

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick



May, 2018

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

May 06 **“Wonder and Mystery”**

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Wonder is something even the smallest of children can and do experience. An appreciation of mystery may go deeper and require the passing of years. Music by Derek Herzer.

May 13 **TBA**

Green Sanctuary

Music by Derek Herzer and the Choir, under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

May 20 **RE Celebration Sunday**

Religious Education Committee

Music by Jud Caswell.

May 27 **“How UU Invented American Democracy”**

Gar Roper

Although the founding fathers were not all church going Unitarians or Universalists, they were influenced by the same free thinking ideas that guided the unique view of spiritual and religious thoughts that was at the core of UU. Now expressed in the seven principles, and in the 5th principle in particular, UU looks to democracy as the necessary basis of open and equitable functioning of its community. Today’s sermon will explore some of the pitfalls of democracy and why the UU expression is one we should cherish. Music by Jean Lay and Zachary Lay.

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister

Rev. J. Bradbury Mitchell,
Minister Emeritus

Nicole Boutilier,
Director of Religious Education

Stephanie Bernier, Music Coordinator

Heidi Neufeld, Choir Director

Derek Herzer, Choir Accompanist

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

Tony Sulkoski, Sexton

Claire Curole, Ministerial Intern

Dan Ellis, Webmaster

SABBATICAL COVERAGE



I will be preaching in Keene, NH, on May 13 to cover one Sunday while Keene's minister, Rev. Michael Hall, is on sabbatical. As you may recall, a bevy of ministers from our district (including Michael Hall) covered many Sundays for me when I was on sabbatical a couple of years ago. Now it's my turn to cover for others. – Love, *Sylvia*

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAD A SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE?

The Worship Committee is beginning its 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 24th and run through September 2nd. Reverend Stocker will be preaching on two Sundays in August but will be away from the pulpit all of July. The dates available for lay led summer services are: June 24th, July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, August 5th, and 26th, and September 2nd – a total of 9 services.

If you have an idea for a service (or a question), please jot it down and send it along to Worship Committee members:

Cindy Parker (cindyparker48@gmail.com),
Wendy Roundy (wendyroundy@gmail.com), or
Stephanie Bernier (skbernier58@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 to the committee by noon on Tuesday, June 5th at the latest so that the committee can finalize their summer schedule at their June meeting. The Worship Committee members--Dan Ellis, Cindy Parker, Louise Gephart, Carol Briggs, Wendy Roundy, Stephanie Bernier, Anne Merrifield, and Pat Harris--thank you in advance for your participation.

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.

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

UU GELATO?? YES!

At Gelato Fiasco, May 20!
(MARK THE DATE!)

EVERYONE is invited to celebrate our UUCB children, our Religious Education programming and our church by ordering *Inherent Dignity* gelato (or another flavor of choice) at Gelato Fiasco in Brunswick on May 20.



As part of our celebration of our children and all of the people who helped to make the RE program happen during this church year, Gelato Fiasco has generously agreed to name their "fresh cream gelato" *Inherent Dignity* (on May 20 only!) Join the fun by going to Gelato Fiasco that day to enjoy delicious gelato and to appreciate our children and our church (AND the community-minded staff at Gelato Fiasco). Be sure to tell the servers you're from UUCB!



MINISTER'S MUSINGS

On Celebration Sunday, we did a Mad Lib of our church story. (I had written the church story, leaving blanks. Without their seeing the story or even knowing exactly what it was about, I asked the congregation to supply various words to fill in the blanks.) Like most Mad Libs our story was pretty humorous. Lots of you asked me to publish it in the newsletter.

Why a Mad Lib? To shake loose the story we tell ourselves about ourselves.

Individually, each of us creates a story about our life that we tell ourselves and others. Telling any story requires culling and organizing the facts as we understand them. That's one huge way we make sense of life. Because every story is framed like a photograph in a viewfinder, including certain facts and leaving others out, all stories could be told in multiple ways. We choose how to tell them.

That's true of our collective congregational story, too. For instance, we often speak of UUCB as being small and poor. But we are the third largest UU congregation in Maine. And for at least the last 10 years and probably longer, we have ended every church year – even years for which we passed a deficit budget – in the black. Not only that, but we raise a considerable amount of money for other charities. Using those facts, we could tell our story differently from the way we often choose to tell it.

Here's the Celebration Sunday Mad Lib we created together.

Once upon a time, there was a **green (adjective)** church in **Brunswick (geographical location)**.

For the longest time, just a small number of **awesome (adjective)** people attended – **12 (number)** adults and **42 (number)** children, to be exact. Despite the small number of parishioners, everyone made do. They loved their church.

They created a **pretty (adjective)** place, where their children could learn about **socks (noun)** and **sandwiches (noun)** and to **swim (verb)** for themselves. The church attracted musicians who played **oboe (musical instrument)**, **violin (musical instrument)**, and **trombone (musical instrument)** to enliven their worship services. Whenever the people learned of any issue of injustice, they lifted their **geese (plural noun)** to be heard. And you could count on their ministers to preach that old Universalist message that “God is **excitement (emotion)**.”

But, because they were so small, the congregation had to make do with an annual budget of only **13**

(number) dollars. Times were tough, but the people said, “**Woohoo (exclamation)**! We can do it! After all, we are **wrinkled (adjective)** and **flamboyant (adjective)**!”

Over the years, the little church grew. The church came to be known as being **dirty (adjective)**, and **chubby (adjective)**. With more people, everyone thought it would be easier to raise enough money to run the church, but, sadly, the annual budget stayed more or less in the range of **\$7 (number)**.

One day the church building burned. The people gathered on the sidewalk outside and wondered what to do. They felt **bewildered (feeling)** and **ebullient (feeling)**. With their building gone, they suddenly realized they really might lose their **Girl Scout cookies (noun)** altogether.

“**Rats! (exclamation)**” they cried. “Our **gerbil (noun)** must continue!” They rolled up their **shoes (plural noun)** and got to work. They launched a capital campaign that garnered an impressive **\$55 (number)** to build a new building.

Their new church was **funny (adjective)**! It became a gathering place for the whole region because everyone felt so **lonely (emotion)** there. The congregation began to be known as a **horrified (adjective)** community that did their best to **swim (verb)**. Budget season can still feel **interesting (adjective)**. But now the people know that, when they **juggle (verb)** together, they can make it.

Sometimes by re-framing our stories to include some of the facts we had previously left out, we can heal a bit of the brokenness our previous stories might have contained. I'm not saying we lie. I'm saying we can look at what we know in new ways ... and some of the resulting new stories we tell might be healthier than our habitual telling.

How might you tell your story differently? How might you tell our collective story differently?

Here's to juggling together.

Love, Sylvia

2018 Graduates



In our annual report, I like to list graduations. I'm looking for information about UUCB members, friends, or young people who grew up in our Sunday School who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school. Please let me know the graduate's name, the institution from which s/he is graduating, major (if any), and future plans. Thank you! Sylvia Stocker (revstocker@gwi.net)

FROM THE INTERN



How can it be May already? We still have stuff to do!

It's a little hard to believe that my internship with you all is coming quickly to an end. After five years of part-time study I turned in my final coursework last night, and have all but completed my MDiv at Meadville Lombard. I will be in Chicago the weekend of May 20th for graduation, and will be wrapping up loose ends here in the church until my last day, June 10th.

As I wind down my involvement here I am aware of two things: first,

that I am grateful for the opportunity to serve here as intern minister these last two years; and second, that I am looking forward to your work continuing without me. It is the longstanding custom and tradition in our congregations that when a minister completes their service, they leave completely for a period of time to allow a smooth transition for both minister and congregation. An intern must practice this skill of leaving well, and so it is expected that when an intern completes their internship, they will separate from the congregation for at least a year. So when I am done, I will be gone.

I will not be far away, though; Maine is sometimes described as a small town with really long streets. I would be pleased to hear good things about UUCB from time to time: I invite you to do the kind of work that gets our people talking, and get connected so that people know enough to talk about it. Get involved with MUUSAN. Pay attention to what's happening in the District, Regional and national UUA. Claim your place in the wider community. Make partnerships. Join existing efforts. Lend your strength,

your resources, your energy to the work of leaving the world a little kinder, a little fairer, a little more inclusive than you found it. This church is too amazing to be a quiet well-kept secret.

Many of you have asked what happens next for me. The short-term answer is that I will continue working as an on-call chaplain at Maine Medical Center while I proceed with UUA credentialing. I re-interview with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee this coming winter, and if I am admitted to fellowship, I would begin ordination planning then, but not before. My long range plans are wide open: right now, I imagine pursuing board certification as a hospital chaplain, but I am open to being moved by the Spirit in unexpected directions.

How does that hymn go? "We are going - Heaven knows where we are going - but we know within, And we will get there - Heaven knows how we will get there - but we know we will..."

Thank you again for sharing these last two years with me. Off we go!

- Claire

CHANCE FOR UU CHRISTIANS TO GATHER

Some of the UU Christians among us have expressed a desire to meet with one another either formally or informally (or both). While they appreciate the annual Maundy Thursday communion service, they would also like to delve deeper into Christian theology and practice. If you would be interested in joining a UU Christians affinity group, please let me know (revstocker@gwi.net), and I'll find a time to bring everyone together. - Sylvia Stocker

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A SENSE OF WONDER AND AWE

This year in RE we explored the 7 Principles of Unitarian Universalism and learned about the several famous UUs whose lives can inspire us to take action to make the world a better place. In this final month of RE programming for the church year we are exploring what it means to cultivate a sense of wonder and awe.

Oftentimes, perhaps especially in our increasingly over-scheduled and hectic lives that seem to be the norm these days, it can be easy to miss out on experiencing wonder and awe in our everyday lives. We live in a technologically advanced society that has explanations for everything, gadgets for everything, and information available at our fingertips that multiplies exponentially every day. Yet despite our busyness and the vast amount of news and information we are inundated with, we are surrounded by simple things which contain beauty and mystery that can evoke a sense of wonder and awe if only we take the time to notice them. I love the following quote by Thich Nhat Hanh:

Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don't even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child—our own two eyes. All is a miracle.



What evokes a sense of wonder and awe for you? Enjoying the colors of the sky at sunset, watching a child learn something new and watching their eyes light up when they “get it”, having a gray jay land upon an outstretched hand high on a mountain trail, watching a dog track a scent in a field, seeing a large group of people at a protest demanding change... these are some of the things that evoke those feelings in me. This month I encourage you to take time each day to observe what is around you and note the things that bring you a sense of wonder and awe. And if you feel like sharing, I'd love to hear what you noticed!



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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.

Important RE Announcements & Dates

- May 06:** RE Groups, Youth Group, Coming of Age
- May 13:** RE Groups, Youth Group, Coming of Age
- May 20:** Intergenerational Worship Service: RE Celebration Sunday. After the service, let's all walk over to Gelato Fiasco and celebrate the program year together!
- May 27:** No RE programs or nursery care
- Jun 03:** Coming of Age Worship Service
- Jun 10:** Flower Communion Service

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MAY CHARITY WITH SOUL CHANS HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE




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 HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE
MID COAST-PARRVIEW HEALTH

CHANS Home Health and Hospice is a full-service, non-profit, Joint Commission Accredited agency providing skilled home health, hospice, private duty care services and an array of community based wellness clinics and support services in Mid Coast Maine. CHANS is an affiliate of Mid Coast Health Services and has been providing home health and wellness services in our community since 1947.

Home Healthcare in Midcoast Maine

When you are sick, recovering from surgery or an acute or chronic illness there is no place like home. CHANS provides medical services in the home, where the patient is most comfortable.

Hospice Care

CHANS offers care and comfort for you or a loved one during life's final stages. From the touch of a friendly hand to the services of skilled nurses and doctors, CHANS is there when you need them.

In-Home Support Services: Private Duty Care

CHANS also provides help with daily activities like meal preparation, personal care, medication reminders or anything that will help an individual remain independent in the home.

As a non-profit, CHANS is thankful for the generous contributions and support that we receive from the community. Donations are greatly appreciated and help to enhance the training, resources, and professional healthcare services that are provided.

2018-2019 CHARITIES WITH SOUL

Voting on newly nominated charities for a slot as a 2018-2019 Charity with Soul will take place in May. Ballots listing the nominated charities will be available on Sunday May 6th and Sunday May 13th. All ballots will be due by Tuesday by May 15th. The final list will be announced in the June parish messenger and at the annual meeting in June.

There are currently six legacy charities which will again be named as monthly Charities with Soul in 2018-2019. These charities are: Habitat for Humanity, the Midcoast Hunger Prevention Project, Tedford Housing, the Oasis Free Clinic, The Gathering Place, and Four Directions Development Corporation.

The Working for Justice Steering Group is suggesting the addition of a seventh legacy charity: the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. The UUSC is an international organization which fosters human rights through grass roots collaborations in more than a dozen countries throughout the world. The UUSC fosters social justice and works toward a world free from oppression.

Either the top five or six vote recipients will be added to this list as a Charity with Soul for 2018-2019 - depending on the results of the annual June meeting concerning the addition of the UUSC as a legacy charity.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

BUILDING BRIDGES, BREAKING BREAD— A MULTICULTURAL POT LUCK DINNER

Sunday, April 29, 4-6:30 pm
Bath Senior Center, 45 Floral Street, Bath



UUCB is invited to help welcome and celebrate new Mainers and friends recently settled in Bath, Brunswick and Topsham. Bring your favorite dish to share, and join in the warmth and community of sharing food and conversation with some amazing people.

If you cannot attend but would like to contribute financially to the up front cost of the event (about \$300), please see Cathey Cyrus.

COMMUNICATION WHERE EVERYONE MATTERS— WORKSHOP IN NONVIOLENT COMMUNICATION with Leah Boyd, certified NVC trainer

**Friday, May 4, 6:30-8:30 pm and
Saturday, May 5, 9 – 4pm ,
here at UUCB**

*Now more than ever, we need to be able to listen to
and talk with people with whom we disagree.
Nonviolent communication skills guide connection
across disagreement.*

Fee request - \$150;
scale available in the case of financial hardship

For questions about payment: Leah Boyd at
leah@peacefulpurposes.us 1-877-833-1372

For registration: www.peacefulpurpose.us
Flyer posted on Interests and Concerns Board

PENOBSCOT NATION AND THE PENOBSCOT RIVER LAWSUIT: A CASE OF CULTURAL IDENTITY AND TRIBAL STEWARDSHIP

Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 6:30-8pm
Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

Penobscot Nation Chief Kirk Francis will discuss the nuances of the case, *Penobscot Nation v Janet Mills*, and look at where the Penobscot Nation will go from here. This is an opportunity to gain clarity about this pivotal issue as we approach Maine's gubernatorial primary election.

Chief Francis was born and raised at Indian Island, Maine, the home of the Penobscot Nation. He has deep cultural ties to the people, the land, and the river. He has served as Chief of the Penobscot Nation since 2006.

The event is free and open to the public

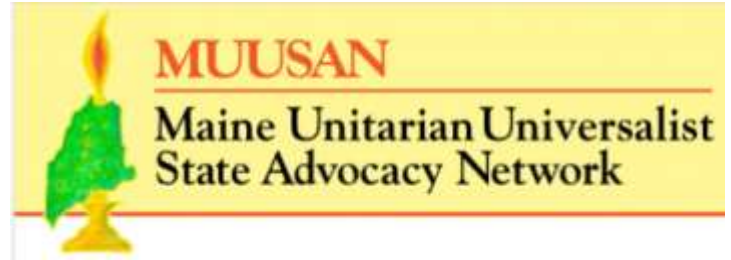
Organized by Maine Indigenous Awareness Group (MIAG)
info@miag.fyi



WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MUUSAN ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 12, 9:30am – 3:00pm
UU Community Church of Augusta



Time to celebrate! If you have wondered what MUUSAN is all about there could be no better way to find out than attending this May 12th meeting.

As the Second Session of the 128th Legislature ends MUUSAN will celebrate the significant influence it has had lobbying for and against legislation that reflects our UU values and principles. As with any organization there are always those individuals who especially deserve our gratitude for their steadfast work, devotion and many volunteer hours. They will be celebrated.



The highlight of the day may well be the guest keynote speaker, who at previous Annual meetings has not only been interesting and informative but perhaps most important, inspirational in motivating us to continue our vital advocacy work in Racial Justice, Health Care for All, Democracy in Action and Climate Change. **The Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen will be this year's speaker.**

She is the Senior Strategist for the UUA's, *Side With Love* campaign and will share her experience and per-

spective in her talk titled, "Sometimes There is Only the Hard Way".

Then there is lunch. Delicious soups, salads, fruit and desserts shared in fellowship at every Annual meeting. All of this is free - but unlike the general meetings, we are asked to register by May 10th to help the Steering Committee anticipate numbers to expect.

For a quick way to stay in touch throughout the year with the active work of MUUSAN:

Visit their [website](#)

Join their active [Facebook page](#)

Subscribe to their [newsletter](#)

Of particular interest on the web site is the recent, 128th Legislature's Second Session, MUUSAN's Legislative Agenda where you will find all of the specific bills supported or opposed relevant to the four MUUSAN focus groups sited above.

So, *many* reasons for attending simply by registering [online](#) by **May 10th**.

When the day ends, you too will leave singing the praises of MUUSAN and the impressive action and advocacy work being accomplished. You too may discover a place to share your own talents and interests and create new friendships.

TEDFORD SHELTER COLLECTION

MAY 13 & 20

The **Monday Afternoon Chalice Circle** will be collecting toiletries as donations to the Tedford Shelter on two Sundays in May. Here are some of sorts of things that the Tedford folks tell us would be very useful and much welcomed:



- ◆ disposable razors
- ◆ bar soap, liquid hand soap, shampoo/conditioner
- ◆ deodorant
- ◆ tissues
- ◆ toothbrushes, toothpaste
- ◆ diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, maxi-pads/tampons



Chalice Circle members will be at a table in the Fellowship Hall before and after the church services on **Sunday May 13** and **Sunday May 20**.

Thank you for any contributions you can make to this Tedford Shelter collection!

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

BREAD FOR THE WORLD OFFERING OF LETTERS - May 6th



Spring is the time again to join forces with other faith based groups to communicate with our congressional representatives regarding the moral imperative to invest in, protect and create key programs that will reduce hunger and poverty.

For three years now, many of us in the UUCB congregation have participated in, Bread For The World's, Offering of Letters giving us the opportunity to appeal for uncompromised creation and support of these programs. This year, Bread For The World's priority is advocacy and monitoring congressional action to protect particularly, the existing vital anti-hunger and anti-poverty government programs that include:

- Nutrition programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known in the not too distant past as Food Stamps.
- Women, Infant and Children (WIC)
- School and After School meals.
- Tax Credits for low-income workers such as earned income tax

credit and child tax credit. In 2016, these tax credits moved 8.2 million people out of poverty.

- Humanitarian relief programs and International poverty-focused development assistance.
- Great urgency exists. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Maine is the 7th hungriest state in the country. 1 in 7 Mainers (189,000 individuals), 1 in 7 women and sadly, 1 in 6 children experienced "food insecurity" in the past year. This means they live without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. These rates in Maine are 20% higher than they were 10 years ago. People of Color in Maine are three times more likely to live with hunger and poverty. There is so much more that could be told.

Congress is, right now, in the process of putting together a new Farm Bill, the legislation that will reauthorize SNAP. One in seven Mainers qualified for SNAP's life saving assistance

this year! If made more restrictive or SNAP funds are shrunk there is no way that charitable organizations could provide the level of assistance that SNAP does. Clearly, the Federal anti-hunger/poverty programs that assist the states in any way are essential.

Once again, we hope you will stay after the worship service on May 6th for the small amount of time it will take to write a short note at the bottom of a letter to your Senator and Representative asking for their critical support for spending bills that provide the strongest assistance possible for programs intended to alleviate hunger and poverty. Budgetary cuts to any of these programs would be devastating. Our voices are critical to efforts for reducing the number of Mainers that have to choose between paying their rent, buying their medications, heating their homes or..... having enough food to eat.

LET CUBA LIVE - JUNE 28

The Church will be co-sponsoring an event on **Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 5:00 pm** which features the ecumenical group Pastors for Peace and its work on behalf of decent US relations with Cuba. We'll be welcoming Jennifer Wager, who for many years was a Pastors for Peace leader in its Cuba work.

The Let Cuba Live Committee of Maine is organizing the event, which begins with Cuban dinner at 5pm. After that, filmmaker and teacher Jennifer Wager will show her film Dare to Dream: Cuba's Latin American Medical School. She will talk

about the school, which since 2005 has graduated up to 1500 new doctors annually from 100 countries, and at no personal cost. They return to their homelands to serve the underserved.

Every year since 1992 Pastors for Peace has taken activist supporters to Cuba on one of its Friendship Caravans. They travel and take humanitarian aid in defiance of US regulations on its economic blockade of the island, in force now for more than half a century.

That's the purpose of the event in June: to inform people about unjust,

illegal US policies toward Cuba and to build support for the Friendship Caravan Pastors for Peace is taking to Cuba. Just as Jennifer Wager will be visiting Brunswick, other Pastors for Peace representatives will be building enthusiasm for this year's Caravan in dozens of other US cities and towns. Caravan participants will be in Cuba from July 19 to July 29.

Further information is available at: <https://ifconews.org/> and at www.letcubalive.org

BLACK LIVES MATTER: CHALLENGING OUR WHITE SUPREMACY

NEW WEBSITE PRESENCE

Check out the newly created Black Lives Matter: Challenging Our White Supremacy section of our church website. It is easily accessed from the Home Page and chock full of interesting links and resources for personal exploration.

COMMUNITY SHARE

Each week in the Order of Service we are printing brief reflections written by members of the congregation describing their experience in exploring issues of racial injustice. If you would like to share, send your comments to Betsy Williams (bwilliams120@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATES

I'm a Good Person! Isn't That Enough?

Mon, May 14, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

We are excited to announce that **Debby Irving, author of *Waking Up White***, will be coming to UUCB for a presentation and discussion entitled *I'm a Good Person! Isn't That Enough?* Using historical and media images, Debby examines how she used her white-skewed belief system to interpret the world around her. Socialized on a narrow worldview, Debby explores how she spent decades silently reaffirming harmful, archaic racial patterns instead of questioning the racial disparities and tensions she could see and feel.

Several copies of *Waking Up White* have been added to the Black Lives Matter lending library and are available to borrow in preparation for the event.

Ysaye Barnwell returns to UUCB

Sat, June 16, 10am-4pm

Ysaye Barnwell will be with us for a workshop entitled *Building a Vocal Community®: Singing in the African American Tradition*. She will also provide music for the worship service on the following day. Be sure to join us!

Ysaye Barnwell Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Registration Fee

- Single rate—\$50
- Couple rate—\$75 (2 family members living in same household)
- Family rate—\$100 (3 or more family members living in same household)

Return Registration Form and Money to: UU Church of Brunswick, P.O. Box 129, Brunswick, ME 04011

Checks made payable to UUCB

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Online registration can be done at <https://ysayeworkshop.brownpapertickets.com/>

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

BUILDING A VOCAL COMMUNITY® WORKSHOP

SINGING IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN TRADITION



Saturday, June 16, 10am – 4pm
Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

One of the most energetic and beloved workshop leaders ever to come to Brunswick, Dr. Ysaye Barnwell will envelop you in the joy of community through music of the African-American vocal tradition, including the calls and chants, spirituals, ring shouts, hymns, gospels, songs of the Civil Rights Movement, and songs of contemporary struggle. Mostly you will sing, but Ysaye also will bring her deep knowledge of the African-American tradition to discussions about the songs' historical, social, and political contexts. She will introduce you to the values embedded in the music, the role of cultural and spiritual traditions and rituals, ways in which leadership emerges and can be shared, and the nature of cultural response to political struggle.

No prior musical experience is necessary; the only requirements are a willingness to sing as fully as you can and to embrace joy.

For 34 years Ysaye M Barnwell was a member of the Grammy Award winning a cappella ensemble *Sweet Honey in the Rock*. She is a composer commissioned to create music for dance, choral groups, film, and stage productions. A number of her songs have been recorded by *Sweet Honey*. Barnwell holds a PhD in speech pathology, a post-doctoral M.S. in Public Health, and three honorary doctorates, has conducted her inspiring music workshops on three continents. She appears on numerous recordings, has acted in TV and film, and has written two children's books.

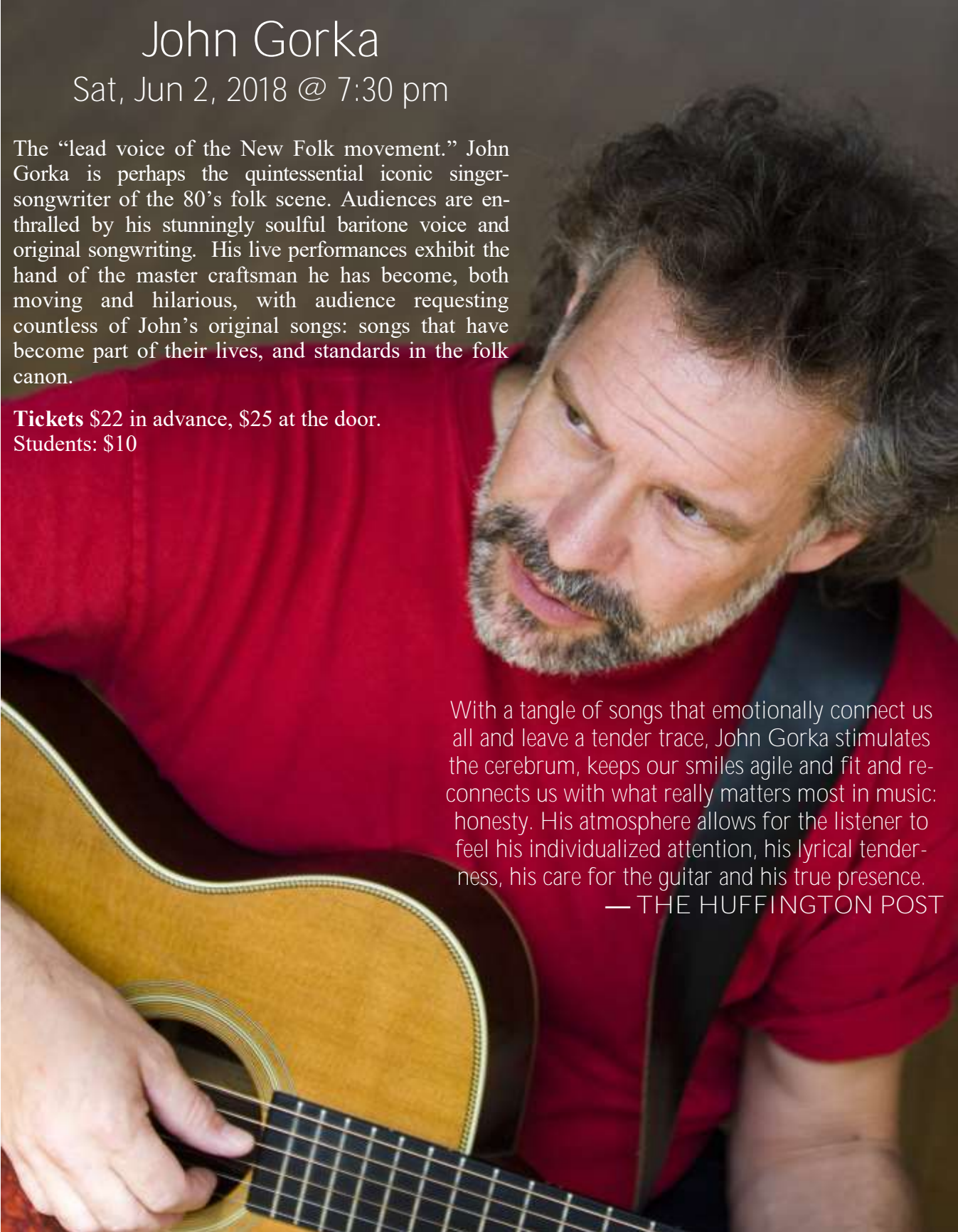
FUNDRAISING EVENTS—CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

John Gorka

Sat, Jun 2, 2018 @ 7:30 pm

The “lead voice of the New Folk movement.” John Gorka is perhaps the quintessential iconic singer-songwriter of the 80’s folk scene. Audiences are enthralled by his stunningly soulful baritone voice and original songwriting. His live performances exhibit the hand of the master craftsman he has become, both moving and hilarious, with audience requesting countless of John’s original songs: songs that have become part of their lives, and standards in the folk canon.

Tickets \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door.
Students: \$10



With a tangle of songs that emotionally connect us all and leave a tender trace, John Gorka stimulates the cerebrum, keeps our smiles agile and fit and re-connects us with what really matters most in music: honesty. His atmosphere allows for the listener to feel his individualized attention, his lyrical tenderness, his care for the guitar and his true presence.

— THE HUFFINGTON POST

TICKETS for all shows

Available after church or in the church office, Gulf of Maine Books, or online at <http://brownpapertickets.com/>

FUNDRAISING EVENTS—CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

Barbershop Bash!

Sat, Jun 23, 2018 @ 7:30 pm

Royal River Chorus, Falmouth's award-winning women's barbershop chorus will share the stage with their male counterparts, the Nor'easters from Bath-Brunswick. Barbershop harmony is one of the few uniquely American-born musical styles. It is sung a cappella in four-parts and includes popular music from yesterday and today. Ballads, uptunes, gospel, patriotic tunes, and novelty numbers are presented with superb showmanship that will entertain all ages.



The Royal River Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide educational organization of 30,000 members. RRC competes annually and has won many awards over the years.

In 2000 & 2002, they earned the title of Sweet Adelines best mid-size chorus in the world.

Directed by Master Director Chris Ferguson, Royal River is known for their beautiful harmonies and passion.

Our very own Sue Michaud sang with this group for over 30 years.



The Nor'easters, a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, are celebrating their 51st anniversary with the organization. Formerly known as the **Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America**, SPEBSQSA was the first of several organizations to promote and preserve barbershop music as an art form. Director Kathy Robitaille is known for her choice of a varied and fun repertoire.

Our very own Minister Emeritus Brad Mitchell is a longtime member of the Nor'easters.

MEMBERSHIP



Mix it Up—If you're like many others in our congregation, you see our youngest friends (those under the age of 12 or so) only briefly as they march off to religious education each week. And, as Butch Cassidy famously said, you might wonder, "Who are those kids, anyway?"

Well, the Membership Committee would like that to change. We are a congregation of *all* ages and we hear from some of our families with young children that they would like to get to know folks of all ages, not just their peers. And they'd like their children to get to know some of the older folks in our congregation as well. Some of our children do not have grandparents nearby, and we certainly have a good stock of them! So, we're looking for ideas to "mix it up"—innovative ways to engage our young families more fully in the

life of the church and make true intergenerational connections.

If you have any ideas, please send them to Leigh Perenteau at leigh763@yahoo.com or (207)725-4874.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN MAY

PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK GROUP Sunday, May 20

You don't need to be vegan to join us for the Plant-Powered Potluck on Sunday, May 20, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy a delicious plant-based meal, the camaraderie of friends, and to explore a plant-based diet as a pathway to better health for our bodies and our planet. Everyone is welcome, whether you are an omnivore or vegetarian. The only requirement is to bring a



whole-food plant-based dish free of meat, fish, dairy and eggs. Sorry, no drop-ins, but if you plan to come, RSVP to coordinator Eileen Manglass at emanglass@hotmail.com or 653-0776 by May 17. 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 or ask the coordinator for ideas.

Henry & Marty's

61 Maine Street, Brunswick



RESERVATIONS FOR 8 Wed, May 16 @ 6pm

May 16 will be our first Dinner Reservations for 8 this season.

Reservations for 6 P.M. at **Henry and Marty's** and **Little Tokyo** will be available. The Signup sheet will be outside the kitchen.

If you wish to suggest a restaurant, please email taffydrake@gmail.com or sedadamour@msn.com with subject "Reservations for 8".

Little Tokyo

72 Maine Street, Brunswick



MEN'S LUNCHEON Wed, May 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, or Jim Michaud at michaudjim33@gmail.com.

And don't forget the **MULTI-CULTURAL POTLUCK** on **April 29** (see **Working for Justice: page 7**)



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

MAGIC 8 BALL

Summer Solstice Celebration

Little darlin' it's been a long long lonely winter and Magic 8 Ball has been keeping warm by the wood stove preparing a set of songs celebrating the coming of summer. Chris Moore, Ben Hunsburger, Ted DeMille, and Chris Dombrowski will share original songs and favorite covers selected from the deep catalogues of Tom Waits, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, and Fred Eaglesmith, to bring in warmer weather and long, languid days. Expect exceptional music presented with the relaxed craftsmanship and good humor Magic 8 Ball always delivers.



Friday Evening, May 18

Feature set preceded by the Open Mike

The Side Door Coffeehouse has been a fundraiser for the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick since 1993.
It is entirely volunteer run.

BOARD REPORT

With what seems like the “endless” mud season it is a lovely pleasure to see our landscaping along the walk on Middle Street showing signs of the coming season. Thank you again Cuffie Chase and the grounds crew workers.

Our pledge drive is continuing beyond the prescribed time as we try to round up any congregants who have yet to pledge for this year. At this time we are considerably short of our goal of \$240,000. Please, if you have not yet pledged, do so. We do not want to have to consider unacceptable cuts to staff salaries and benefits. Wouldn't we all feel so much better if the spirit and vitality of our community and our collective generosity met or exceeded our budget goal?

On a lighter note the parade of committees was quite spectacular and informative. Such a large number of committed people who make our mission possible.

In an effort to “live our mission” the board has decided to create two new volunteer positions and we are looking for people who might be interested in helping. First, we are seeking a Community Volunteer Opportunities Person who would compile, maintain and post resource materials about community volunteer opportunities in the Brunswick area. Second we are looking for a Public Relations Coordinator who will maintain awareness of upcoming church events, programs and promotions, write and submit press releases and assist in publicizing church events, programs and promotions. Anyone interested should contact Sylvia, Charlie Evans, or Glenn Williams.

Once again I would like to remind you all of the wonderful event occurring at UUCB on June 16th. Ysaye Barnwell is returning to present an all day (10-4) musical celebration and training and she will be assisting with our Sunday service the next day (June 17). Don't miss it, participating is really something special.

Charlie Evans, Board Chair



Earth Day Service with drummer Annegret Baier, colorful banners, and our Tree of Hope.

May 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry MSR = May Sarton Rm MBR = Merrymeeting Bay Room</p> <p>PEN = All RE Space HIL = Hildebrant Rm CAR = Carson Room MAN= Mandela Rm CL= Curtis Library</p> | | <p>1</p> <p>10 New Mainer's: MSR</p> <p>5 Staff: WBR</p> <p>7 Worship: MSR</p> | <p>2</p> <p>10:30 Rental SRF Meditation: WBR</p> <p>4 Membership: MSR</p> | <p>3</p> <p>9:30 Memoir Writing: WBR</p> <p>10 Rental Com: MSR</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW</p> <p>5 WFJ : MBR</p> <p>6:45 RE Comm: MBR</p> <p>7 Choir: SAN</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Teford Shelter Meal</p> <p>5 Rental-Freeport Community Chorus</p> <p>6:30-8:30 NVC Training: MBR</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10 AA Rental: MBR</p> <p>9-4 NVC Training: MBR</p> <p>7 Freeport Community Chorus Concert</p> |
| 30-Office Closed | | | | | | Office Closed |
| <p>6</p> <p>10 Church Service 10 Youth Group & COA 10:15 RE Classes</p> <p>11:30 Build Your Theology: MSR Newcomer Chat: WBR Offering of Letters—p. 9</p> <p>3 Daponte Concert</p> | <p>7</p> <p>1 Chalice Circle: WBR</p> | <p>8</p> <p>2 Chalice Circle: WBR</p> <p>4:30 Finance: MSR</p> <p>6:30 Stories: WBR</p> <p>7:30 Pastoral Care: MSR</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10</p> <p>8:30 Rental Restorative Justice: MBR</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW</p> <p>7 Choir: SAN</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:30-3 MUUSAN Annual Meeting: Augusta UU</p> <p>10 AA Rental: MBR</p> <p>12 Rental: MBR (Youth for Understanding)</p> |
| Office Closed | | | | | | Office Closed |
| <p>13</p> <p>10 Church Service 10 Youth Group & COA 10:15 RE Classes</p> <p>Tedford Collection</p> <p>11:30 Intern Committee: WBR</p> | <p>14</p> <p>7-9 Black Lives Matter Discussion: SAN I'm a Good Person. Isn't That Enough?</p> | <p>15</p> <p>2 Savvy Caretakers Rental: WBR</p> <p>5 WISE Rental: SAN</p> <p>6:30 Board: MSR</p> | <p>16</p> <p>2 Chalice Circle: WBR</p> <p>3 Poetry with Barclay & Maryli: MSR</p> <p>6:45 UUCB Council: MSR</p> <p>6 Reservations for 8: Henry & Marty's and Little Tokyo</p> | <p>17</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW</p> <p>1 Wabanaki REACH: WBR</p> <p>6:30 New Mainer's Support Group: MBR</p> <p>7 Choir: SAN</p> | <p>18</p> <p>6:30 Side Door Coffeehouse: SAN (Magic 8 Ball)</p> <p>5 Parish Messenger Deadline</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10 AA Rental: MBR</p> <p>2-4 Coyote Center Auction</p> |
| Office Closed | | | | | | Office Closed |
| <p>20</p> <p>10 Intergenerational RE Church Service</p> <p>Tedford Collection</p> <p>UU Gelato Fiasco—p .2</p> <p>12 Plant Powered Potluck: FEL</p> <p>4 Women in Harmony Concert</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p>6 Penobscot River Presentation: SAN</p> <p>6 Rental—Essential Oils: MBR</p> <p>6:30 Stories: WBR</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW</p> <p>9 Gallery at UUCB: MSR</p> <p>10:30 Building & Grounds: MSR</p> <p>7 Choir: SAN</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>10 AA Rental: MBR</p> |
| Office Closed | | | | | | Office Closed |
| <p>27</p> <p>10 Church Service NO RE Classes</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>12 Men's Luncheon: TBA</p> | <p>31</p> <p>5 Maine AllCare: MSR</p> <p>12 Men's Luncheon: TBA</p> <p>7 Choir: SAN</p> | <p>Jun 1</p> <p>Teford Shelter Meal</p> | <p>2</p> <p>10 AA Rental: MBR</p> <p>7:30 Concerts for a Cause: JOHN GORKA</p> |
| Office Closed | | | | | | Office Closed |

ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS/DEADLINES

If you have items to be placed in the "This Week" email, Announcement Insert (The green sheet) or the Order of Worship, please submit it to Shirley Bernier by Thursday 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 June Parish Messenger is **Friday, May 18th**.