

# 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  
 Tony Sulkoski, Sexton



### SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10AM

#### Nov. 4 "What Matters Most"

**Rev. Sarah Gillespie**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS** ... turn your clocks back one hour.

Rev Sarah Gillespie is a UU minister and Board Certified Chaplain working at St. Mary's Health System in Lewiston. Working in a nursing home, Sarah is passionate about exploring issues in our culture around aging, illness, loss and grief. Outside of her work, Sarah finds joy in singing, baking, writing, and watching her baby son learn to laugh. Music by Derek Herzer and the UUCB Choir.

#### Nov. 11 "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag and Smile, Smile, Smile"

**Rev. Sylvia Stocker**

Today is the exact 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Armistice Day, when the whole world broke out in peace. Peace didn't last long, but maybe this special anniversary can be an inspiration to us even yet. Rev. Stocker preaching. Special music by Derek Herzer and Jud Caswell. In addition, Sylvia and her spouse Steve Wellcome will be playing a banjo tune with their beloved banjo teacher, Sara Grey.

#### Nov. 18 "Memory"

**Rev. Sylvia Stocker & Nicole Boutilier**

Rev. Stocker and Nicole Boutilier will lead this annual multigenerational Thanksgiving service. Special music by the choir directed by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Derek Herzer. We will take up a special collection of non-perishable food items and toiletries for Midcoast Hunger Prevention. Please plan to contribute something, if possible. Music by Derek Herzer and the UUCB Choir.

#### Nov. 25 "Dual Citizenship: Balancing Inner and Outer Life Experiences"

**Rev. Ed McCartan**

Ed McCartan is a member of UUCB and the summer pastor at the Popham Chapel in Phippsburg. He was a Catholic priest in the Carmelite Order and has been a teacher and artist for many years. Music by Janice Thompson.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### What does it mean to be a people of memory?

That is the question that the Religious Education program will be exploring during the month of November. When I think about this question I think of our past, both as a congregation and as an association (UUA). As a people of memory we look into our past and recall and honor the traditions and stories of our best moments, but also learn from the times in our history in which we might have made mistakes. This month we will touch on highlights from our history, recall those who have gone before us and all that they have taught us, acknowledge all of the gifts we have around us, and remember our principles and personal values as we enter into a season in which oftentimes the loudest message is that buying

more things is more important than doing good acts.

What stories from our congregation come to mind when you think back on the past (distant or near)? Do you have any thing you'd like to share with our children? If so, send me an email with your memory about something from our congregation's history that you think our children would find interesting and I'll be sure to share it with them!



*nicole*

#### 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>**

#### Important RE Dates and Announcements

- Nov. 4 RE programs for PreK-High School
- Nov. 11 RE programs for PreK-Grade 6
- Nov. 18 Multigenerational Worship Service
- Nov. 25 RE programs for PreK-Grade 6

#### OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The office is preparing for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will need to finalize the Order of Worship, Green Sheet Announcement, PowerPoint presentation and All Church Email by Wednesday at noon. Please have materials to the office no later than Monday, November 19 for the Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> service. Whenever possible, please submit materials via email at uubruns@gwi.net.

#### Office Hours for THANKSGIVING WEEK and Beyond

	HOURS
Monday, November 19	Closed
Tuesday, November 20	10am to 4pm
Wednesday November 21	10am to 2pm
Thursday, November 22	Closed
Friday, November 23	Closed
Saturday, November 24	Closed
Sunday, November 25 (church services at 10am)	Closed
Office	Closed
Monday, November 26	Closed
Tuesday, November 27	10am-4pm

## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Joseph Jackson's sermon on October 14 was one of the most moving I have ever heard. Joseph told the story of how one person – Alice Rossiter, a member of our congregation – changed his life by reaching out to him while he was incarcerated. Their backgrounds and life experiences could not have been more different. But, over the years, through letters, phone calls, and occasional times when Alice could visit Joseph in prison, they grew to love each other deeply.

While Joseph was in prison Alice funded one college course per semester for him, and she witnessed him receiving his Associates Degree. Unfortunately, Alice died just before Joseph received his Bachelor's Degree, which was also shortly before he was released from prison. (He has since completed his Master's Degree.) But she died knowing he was about to be released and graduate from college. While she was living, she and Joseph discussed every one of his assignments. Their discussions were not confined to academics, however; Joseph said they talked about everything.

Joseph said he owes to Alice both his academic success and his ability to land on his feet and thrive post-incarceration. (Actually, what he said is that he “owes everything” to Alice.) He stressed that one person truly can make a difference. Alice was proof of that. Joseph's story was one of hope, fortitude, and courage.

After the service, people asked me if there were a way they could become pen pals with an inmate. I know of two programs for reaching out (though only one of them is specifically for pen pals).

**College Guild:** Offers free, non-traditional correspondence courses to inmates who want to challenge their thinking, increase their creativity, and relieve their boredom. Any prisoner in the U. S can enroll in College Guild courses. Students send their assignments to College Guild, who farms them out to volunteers to provide feedback and guidance. That's where you come in: College Guild is always looking for volunteers to comment on inmates' assignments. In this program, both inmates and volunteers remain anonymous. You choose the subject matter you are most interested in working with, and College Guild distributes the assignments. Chances are that, over time, you will end up working with a variety of prisoners. For more information: <https://collegeguild.org/>

**Worthy Now Prison Ministry Network,** a ministry of



This is a photograph of Joseph Jackson when he received his Associates Degree. Alice Rossiter is at his side.

the Church of the Larger Fellowship: Establishes a one-on-one letter writing connection between you and an incarcerated UU. In some cases, a prisoner's pen pal may be their only connection to the outside world. The Worthy Now Prison Ministry Network has other programs, too: training for people interested in visiting and/or advocating for prisoners; facilitated on-line support circles for people engaged in prison ministry; classes about issues of mass incarceration. (You can find a pen pal through this program, but your pen pal may not necessarily be incarcerated in Maine; s/he could be anywhere in the U.S.) For more information visit <https://worthynow.org/>.

If I learn of other programs, I will let you know.

Meanwhile, as I contemplate November and its invitation to name things for which I am grateful, I would name the transformative October 14th service. Joseph Jackson helped to buoy up my own sense of flagging hope. He also reminded me that sometimes little things can make a big difference. After all, Alice used letter writing and sometimes phone calls and visits as her primary tools. She was able to fund some courses in the state university system, too. For those contributions to Joseph's well being, she needed time, attention, and relatively small periodic financial outlay. More than anything, she needed an open heart and the willingness to reach out. Are there small ways you can reach out to others? Remember, what may seem like a small gesture can have a big impact for someone in need.

Love, Sylvia



## BLACK LIVES MATTER AT UUCB — OUR ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

A year ago this month we hung our Black Lives Matter banner on the church building. To mark the occasion, a letter to the editor of the Times Record is being written and the Working for Justice Steering Group will host a congregational conversation (time and place to be announced at a later date) to reflect on our experience and commitment.

The initiative to hang a banner started with the Membership Committee in the spring of 2017. The Board agreed to bring it to a vote of the congregation at the Annual Meeting in June. Prior to that meeting the congregation was invited to share their thoughts and questions at two scheduled church discussions facilitated by Sylvia. At the annual meeting the following motion was approved:

*That the congregation endorse and support the Black Lives Matter movement and honor UUA's request for UU churches to become visually and audibly involved in related issues. Our involvement will be studying the issues and displaying a "Black Lives Matter" banner on the church.*



The Board formed a task force to research options for design and placement of the banner, and to organize ongoing study and education. The task force named itself Black Lives Matter/Challenging Our White Supremacy. The banner was installed on November 11, along with a statement for passers-by explaining our action, and a variety of opportunities for increasing our understanding of racism were presented throughout the year. The task force was dissolved in June 2017 but the work continues under the umbrella of the Working for Justice Steering Group. Watch for opportunities in the coming year to engage in the transformative work of challenging our white supremacy.

Betsy Williams

## MAINE INSIDE OUT

**MAINE INSIDE OUT** is coming to UUCB

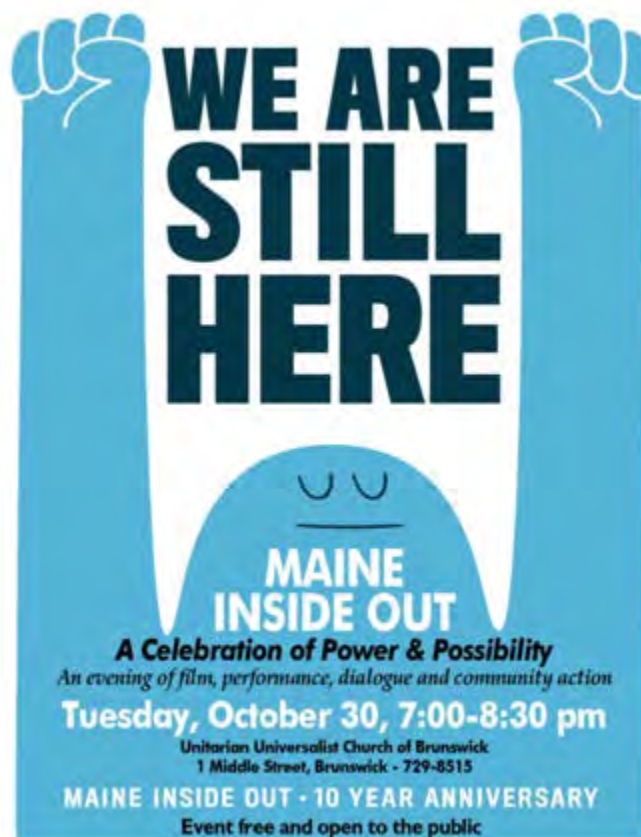
Working for Justice will be hosting the dramatic presentation by this remarkable group of young people on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 7-8:30pm. The evening will end with informal conversation and finger food **DESSERTS to share**. We want to have plenty!

*If you are able to bring a dessert that evening,* please let Cathey Cyrus (or a member of WFJ) know. Many thanks!

Maine Inside Out (MIO) initiates dialog, develops leadership, and builds community across boundaries with collaborative original theater inside and outside of correctional facilities.

**Contributions towards program expenses welcome! (\$10 suggested)**

*Presented by the UUCB Working for Justice Steering Group*



## COMMUNITY HEARTBEAT

The following joys, sorrows, and concerns were recorded in our Joys and Sorrows book on the past several Sundays. and shared during the congregation's prayers.

### Joys

**Steve Donahue** has finished his treatments for esophageal cancer. Hurray! We wish him increasing comfort and good health.

**Sylvia Stocker** reports that she is doing well post-knee-surgery. She thanks all for the meals, cards and many messages of encouragement.

**Emma and Ryan** McKenney are overjoyed to announce the birth of the UUCB community's newest member, Noah Harlan Philip McKenney, born October 17.

### Condolences

We are sad to report the deaths of several UUCB members and former members: **Joan Bayer**, who with her husband Bryce had been members here for many years, died on September 29 in California, where she moved five years ago to live near her daughter. She was brilliant, curious, funny, a friend to all and devoted to her family. We remember her for her generous, warm, and caring spirit. She made friends wherever she went. **Karen Gilman**, who joined us a few years ago, while we were worshiping at the Minnie Brown Center, died in her sleep October 4. Karen was the embodiment of pure joy. With her warm, brown eyes and her loving hugs, she folded all who knew her into her caring embrace. A psychologist, published poet, and singer, Karen loved singing in our choir most of all. A service was held on October 27. **Harry Fullerton**, who also joined us while we were at the Minnie Brown Center, died on October 9. A veteran of three wars, Harry was one of our biggest advocates for peace, and he especially loved any of our church services devoted to that topic.

Please feel free (and remember to) add your voice to our Joys and Sorrows book before Sunday service begins. It is located in the Fellowship Hall on the stand near the Nursery.

### Sorrows & Concerns

**John McFee** mourns the death of his lawyer. He reports he is looking for a new lawyer who suits his needs and accepts him as he is.

**Brad Mitchell** is now home from a second stay at the hospital, this time at Maine Medical Center to recover from a small brain bleed. He is improving and ready for short visits. Speaking is hard for him, so you might find it helpful to bring a poem or short article or story to read to him. If you are a musician, bring some music! (He has a piano in his living room.) If you would like to plan a short visit, please contact Sharon Brown, who is scheduling such things for the family. In addition, the family is looking for a few people who will take 2-hour shifts from 10 to 12 a.m. to be with Brad. No nursing skills necessary; Brad handles all activities of daily living on his own. If you are able to help out in this way, please contact Penny Elwell.

**John McFee** shared his concern about “the tragic SCOTUS decision and all the serious danger and vulnerability we're now thrown into. As a man, I certainly do believe all the brave women who came forward.”

**Grace Lewis-McLaren** asks that we lift up **Esther and Barclay Palmer** who are struggling with life adjustments of advancing age.

Healing wishes are requested for **Stephen Wood** who had one knee replaced a few weeks ago and is having the other knee replaced right away.

**Grace Lewis-McLaren** has had a fall and subsequent wrist injury.



## CHARITY WITH SOUL — NOVEMBER

The Gathering Place is our Charity with Soul in November. **Caroline Russell**, a member of the Board of Directors for The Gathering Place, will be available on **Sunday November 4th after** the church service. She will be in the May Sarton Room to meet with anyone interested in learning more about The Gathering Place and services which they provide. She will provide information, answer questions, and talk about volunteer opportunities.

### The Gathering Place

WELCOME IS OUR MISSION



The Gathering Place is the only drop-in day center that welcomes the homeless, isolated and deeply poor of the greater Brunswick area. We opened our new facility in September of 2016 and have seen a 40% increase in our daily attendance. 85-100 men, women and children who visit us each day now have a warm and inviting place where they are greeted with a hot cup of coffee and a welcoming smile. We provide hot drinks, snacks, games, puzzles, computer terminals for job and apartment searches, and weekly enrichment programs.

At The Gathering Place we provide many of the basic life necessities that we take for granted when we have a home of our own: access to bathrooms, toiletries and clean clothing; phone and mail service; assistance obtaining photo identification; and referral to needed community resources such as mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and transitional or permanent supportive housing if requested.

We have 65 active volunteers; six volunteers and two supervisors on duty each day collectively working over 100 hours per week. We are open Monday-Saturday.

Because The Gathering Place is a low-demand drop-in center, we succeed in drawing in all who need support and companionship. Building trust with our guests through small but positive interactions results

in their willingness to accept social connections as well as access additional needed services toward helping regain stability.

The Gathering Place works every day to support its mission of providing hospitality, support and respect to all who pass through our doors. We are an example of what happens when a community opens its heart to offer its most vulnerable neighbors the idea of home. If someone is alone, volunteers sit with them and after initiating a conversation, they listen intently. We don't give advice or try to fix our guests. Nor do we judge them. Just by listening to their story we acknowledge them as an equal.

Where love exists, it is a reflection of the divine, and this is evident at The Gathering Place. The guidance and love reflected in the simple acts of kindness exchanged between our volunteers and guests has created a real community.

The Gathering Place is open Mon-Fri. 8:30am-3:00pm and 8:30am-11:30am on Saturday. We are located at 5 Tenney Way (off Union Street).

Want to help? Come volunteer! Come by or give us a call and find out more at 729-0288 or visit our website at [brunswickgatheringplace.org](http://brunswickgatheringplace.org).

Mary Connolly, Director



## PLANS CHANGE: KEEPING UP-TO-DATE



The **Midcoast New Mainers Support Group** meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, 10/18, was **postponed to Thursday, 10/25, 6:30-8pm** in the Merymeeting Bay Room. With apologies for any confusion!

Cathey Cyrus for MNMSG

## Storm Cancellations

We hate to cancel church, ever, but sometimes it's the prudent thing to do. When we cancel, we always post a notice on television channels 6, 8, and 13. Rule of thumb: If there is a parking ban in Brunswick, you can be reasonably sure we will cancel services. We may cancel in other circumstances, too. In the event of a storm, be sure to check before heading out.

Ever wonder how the decision to cancel gets made? The Board Chair, Director of Religions Education, and I get up in the wee, wee hours of Sunday morning and share a 3-way phone call to make the decision together. Sometimes we consult others, too, such as the Police Department or guest speakers and musicians scheduled to lead worship that day. It's never an easy decision, but we do our best to keep the congregation and service participants safe while also consistently offering excellent worship services.

Sylvia Stocker



## ATTENTION UUCB COMMITTEES: FILMS FOR JUSTICE

As individuals and as committees, we all work for justice. The Working for Justice Steering Group is launching a film series on justice, and we invite **every** church committee to select a film for the monthly series. That means Green Sanctuary, and Worship, and the Art committee, and RE, and Membership – and the rest – you know who you are!

Films will be shown once a month on Saturday afternoon. Working for Justice will provide AV support and popcorn!

For questions, please see Jane Danielson.



## HOLIDAY FAIR

The Annual UUCB Holiday Fair is on December 1<sup>st</sup>. This is an important fundraiser for the church and a wonderful opportunity to build community with our UUCB members and friends and with the larger community. It is fun and good cheer abounds! We are in the thick of planning, crafting and collecting items for the Green Elephant and Children's tables.

**Eats and Treats** suggested items: Christmas cookies, breads, squares, pies, dried fruit dipped in chocolate, herbal popcorn, chutneys, sauces, nuts, dry soup or cereal mixes. Please label items with nuts, gluten free, vegan, and labels such as blueberry muffins, chocolate fudge. Penny Elwell and Gretchen Kamilewicz are the coordinators.



**UUCB Café** will need pies, breads and soups. Please label with type of bread, pie and soup and include information such as vegan, no nuts, gluten free. Volunteers needed for set-up, clean-up, servers and kitchen crew. Barbara Jabaut coordinates the café activities.

**Craft Table** needs your hand crafted items. The time is now to get your creative juices flowing. Robin Hansen can give you some ideas of items that have sold well in the past.

**Jewelry Table** coordinator, Monica Hamkins, is busy collecting, cleaning, and preparing jewelry for sale. Please bring in any jewelry you'd like to donate and leave it in the basket in Fellowship Hall any Sunday from now until the fair. If anyone in the congregation has expertise in valuing jewelry please contact Monica.

**Children's Table** aims to provide gifts specifically for children. Items we would like are art supplies, toys, puzzles, books, stocking stuffers, games, coloring books, stuffed animals, hats, socks, T-shirts, hair clips and hair ribbons. Donations are accepted starting on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday November 30<sup>th</sup>. A basket for donations will be located in the hall across from the kitchen. Contact coordinators: Cuffy Chase 721-0042 ([cmc1322@gmail.com](mailto:cmc1322@gmail.com)) and Erin Haynes 650-0237 with questions.



### Save the dates:

**Saturday, Nov. 17: Tipping Party**

at the Hansen's farm from 1:00 to 4:00

**Sunday, Nov. 25: Wreath Making** after church

from noon until we are done

**Saturday, Dec 1: Holiday Fair**

from 9:00 to 2:00





## HOLIDAY FAIR



**Green Elephant Table** coordinator Maryli Tie-mann is looking for donations of kitchen ware, CDs, DVDs, books, small tools or appliances, puzzles, records, small musical instruments and Christmas decorations all in good condition. Items that don't sell well: clothing, sets of old dishes, and large items. Now is the time to clean out your attics, closets and basements.

**Music** is provided by our talented church members and friends. Contact coordinator Mike Heath with questions.



If you have concerns, questions, or suggestions regarding the Holiday Fair in general please contact Joanne Allen 712-8343 ([jlaen543@gmail.com](mailto:jlaen543@gmail.com)) or Cuffy Chase 721-0042 ([cmc1322@gmail.com](mailto:cmc1322@gmail.com)) co-chairs

### SIGN-UPS

**Volunteer Sign-up sheets** will be available on Sundays November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> after the services. The coordinators for the each area will answer questions during the coffee hours. If we all pitch in the fair will be a great success.

# 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 30s, 40s and 50s. This 6-piece swing jazz band brings you stellar 3-part harmonies and strong instrumentation.

Four gals, Valerie on upright bass, Agnes on piano, Lee on sax and clarinet & Ellen on violin, with the spice of Jim on guitar and Paul on drums, 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!



**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.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
January 12 @ 7:30

*New Date*

### *Inanna, Sisters in Rhythm*

Women's percussion and vocal ensemble dedicated to cultural diversity, education, and healing through the universal language of music



## NOVEMBER EVENTS & FELLOWSHIP



### Don't Miss the Celebration!

The crucial midterm election is Nov 6. AND on Friday Nov 9 at UUCB, Maine AllCare (MAC) hosts a fund-raiser / celebration with Gordon Bok, Will Brown and David Dodson playing, great finger foods, raffles (win a night at Brunswick Hotel, or Gulf of Maine Books gift certificate, for example) and fun. UUCB's own Ren Bernier will MC.

When illness strikes, everyone should be able to focus on getting well, not on worrying how to pay for care. MAC advocates for publicly funded, privately delivered healthcare for all Maine. Come and celebrate MAC's progress. Tickets online at [Maine AllCare.org](http://MaineAllCare.org), while they last!

# MAINE ALLCARE CELEBRATION

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL MAINE

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**Featuring Musical Guests:**  
Gordon Bok  
David Dodson  
Will Brown

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**  
6 PM - 9 PM

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH  
1 MIDDLE STREET, BRUNSWICK, ME

Join us for a night of music, videos, food  
and your chance to win some of our  
auction items.

To purchase your tickets online go to:  
[maineallcare.org/celebration](http://maineallcare.org/celebration)

To Purchase tickets over the phone:  
Contact: Abbie Ryder  
207-391-5876

**\$20 TICKETS**

**GET YOUR  
TICKETS ONLINE  
NOW!**



**maineallcare.org**

### MEN'S LUNCHEON Wed. Nov. 28 at 12pm

These monthly fellowship luncheons are held on the last Wednesday of each month with the exception of holidays. All men of the church are welcome. The Nov. 28 luncheon will be announced in the upcoming Orders of Service.

For details, contact Jim Michaud at [michaudjim33@gmail.com](mailto:michaudjim33@gmail.com).

### PLANT POWERED POTLUCK Nov. 18 at 12pm

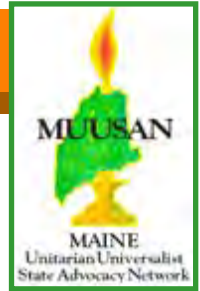
Please join the Plant-Powered Potluck for a pre-Thanksgiving gathering on Sunday, November 18, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy a tasty and nutritious plant-based meal. Everyone is welcome whether you are an omnivore, vegetarian or vegan. The only requirement is to bring a whole-food plant-based dish free of meat, fish, dairy and eggs.

Sorry, no drop-ins, but if you plan to come, RSVP to coordinator Michael Heath at [mheath@gwi.net](mailto:mheath@gwi.net) or 207-729-9254 by Thursday, November 15. If you are new to plant-based eating and would like to know more about its benefits and suggestions for recipes, go to [www.forksoverknives.com](http://www.forksoverknives.com) or email Mike for ideas.



## WORKING FOR JUSTICE

### MAINE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST STATE ADVOCACY NETWORK (MUUSAN)



Have you been feeling the urge to help with the important issues in Maine, but don't know where to start? MUUSAN is the place! (Stands for Maine Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network). Saturday, November 10 at the Unitarian Church in Augusta is our next meeting (a pleasant 45 min drive).

This year MUUSAN is focusing on several important issues which include: voting issues, health care and racial justice. The November meeting will be discussing priority legislation coming up which MUUSAN can assist with.

**November 6 - Election Day** - is almost here. Please remind family, friends, and especially young folks to vote. Reminders: If you are voting early, the 3rd day before Election Day is the last day to vote. If voting by absentee ballot, you must mail the ballot by Election Day. If you are prevented from voting at the polls and you think you should be able to vote, request a "challenge ballot." Voter Guides prepared by the League of Women Voters are available throughout Brunswick and surrounding towns with information about candidates and referendum questions.

Any questions about MUUSAN, please contact Renee Manomaitis [rmanomaitis@hotmail.com](mailto:rmanomaitis@hotmail.com), 207-389-9295.

## TEEN CENTER: *FIRST SUNDAY* UPDATE

On the first Sunday in October the UUCB congregation provided us with a banner collection of snack items for the Teen Center!!!

We have committed ourselves to supplying a **substantial meal** on the third Wednesday of each month\* as well as collecting donations of **snack items** on the First Sunday of each month through June 2019. Our donation requests are dependent on the needs of the Teen Center and may include other items as we move into the winter months.

The Teen Center continues to host 25-30 kids a day! A huge undertaking for the staff there. The **First Sunday collections for November 4 will emphasize snacks and drinks** for these 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, November 4** with a place for donations of snacks.

Someone from the TC Support Group will be there to answer any questions. Thank you!


\*If you are interested in helping with the cost of the meal itself, please contact either Carol Briggs or Cuffy Chase.

*The Teen Center Support Group*

Betty Wurtz brings lunch to the Teen Center



# ADULT EDUCATION



**On Solitude**

The Adult Education Committee  
Invites You to A Community  
Read and Discussions

**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

**You & UU Nov. 17**

If you are new to UUCB, new to Unitarian Universalism, or if you'd like a refresher course on our denomination, please join the Membership Committee for this fall's You and UU class.

The date is Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. With Sylvia's help, attendees explore their own interests in UUCB and learn about the history and beliefs of Unitarians and Universalists of the past and today.

**We strongly encourage attendance by anyone who is interested in joining UUCB.** The class is co-led by Leigh Peranteau and Steve Loeb.

Please contact Shirley at the church office to sign up (207-729-8515) or stop by the visitor's table on Sunday to learn more.

**TEEN CENTER UPDATE**

First Sunday snack donations

**November 4**



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







THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BRUNSWICK  
1 MIDDLE STREET  
OPEN, MIKE SIGNUP: 6:45 PM  
OPEN MICE START: 7:00 PM  
FEATURED PERFORMER: 8:30 PM  
DOOR/TICKET DONATION: \$5

**Side Door COFFEEHOUSE**

**Marie Dufresne**



Marie Dufresne has performed the traditional and contemporary songs of Great Britain and North America for nearly 40 years.

With strong vocals, guitar and Appalachian Dulcimer, Marie takes her audience on a journey filled with stories of human experience from farm to city and places in between. Stories from the pages of history to the present, from both sides of the Atlantic, the songs serve as a reminder that people share the same hopes dreams and struggles no matter where they live.

Over the years many friendships were formed with musicians throughout the US and Britain which led to a 15 year affiliation with The Bath Brunswick Folk Club at The Chocolate Church presenting monthly concerts and introducing many new faces of folk music to the midcoast area.

**Friday Evening, November 16**

**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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## FROM THE BOARD

Autumn has definitely arrived, and as I write this, Betsy and I are preparing to say good bye to Bailey Island and take up residence in Topsham for the winter. It will be a much shorter trip to the church!

The Board has been busy. One urgent and important matter we've been working on has to do with the sale of our neighbor's property at 9 Middle Street. Please see the special announcement on page 15 of this Parish Messenger for important related information.

Focusing on more long-term thinking, the Executive Committee, Sylvia, and one other member of the congregation attended (and hosted) a workshop entitled *Claiming our Spiritual Leadership* presented by the New England Region UUA Staff Team on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. 48 UUs from other New England churches joined us. It was a very productive

day, including time devoted to both inner work and practical strategies for moving forward. The UUCB team will be meeting together in November to review what we learned and to consider ways to apply the new learning to our own leadership.

During the 2017-2018 church year, one of the Board's goals focused on "Living Our Mission in the Wider Community." The Task Force created to work on this goal recommended creation of a new volunteer position with the job description in the box below.

We are very pleased to announce that Janice Thompson, who comes with a wealth of related experience, has agreed to take the job. Welcome aboard, Janice!

*Glenn Williams*

### Public Relations Coordinator Proposed Job Description

- Maintains awareness of upcoming church events, programs, and promotions; writes and submits related press releases.
- Assists minister, staff, and parishioners in publicizing church events, programs, and promotions.
- Makes recommendations for updating church media (website, newsletter, signage, orders of worship, etc.), as needed.
- Maintains contacts with local media and people who have public relations expertise.
- As needed, attends meetings in which programs and events with public relations value are being developed.
- Develops annual public relations budget for the church and approves expenditures against that budget.



*Claiming Our Spiritual Leadership*  
workshop at UUCB on Oct. 13



## SPECIAL BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT & CONGREGATION MEETING NOV. 11

As most of you know, the property of our neighbor to the south at 9 Middle Street is for sale. Since this first became known to us at the end of July, 2018, several members of the congregation have been working diligently with the Board to explore the options available to UUCB. The Board now has a recommendation which we believe represents the best possible outcome for the church.

A detailed document describing all of the steps the Board has taken regarding the property will be made available via all-church email and in the church office. Briefly stated, we have discovered that both the congregation and our neighbor at 9 Middle Street have been sharing an erroneous assumption. As the Board explored the possibility of purchasing some of the land between the two buildings, we discovered a discrepancy with regard to the boundary. An extensive title search yielded evidence that the church actually already owns the grassy strip of land 23.75 feet beyond what we had thought was our property line. After careful review of

this new information, the surveyor who did the original work for the new building confirmed the error.

One complication is the fact that the existing paved driveway for 9 Middle Street encroaches a short distance into the 23.75' strip of land. As that could lead to legal complications, the Board agreed that UUCB needed a plan to address the issue. After considering a variety of possible options, the Board is recommending that UUCB deed to the neighbor a 3-foot border around the paved driveway.

***A special meeting of the congregation has been scheduled for Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> after the worship service to vote on this recommendation.*** Two informational meetings have been scheduled prior to the vote—one after the service on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and the other on Wednesday evening, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Please be sure to attend one of these information sessions **and the special meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

*Glenn Williams*

### UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

#### RE: DEEDING PROPERTY TO OUR NEIGHBOR

**Sun. Nov. 4 after church** Informational Meeting #1

**Wed. Nov. 7 at 7:00pm** Informational Meeting #2

**Sun. Nov. 11 after church** Congregation Meeting to vote on the Board's proposal

**PLEASE ATTEND!**

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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>			<p>1 9 Rental Comm: MSR 1 Chalice Circle: MSR 4 Social Justice MSR 6:30 RE: MBR 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>2 Teford Shelter Meal 4 Nathan Allen Art Reception: SAN</p>	<p>3 10 AA Rental: MBR <i>Day Light Savings Ends</i> Turn Clocks Back 1 hour at bedtime</p>
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<p>4 <i>Service starts at the NEW 10 am</i> 10 Church Service 10 Youth Group 10:15 RE Classes 11:15 Info. Meeting 11:30 Charities with Soul: MSR</p>	<p>5 6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR</p>	<p>6 10 New Mainers Steering Group: MSR 4 Membership: MSR 7 Worship Comm: MSR 7 Chalice Circle: WBR</p>	<p>7 7:00 Information Meeting RE: Church Property</p>	<p>8 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>9 6 Maine AllCare Concert &amp; Auction: SAN</p>	<p>10 10 AA Rental: MBR 1:00 Brunswick Area Indivisible: MBR 7:30 Honest Millie—Concert for a Cause: SAN</p>
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<p>18 10 Church Service 10 Youth Group 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Adult Ed Community Read: MBR 12 Plant-Powered Pot Luck: FEL</p>	<p>19 6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR</p>	<p>20 8 am: "This Week" and OOW Deadline for Nov. 25 service 2 Savvy Caretakers: WBR 2 Chalice Circle: MSR 6:30 Board: MSR</p>	<p>21 1 Chalice Circle: MSR</p>	<p>22 THANKSGIVING DAY Office Closed for Holiday</p>	<p>23 5 Parish Messenger Deadline</p>	<p>24 10 AA Rental: MBR</p>
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<p>25 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 12 Wreath Making: MBR</p>	<p>26 6:30 12-Step Food group: MBR</p>	<p>27 White Elephant Drop Off Day 6 Essential Oils—Rental: MBR 6:30 Stories with Soul: WBR 6:30 Financial Stability: MSR</p>	<p>28 12 Men's Luncheon: TBA</p>	<p>29 9 Gallery Committee: MSR 10 Chalice Circle Facilitators: Office 10:30 Bldg &amp; Grounds: MSR 5 Maine AllCare: MSR 6:30 New Mainers: MBR 7 Choir: SAN</p>	<p>30 8 AM-8 PM Holiday Fair Setup</p>	<p><b>December 1</b> 9:00-2:00 Annual Holiday Fair</p>
Office Closed						

### ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS/DEADLINES

If you have items to be placed in the "This Week" email, Announcement Insert (The green sheet) or the Order of Worship, please submit it to Shirley Bemier 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 December Parish Messenger is Friday, November 23.