:45 PM  
OPEN MIKE START - 7:00 PM  
FEATURED PERFORMER - 8:30 PM  
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$8





## FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

### PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK GROUP

Sunday, October 8



The Plant-Powered Potluck is meeting on Sunday, October 8, at 12 noon in the May Sarton room to enjoy camaraderie and a delicious plant-based meal. Please join us. Everyone is welcome. Sorry, no drop-ins, but if you plan to come, RSVP to coordinator Larry Lemmel at [llemmel@fairpoint.net](mailto:llemmel@fairpoint.net) or call him at 720-0387 by Wednesday, October 3. 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](http://www.forksoverknives.com).

### RESERVATIONS FOR EIGHT

Thursday, October 12 at 6:00pm

**Richards in Brunswick** (celebrate Octoberfest)

**Dolphin Marina in Harpswell** (last time for our groups to go until next year)

**Tuscan Bistro in Freeport**

*Sign ups will be available Sundays after church. Carol Drake will make the reservations.*

*All you need to do is show up at the scheduled time.*



*Last month's Reservations for Eight at the Cribstone Grill.*

### CIRCLE SUPPERS

Sat, October 21

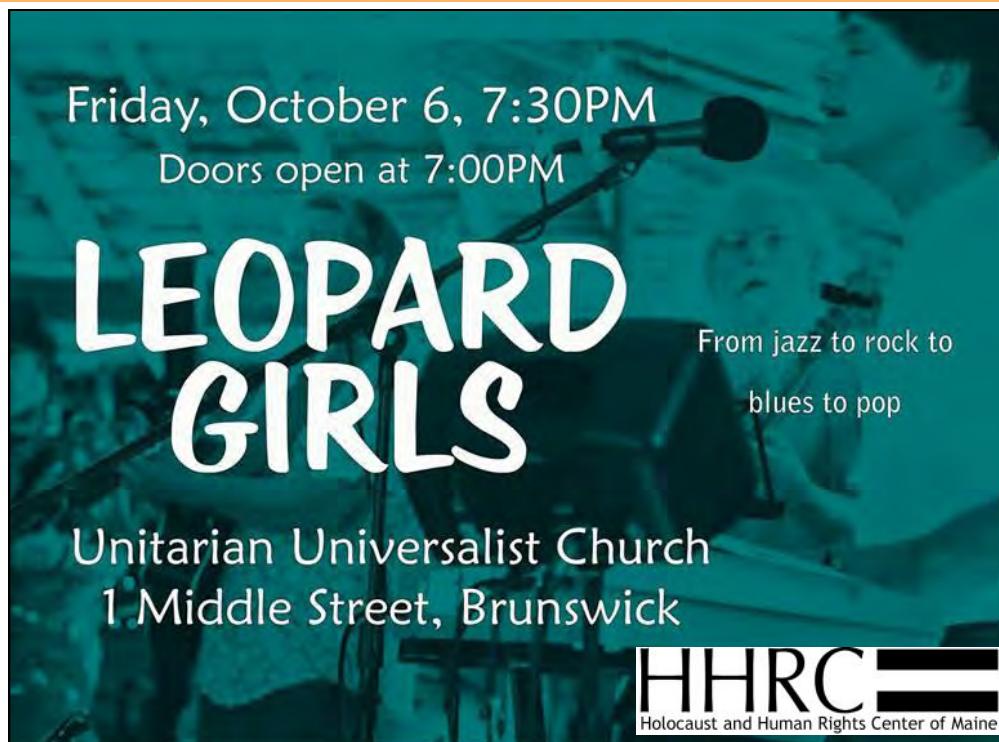
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### MEN'S LUNCHEON

Wed, October 25

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).

## BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HOLOCAUST & HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER OF MAINE



**\$10 suggested donation**

All proceeds benefit the educational programming of the  
Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine

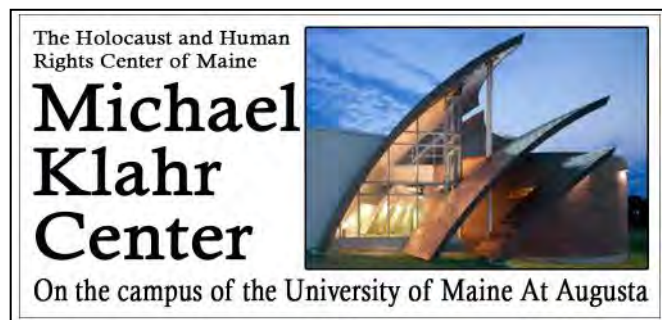
For more information visit **HHRCMAINE.org**  
or email HHRC at **jacob.albert@maine.edu**

The Leopard Girls will perform their eclectic blend of jazz, rock, blues, and pop music. All proceeds from the concert go to supporting the educational programming of the HHRC.

Leopard Girls is a five-piece act from Maine. Chris Simpson, Scott Woodruff, and Gary Lawless - formerly of Jimmy Midnight and The Yurtbirds - make up the band's front half on guitars, bass, and vocals. Songwriter and recording artist Ben Hunsberger brings his melodies to the keyboard, and drummer Hal Ahlers of Blues Buzzards rounds out the band's rhythm section. For more information about Leopard Girls, visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/TheLeopardGirls/](https://facebook.com/TheLeopardGirls/).

The HHRC and the Michael Klahr Center are located at the University of Maine at Augusta. In addition to permanent exhibits on Holocaust survivors and liberators in Maine, the HHRC and Klahr Center host rotating historical and art exhibits, events, meetings for Maine social and school groups, and workshops for students and teachers that raise awareness of civil rights and human rights issues in Maine and beyond.

The HHRC brings educational programs like "Decision-Making in Times of Injustice," "Yearning to Breathe Free: The Immigrant Experience in Maine," "Civil Rights in America," and others, to Maine HS students all across the state with materials from the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, the National Endowment for the Humanities, Facing History and Ourselves, and other organizations. For more information about HHRC, its programs and exhibits, call (207) 621-3530 or visit [hhrcmaine.org](http://hhrcmaine.org).



## BOARD REPORT

We have had a very busy fall, what with trips, school starting up and organizations gearing up after the summer. Nicole has started her sabbatical and all the excellent planning that she and the Religious Education (RE) Committee did over the spring and summer are bearing fruit. Our new Religious Education Assistant Diana Embler is proving to be “heaven sent” and the RE volunteers are doing a wonderful job.

As I mentioned in the August Messenger our church was awarded the Peace Award at the Peace Fair and this month the Brunswick Greens have nominated the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick (UUCB) to the Green America’s People and Planet Award. This is a national competition and is primarily focused on green businesses so our chances may be small but as Sylvia stated “I am touched that they nominated us.”

I want to call your attention to a “Community Conversation” that our church, through the Working for Justice Steering Committee, is co-sponsoring with Brunswick Peace Works. The topic of the “Conversation” will be whether the Town of Brunswick should declare itself a welcoming community to immigrants, essentially a “sanctuary city.” The event is on Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at our church and will include representa-

tives from the Brunswick Town Council, Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project, ACLU, the Brunswick Police and our own Reverend Sylvia Stocker. Our church is co-sponsoring this with the Beth Israel Congregation of Bath, Brunswick Greens, Peaceworks, and Maine Veterans for Peace.

At last week’s Town Council meeting Cathey Cyrus and Reverend Stocker and many others spoke in support of a proclamation to acknowledge Maine’s Indigenous Cultures. The Town Council voted in favor of the proclamation.

The Gurnet Road task force, headed by former Board of Trustees Chair Mary Larson, has outlined a procedure which the Board of Trustees approved this week. See their request for input below.

This year the Peace Walk will be happening from October 13<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. The organizers, Maine Peace Walk for Conversion, Community and Climate, will be using our church for an evening event on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30pm. This event will include a pot luck supper and panel discussion. The Working For Justice Steering Committee is sponsoring the event.

*Charlie Evans, Board Chair*

### Request for Congregational Input on Gurnet Road Expenditures

At the Annual Meeting on June 11, 2017, the Congregation voted to set aside \$22,500 of the proceeds from the sale of the Gurnet Road property for immediate expenditures relating to the church building, with the caveat that **both church Committees and members have the opportunity to propose particular projects for discussion and eventual voting.** The Board appointed a task force to develop a process to let this happen. Outlined below is the procedure that the task force recommends and the Board has approved.

1. Informational meetings will be held on Sundays, **October 8 and 15** after church to review current committee proposals and solicit additional suggestions from church members.
2. For those unable to attend the Sunday meetings, ideas and comments may be phoned, written, or emailed to Task Force member Mary Larson [marniel@windstream.net](mailto:marniel@windstream.net) or 406-4266.
3. To be included in a ranked choice ballot, proposals must have a **vendor estimate in writing** by **November 1**. Please send them to the church office or by email to Mary Larson.
4. Ranked choice ballots will be available for voting by the congregation November 5 or 12 at church services or by contacting Mary Larson.
5. Based on priorities determined by ranked choice voting, the Board will present a proposal for an official congregational vote at a special congregational meeting on November 19 using the top ranked items that do not exceed the total amount.

To date, the following proposals have been received from standing committees:

#### Concerts for a Cause with Building and Grounds

Additional lighting in sanctuary for speakers and performers	\$10,000-\$12,000
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#### Arts Committee with Building and Grounds

Gallery Lighting	\$2,000
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#### RE Committee

AV equipment for Religious Education area	\$1,500
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Gurnet Road Task Force Members: *Mary Larson, Cindy Parker, Maryli Tiemann, Dave Damour*



## THANKS TO BOWDOIN STUDENTS

If you happened by Middle Street on Saturday, September 16th, you would have delighted in the carnival atmosphere outside Curtis Memorial Library and our church steps. Curtis was having a “How To” Festival where there were folks in makeshift booths teaching How To Do everything from flower pressing to getting a historical plaque for your house.



And in the midst of the band playing and the banners, if you happened to look up, you would've seen a couple of Bowdoin students on our roof! They were there along with four other volunteers helping UUCB as part of Bowdoin's Common Good Day. Now in its 19th year, Common Good Day is just one yearly service event of Bowdoin's McKeen Center.

Our student volunteers helped in our kitchen, nursery, garden, RE, and on our roof, doing work we needed assistance with: cleaning, organizing, weeding and transplanting. They did everything joyfully, carefully, and all in less time than it might have taken us to do even one of the easier tasks. They were primarily first year students, but one (Alex in the blue shirt) is a returning volunteer who eagerly agreed this is a great way to get to know your community.

And Mike Heath, Dan Ellis, Cuffy Chase and I were delighted to share our afternoon with them. They spoke of their aspirations and summer adventures as they completed each task. Dan encouraged them to perform at our next Side Door Coffee House.

May their faces remind all of us how fortunate we are to have the vibrancy of Bowdoin's students within our community. Our hearty thanks to each of them!



*Submitted by Maryli Tiemann*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>10 Church Service</b> <b>10:15 RE Classes</b> <b>11:30 Build Your Own Theology:</b> MSR <b>Welcome Corner:</b> WBR <b>Parent Orientation:</b> MBR	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>2 New Mainer's Steering Grp:</b> MSR <b>4 Membership:</b> MSR <b>7 Worship:</b> MSR	<b>4</b> <b>11 Rental: Meditation:</b> WBR <b>3 Writers Group:</b> MSR <b>6 Mid-Coast Indigenous Awareness:</b> SAN	<b>5</b> <b>10 Rental Committee:</b> MSR <b>12 Noon Deadline:</b> "This Week" & OOW <b>4 Working for Justice:</b> MSR <b>6:45 RE Comm:</b> MBR <b>7 Choir:</b> SAN	<b>6</b> <b>Teford Shelter Meal</b> <b>7:30 Leopard Girls Concert—benefit for Holocaust and Human Rights Center:</b> SAN	<b>7</b> <b>10 AA Rental:</b> MBR
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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 November Parish Messenger is **Friday, October 20th**.