

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick



June, 2018

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

June 03 Coming of Age Grade 9-12 Youth

Coming of Age is a program for youth in grades 9-12 in which participants are encouraged to investigate their own spirituality, beliefs, and values. Participants spend time in discussions and activities that help them develop their sense of identity as individuals as well as within the context of community. The Coming of Age worship service is put together by the participants in the program and features the credos (statements of belief) that they have each prepared. Music provided by Derek Herzer.

June 10 Service of the Living Tradition Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Bring a flower to church today, as we celebrate our annual flower ceremony. At this service, we'll welcome new members, celebrate congregational transitions. We'll also say goodbye to Claire Curole, who has been our student minister for two years. Music by Derek Herzer and the Choir, under the direction of Heidi Neufeld.

June 17 Fathers Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Special music by Ysaye Barnwell, former member of Sweet Honey in the Rock, and Derek Herzer. (If you are not able to attend the Ysaye Barnwell workshop held here on June 16, you will still have the opportunity to do some singing with her at this service.)

June 24 Spirituality Maryli Tiemann

Part of our church's mission is to "be a spiritual community." What does this mean, and what is the role of spirituality in our lives? How do we welcome it, foster it, and balance it with all the other aspects of our lives? Music by Carter Ruff and Grace Lewis-McLaren.

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

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister
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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Another great program year has come to a close. Many thanks go out to all those who volunteer in the Religious Education (RE) program. If you attended the RE Celebration Service on May 20 you were able to get a sense of how many volunteers it takes to run our program. It's amazing the range of interests, talents, and skills contained within our congregation. I recently read this quote- "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something" (source unknown). Our church operates in a healthy manner because we have lots of people who are willing to give of their time to do things! The RE program has been lucky to have the help of people who are interested in the spiritual growth and well-being of our children and families, but we're always looking to add to our volunteers. If you are interested in serving the church through the RE program, please send me an email and we can work together to find out how your interests and skills would best fit in the program. In particular, we are looking for people to serve as RE group Guides (working as part of a team of people to facilitate opening rituals and assist workshop leaders on Sunday

morning- no prior preparation required) and workshop leaders (folks who paint, draw, act, build, write, play music, etc. who are willing to share their interest/talent/skill with our children one or two Sundays during the program year).

This coming year we will be using a Religious Education resource called *Soul Matters*. We will be using this as the base for our program for PreK-youth group as well as for intergenerational services. *Soul Matters* provides monthly themes, so the structure we have been using for the past two years will not change this year. The themes for this coming year (September through June) are:

- **Vision:** The practice of intentional imagination
- **Sanctuary:** The practice of finding sacred space within & ensuring welcoming space for all
- **Memory:** The practice of honest remembrance & honoring the shoulders on which we stand
- **Mystery:** The practice of embracing life with humility and awe
- **Possibility:** The practice of personal unfolding and prophetic vision
- **Trust:** The practice of commitment and faith in a love that won't let us go
- **Journey:** The practice of pilgrimage, courageous growth and patient change
- **Wholeness:** The practice of repairing what is broken and knowing we are enough
- **Curiosity:** The practice of moving from fear to open-heartedness
- **Beauty:** The practice of savoring life's gifts

HOW TO REACH US

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

Office Hours at 1 Middle Street are
Tues through Friday from 10-4

The office administrator is Shirley Bernier.

The Minister, Rev. Sylvia Stocker works from home and her church office. Her regular office hours are on
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 pm.

She is also available by appointment.

To guarantee an appointment, it's always best to call and schedule a meeting.

In an emergency, do not hesitate to call her anywhere or any time. (Consult the church directory for her home number.) For routine church business, please call her at the church.

The Director of Religious Education, Nicole Boutilier, is available by appointment. You can call her at the church office or email her at uubrunswickdre@gmail.com.

Monday is the Sabbath for church staff.

Telephone/Fax: 207 729-8515

E-mail: uubruns@gwi

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



Blessings,
nicole

Important RE Announcements & Dates

Jun 03: Coming of Age Worship Service

Jun 10: Intergenerational Flower Communion Service

Jun 17: No Sunday RE programs

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Poet Karin Boye writes, "it hurts when buds burst. Otherwise why would spring hesitate?"

This spring certainly has hesitated. Lingered cold and damp have inspired impatient irritation in many. I see people greet the scattered beautiful days with a ravenous hungering. But, despite Spring's hesitation, at some point we will have slid into it. In fact, we may be there already. One day, a few green shoots were peeking out of my garden. Now, suddenly, I have lots of lush greenery and some brightly colored flowers. Once the plants decided it was spring, they sprang.

So often life seems like that: a steady yearning, a hovering around some barrier or goal or benchmark, and then, all of a sudden, we're across and looking back. It feels almost as though we are required to spend time at some borders before we cross over. And then suddenly that border is behind us.

Claire started her internship with us in September 2016. Then two years felt like a long time. Now, all of a sudden, two years is up.

UUCB's membership hovered around 200 for several years. We'd just about get there, and someone would move or die. Roughly a year ago, we finally welcomed our 200th member. Now, all of a sudden, we have around 220.

One might linger close to death for a long time before suddenly embarking on that final journey.

Sometimes those border places can be visceral or visual ... working yourself beyond some physical limitation such as the number of miles you can walk or run or the number of laps you can swim. Or the border areas might be more internalized limitations ... those things we tell ourselves we can't do: "I can't do math!" "I can't greet strangers unless they greet me first!" But maybe with a little perseverance we can eventually sail past some limitations.

That doesn't mean we can do everything. Some limits are essential and some are unmovable. That's okay. The trick is to discern when we are at a true limitation and when we are at a border we might, with pluck and determination, be able to cross. There's no point in my trying to be an NBA player, for instance. I'll just have to find exercise, income, and fun in other places.

Best guess? I will never be fluent in French, but I can improve. By studying it a little bit for the last couple of years, I have certainly gained knowledge, vocabulary, and confidence about trying to speak it, even in my non-proficient way.

Sometimes church can be a safe place to test some of one's perceived limitations. Wish you could sing, but convinced you aren't a singer? Try singing hymns: You can let the chorus of voices carry you as you raise your voice. Wish you felt more confident about public speaking? Try doing the chalice lighting for a Sunday service. Always wondered if you would make a good teacher? Volunteer to support Sunday School teachers sometime. Wish you could make an impact in earth care or social justice but afraid to strike out on your own? The Green Sanctuary Committee and Working for Justice Steering groups would be happy to fold you into their activities. Wish you knew more about gardening? Volunteer to help our gardeners.

Opportunity abounds at UUCB. Try things, and, with time, you may find yourself sailing across some border you had once perceived as impenetrable.

Love, *Sylvia*



UU CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

WED, JUNE 6 @ 3PM

Several people responded to last month's invitation for UU Christians to begin a study group. Anyone interested is invited to join: The first meeting will be Wednesday, June 6th at 3pm.

This new group was inspired by one Christian in the congregation who expressed to me a desire to meet others. UU Christians may well appreciate UUCB's Christmas, Easter, and Maundy Thursday offerings but long for more frequent scripture study or a chance to explore Christian theology and practice more deeply. If that sounds like something you'd like to pursue, by all means join us.

Sylvia Stocker



MEMORIAL SHARING CIRCLE FOR CONNIE AND ROBI SEIDNER

JUNE 2 @ 11AM



It's hard when former members die far away from Maine. When health concerns became too hard to manage on their own, Connie and Robi Seidner moved to California to be near their sons. Now, a few years hence, we have been saddened to hear they both died in February (Connie on February 1; Robi on February 15).

Many here would like an opportunity to share memories and bid Connie and Robi goodbye. We're planning a special sharing circle for both of them on June 2 at 11:00. I will say some words, Grace Lewis-McLaren, who stayed in touch with Connie and Robi after they moved to California, will provide music. Bring your own memories of Connie and Robi to share. Laura Whatley will organize a reception, so please plan to bring some finger food, too, if possible. Together we will pay tribute to two amazing and beloved people.

BEYOND BORDERS

by Rick Hoyt

Go forth
 Because we are always going forth from somewhere

Going from our homes, our childhoods
 Going from our cities and countries
 Going from innocence to experience to enlightenment

Going into mystery and questions
 Going into the desert
 Getting to the other side.

Go forth,
 Leave behind the comfort and community of one place
 Head into the anxiety and loneliness of another.

Carry with you the love and laughter of this place
 And let it light your way
 Carry with you the wisdom you learned
 and the good memories
 May they give you strength for your journey

And when you have been away long enough, far enough,
 Done what you'd set off to do
 Been there so long
 That place too, starts to feel like home

Come back
 Come back to the one, universal
 Everywhere and every when and everyone inclusive home,
 This beloved community of all creation
 That you can never -really leave.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

JUNE CHARITY WITH SOUL TEDFORD HOUSING



Mission: Tedford Housing works together with people in their communities to find lasting solutions to the challenges of homelessness. We provide shelter, housing, and services that empower adults, children and families in need.

Tedford Housing believes that everyone deserves to have a safe and affordable home. Over the years, the organization has evolved from providing emergency shelter to adults to offering shelter, supported housing and homeless prevention services for adults, families and teens. On any given day, Tedford Housing is working with 120 people who do not have a permanent or stable home. With the help of our many supporters, we serve over 800 people each year.

Housing

- Tedford Housing maintains two emergency shelters for adults and families in Brunswick, Maine.
- Tedford Housing also manages 6 apartments with affordable rents and case management services to qualified, previously homeless individuals and families.



Tedford's Emergency Family Shelter

Homeless Prevention

- Tedford Housing's homeless prevention case manager works to provide case management to families experiencing a housing crisis. We partner with community agencies to provide security deposits and rental assistance to prevent evictions and/or secure alternative housing.

Merrymeeting Project for Homeless Youth

- Tedford Housing's school liaison for the Merrymeeting Project works with homeless teens in the school districts of Brunswick, RSU 1 and SAD 75 to help them find a safe place to live, reunify with family, access resources and complete schooling.

Warm Thy Neighbor

- Tedford Housing raises funds each winter to provide one-time, emergency heating assistance to extremely low-income families and individuals in the community.

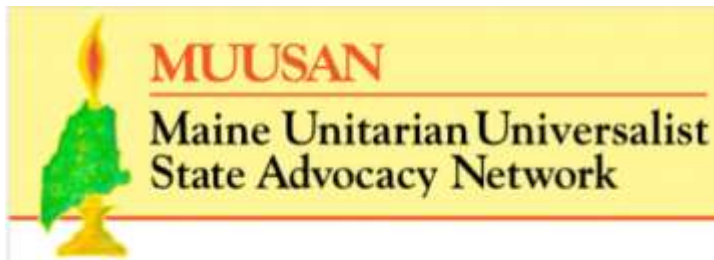
For more information, please call 207-729-1161 or visit www.tedfordhousing.org. Dial #101 if you are interested in volunteering or donating to Tedford Housing.

2018-2019 CHARITIES WITH SOUL

The ballots for the 2018-2019 Charity with Soul Nominations have been counted and six charities have been added to the list of this coming year's monthly charities. They are: Immigrant Legal Assistance Program (ISAP), Maine Family Planning, Maine All Care, the Brunswick Teen Center, the Natural Resources Council of Maine, and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. These charities will be added to the annual list along

with the legacy charities which are automatically included each year. The legacy charities are: Habitat for Humanity, Four Seasons Development Corporation, The Gathering Place, Midcoast Hunger Prevention, Oasis Free Clinic, and the Tedford Shelter. First time additions to the annual list are Maine All Care, the Brunswick Teen Center and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

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MUUSAN SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 12, 2018

The MUUSAN Annual meeting at the UUCommunity Church in Augusta was an enjoyable, inspirational and informational success!



Perhaps the most memorable by many was the wonderful talk by Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen, the guest speaker, that felt more like a personal conversation than a keynote address. Rev. Nguyen spoke with such authority and compassion about situations and choices we may encounter as we go

about doing what we can to bring more just behavior and circumstances into our world. She said, "Sometimes there is only the hard way". She said, "Sometimes the best we can do is to choose between two bad or difficult options" and go on from there...a difficult option for many of us to accept. As a social justice organizer even before her more familiar work with, Standing on The Side of Love, Rev. Nguyen had a wide variety of experience from which to select powerful and often poignant stories to share with us about her own encounters with unfairness and oppression. Rev. Nguyen is currently the UUA Senior Strategist with *Side With Love*, formerly known as, *Standing on The Side of Love* Campaign, renamed, *Side With Love Campaign* to be more inclusive of people with physical disabilities.

Once our minds and hearts were fed we ate from a table of delicious soups, salads, breads and desserts all prepared by the MUUSAN Steering committee. Soon after, we gathered for the business of the Annual Meeting. It was a pleasure reviewing the year's successes and work waiting to be done. Of particular interest was information provided re the work of the four Issue Groups; Democracy in Action, Health Care For All, Climate Change and Racial Justice, as it related to [MUUSAN's Legislative Agenda](#) and the current status of bills supported or opposed during the 128th Legislature's Second Regular Session.

Also discussed was what bills may be resurrected or carried over in the next session of the legislature in terms of continued support or opposition. The Issue groups met as always and returned to the full group to report the ideas and intentions for the coming year.

As we ended the day, getting out the vote on June 12th for Rank Choice Voting had risen to the top of immediate concern and opportunity and there was a call for action! A staff person from the Chamberlain Project Foundation spoke with us re the basics of how RCV will work, distributed pamphlets and information and clarified questions asked during a Q&A. He emphasized that the language of the bill may be confusing and that we should be clear, that if a person supports RCV, they should vote "yes".

The importance of getting people to the polls is huge and we were all urged to help make it happen, to volunteer to canvas our neighborhoods and social groups, staff phone banks, write a letter to the editor or to influence people in any way we can...advocating for, **Vote YES on One.**

The best way to stay in touch throughout the year with the active work of MUUSAN is to:

Visit their [website](#)

Join their active [Facebook page](#)

Subscribe to their [newsletter](#)

Enjoy summer and look forward to the opportunity to become involved in the important work of MUUSAN in September.

Submitted by *Sue Kennedy*

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

UUSC/GUEST AT YOUR TABLE

Many thanks to all who contributed to this year's Unitarian Universalist Guest at Your Table fundraising effort. This year the congregation collected **\$1,591.50**. Because this fundraising effort seems to get lost in the midst of many other UUCB activities and tasks, Working for Justice is proposing that UUSC become one of UUCB's Charities with Soul where it will have more visibility and attention. The congregation will vote on this proposal at the Annual Meeting.

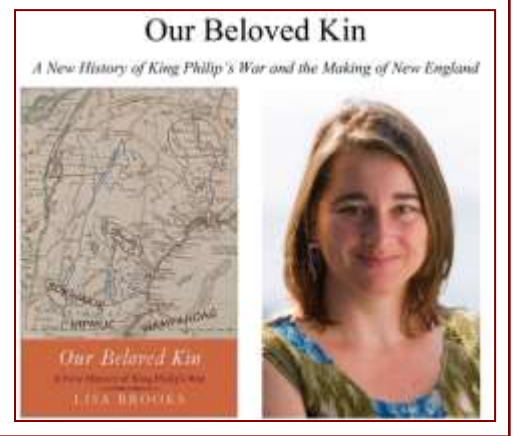
CONVERSATION WITH THE BRUNSWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

In early April, Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent of Brunswick Schools facilitated one of several community conversations "considering race, class and privilege in our community and our schools" in the UUCB sanctuary. More than 40 people participated - welcomed and overseen by WFJSG.

LISA BROOKS, ABENAKI HISTORIAN,
AUTHOR OF *OUR BELOVED KIN*

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 6:30 AT CURTIS LIBRARY

For anyone interested in learning about local, pre European settlement and early settlement history, this exhaustively researched new history of King Phillips War, *Our Beloved Kin*, is not to be missed. Author, Abenaki historian and Amherst College Professor, Lisa Brooks' lively presentation and amazing grasp of the period will bring this history to life. The event is hosted by Midcoast Indigenous Awareness Group (MIAG). We are lucky to have Lisa Brooks with us in Brunswick.



LET CUBA LIVE - JUNE 28 @ 5PM

The Church will be co-sponsoring an event on Thur, June 28, 2018 at 5:00pm 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

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BOWDOIN SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BRUNSWICK'S WORKING FOR JUSTICE STEERING GROUP

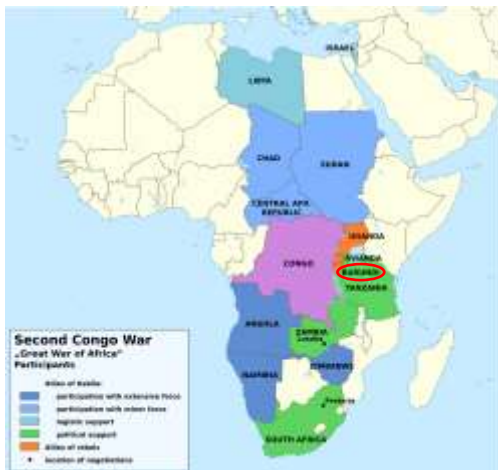
The Bowdoin Spirit of Service Award is presented annually to a Bowdoin community member or group who embrace a genuine commitment to improving the lives of others through service, their actions speaking strongly while they remain humbly quiet. Comments reported in Bowdoin News:

“The steering group has made Brunswick a healthier and more inclusive town,” said McKeen Center Associate Director Andrew Lardie. The group has also presented events and programs on topics of prison reform and restorative justice. They work in concert with the communities of Maine’s Indigenous Peoples and new Mainers—refugees and asylum seekers—to educate the broader community and to support them in their efforts for justice. “The Working for Justice Steering Group’s wide-reaching and continuing efforts reflect a genuine commitment to improving the lives of others,” Lardie said.



MIDCOAST NEW MAINERS SUPPORT GROUP (MNMSG)

On Sunday, 4/29, many in our congregation joined MNMSG and more than 80 people at the Bath Senior Center to welcome the several families of new Mainers recently settled in Bath, Brunswick and Topsham. We were all warmed by the delicious food and good spirit.



MNMSG is anticipating the settling in Bath of a large Congolese family many of whom are still struggling with paper work to allow their departure from Burundi to the United States. Phippsburg UCC is taking the lead in overseeing this family’s housing and arrival. With the possibility of an apartment becoming available in Bath, MNMSG is evaluating its capacity to reach out to yet another asylum seeker family. UUCB members and friends who would like to learn more about the work of MNMSG are welcome to attend our **June 21, 6:30-8pm** meeting or speak with Cathey Cyrus.

BLACK LIVES MATTER: CHALLENGING OUR WHITE SUPREMACY

Debby Irving at UUCB

The sanctuary was full on Monday night, May 14th, when Debby Irving gave her presentation: *I'm a Good Person! Isn't That Enough?* Intellectually and emotionally engaging, Debby succeeded in captivating the audience and then guiding them in small group discussion about their experience with racism. It was clear from watching the audience and listening to their comments afterward that she had their full attention, and the event had a significant impact for many of those present. Reverend Stocker reported: "Countless people thanked me as they headed out the door. They were very moved indeed!"



BLACK LIVES MATTER: CHALLENGING OUR WHITE SUPREMACY



Recommended Reading

The April 2018 issue of National Geographic is a special issue devoted to increasing understanding of racism. The Letter from the Editor is entitled: *To Rise Above the Racism of the Past, We Must Acknowledge It*. It is a rare example of self-examination in the press. Susan Goldberg, Editor in Chief, wrote: “It hurts to share the appalling stories from the magazine’s past. But when we decided to devote our April magazine to the topic of race, we thought we should examine our own history before turning our reportorial gaze to others.” Three copies of the magazine are available to borrow from the BLM:COWS Lending Library.

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!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WALK

We did it!!! Our church so far has raised **\$7,100** for Habitat for Humanity, \$400 over our goal of \$6700. Many thanks to all of you who sponsored our walkers or Team UUCB. A special thanks to our walkers: Carol Briggs, Susan Mondabaugh, Caroline Evans, Tanya Hanger, Joanne Allen, Irene and Joel Austin, Gretchen Kamilewicz, Ed McCartan, and Cuffy Chase. We do appreciate your support in helping families with limited incomes become successful homeowners.

Please note that you still have until June 15th to contribute to the Walk. Checks can be made out to HFH/7RM with "UUCB" in the memo line and mailed to: Habitat for Humanity, 126 Main Street, Topsham, ME 04086.



Caroline Evans, Ed McCartan, Joel and Irene Austin, Joanne Allen, Carol Briggs, Cuffy Chase, and Susan Mondabaugh



Religious Education Sunday—the children with their certificates and roses

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



BARBERSHOP BASH!

Royal River Chorus & the Nor’easters Barbershop Chorus

Sat, Jun 23, 2018 @ 7:30 pm

Why would you want to hear an evening of barbershop music?

- Barbershop is one of the few uniquely American-born styles of music. It is sung a cappella in four parts. Each part has its own role and differs from traditional chorus parts: generally, the lead sings the melody, the tenor harmonizes *above* the melody, the bass sings the lowest harmonizing notes, and the baritone completes the chord, usually below the lead.
- If you listen closely, you can experience the phenomenon of overtones. Barbershop arrangements stress chords (mostly dominant sevenths) and chord progressions that favor “ringing.” When a chorus sings perfectly in tune using identical vowels, an overtone is created (a physical—some say spiritual—phenomenon in which you can hear an extra note that isn’t being sung by anyone).
- Barbershoppers always put on an entertaining show with varied repertoire. You may even feel goosebumps when you hear one of their beautiful ballads, or get a thrill when you hear some of the common barbershop embellishments: swipes, key changes, bell chords, powerful dynamic changes, pregnant pauses, or unresolved chords."
- The fun and enjoyment that the performers feel is contagious. The friendship and community within each chorus is palpable. The passion they feel and the energy they display are inspiring.
- Barbershop music can bring you back to a time when life was much simpler, when music lifted the spirits of those who sang those swipes and milked those unresolved chords, when an audience appreciated good technical singing that wasn’t always so serious.



TICKETS for both 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



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. Directed by Master Director Chris Ferguson, Royal River is known for their beautiful harmonies and passion. **Our very own Sue Michaud is an emeritus member of this group.**



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.

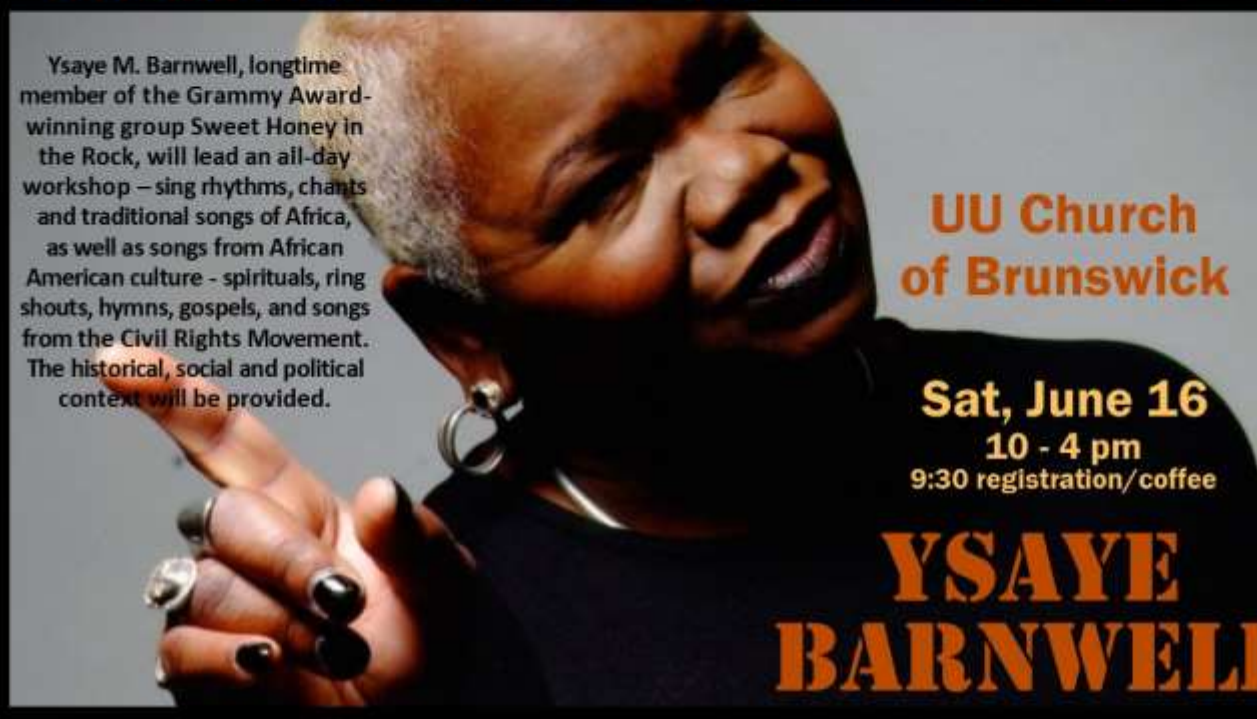
Our very own Minister Emeritus Brad Mitchell is a longtime member of the Nor'easters.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**BUILDING A VOCAL
COMMUNITY® WORKSHOP**

SINGING IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN TRADITION

Ysaye M. Barnwell, longtime member of the Grammy Award-winning group Sweet Honey in the Rock, will lead an all-day workshop – sing rhythms, chants and traditional songs of Africa, as well as songs from African American culture - spirituals, ring shouts, hymns, gospels, and songs from the Civil Rights Movement. The historical, social and political context will be provided.



**UU Church
of Brunswick**

**Sat, June 16
10 - 4 pm
9:30 registration/coffee**

**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
Phone: (207) 729-8515 e-mail: uubruns@gwi.net

Checks made payable to UUCB

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 8

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

MEMBERSHIP

New Member Recognition

June is a month of celebration for many, including us here at UUCB. On **Sunday, June 10th** we will welcome 11 new members to UUCB with a special recognition ceremony during the service. The new members are:

Bonnie and Stephen Wood, Brunswick
 Bill and Pat Spock, Topsham
 Susan Mondabaugh and David Uhlik, Topsham
 Ben and Meg Barker, Bath
 Nathan and Erin Haynes, Brunswick
 Jennifer Butterworth, Topsham

These eleven folks bring the number of new members in 2017-2018 to twenty! We hope everyone will make a special effort to attend church on June 10 to help welcome our newest UUCB members.

Potluck

On **Sunday, June 3rd** we will host a potluck lunch in the sanctuary after church for everyone who asked to be put on our mailing list since our last potluck in December (30 people in case you were wondering). This is a nice opportunity for new people to get to know each other and learn a bit more about UUCB and all it has to offer. If you received an invitation we hope you will join us.

Circle Suppers

Finally, we plan to have at least one round of summer circle suppers, though the dates are not yet set. We are looking for family friendly settings, so if anyone would like to host, please contact Leigh Peranteau at leigh763@yahoo.com or 207-725-4874. And watch for the sign-up table after church in the foyer.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN JUNE

RESERVATIONS FOR 8

Wed, June 13 @ 6pm

Here's your chance to enjoy a great meal, without having to cook, and get acquainted with your fellow parishioners at one of our fine local restaurants



The Dolphin Marina & Restaurant
 515 Basin Point Rd, Harpswell

Reservations will be made for you at **The Dolphin and Coast Bar and Bistro (The Daniel Inn)** for 6pm. 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".



Coast Bar + Bistro
 10 Water Street, Brunswick



MEN'S LUNCHEON

Wed, May 30 & Wed, June 27

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. On May 30th, the men will meet for lunch at the **Sea Dog Brewery**. The June 27th luncheon will be announced in the upcoming Orders of Service. For details, contact Brad Mitchell, bmitch10@gmail.com, or Jim Michaud at michaudjim33@gmail.com.

OTHER MEALS TO CONSIDER

The Plant-Powered Potluck Group will be taking a break during the summer, but there are many opportunities to eat out with others. In addition to those listed above, a potluck and circle supper(s) are being offered by the Membership Committee (see above), and you can have a Cuban Meal if you attend "Let Cuba Live" event (see pg 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

Jud Caswell



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

Friday Evening, June 15

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.

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BOARD REPORT

Finally! Spring! And what a glorious spring it has been. Working on garden beds, planters and getting the hummer feeder out has been such a pleasure as well as a trial for the out-of-shape back.

It has been an eventful month. The pledge drive has ended, successfully I must add. With some final tweaks of the budget numbers we have reached our goal. Our wonderful staff will get a well deserved 2% raise and the work of the church through our various committees will go forward. A very heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all who pledged and in many cases pledged again in response to our pleas.

Speaking of our committees, the Working for Justice/Black Lives Matter committee brought Debbie Irving the author of “Waking Up White” to speak at UUCB on Monday the 14th of May. It was a wonderful presentation, very well attended (estimated at 200 participants), and received donations of \$1,100 to offset her fee. Most importantly it opened eyes and got conversations going about the white privilege

that most of us don’t even realize is a part of our lives. We just take it for granted.

I want to remind the congregation again of the Ysaye Barnwell vocal workshop on June 16th. We are still taking reservations and it will be something special you won’t want to miss. And she will be assisting with our Sunday service the next morning.

I also want to thank the Church Council for organizing the Parade of Committees for the April 15th service. It was amazing to realize how many of us are involved with the mission of our church and really brought home that we are the mission of our church.

Claire Curole, our church intern for the past 2 years, will be leaving us this June. She will be graduating from seminary this weekend and we know the winds of the spirit of love and life will be at her back as she ventures forth. She has been a blessing to have among us and a source of perspective, intelligence and humor that I know will serve her well in the future.

Charlie Evans, Board Chair



Student Intern, Claire Carole's Graduation Day from Meadville Lombard Theological School.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<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>		29	30 12 Men's Luncheon: Sea Dog 6 Rental: Brunswick Area Indivisible	31 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 5:15 Maine AllCare 7 Choir: SAN	1 Teford Shelter Meal	2 10 AA Rental: MBR 11 Connie & Robi Seidner Memorial Sharing Circle 7:30 Concerts for a Cause: JOHN GORKA
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3 10 Church Service Coming of Age and Youth Group 11:30 Build Your Theology: MSR Newcomers Pot Luck: WBR 2 Rental: piano recital	4 10 Midcoast New Mainers Steering Group: MSR 1 Chalice Circle: WBR 6:30 Lisa Brooks-Abeanki Historian: Curits Library	5 10 New Mainers Steering Group: MSR 2 Chalice Circle: WBR 5 Staff Mtg: WBR 7 Worship : MSR	6 3 UU Christian Fellowship: WBR 4 Membership: MSR	7 10 Rental Comm: MSR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 3 Chalice Circle: MSR 5 WFJ: MSR 6:45 RE Comm: MBR 7 Choir: SAN	8	9 10 AA Rental: MBR 1pm Rental: Brunswick Area Indivisible
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10 10 Coming of Age Worship Service NO RE Classes 11:30 Annual Congregational Meeting	11 6:30 Rental: 12-Step Food group	Voting 12 Day! 2 Chalice Circle: WBR 4:30 Finance: MSR 7:30 Concordia Youth Choir (Vox Nova) Concert: SAN 6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR 7:30 Pastoral Care:	13 6 Reservations for 8: Henry & Marty's and Vote! Little Tokyo	14 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 7 Choir: SAN	15 7 Side Door Coffeehouse JUD CASWELL	16 10 AA Rental: MBR 10-4 Ysaye Barnwell Workshop (9:30 registration)
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17 10 Flower Communion Worship Service NO RE Classes	18 6:30 Rental: 12-Step Food group	19 2 Sawy Caretakers Rental: WBR 6:30 Board: MSR	20 2 Chalice Circle: WBR 3 Poetry with Barclay & Maryli: MSR	21 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 1 Wabanaki REACH: WBR 6:30 Midcoast New Mainers Support Group 7 Choir: SAN	22 5 Parish Messenger Deadline	23 10 AA Rental: MBR 7:30 Concerts for a Cause: BARBERSHOP BASH
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24 10 Church Service NO RE Classes 11:30 Larry Lemmel Piano Concert	25 6:30 Rental: 12-Step Food group	26 6 Rental-Essential Oils: MBR 6:30 Stories: WBR	27 12 Men's Luncheon: TBA	28 9 Art Gallery Mtg: MSR 10:30 Bldg & Grounds: MSR 5 Let Cuba Live: SAN	29	30 10 AA Rental: 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 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 July Parish Messenger is **Friday, June 22nd**.