

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

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Director of Religious Education
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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

Oct 07 "Harmony"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

To celebrate Indigenous People's Day, we explore the idea of living in harmony. Music by Janice Thompson.

Oct 14 "More than Framework"

Joseph Jackson et al. *

Special guest Joseph Jackson joins us today. A prison reform advocate and activist, Joseph has an extraordinary story to tell that has some of its origins in our congregation. Come hear about one way our church's work has rippled out into the world. Rev. Stocker, Cathey Cyrus, Jane Danielson, and members of the Worship Committee will participate in the service. Music by the choir, directed by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Derek Herzer.

Oct 21 "Sanctuary"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker and Nicole Shanks

A multi-generational service led by Rev. Stocker and Nicole Shanks. Church is one of the few places where the generations rub elbows. As we contemplate the monthly theme, Sanctuary, come hear how we can create sanctuary together. Music by Derek Herzer.

Oct 28 "Day of the Dead"

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Every year, as the natural world around us appears to die, we honor our beloveds who have died. Please bring a picture or memento of someone you want to remember during the service. We'll display them on the chancel. In addition, bring pumpkins or gourds to decorate the sanctuary. Music by Derek Herzer.

* Please read more about Joseph Jackson on page 15.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

sanctuary

noun sanc-tu-ary | \ 'sən(k)-chə-,wer-ē
a consecrated place
a place of refuge and protection

During the month of October, the theme of the Religious Education program is 'sanctuary'. We will participate in activities and workshops in which we'll explore what it means to be a people of sanctuary. What comes to mind when you hear that word? It is likely that you think of literal places as well as a set of general characteristics. Some places are specifically labeled as sanctuaries and are known that way to the general public, such as the worship space within our church. Other places are sanctuaries only to specific people- special places that an individual has found that provide peace, comfort, and safety. Sometimes the term sanctuary is used more as an adjective such as "sanctuary city" which describes a municipality that does not cooperate with government efforts to enforce immigration law.

HOW TO REACH US

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick
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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
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Monday is the Sabbath for church staff.

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Some of you may know that I come from a Christian background. Whenever I hear the word 'sanctuary' the first thing that always comes to my mind is a song and the first line is "Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary...". I was a worship music leader for several years in a Christian church and this song was frequently requested. In summary, it's a prayer in the form of song asking God to purify and strengthen the singer so that s/he can be a living sanctuary. While this song no longer speaks to me in the same way as it once did (I no longer believe in God nor do I believe that I need to be "purified"), I love the idea of being a living sanctuary. In a world torn by divides- racial, economic, political, gender...- I would like to be a presence that brings a sense of peace, safety, healing, acceptance and calm to those around me.

Here are some questions to think on throughout the month.

- What spaces do you consider to be your sanctuaries and why?
- What are ways in which we are a people of sanctuary?
- How can we offer sanctuary to individuals with marginalized identities?

nicole



WANTED:

A photographer (amateur or professional) from our congregation who enjoys teenagers and would be willing to teach some basics about photography to our youth group in November or December. Please contact Nicole if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity.

In the late winter/spring the youth group will be looking to borrow the following photography equipment for about a month:

- ◆ Selfie stick
- ◆ Instant Cameras
- ◆ Large Empty Frames
- ◆ Disposable Cameras (to be donated)

Important RE Announcements & Dates

Oct 07: RE Programs for preK-High School

Oct 14: RE Programs for preK-Grade 6

Oct 21: Multigenerational Worship Service; Pumpkin Carving Party following the worship service!

Oct 28: RE Programs for preK-High School. 11:30 UU Parent Brown Bag Lunch- *Bringing Spirituality Home*



MINISTER'S MUSINGS—STORM BUDDIES



How was it for you when the winds rose on September 6? That day, Shirley Bernier and I were attending to church business in the office, while the Daponte String Quartet was rehearsing in the Merry Meeting Bay room next door. Suddenly the sky darkened, and the sky

opened its flood gates. The wind blew a mighty fuss in every direction at once, pelting the church with hail. The musicians, Shirley, and I all rushed to the front door to watch, our jaws hanging down.

And then, just as quickly as the storm began, it ended.

The world was transformed, however. The church lost power, so everyone left. At least at home I could continue to work with the help of our generator. We lost an enormous pine tree in our backyard. Unfortunately, it fell on a neighbor's brand new garden, ruining her new plantings. Across the street a half a dozen trees shattered into the woods and street. Down the street, a tree fell on a neighbor's dormer. Next door, seemingly healthy pines lay in ruins, strewn across two yards. All across Brunswick, people were without power, and scores of people had major cleanup operations to launch.

The truth is, we never know what is around the corner. Many of us live through our days imagining things will proceed along just as they always do. Until suddenly they don't.

In her book, *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep*, Joanna Cannon writes, "It's strange how the worst day of your life often starts just like any other. You might even complain very quietly to yourself about its ordinariness. You might wish for something more interesting to happen, something to break the back of your routine, and just when you think you can't bear the monotony any longer, something comes along that shatters your life to such a degree, you wish, with every cell in your body, that your day hadn't become so unordinary."

The Pastoral Care Associates assist when parishioner's lives suddenly become unordinary. They reach out when they know you are sick or bereaved. In that way, they support both my particular ministry and the general, shared ministry of the whole congregation.

This year, the Pastoral Care Associates are launching a Storm Buddy system, whereby parishioners check in

on one another after a major storm. They could use *your* help in making this a success.

If you live alone and want someone to call you after a storm, let Julie Dahmer or me know.

If you are willing to make some calls to others after a storm, let Julie Dahmer or me know.

We'll match people up. Our hope is that, as a result, those moments when we have to pick up the pieces after a storm won't feel so lonely and burdensome.

In my neighborhood, no one was injured on September 6. We were without power for 29 hours, and many of us are still cleaning up the mess. But that was the worst of it. We're a close neighborhood, and we had each other to lean on and commiserate with. If the losses had been catastrophic, I know we would have helped each other back on our feet again. How much worse it would be if we didn't have one another!

My neighborhood is far from the norm. Most people live relatively isolated lives. But, similar to my neighborhood, at our beloved UUCB, we *do* have one another—how much worse things might be if that were not so! So let us know if we can reach out to you. Or, sign up to contact someone else. (Incidentally, if you tend to feel isolated, reaching out to others might be just the ticket!) Ministering to one another during those times when life becomes unordinary is part of what our church is for.

Love, *Sylvia*

Please Bear with Me While I Recover from Surgery!

On October 9, I will have surgery to repair a torn meniscus that has been plaguing me for months. I am told recovery won't take awfully long, but, for a time, I will be hobbling around on crutches and simply not able to do what I normally can do. Cathey Cyrus, Jane Danielson, and members of the Worship Committee will help me to engineer and lead the October 14th service. And, while I may not be able to get to the office easily at first, you can always reach me by email (revstocker@gwi.net) or at my home phone (729-5631). Although I don't relish the idea of surgery, I very much look forward to the time—in the not too distant future!—when I can return to my 4-mile, pre-breakfast walks.

Love, *Sylvia*

STORM BUDDIES

Would you like to be contacted after a major weather event to make sure you're okay? Or, would you be willing to provide such a contact ministry for those who feel isolated and vulnerable in extreme weather?

The Pastoral Care Associates are compiling a list of anyone who lives alone and would like someone to check in on them after a major weather event—snowstorm, nor'easter, ice storm—to make sure they are OK and to see if they need any help. In addition, Pastoral Care Associates are looking for folks who are willing to make those contacts. We'll match you up.

Would you like to receive a call after a major storm? Let us know by emailing Shirley Bernier in the church office (uubruns@gwi.net) or by contacting Julie Dahmer, Pastoral Care Associate Chair.

Would you be willing to call others after a major storm? Let us know by contacting Shirley Bernier in the church office (uubruns@gwi.net) or by contacting Julie Dahmer, Pastoral Care Associate Chair.

Julie Dahmer and Sylvia Stocker

NOTES FROM SYLVIA

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!

After several years of masterminding the publication of the *Parish Messenger*, Sue Michaud is passing the torch to Mike Heath. Our church newsletter is beautiful month to month, and Sue has steadily produced it without complaint. We all owe her an enormous thank you for all she has done.

This October newsletter is Sue's "Swan Song." Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the details of how to proceed with the November newsletter, when Mike takes the helm Thank you to both of you!

Canceling Church Services and Events in Stormy Weather

We hate to close church, ever, but sometimes it's the prudent thing to do. If we are able to do so, we will send out an all church email when church is canceled. In addition, before setting out on a stormy day, we advise you to check the storm cancellations on channels 6 and 8. Please know that our church will always be closed whenever the town of Brunswick has a parking ban in effect.

Love, Sylvia Stocker

PARISH MESSENGER CHANGE OF GUARD



After eight years of editing the Parish Messenger, I am retiring my newsletter duties and am passing the baton to **Mike Heath**. I really enjoyed my time as editor but would like to have a little more free time. I know that Mike will bring his computer expertise and knowledge of the church goings-on to create a first-class newsletter.

SO, if you want an announcement or article to appear in the monthly Parish Messenger, send it to our new newsletter editor, Mike Heath (mheath@gwi.net) on or before the **3rd Friday of each month (usually)**. The deadline for the November Parish Messenger is **Friday, October 19th**. Mike may change these deadlines and requirements after he gets to know the process in full.

Please help Mike out with his first newsletter by getting your articles in before the deadline. And perhaps those who submit full-length flyers could also send a half-page version in case there is not enough room available.

Thanks so much for all the wonderful words of appreciation during my 8 years doing the newsletter, and a big thank you to Mike who is taking on this big job.

Love, Sue Michaud

HOLIDAY FAIR

The Annual Holiday Arts Fair is scheduled for Saturday December 1st. It seems far off and yet we have a lot of preparations to make! This is an important fundraiser for UUCB and a wonderful opportunity to share our space and meet with the larger community. The fair provides a great chance to get to know your fellow church members and friends and it is a lot of fun.

GREEN ELEPHANT TABLE

Please search closets, basement and attics for items in good condition for the Green Elephant Table. Items that sell well: kitchen ware, CDs, DVDs, books, small tools or appliances, puzzles, old records, small musical instruments and Christmas decorations. Items that don't sell well: clothing, sets of old dishes, and large items.

JEWELRY TABLE

Jewelry donation is already underway thanks to Monica Hamkins. Jewelry may be left in the basket in the Fellowship Hall any Sunday between now and the fair. It would be very helpful if anyone who has jewelry to donate, to bring it early, if possible. Cleaning and repairs can take time. If the jewelry is valuable it will be appraised and sold on-line.

CHILDREN'S TABLE

The Children's Table will be aimed at providing gifts specifically for children. Items that we would like to include are art supplies, toys, puzzles, books, stocking stuffers, games, coloring books, stuffed animals, hats, socks, T-shirts, hairclips and hair ribbons. Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, November 4th and continue through Friday November 30th. A basket for donations will be located in the hall across from the kitchen. Please contact Cuffy Chase 721-0042 (cmc1322@gmail.com) or Erin Haynes 650-0237 (ErinLHaynes@hotmail.com)

CRAFT TABLE

It is time for UUCB crafters to start making items for the **Craft Table**. Robin Hansen 443-4571 can give you some ideas of items that have sold well in the past.

EATS AND TREATS TABLE

For **Eats and Treats** save some of your jams, pickles and other canned goods. We'll need cookies, gingerbread, cake bakers, and granola-makers.

UUCB CAFÉ

Our amazing **Café** needs pie and bread bakers, servers, soup makers, set-up, clean-up and kitchen crews.

TIPPING PARTY

Save **Saturday, November 17th** for the Tipping Party at the Hansen's farm from 1:00-4:00.

WREATH MAKING

Wreath Making will be held **Nov. 25th** after church from noon until we are done.



SIGN-UPS

Sign-up sheets for all tasks related to the Fair will be available **Sundays Nov. 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th** after church in the Fellowship Hall. Last year we had a splendid Fair thanks to everyone pitching in to help. You'll be hearing from us again soon with more detailed information.

If you have questions, concerns or things that we are forgetting contact **Joanne Allen** 712-8343 (jlaen543@gmail.com) and **Cuffy Chase** 721-0042 (cmc1322@gmail.com) co-chairs.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

HONEST MILLIE NOVEMBER 10 @ 7:30PM

Drawing from years and years of experience in various combinations of musical groups, New Hampshire-based Honest Millie promises an entertaining show of music from the 30's, 40's and 50's. This 6-piece swing jazz band brings you stellar 3-part harmonies and strong instrumentation (upright bass, piano, sax/clarinet, violin, guitar, and drums). For this concert they will be playing songs from the Delta Rhythm Boys, the Ink Spots, the Boswell Sisters, Nina Simone, Louis Jordan, and Peggy Lee, just to name a few.



Jim Pendergast, Agnes Charlesworth, Val Blachly, Lee Ann Ames, Ellen Carlson

Fiddle:

Ellen Carlson is a well-respected teacher and organizer of the NH Fiddle Ensemble and Fiddleheads Jam Camp, Ellen has taught at workshops and festivals throughout New England and New York. She was an original member with the NH based folk/swing trio *Sweet, Hot & Sassy*.

Upright Bass:

Val Blachly has performed professionally since the early 70's with several bluegrass and folk bands. She is also the founding member of the swing ensemble *Sweet, Hot and Sassy*. Currently she performs with the *Mink Hills Band*, a creative, wide ranging, bluegrass/swing group.

Keyboard: Agnes Charlesworth studied composition and electronic music at the Center for Contemporary Music in Oakland, CA and went on to work in sound design for film, video, and performance in the Bay Area. Now living in Maine, she has created original scores and soundscapes for many local arts organizations.

Tenor Sax/Clarinet: In the late 90's **Lee Ann Ames** played with the *Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra* in the East Village, playing the Cape May Jazz Fest with Joe Chambers and sitting in with Mo Guajiro. After spending some time in Puerto Rico playing in plena, salsa and jazz ensembles, she moved to New Hampshire and was a member of the *Lakes Region Big Band* for several years. In 2007 she began performing with the all-female swing group, *Swing a Cat*.

Guitar: At one time or another, **Jim Pendergast** has performed as a sideman with almost every Grand Ole Opry star, and recorded with many of the legendary Nashville studio musicians. More recently, his attention has turned to Celtic and Irish music, a return to the folk music that captured his attention in the 1960s. For seven years, he was the leader of the *Boys of County Nashville*, the featured band at the world-famous Opryland Hotel.

Drums: In the late 70's **Paul Wolf** was known as one of the premiere washboard players in the country. He has played washboard in a variety of bluegrass and cajun bands, and even shared the stage with such notables as Pete Seeger, Ricky Skaggs, Jerry Douglass, and Leroy Troy. During that time he also played the drums in several Western Mass bands. Since he moved to New Hampshire in the mid 80s, Paul has played percussion in many Portsmouth-area and Massachusetts bands of varying genres: Blues, Rockabilly, R&B, Funk, Disco, Bluegrass, Honky-tonk C&W and Jazz.



Paul Wolf

This is going to be a fun one,

Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$5 Students/Children.

Available after church services or in the church office, Gulf of Maine Books. or ONLINE at <https://millie.brownpapertickets.com>

Two-thirds of all proceeds will be donated to The Gathering Place and the Brunswick Teen Center.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

At our first meeting of the 2017-2018 church year, the Working for Justice Steering Group reviewed it's charge and agreed to the following goals for the year.

Our Charge: The Working for Justice Steering Group is charged to organize and support social justice initiatives that express the UUCB chosen focus to work towards the prevention of prejudice and hate. Initiatives will seek to encourage reflection and action among the entire congregation and will take guidance from the UUA Congregational Study Action Issues.

Our goals:

We agreed to continue our work in the following focus areas, supporting the work of people both inside and outside our congregation:

- Brunswick Teen Center
- New Mainers/Immigrant Justice
- Indigenous Awareness
- Charities with Soul
- Black Lives Matter/Challenging Our White Supremacy
- MUUSAN (Maine UU State Advocacy Network)

In addition, we agreed to foster greater collaboration with the Religious Education program this year, particularly involving our youth group where appropriate.

If you have an interest in joining us in support of these initiatives, or if you have a new initiative you would like to see UUCB consider, please contact Betsy Williams (bwilliams120@gmail.com) or Cathey Cyrus (wdclark@gwi.net), or come to our next meeting October 11, 5:00pm-6:30 pm in the May Sarton Room.

From Working for Justice Steering Group

BRUNSWICK EVENTS IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

In recognition of Brunswick's second annual Indigenous Peoples Day, Midcoast Indigenous Awareness Group (MIAG) is sponsoring a series of presentations, films, and discussions to be held locally from September 29 through October 9. (See adjacent flyer) In planning, MIAG has focused on providing opportunities to learn more about the ongoing presence, culture, and current challenges of local native people, as well as the true history of this land.

MIAG, a group of Midcoast citizens originally called together by the UUCB Working for Justice Steering Group, worked together with the Brunswick Town Council last year, to pass a resolution to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day on the 2nd Monday in October. Since then, MIAG has sponsored numerous events in this area with the intention of enhancing local awareness. The mission of the group is "to support indigenous awareness through education and programming,"

while envisioning "a community living in responsible relationship to the local waters and lands, and life thereon, acknowledging and respecting the ongoing indigenous presence here."

Indigenous Peoples' Day is now honored in many communities, cities, and states across the country. In Maine, locales include, but are not limited to: Belfast, Orono, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Old Town, Starks, Brunswick, and Portland. There are initiatives under way in other communities, as well.

"Embracing Indigenous Peoples' Day is a recognition of the beauty and strength of our ancestors while sending a message to our children, grandchildren, and those not yet born that they come from a beautiful, strong, and resilient people." -Seattle's Indigenous Peoples Day resolution author Matt Remle (Lakota).

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

◦ EVENT CALENDAR FOR 2nd ANNUAL ◦

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

CELEBRATIONS IN MIDCOAST MAINE ~ 2018 ~

~SATURDAY~SEP. 29th~ FOOD, SOVEREIGNTY & NATIVE AMERICA

RACHEL SAYET, INDIGENOUS SCHOLAR AND MEMBER OF THE MOHGAN NATION WILL HOST A PRESENTATION ON INDIGENOUS FOOD WAYS-

1-3pm @ THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BRUNSWICK (UUCB)

~THURSDAY~OCT. 4th~ FILM SHOWING ~"DAWNLAND" DOCUMENTARY

"A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT CULTURAL SURVIVAL AND STOLEN CHILDREN"

THE STORY OF MAINE WABANAKI-STATE-TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION INTRO & FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION WITH PENTHEA BURNS-REACH BOARD & CO-CHAIR

6-8:30 PM - @ CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY ~ MORRELL ROOM, BRUNSWICK, ME

~MONDAY~OCT. 8th~ AM CHILDREN STORYTELLING + CRAFTS

MIHKU PAUL, MALECITE, WILL TELL TWO DIFFERENT WAPONAHKI LEGENDS ABOUT THE MAGICAL GIANT AND FIRST MAN: KOLUSAP. CHILDREN WILL BE INVITED TO ILLUSTRATE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE STORY. ART SUPPLIES INCLUDED - JUST ADD KIDS!!

10-12 pm @ CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, MORRELL ROOM, BRUNSWICK, ME

~MONDAY~OCT. 8th~ EVENING FILM ~ "AMERICAN OUTRAGE"

THE TRUE STORY OF TWO SHOSHONE SISTERS WHO FIGHT THE UNITED STATES FOR LAND RIGHTS ~ DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW ON RELEVANCE TO THE PENOBSCOT RIVER STRUGGLE ~ FACILITATED BY CHRISTOPHER SEWALL - LOCAL HISTORIAN SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE. 6-8 PM @ THE UUCB (Unitarian Church)

~TUESDAY~OCT. 9th~ ME INDIAN LAND CLAIM SETTLEMENT: PENOBSCOT PERSPECTIVE

MARIA GIROUARD ~ TRIBAL HISTORIAN FROM PENOBSCOT NATION GIVES A PRESENTATION OF HISTORICAL CONTEXT TO HELP UNDERSTAND THE MAINE INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT BASED ON MS. GIROUARD'S MASTER THESIS PAPER.

6-8 PM @ CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, MORRELL ROOM, BRUNSWICK, ME

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
SPONSORED BY: MIDCOAST
INDIGENOUS AWARENESS GROUP
FIND US ON FACEBOOK (MIAG)!!

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

...AND DON'T MISS THESE OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS!

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

UU Church of Brunswick
1 Middle Street, Brunswick

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.



MAINE **inside out**

*(Event organized and sponsored
by the UUCB Black Lives Matter
task force now under the umbrella
of the Working for Justice Steering
Group.)*

Saturday, September 29, 3:30 pm

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

A Concert by Pihcintu

A multi-national refugee and immigrant
girls' chorus from Portland, Maine
(Reception and conversation with singers to follow)

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. Come see and meet them in person!*

OCTOBER'S CHARITY WITH SOUL

MAINE ALLCARE



Maine AllCare (MAC), a non-partisan, not-for-profit educational and advocacy group, promotes establishment of publicly funded healthcare coverage for all Maine residents. MAC advocates that healthcare be treated as a public good, since it is fundamental to our well-being as individuals and as a democratic state.

The system MAC envisions must be efficient, financially sound, politically sustainable and provide comprehensive benefits without deductibles or co-pays, fairly distributed to all. Likewise, when well, everyone contributes. Individuals, families, businesses, providers and Maine's economy benefit.



MAC's database has ~25,000 supporters; and there are 10 currently active Chapters- including the Greater Brunswick Area Chapter (meets at UUCB). MAC has a 15 person Board that includes 7 physicians and 2 Senators, and is in a "Healthcare is a Human Right" coalition with Maine State Nurses Association and Southern Maine Workers Center.

The Working for Justice Steering Group is hoping to have a representative from each Charity with Soul available after the first Sunday service of the month in which their particular charity is the selected Charity with Soul.

On **Sunday October 7th at 11:30 AM**, Bill Clark, a member of our church and one of the founding members of Maine AllCare, will be available in the May Sarton room to meet with anyone interested in learning more about MaineAllCare and to answer questions. Maine AllCare is endorsed by MUUSAN (Maine UU State Advocacy Network).

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

TEEN CENTER UPDATE



First Sunday snack donations

OCTOBER 7

Snacks including Cheezits, Goldfish, potato chips, Taco chips, salsa, lemonade, apple juice, fruit, nuts

Our thanks to the UUCB congregation for its continued support of the Teen Center.

In addition to supplying a meal to the Teen Center on the **third Wednesday** of each month, we will also be collecting donations of snack items and/or school supplies on the **first Sunday** of each month through June 2019. Our donation requests will be dependent on the needs of the Teen Center and may include other items as we move into the winter months.

The new school year has begun and the Teen Center is hosting 25-30 kids a day! A huge undertaking for the staff there. The *First Sunday* collections for October 7 will emphasize snacks and drinks...these are hungry

and thirsty teenagers! The following is a general list of requested snack items.

Cheezits, Goldfish, apple juice, powdered lemonade, potato chips, Taco chips, salsa, apples, oranges and packaged nuts.

A table will be set up in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, October 7** with a place for donations of snacks. Someone from the TC Support Group will be there to answer any questions. Thank you!

Please keep in mind that snack donations may be made directly to the TC at anytime.

The Teen Center Support Group

EXCERPTS FROM THE PEOPLE PLUS NEWSLETTER



Well "folks" ... It happened! On Tuesday, September 18th, we had **30 kids at the Teen Center!** Our week was 20, 30, 18 (ohh almost a day of rest :) and 28, Monday-Thursday.

One afternoon a large group went downstairs to play dodgeball and one afternoon a small group to do an art project. The rest of the kids were upstairs, on the floor, upside down on couches, jumping on each other for piggy back rides, eating, observing our new "3 minutes of pick up your area before we put out dessert" and simultaneously playing video games, computer games, musical instruments for the Guitar Hero game We finished out the week making LOTS of smoothies with our Ninja blender, yum! And to top off our Thursday, we had a youth practicing his flute!



This week our group at the UU Church provided lunch for 30! Pictured is **Betty Wurtz** delivering the goods!

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MAINE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST STATE ADVOCACY NETWORK (MUUSAN)

Fall Meeting at the Augusta UU Community Church on September 8, 2018



Get Out The Vote!

MUUSAN'S first meeting of the fall set a happy, high energy bar for meetings that follow. Twenty three UUs from sixteen congregations across Maine met with can do enthusiasm for the mornings, *Get Out The Vote* agenda.

Sarah Rawlings from League of Women Voters ME and ME Clean Elections provided historical as well as extremely useful information and advocacy that emphasized the urgency of and strategies for getting people to the polls on Nov. 6th. Voting by Absentee Ballot was strongly encouraged. Sarah believes doing so will help balance the work required of election workers and free the rest of us on election day to help where and whenever needed. Primary message however was to do all things possible to get out the vote.

Look for copies of the excellent LWVME Voter Guide to be available at church as soon as they are delivered to us the first part of October.

Issue Groups: Democracy in Action, Health Care For All, Racial Justice and Climate Change met briefly to begin planning action and advocacy priorities. Since the 128th legislature didn't adjourn until September 13th

instead of April as they should have, it was premature to spend a lot of time planning for legislative lobbying.

Highlights of the, Sanctuary Summit hosted by MUUSAN on a Saturday in August were presented. The Summit was an idea brought home from the spring General Assembly as one way to bring together Maine UU congregations for "learning and planning about how to build closer relationships with Maine's immigrants and refugees, discern their needs and address unmet needs as invited". Stay tuned for information and ideas incubated at the Summit as they are shared with congregations.

A great way to stay informed is to check the [MUUSAN website](#) and [Facebook page](#). See especially this link to the [MUUSAN Get Out the Vote Fact Sheet](#). Even better, ask to be placed on the MUUSAN mailing list! You can do this easily via the MUUSAN website.

The next MUUSAN meeting is **Saturday, November 9th, 10:00 to noon** at the Augusta UU Community Church. Newcomers don't feel like newcomers for long so why not add the November meeting to your calendar.

MIDCOAST NEW MAINERS SUPPORT GROUP



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!

ADULT EDUCATION



The Adult Education Committee Invites You to Two More Reads and Discussions

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

THE STRANGER IN THE WOODS

BY MICHAEL FINKEL

Martha Lentz, Discussion Leader

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

THOUGHTS ON SOLITUDE

BY THOMAS MERTON

Ed McCartan, Discussion Leader

**HARDCOVER, PAPERBACK, AND KINDLE EDITIONS
ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH LOCAL BOOK STORES, LIBRARIES, OR ON LINE**



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

RED BEANS & RICE

Red Beans and Rice are a loose collective of three playing blues, Americana, and even a little funk. Carter Ruff plays various instruments and howls at the moon. David Hunt plays guitar and sings with a voice as smooth as butter on a burn. Dave Rawson anchors the band on drums and has been hailed as "the world's most efficient drummer" for his spare style.



Our very own CARTER

Friday Evening, October 19
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.

FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Trustees had a very successful retreat at David Kew's camp on East Pond in Oakland, Maine on August 26th. After four hours of work and a delicious potluck dinner, we were a happy group!



Paul Peranteau (treasurer), Jonathan Allen, Wendy Roundy, David Kew, Penny Elwell, Charlie Evans, Glenn Williams (chair), Sylvia Stocker, Sienna Dode, Mary Larson

Following our regular business meeting, we had time to engage in deep discussion of three issues: 1) Exploring Leadership at UUCB; 2) Navigating Size Transitions in a Midsized Congregation; and 3) Setting Board Goals for the 2018-2019 church year. We are a growing congregation, which is a very good thing that comes with some significant challenges. Our first goal is focused on *Increasing Our Capacity to Serve*. This is a complex process, and we need to pay attention to a great many factors as we navigate the changes that come with growth. Our second goal is to *Clarify the Mission of the Church Council*. With increased clarity as to what this group is charged to do and how they are to do it, the Church Council could be a vital source of leadership in working toward the first goal.

Homecoming

The Board organized and hosted this year's Homecoming Potluck Lunch. 147 people attended the church service on September 9th, and approximately 120 stayed to enjoy the meal and the opportunity to socialize. There were lots of dishes to wash!

Neighboring Property

As most of you will have noticed, the property at 9 Middle Street is up for sale. The Board is actively investigating options for responding to this opportunity.

Website Task Force

Thank you to the 57 people who responded to our UUCB Website Survey. Results were generally very positive, and many respondents provided helpful suggestions for improvement. Some changes have already been made, and others will be implemented in coming months.

Leadership Workshop

UUCB is hosting a workshop developed by The New England Region UUA, entitled *Claiming Our Spiritual Leadership*. The event will be held on **Saturday October 13th, 2018 from 10am-3pm**. In order to register, click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/MESLWorkshop>. Leaders from the UUA will bring food and equipment and organize the event entirely. Attendance is free for UUCB staff, and four members of our Board will attend for free in return for helping with hospitality. One additional volunteer slot is available as of this writing. If you would like to be the lucky 5th person, use the promo code "**HostingChurch**" when registering.

Glenn Williams

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN OCTOBER

CIRCLE SUPPERS Sunday, October 20

These suppers provide a great opportunity for both long-time and new members to get better acquainted in a comfortable small group setting. Suppers are informal, “pot-luck” style with the host providing the main course and others bringing appetizers, sides and desserts. Beverages may be provided by both the hosts and guests. We are hoping that there will be interest in hosting a supper that includes families with children. Family friendly suppers are a wonderful way for all ages to become better acquainted.

We’ll be looking for both hosts and participants. Sign-up sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall. The contact person for questions is: Leigh Peranteau, 207-725-4874 or leigh763@yahoo.com.

PLANT-POWERED POTLUCK GROUP Sunday, October 21

The Plant-Powered Potluck will meet for another delicious meal on Sunday, October 21, in the Fellowship Hall. You don't need to be a vegan to join us. Come and enjoy a tasty and nutritious 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, vegetarian or vegan. 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 Valerie Heath at vheath@gwi.net or 207-729-9254 by Thursday, October 18. 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, October 17 @ 6pm

Reservations will be made for you at 2 or 3 local restaurants for church people to get to know one another in a fun and delicious setting. Please watch for signup sheets on the harvest table during coffee hour or contact Carol Drake at taffydrake@gmail.com.

MEN’S LUNCHEON Wed, October 31 @ 12pm

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 October 31st luncheon will be announced in the upcoming Orders of Service.

For details, contact Jim Michaud at michaudjim33@gmail.com.

ABOUT JOSEPH JACKSON



Joseph Jackson is Co-coordinator of Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition (MPAC), comprised of Maine prisoners, their friends and families, victims of crime, and others committed to ethical, positive, and humane changes in Maine's prison system. In addition, he is Youth and Community liaison at Maine Inside Out. Mr. Jackson was convicted in 1995 of manslaughter and sentenced to the Maine Department of Corrections where he served 19 years. As a prisoner, Mr. Jackson completed Literacy Volunteer Training, PEER Education, Work Ready Alternatives to Violence, One, Two, and Three. He is a founder of the Maine State Prison chapter of the NAACP and has served on its executive committee in several capacities from 2003-2012. While incarcerated, Mr. Jackson earned his Associate and Bachelor degrees *summa cum laude* from the University of Southern Maine (USM), Augusta. Later that year, he was selected as a member of Who's Who among students in colleges and universities in 2012. Mr. Jackson became the first prisoner in Maine to be selected to USM's graduate program at StoneCoast while still a prisoner. Mr. Jackson represented USM in Augusta's *50 years 50 portraits* for their 50 year anniversary in 2015. Mr. Jackson earned his Master's Degree from USM and was one of four commencement speakers for his class.

Joseph Jackson will be the guest speaker at the October 14th worship service.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>10 New Mainers: MSR</p> <p>4 Membership: MSR</p> <p>5 Staff Mtg: WBR</p> <p>7 Worship: MSR</p> <p>7 Chalice Circle: WBR</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 Rental Comm: MSR</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW</p> <p>5 WFJ: MSR</p> <p>6-8:30 film Dawnland: Curtis Library</p> <p>7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Teford Shelter Meal</p> <p>11 Rental-Daponte: WBR</p> <p>4 Steve Black Art Reception: SAN</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 AA Rental: MBR</p> <p>Office Closed</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10 Church Service</p> <p>10 Youth Group</p> <p>10:15 RE Classes</p> <p>11:30 Charities with Soul: MSR</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9-12 Abenaki Legends for Kids: Curtis Library</p> <p>6:30 Film American Outrage: SAN</p> <p>6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>4 Finance: MSR</p> <p>6-8 Maine Indian Land Claims Settlement Act Discussion: Curtis Library</p> <p>6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR</p> <p>7 Pastoral Care: MSR</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>4 UU Christian Group: MSR</p> <p>5:30 Concert Mtg: WBR</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW</p> <p>7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11 Rental-Daponte: WBR</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10 AA Rental: MBR</p> <p>9:30-3 NE UUA Workshop: SAN <i>Claiming our Spiritual Leadership</i></p> <p>Office Closed</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10 Church Service</p> <p>10:15 RE Classes</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>2 Savvy Caretakers: WBR</p> <p>2 Chalice Circle: WBR</p> <p>6:30 Board: MSR</p> <p>7 Chalice Circle: WBR</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 Financial Sustainability: MSR</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>2 Chalice Circle: WBR</p> <p>6 Reservations for 8: TBD</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW</p> <p>1 Wabenaki REACH: WBR</p> <p>6:30 New Mainers: MBR</p> <p>7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11 Rental-Daponte: WBR</p> <p>7 Side Door Coffeehouse</p> <p>5 Parish Messenger Deadline</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 AA Rental: MBR</p> <p>5 Circle Suppers: Members Homes</p> <p>Office Closed</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10 Multigenerational Church Service</p> <p>10:15 RE Classes</p> <p>11:30 RE Pumpkin Carving: MBR</p> <p>12 Plant-Powered Pot Luck: FEL</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>2 Chalice Circle: MSR</p> <p>6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>6 Rental-Essential Oils: MBR</p> <p>6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>10:30 Bldg & Grounds: MSR</p> <p>12 Noon Deadline: "This Week" & OOW</p> <p>7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11 Rental-Daponte: WBR</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10 AA Rental: MBR</p> <p>Office Closed</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10 Church Service</p> <p>10 Youth Group</p> <p>10:15 RE Classes</p> <p>11:30 RE Bag Lunch Discussion: MBR</p> <p>11:30 Adult RE: SAN "Stranger in the Woods"</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>6:30 Stories: WBR</p> <p>7-9 Maine Inside Out Presentation: SAN</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 Rental-Daponte: MBR</p> <p>12 Men's Luncheon: TBA</p>	<p>SAN = Sanctuary FEL = Fellowship Hall WBR = Wendall Berry MSR = May Sarton Rm MBR = Merrymeeting Bay Room</p> <p>PEN = All RE Space HIL = Hildebrandt Rm CAR = Carson Room MAN = Mandela Rm CL = Curtis Library</p>		

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, Mike Heath (mheath@gwi.net) on or before the **3rd Friday of each month (usually)**. The deadline for the November Parish Messenger is **Friday, October 19th**.