

Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick



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

The Unitarian Universalist
Church of Brunswick

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister

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

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

Sept 02 **"Refracted Realities"**

Karen Reinert *

What do you do with your truth when it's unlike other people's?

Music by Janice Thompson & family (husband, daughter, father, sister).

Sept 09 **"Goats on the Tracks"**

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Homecoming Sunday. At this service we welcome everyone back from their summer sojourns and officially launch the new church year. Afterwards, everyone is invited to attend our Homecoming potluck lunch. Plan to visit our religious education wing during the potluck for an informal open house. Music by Grace Lewis-McLaren.

Sept 16 **"Roots, Branches, and Making Way for What Follows"**

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Who are some of our oldest teachers? How do we open our ears and eyes to them? How do they help us move forward into the future? We've reserved time in this service for child dedications for any families who would like the church to officially bless and welcome their children into the UUCB community. If you are interested, please contact Nicole Shanks or Sylvia Stocker. Music by Derek Herzer.

Sept 23 **"Being Free to Drum and Dream"**

DRE Nicole Boutlier and Rev. Sylvia Stocker

A multi-generational service, based on September's religious education theme: Vision. Music by Martin Swinger, the Choir, conducted by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Derek Herzer.

Sept 30 **"Unrequited Forgiveness: Universalism's Promise"**

Rev. Nancee Campbell *

We are told of, and have probably experienced, the healing that happens when two people resolve differences and mutually forgive past transgressions. But what happens when the forgiveness is a one-way street? We will look at the more difficult task of unrequited forgiveness, and what our faith tradition teaches about forgiveness, and any way we can get it for ourselves. Music by Derek Herzer.

** Read bios of our September Worship Leaders on page 3.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome back- I hope you all had a marvelous summer! This year the Religious Education (RE) program is using themes and resource packets from a group called ***Soul Matters***. The monthly themes for this year are: vision, sanctuary, memory, mystery, possibility, trust, journey, wholeness, curiosity, and beauty. Each month the RE activities and workshops for children and youth will explore these themes through music, games, art, stories, and movement.

VISION

According to Merriam Webster Dictionary, vision is defined as the act or power of seeing; something seen in a dream, trance, or ecstasy; the act or power of imagination. The concept of vision (as defined as an act or power of imagination) reminds us to try to step outside our normal ways of thinking to dream of what might be possible in ourselves, our families, our communities, and the world. Taking time to participate in visioning helps us to avoid

being satisfied with the status quo. In the 1800s I'm sure that many people thought that the concept of women voting or African Americans having the same legal rights as their lighter skinned counterparts was preposterous and unachievable. However, individuals with a vision sparked huge shifts in society and women gained the right to vote and African American gained the same legal rights as Caucasian Americans. When individuals or groups (congregations for example!) have a clear vision for something, no matter how impossible it might seem, the vision helps to focus effort and intention and paves the way for important changes to happen.

Forbid us to be satisfied with what we make of life. Draw us from trivial content and set our eyes on far-off goals. Keep us at tasks too hard for us that we may be driven to you for strength. Deliver us from fretfulness and self-pitying; make us sure of the good we cannot see and of the hidden good in the world. Save us from ourselves and show us a vision of a world made new. —Eleanor Roosevelt

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>



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Important RE Announcements & Dates

Sep 09: RE Programs begin; RE Open House immediately following the worship service

Sep 16: RE Programs

Sep 23: Multigenerational Worship Service (worship for young, old, and everyone in between!)

Sep 30: RE Programs

Oct 28: Save the Date. There will be a brown bag lunch discussion for parents and other care-givers following the worship service and RE programs on the topic of spiritual practice for families at home; 45-60 minutes; facilitated by Rev. Sylvia Stocker and Nicole Boutilier; childcare will be available with RSVP; more information will follow as the date approaches.

MINISTER'S MUSINGS



September is an odd month. On the one hand, the weather begins to shift. I begin to notice the shortening of days and feel the cooling of the earth (a great relief to me, particularly after the hot, hot summer

we've had!). My body knows we're moving into the earth's dying season, even though the flowers are still colorful and the farmers' market is heavy-laden with an inspiring variety of produce. I know people who put up jams, jellies, and pickles are beginning to sort through their canning jars. And, by now, nearly everyone is looking back on summer sojourns instead of anticipating them as we were a few months ago. In a lot of ways, it feels as though things are ending at this time of year.

On the other hand, so many things begin this time of year, too. Parents of young children are sorting through markers, pencils, pens and creating their lists of learning materials they need to procure for their children. And the children? Well, of course, they are looking at summer winding down and the school starting up. Some kids love to start the new school year, lining up their new markers, lunch boxes, and notebooks, as they imagine what great things are in store for them. I was the other kind of child – the one who hated to go back to school and dreaded nearly everything about it – the bus rides, the new teacher, and, above all, the great infringement on my free time. So, September brings a variety of changes and the emotions we have attached to those changes.

Officially our church year begins on July 1. That's where our newly elected officers begin their terms, our employees' letters of agreement are renewed, and our fiscal year begins. We also hold worship services every week during summer. But many committees take little breaks, and, of course, the staff usually take some or all of their breaks then, too. Thus many of us think of September as the start of the church year.

In September, we're off and running! Even though historically, when I was a kid in school, I used to think of September with dread, now that I'm so deeply involved

in church life, I've come to see September in a whole new way – the start to new dreams, new excitement, new adventures together. My summer time away was nourishing and restorative, but now I can feel myself swinging into gear.

Everyone has feelings about and associations with the season. What are yours? I hope you sense the excitement in the air at church. I hope you are looking forward to the Homecoming service and potluck. I hope plans for the church year ahead pique your curiosity and interest. We have many adventures ahead of us.

Indeed, this is a busy church, and it's filled with many fine, creative people. I look forward to seeing you again and linking arms as we do our work together here and in the world!

Love, *Sylvia*

A Special Thank You

When I'm away, the Worship Committee keeps our pulpit filled with interesting, thoughtful speakers and worship leaders. Summer provides the biggest burden on the Worship Committee, with many Sundays to fill, yet they work cheerfully and effectively, making sure we have something meaningful to offer every week. I thank them for their fine work, and I hope you will too! In addition, I'm so grateful for the people who stepped forward to fill the pulpit in my absence. Thank you! – *Sylvia*

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

Sept 2: Karen Reinert loves UUCB and has been a regular attendee for about five years. At the same time, she's been a loyal member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Karen spent her working life as a social worker, and she continues as a frequent volunteer. Karen is happily married with three stepchildren, and lives in Lisbon Falls.

Sept 30: Rev. Nancee Campbell is a 5th generation Unitarian Universalist who grew up among the potato fields of Aroostook County. She worked for the state of Maine prior to attending Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California. Since retiring from parish ministry, she works as a hospital chaplain in Augusta and as an advocate for elderly and disabled citizens in central Maine. She continues to be an active Unitarian Universalist, and serves on the Board of the UU Community Church in Augusta.

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CHALICE CIRCLES

If you are looking for a way to connect to people at the church, Chalice Circles might be perfect for you. Now is the time to sign up for Chalice Circles that run from October through June, meeting once each month. The facilitated groups follow a curriculum of topics that allow people to draw closer to one another, to nourish hearts and spirits, and to engage minds in stimulating conversation. Chalice Circles foster a unique kind of communication among people by emphasizing *listening* and *sharing from personal experience* (as opposed to discussing viewpoints and opinions). Because of the unusual format, many people find Chalice Circles easier, more comfortable, and safer to share on deeper levels.

Chalice Circles help us to embrace our Mission Statement ("to be a spiritual community, to welcome all, to nurture one another, to work for justice, and to care for the earth"). Each meeting has a *spiritual* component. The groups *welcome all* who are interested; at the end of a year, the groups re-form to open the door for more newcomers to join them. Group members *nurture one another* during the year by creating an environment

where deep listening can occur. And groups provide service to both church and wider community to help us engage in our commitment to *work for justice* and to *care for the earth*.

So that the groups can bond and succeed, we ask Chalice Circle participants to commit to attending the meetings. In addition, we ask participants to listen deeply and patiently to others and to share from lived experience according to personal comfort level.

Interested? Please fill out the attached form, and return it to the church office. You can place your form in the in-box on the wall next to the church office or mail it to:

UUCB
Box 129
Brunswick ME 04011

We need to receive your form no later than Sunday, September 16.

Sylvia Stocker

Chalice Circles Sign Up Form

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I want to join a Chalice Circle. I am available for gatherings at the following times. (Circle all that apply.) *I understand I need to make attendance a commitment so that my Chalice Circle can succeed.*

Third Tuesday of the month; afternoon

First Tuesday of the month; evening

Third Wednesday of the month; afternoon

First Thursday of the month; afternoon

Please return this form to the church office **no later than Sunday, September 16.**

Questions? Call Sylvia Stocker at the church office, 729-8515, or email her at revstocker@gwi.net

ADULT EDUCATION



The Adult Education Committee Invites You
to
Three Community Reads and Discussions

All Programs 11:30am-12:30pm, UUCB
Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
JOURNAL OF A SOLITUDE
BY MAY SARTON
Judy Chamberlain, Discussion Leader

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28



Join Us!

So much greater than the sum of its parts, the UUCB choir is open to all
who enjoy to singing with others.
We practice on Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30.

Our first practice will be on **September 6th** and our first
Sunday singing for the congregation will be September 23rd.

You may contact me at hvneufeld@gmail.com for more information.

- Heidi Neufeld, choir director

JEWELRY FOR HOLIDAY FAIR



Since cleaning the jewelry to make it look like new, and sometimes repairing it takes time, we are asking for donations to the jewelry section of the fair to be brought to church any Sunday between now and the fair (Dec. 1). It would be very helpful if anyone who has jewelry to donate, to bring it early, if possible. If the jewelry is valuable, it will be appraised and sold on line. Any questions, call Monica Hamkins, 223-4593

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

CHARITIES SELECTED FOR THE 2017-2018 CONCERT SERIES

For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, \$3,763.86 was raised for charity through: the church's "Concerts for a Cause" series, the Holiday Fair, and the Ysaye Barnwell Workshop.

The Concerts for a Cause Committee is pleased to announce that the 2017-2018 recipients are:

Oasis Free Clinics, which offers free medical and dental services to 18-64 year-olds in the mid coast area who have no health insurance and cannot afford to pay for care.

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



Receiving their monetary gifts from Sue Michaud, chair of Concerts for a Cause, are Shannon Banks (Oasis, Board President) and Jennifer Iacovelli (Tedford Housing, Director of Development).

CHARITIES SELECTED FOR THE 2018-2019 CONCERT SERIES

For the 2018-19 fiscal year and going forward, the funds will be handled differently. Concerts for a Cause no longer has a specific budgeted amount that must be met before donating to charities. Instead 1/3 of all monies raised from concerts will benefit church programming and 2/3 of ALL proceeds will benefit local charities. Also new this year is that the Concert Committee has chosen the charity recipients BEFORE the season starts so that all the concert goers will know what their money is supporting.

The Concerts for a Cause Committee is pleased to announce that they have selected 2 charities to be the beneficiaries of the upcoming 2018-19 concert series:

The Gathering Place, a daytime shelter that provides friendship and hope to the materially poor or homeless. On its first day, The Gathering Place received 7 guests. Now on a typical day, they welcome between 50 and 70 guests.

The Brunswick Teen Center, a downtown drop-in center where youth in grades 6-12 gather to meet friends and have fun after school and during the summer. A Coordinator and an assistant, as well as volunteers, staff the program.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

UUCB CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE PRESENTS

ELLIS PAUL

★ One of America's
Great Troubadours ★

Saturday
September 29
7:30pm



Fun Fact:
Wendy Roundy was
Paul's high school
English teacher.

UU CHURCH OF BRUNSWICK

1 Middle Street, Brunswick (Corner of Pleasant & Middle)

Tickets: \$20, \$22 at Door, \$10 Students/Children

Available at the Church Office (729-8515), Gulf of Maine Books or online at uucbellis.brownpapertickets.com.

**Two-thirds of the proceeds go directly to local charities:
*The Gathering Place and the Brunswick Teen Center.***

REFRESHMENTS NEEDED—This concert will have a big audience, so we need lots of goodies.
Please sign up after church or contact Sue Michaud (michaud_susan@comcast.net).

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

SAVE THE DATES

FOR THESE IMPORTANT FALL EVENTS!

(Flyers with more detail coming soon...)

All events are free and open to the public. Contributions towards programming costs are enthusiastically welcomed!

EVENTS IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF **INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY** (organized by *Midcoast Indigenous Awareness Group – MIAAG*)

Saturday, 9/29, 1-3pm, UUCB

Rachel Sayet, Indigenous scholar and member of the Mohegan Nation
A family friendly presentation on Indigenous food ways



Thursday, 10/4, 6-8:30pm, Curtis Library Morrell Room

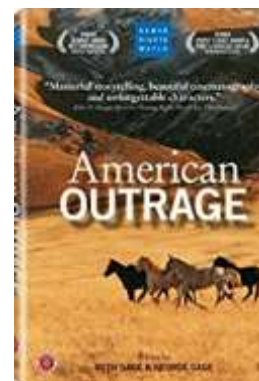
Film *Dawnland*: A documentary about cultural survival and stolen children: The story of the Maine Wabanaki-State Truth and Reconciliation Commission- the first such commission (in the country) for Native Americans
Introduction and follow-up discussion with **Penthea Burns, REACH** founder and Co-Chair of REACH Board of Directors; Senior Policy Associate of Muskie School of Public Service at USM

Monday, 10/8, 9 am -12 noon, Curtis Library Morrell Room

FOR CHILDREN – Wabanaki Legends and related art activities with **Mihku Paul**, Maliseet poet, artist and story teller

Monday, 10/8, 6-8 pm, UUCB

Film – *American Outrage*: Two Shoshone sisters fight the United States for land rights
Discussion to follow with **Chris Sewall**, Hermit Island
Share in some tasty snacks as well!



Tuesday, 10/9, 6-8 pm, Curtis Library, Morrell Room

Maria Girouard, Penobscot Nation
Discussion of the Maine Indian Land Claims Settlement Act: *What does it say and mean?*

THIS EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE UUCB BLACK LIVES MATTER TASK FORCE
NOW UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE WORKING FOR JUSTICE STEERING GROUP.

Tuesday, 10/30, 7- 8:30pm, UUCB

Maine Inside Out – a performance and dialogue about issues of incarceration

Maine Inside Out artists offer original theater to build community across boundaries, to recognize ourselves in others, to dismantle all forms of oppression, and to build a movement for transformative justice.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

SEPTEMBER'S CHARITY WITH SOUL IMMIGRANT LEGAL ADVOCACY PROJECT



ILAP helps low income immigrants improve their legal status and works for more just and humane laws affecting immigrants.



PEOPLE SERVED

2000-2500 individuals annually, most at 200% of the poverty level

PROGRAMS

Direct Legal Aid, Forms Assist Clinic, Education and Outreach, Advocacy

SERVICE AREA

Maine, Statewide

STAFF

9 Full Time, 3 Part Time

VOLUNTEERS

200 including 150 *pro bono* attorneys

Offices: 309 Cumberland Ave, Portland
Mailing: PO Box 17917, Portland, ME 04112
Phone: 207-780-1593

ILAP has a 19 person Board of Directors which includes former clients. They are engaged in the mission and active in the organization's governance and resource development.

As Maine's only immigration legal aid provider, ILAP is ineligible for most federal funding due to the population we serve. What began as a *pro bono* effort in 1993 and incorporated as a 501(c)3 in 2000 is today strong and forward moving.

Susan Roche, Esq., Executive Director

A CONCERT BY PIHCINTU

A multi-national refugee and immigrant girls' chorus from Portland, Maine

Saturday, September 29, 3:30 pm

(Reception and conversation with singers to follow)



**St. Paul's
Episcopal
Church**
27 Pleasant Street,
Brunswick

Concert free and open to all; contributions to benefit the Pihcintu Chorus are welcomed.

These amazing young girls have performed all over the United States.

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TEEN CENTER *FIRST SUNDAY* UPDATE

Our thanks to the UUCB congregation for its support of cash and food for the Teen Center. We worked out the logistics of providing a lunch meal for the teens in July and are providing the same in August. Moving forward, we have committed ourselves to supplying a meal on the third Wednesday of each month.

On to the new school year! In addition to **providing a meal**, we have sufficient funds to begin to **provide school supplies**. The TC coordinator is helping by providing us with a list of some of the supplies needed. Apparently things have changed a great deal since my teen years...now the schools often give students a rather specific list of what they need to have in hand to start the school year. In view of that, our effort on September 2nd will be directed toward a **joint collection of cash and school supplies**. The following is a general list of supplies and a more detailed one will be provided in the email announcements and the order of worship.

2-pocket folders, subject notebooks, colored pencils, highlighters, regular pencils(many), 1½" looseleaf binders and paper, composition books, calculators, fine tip black sharpies.

Any cash collected will be used to provide a meal in September and school supplies. A table will be set up in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 2 with a place for donations of cash or checks and supplies. Someone from the TC Support Group will be there to answer any questions. Thank you!



The Teen Center Support Group

UPDATE ON MIDCOAST NEW MAINERS SUPPORT GROUP (MNMSG)

MNMSG has been directly and indirectly involved with helping to settle and welcome several of 5 households of new Mainers (from Burkina-Faso, Burundi, Congo) making their homes in Bath in 2017-2018. UUCB members and friends have participated along with people from 6 other local faith communities (as well as individuals unaffiliated with any congregation). Together people have provided moral support and friendship; furniture and other household items; clothing and school supplies; transportation to classes at SMCC, work, lessons, appointments and camp; driving lessons; child care; outings; camp and Y scholarships; financial and many other supports anticipated and unanticipated as these new Mainers build their lives in the Midcoast.

We are all moved by the determination, resilience, resourcefulness and appreciation lived and expressed by these new neighbors. As MNMSG learns better how to create the organization that can most effectively engage the many people interested to support a new Mainer family, they hope to be able to invite and settle yet another household into the Midcoast community.

MNMSG steering group is currently reaching out to city of Bath "leaders" to ask their help in encouraging Bath community members to welcome these new families as their neighbors.



If you are interested to learn more about the MNMSG, the next larger group meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10/18, from 6:30-8pm at UUCB**. The meeting will include an orientation to welcoming new Mainers into the community – building the conversation on this year's learning. All welcome!

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MAINE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST STATE ADVOCACY NETWORK (MUUSAN)

A statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in our Unitarian Universalist faith and animated by its principles, MUUSAN welcomes as partners and collaborators all those who share our values. We link our 25 Maine congregations and many friends in an active legislative ministry.



NEXT MEETING...(FALL IS HERE)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10:00 – NOON

UU Community Church of Augusta, 69 Winthrop St.

Please keep reading so you don't miss learning about how MUUSAN participation might fit into your fall calendar as you consider opportunities to make new or additional choices for how to share your valuable time and talents.

Unitarian Universalism calls us to change oppressive policies and structures to those that promote human development, protect the environment, and support communities. Our mission is to educate and to organize for a more just society.

Our primary issues:

- **Democracy in Action**, including efforts to strengthen our democracy by informing and engaging voters, protecting voting rights, promoting civil discourse, instituting Ranked-Choice Voting, supporting Clean Election laws and reducing the importance of money in campaigns.
- **Health Care for All**, including advocacy for universal health care, monitoring legislation that affects our healthcare system, and promoting public health interventions.
- **Climate Change**, including support for fossil energy conservation, development of solar and other renewable sources, and educating legislators and the public about the urgent call to slow climate change (with special attention to our own precious Gulf of Maine).
- **Racial Justice**, addressing systemic oppression by advocating with and on behalf of racial, ethnic and indigenous populations and responding to the need to interrupt disparities in Maine's legal and economic systems

A visit to the complete MUUSAN website : www.muusan.org will provide more information as well as a link for you to access the MUUSAN Facebook site.

There are only four general meetings each session, Sept., Nov., Jan. and March and the annual meeting in May so the meeting schedule allows you to be comfortably involved with this larger UU community. A great opportunity to educate yourself and become actively involved with friendly, welcoming people using our UU Principles to bring more equality and justice to the public sphere.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!



Do you enjoy attending services? Ever wonder how it all works? We need a few good people to help on Sunday mornings, work with guest speakers and run the AV booth. Training is provided, and responsibilities usually include one Sunday a month and a monthly committee meeting. **Piece of cake!** It's not difficult, but we wouldn't have Sunday services without this important committee.

If you'd like more information, please call or email Cindy Parker, 7378023,
cindyparker48@gmail.com

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PEACE FAIR

On Saturday, August 4th, four members of the WFJ Steering Group staffed a table at the Annual Peace Fair on the mall in Brunswick: Joanne Allen, Donna Chale, Sue Kennedy and Betsy Williams. The theme of the fair was “Imagine a World Without Nuclear Weapons.” Thanks to Joanne we had a fun art project of “turning bombs to butterflies” (from Joni Mitchell’s iconic song, *Woodstock*). We introduced people to the international group Global Zero with a looping video of testimonials by famous people who took the Global Zero pledge to secure all nuclear materials and eliminate all nuclear weapons. Finally, we offered people an opportunity to say or show what peace looks like to them on a small paper plate that we hung on a line above our table.



FROM THE BOARD

The UUCB Board of Trustees is a great group of people to work with, and I'm excited to begin my term as Board Chair. After taking a month off from meetings in July, the Executive Committee (Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Clerk) met during our regularly scheduled Tuesday evening time to plan the agenda for our retreat on August 26th. David Kew has graciously offered to host the retreat at his camp on East Pond in Oakland, Maine. This year it will be a true retreat—away from Brunswick in a beautiful location, with an extended period of time to work on big-picture issues after taking care of regular Board business, then ending with a potluck supper. We will be focusing on the nature of leadership at UUCB and questions arising from growth in size of our congregation. Following these discussions, we will develop

Board goals for the coming year. Next month in this space I will report on how it turned out!

It seems like every year in August I begin to feel more and more ready to get back to business in September. I yearn for cooler weather, the exit of tourists, reconnecting with people I haven't seen in a while, and reengaging in the important work we do. It is a joy to begin a new church year, with the spiritual nourishment we can count on every week, appreciating our wonderful minister, our music program, and the sense of community we enjoy at UUCB. I look forward to seeing you all at our homecoming celebration on Sunday, September 9th!

Glenn Williams



Side Door
COFFEEHOUSE

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

MARTIN SWINGER



Martin Swinger's songs span Alzheimer's, Autism, oysters, dogs, Betty Boop & Buddha. Surprising, humorous, intimate, outrageous - each song sung with the panache of a seasoned performer.

With 5 albums & songwriting awards, Martin counts among his fans Pete Seeger, Paul Stookey, Ezra Idlet, Vance Gilbert, John Waters and Cherry Delight - MISS Coney Island 2013! Kerrville Family stage!

Friday Evening, September 21
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.

MEMBERSHIP

Over the summer, there were approximately 15 visitors who left their names and requests to receive follow-up information about UUCB.

The Membership Committee plans to meet on Aug. 28 for their "retreat" to plan for the year ahead. There will be more to report for the next newsletter.

HOSPITALITY



The new church year is nearly here. To help make our social time after the service more hospitable, we take it in turns to provide simple refreshment.

Please use this link to sign up for a date that works for you:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444a8a72ba5fa7-hospitality1>

Hospitality is easy:

- 1 - Make coffee/ water for tea
- 2- Make more as needed/ refill creamer
- 3- Clean up

If you are hesitant, the website has a spot that you may request an experienced partner to show you the ropes if needed. Hospitality is greatly appreciated by the congregation. We thank you for pitching in.

If you have questions or are just not able to navigate the website, you may contact Heidi at: lvneufeld@gmail.com

Thank-you, *Heidi Neufeld*

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

HOMEcoming POTLUCK SAVE THE DATE Sunday, September 9



We will have our Annual Homecoming Potluck Lunch after church on Sunday, September 9, organized by the Board of Trustees. We'll be in touch soon with details about who should bring what. See you there!

PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK GROUP Sunday, September 16

The Plant-Powered Potluck is resuming its monthly noon meal on Sunday, Sept 16, in the Fellowship Hall. You don't need to be a vegan to join us. 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 Faith Woodman at fewoodman@gmail.com or 207-891-0218 by Thursday, September 13. 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.

RESERVATIONS FOR 8 Wednesday, September 19 @ 6pm

Reservations will be made for you at the following 3 restaurants: **The Frontier Café** in Brunswick's Fort Andross Mill, **Enoteca Athena**, an Italian/Greek restaurant on Maine Street in Brunswick, and **No Coward's Soul**, a new Portuguese restaurant on Front Street in Bath. Please watch for signup sheets on the harvest table during coffee hour or contact Carol Drake: taffydrake@gmail.com.

MEN'S LUNCHEON Wed, August 29 and Sept 26

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. The August luncheon will be at Portland Pie Company. The September 26th luncheon will be announced in the upcoming Orders of Service. For details, contact Jim Michaud at michaudjim33@gmail.com.

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry MSR = May Sarton Rm MBR = Merrymeeting Bay Room		Aug 28 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 6 Rental-Essential Oils: MBR 6:30 Stories: WBR	29 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 12 Men's Luncheon: Portland Pie Company	30 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 7 Veterans for Peace: MBR	31 11 Rental-Daponte: WBR Office Closed for Labor Day	Sep 1 10 AA Rental: MBR
2 10 Church Service NO RE Classes	3 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 	4 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 10 New Mainers Steering Group: MSR 5 Staff Meeting: WBR 7 Worship: MSR	5 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR	6 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 10 Rental Comm: MSR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 5 Working for Justice: MSR 7 Choir: SAN	7 Teford Shelter Meal 10 New Mainers Steering Group: MSR 11 Rental-Daponte: WBR	8 10 AA Rental: MBR 1 Rental-Brunswick Area Indivisible: MBR
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9 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11 RE Open House 11:30 Homecoming Potluck	10 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR	11 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 4 Holiday Fair Mtg: MSR 4:30 Finance: MSR 6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR 7:30 Pastoral Care: MSR	12 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 4 UU Christian Group: MSR	13 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 3 Chalice Circle: MSR 7 Choir: SAN	14 11 Rental-Daponte: WBR 4-7 Brunswick Art Walk	15 10 AA Rental: MBR 8:30-3 Rental-How To Festival Annual Common Good Day
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16 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 12 Plant-Powered Pot Luck	17 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR	18 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 2 Savvy Caretakers: WBR 6:30 Board: MSR 7 Chalice Circle: WBR	19 9 Financial Sustainability: MSR 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 6:00 Reservation for 8 Frontier Enoteca Athena No Coward Soul	20 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 1 Wabanaki REACH: WBR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 7 Choir: SAN	21 11 Rental-Daponte: WBR 7 Side Door Coffeehouse Martin Swinger 5 Parish Messenger Deadline	22 10 AA Rental: MBR
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23 10 Multigenerational Worship Service 11:30 Adult RE: SAN "Journal of Solitude" by May Sarton	24 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR	25 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 6 Rental-Essential Oils: MBR 6:30 Stories: WBR	26 9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR 12 Men's Luncheon: TBA 6 Abyssinian Planning: SAN	27 9 Gallery Mtg: MSR 9:30 Daponte: MBR 10:30 Bldg & Grounds: MSR 12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW 5:15 Maine All Care: MSR 7 Choir: SAN	28 11 Rental-Daponte: WBR	29 10 AA Rental: MBR 1-3 Indigenous Food Presentation 3:30 Pihcintu Concert: St. Paul's 7:30 Concerts for a Cause: Ellis Paul
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30 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes	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 October Parish Messenger is Friday, September 21st .					
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