



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*

Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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The SoUUps On UUCB community meal on Feb. 23 was a hit for all ages.

Sunday Worship Services at 10:00

March 1 Experiencing Failure

Jonathan Larsson

Jon lives with his wife and two girls, 9 and 6, in Bath, Maine. He works as the director of the Spiritual Wellness Department at Mid Coast - Parkview Health, where he has served since February 2016 . Music by Nancy Whatley.

March 8 Topic TBA

presenter TBA

Arrangements for this week’s service had not been completed by press time. A long-time Sunday school teacher, Rev. Stocker is looking forward to a chance to spend time with our RE kids today. Music by Janice Thompson .

March 15 New Jerusalem

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Today we finally get to hear the amazing music the choir had prepared for the MLK service in January that was canceled because of snow. Come hear the choir, directed by Heidi Neufeld, and accompanied by Derek Herzer and guest drummer Annagret Baier.

March 22 Soul

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Music by Derek Herzer. Service followed by “Soul Seeking” discussion.

March 29 Flourishing: Living a meaningful life

Gar Roper

Gar holds a PhD from Columbia. He is a educator, writer, and philosopher. His interests embrace music, environment and social justice. Music by Derek Herzer.

Copy Deadline for the April Messenger

Friday, March 20 (it seems earlier than usual)

Please send your material to mheath04011@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Teachable Moment

Early on in my path to become a Director of Religious Exploration, a former DRE from First Parish Portland took me under her wing and shared with me her many brilliant lessons and stories. I shared one of her lessons on Feb. 16. It was a lesson about the different ways our hearts can be. The kids seemed to really like it and I felt pretty good about it.

However, after the service a member of the congregation came over to me and gently shared with me that she wasn't comfortable with the fact that I used the "black heart" to represent sad or gloomy feelings. She reminded me that we should be trying to move away from associating the color black with negativity. She knew that I had not intended to associate black lives with negative emotion but mentioned how important it is to be intentional in the messages we share with each other so that we can be as inclusive and welcoming as possible.

This viewpoint isn't new to me. I am working on getting

Credentialed as a DRE and spent much of last year reading up on the UU anti-racism lens. So, I knew right away that she was right. It was a great lesson back in the nineties, but now it needed to be updated. I was embarrassed that I hadn't viewed my lesson closely enough through the anti-racism lens to notice the error in it. Yet, more than embarrassment, I felt gratitude for the reminder.

Our third principle promotes acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations. By gently and honestly sharing with me a different take on my lesson, this woman brought forth a teachable moment. What's more UU than a teachable moment.

Teachable moments can be hard because they point out our humanness and make us work out our humility muscles, but I know that I need them if I am ever to be the kind of Director of Religious Exploration that I aim to be.

— *Toben Cooney-Callnan, DRE*

RE Theme of the Month

Our theme for March is Wisdom. We will explore the wisdom of simplicity, the wisdom of children, the wisdom of our UU Sources, and the wisdom through stories. There will be an All Ages Activity on March 15th and an All Ages Children's Chapel on March 29th. Regular classes will be held all other Sundays in March.

Youth Group Update

Now that the 7-9 Our Whole Lives Program has come to an end, we will be resuming Youth Group. Youth Group will be held during service one Sunday a month on the following dates:

- ♥ March 22
- ♥ April 26
- ♥ May 24
- ♥ June 21



Pizza and Board Games March 23rd

The Religious Exploration Committee cordially invites you to join us for a Pizza and Board Games in the Merry-meeting Bay Room after the service. Pizza and snacks will be provided and we encourage you to bring your favorite board game to share.

I will continue to have UUCB Office Hours each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays (9:00-5:00). Thank you for your flexibility and ongoing support!

- *Toben Cooney-Callnan*
He, Him, His

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

As of February 20, I have stepped down as President of the Brunswick Area Interfaith Council. Rev. Diane Hoppe-Hugo, minister of the Presbyterian Church in Topsham, is taking my place. To be perfectly honest, I am not fully sure how many years I served on the BAIC Board; it's been a few. Maybe this is the first time you've heard of my involvement with BAIC. Maybe you've never heard of BAIC at all. So let me fill you in.

As far as anyone can remember, BAIC dates back to the 1960s, a time that historically saw a surge in interfaith work. Although BAIC didn't officially become a 501(c)(3) organization until 2003, the gathered body of local religious organizations had collaborated through the years to do good works in and for the community in a variety of ways.

Rev. Gordon Cook, one of the Mid Coast Hospital chaplains, remembers one of BAIC's first initiatives was to fund a chaplain for Mid Coast Hospital. Nowadays the hospital funds its own chaplains – five of them, four of them part-time and one of them full-time. But, back in the day, there were no chaplains. BAIC saw a need and stepped in.

Through the years, BAIC has been active in other initiatives as well, most notably helping to launch Tedford Housing, Midcoast Hunger Prevention, Oasis Health Clinic, and the Gathering Place. All of those initiatives involved the larger, secular community as well, but our collaborative interfaith efforts helped to pave the way to encourag-



ing Brunswick's compassion and sense of responsibility for addressing the needs of those who are suffering.

At the beginning, BAIC was comprised of a group of both laity and clergy. But, in recent years, BAIC's membership – especially its lay membership – declined precipitously. The clergy kept it limping along until one day the local clergy group was faced with a decision of keeping it going or calling the whole thing quits. When Rev. Carolyn Eklund of St. Paul's church observed it wasn't so easy to obtain 501(c)(3) status and that that status could continue to serve our community, we clergy decided to keep things going. That's when I became involved.

For the past several years, BAIC has served mainly as a financial agent for various interfaith initiatives: the purchase of LUCI solar lights to send to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria, as well as current fiscal agent for the New Mainers group and the nascent housing first initiative. The local clergy group foresees the possibility for more collaboration in the future, and there is much interest in getting lay people involved again.

I commend the organization to you: It may be just the right spot for you if you are looking for ways to be involved in interfaith spirit, justice, and compassionate initiatives. Give it some thought, and stay tuned!

*Love,
Sylvia*

UUCB Hosts Next Community Meal on March 1

The next Community Meal will be held at UUCB on Sunday, March 1st after the church service.



The monthly events are organized by the Brunswick Downtown Faith Community and are held at several downtown churches. Billed as "A PLACE TO LIVE, WE ALL NEED IT: Come talk with your neighbors, share food and stories about building a compassionate community with housing for all." Meals begin at 12:30.

Soul Seeking:

- What do we UUs believe about our soul?
- Do we have one? How does it inform our daily living?
- Has it been here before?
- Will it go on to other places?
- What is the soul of our religion?

At 11:30 following the March 22 service titled "Soul" Gar Roper will lead a discussion on the topic of the soul and our beliefs and understandings. Bring your questions and answers. It will be a lively exchange!

— Nancy Meikle
for the Adult Education Committee

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Interim Ministry

At the February Board meeting the (very long) application for Interim Minister was projected on a screen for all to see, and we all contributed ideas for responding to the questions asked. The Committee on Ministry has also contributed, and individual Board members have been assigned to complete specific sections. The deadline for submission is April 23rd, and I expect to have it ready to go well before that date. Penny Elwell, Paul Peranteau and I are the official Interim Search Committee, and we'd be happy to answer questions you may have about the process. You can also access the [Transitional Ministry Handbook](#), a pdf document prepared by the UUA.

For those interested in learning still more, an excellent source book is available from the UUA Book Store. Entitled *In the Interim: Strategies for Interim Ministers and Congregations*, Second Edition, this book is an interesting and easy read. We have found it eye-opening in many ways, not the least of which is a new understanding and appreciation for some of the problems we don't have! It is also available as an eBook for Kindle and Google Play.

Pledge Drive

Get Ready! Pledge envelopes are being mailed on February 24th, and our official Kickoff will be on March 1st. After that we can watch the thermometer rise and rise to new heights (in this case, a good thing). More information is on page 7 in this Parish Messenger.

Volunteers

One of the Board's goals this year is to improve the process of recruiting and retaining volunteers. Thanks to Mary Larson and the Board's task force, a survey has been created to gather information about members' talents and availability to contribute to fulfilling our mission: To be a spiritual community, to welcome all, to nurture one another, to work for justice, and to care for the earth.

An on-line version (Survey Monkey) will be available as well as the traditional paper and pencil format. Please complete one or the other and help us get a full picture of our possibilities .

NNED Spring Meeting

The 2020 Spring Assembly and Annual Meeting will be April 24 and 25 at the UU Church in Nashua, NH. This is a very important meeting, as there will be a vote to determine whether the NNED should be dissolved. Registration will be \$15 for both Friday evening and all day Saturday. This will include lunch on Saturday. Here is a link to register:

<https://nned2020.eventbrite.com>



Northern New England District
of the Unitarian Universalist Association

Security and Safety Update

Last month I reported on three measures we plan to take in order to enhance security and safety at UUCB. Here's an update on progress:

1. The black emergency window shades have been installed on the doors to the offices and three RE classrooms.
2. Safety and Security Window Film on selected windows and doors has been installed. You probably don't notice that the windows have any treatment, but there is a problem with people taping things to the "glass". The film cannot be scraped like glass to remove tape, and there is already some visible scratching. We are looking into solutions for this, but ***please do not tape anything to the entry area doors/windows!***
3. We plan on working with Detective Tom Stanton of the Brunswick Police Department to provide another ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training for UUCB. This will be an opportunity to discuss where we go from here (evacuation routes, final evacuation locations, how to educate the congregation). More information to come.

— Glenn Williams

CONGREGATIONAL HEART BEAT

Joys, Sorrows and Concerns

Most of the following joys, sorrows, and concerns were recorded in our Joys and Sorrows book during the last few Sundays. Some have been emailed directly to me, and I share them with you here. – Sylvia

Joys:

Martha Lentz is home and feeling renewed after staying at Hill House for a couple of weeks. They fed her well, took care of her every need, and inspired her walking program for regaining strength.

Karl Fattig thanks everyone for their help, support, and positive intentions through his recovery. "Bless this church!" he says.

Barbara Whitepine shared her joy that her daughter, Stephanie, visited recently.

Debbie Zorach celebrated her brother-in-law's successful heart surgery.

Sorrows and Concerns:

We are so saddened by the death of the inimitable Esther Palmer on February 17. Although we knew her cancer had spread, Esther's death came as a surprise. The day before she died, she had enjoyed a visit from her son and had shared a meal with friends. When her son helped get her ready for bed on February 16, she seemed a little weaker to him, but death did not seem imminent. Nonetheless, she died in her sleep very early the following morning. Although we are shocked and sad, we can be comforted by the knowledge that Esther did not suffer the terrible pain and steady, inexorable decline often associated with cancer. She died at peace and relatively pain-free.

Esther had been a member of our church since the 1980s. She served in many capacities, including Board Chair and

Canvass Chair. Known for her warmth and made friends wherever she went. As a result, she had a large network of people who loved her and whom she loved. Esther was remarkable for her positive outlook and can-do attitude, especially considering the fact she was a Holocaust survivor. She was fun and funny, thrilled by ideas, art, music, and culture, and fully engaged in life. We will miss her terribly. A service was held for her on Sunday, February 23.

Healing wishes to Albert Moore who fell at home and broke both his back and his neck. Three surgeries later, he is out of the Special Care Unit at Maine Medical Center and anticipating a lengthy rehab and recovery.

Megan Gorchoff continues to deal with a yet-to-be-diagnosed illness. She hopes for a clear treatment path and a return to wellness soon. She misses UUCB!

Betsy Roper asks us to keep her husband Gar in our thoughts as he recovers from a hospitalization for a kidney procedure.

Leigh Peranteau's grandson was admitted to a hospital in mid-February. He is recovering well, with still more recovery ahead.

Mary Larson is recovering from a second (and final!) surgery. We look forward to seeing her back to her perky self soon.

*Love,
Sylvia*



General Assembly

We still have one spot open to provide financial support for a member to attend GA June 24th to 28th at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Let me know if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity and serve as a voting member representing UUCB.



General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates.

UUCB HAPPENINGS

Men's Luncheon : March 24

The next luncheon for men of the church will be held on **Wednesday, March 24** at noon at Byrnes Irish Pub by the rail station in Brunswick. For more information contact Jim Michaud, michaudjim33@gmail.com



Ladies Luncheon: March 4

Only a few days left until the next luncheon for church women that will be held on Wednesday, March 4th at noon at the Great Impasta, Maine Street, Brunswick. We hope to see you there. Please let Gretchen know by Monday, March 2, if you plan to attend. gkamilewicz@gmail.com or 207-833-5125.



The ReStore Needs Volunteers

- Are you looking to volunteer?
- Do you enjoy being active?
- Do you want to make a real difference in your community?
- Do you enjoy seeing the sights in the Mid-Coast area?

Our ReStore has an urgent need for new volunteers to ride along in our box truck picking up donations.

ReStore Volunteers find a lot of satisfaction in helping reduce waste through recycling still useful goods and in furthering Habitat's mission. Check this link [for more information about the truck help.](#), or speak with any of our active UUCB ReStore volunteers: Carol Briggs, Cuffy Chase or Mike Heath.

Please join the team!

To volunteer contact ReStore Manager Nick DiConzo. Call 207-504-9340 or E-Mail Nick nick@habitat7rivers.org.

Circle Suppers: March 21

Save the date for the next Circle Suppers on Saturday, March 21. 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.

— Betsy Roper

You and UU Class: March 7

If you're new to UUCB, new to Unitarian Universalism, or if you'd like a refresher course on our denomination, please join the Membership Committee for the next You and UU class. The date is Saturday, March 7 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 Parenteau 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.

ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE

Annual Pledge Drive

We are launching the 2020-2021 Pledge Drive on March 1!

Our goal is \$250,000, which is 3% higher than we raised last year.

Stay tuned for more information about this vital fund-raising initiative that supports 82% of UUCB's annual operating budget.

Sincerely,
the Pledge Drive Committee

Jon Allen, Cuffy Chase
Carol Gillespie, Mary Larson
Cindy Parker, Paul Peranteau
Janice Thompson

“A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity.”

— *Buddha*

HOW TO REACH US

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(207) 729-8515 UUBruns@gwi.net

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

Shirley Bernier, Office Administrator

Rev. Sylvia Stocker, Minister — 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. Please call ahead to schedule a meeting. For routine church business, please call Rev. Stocker at the church.

OUR FIRST PRIORITY: THE ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE

Donations to our Annual Pledge Drive represent about 82% of our total operating budget.

This is by far the financial foundation for our Church!

Annual Pledge Drive donations cover the majority of our expenses including salaries for our minister and staff; building maintenance; even keeping the lights on for the Sunday service!



Because the Pledge Drive serves as the bedrock of our annual budget, we ask that all members consider their pledges as their primary and most substantial donations. Every year we hope that 100% of our congregation will participate in the drive.

Pledges can be paid on a one-month basis, or spread over payments throughout the year. Payments can be made through automatic withdrawals from checking accounts.

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

— *Winston Churchill*

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

Immigrant Justice

Bath and Brunswick asylum seeker families continue to need the support of family support teams – a demanding and rewarding role for volunteers – and volunteers for those teams are still needed.

While transportation continues to be an everyday issue to support the many appointments that families must keep – legal, educational, language learning, health, etc, families are increasingly focusing on meeting the one-year deadline for getting their asylum-seeking application into the immigration system. Pro bono lawyers are in short supply and totally overwhelmed; volunteers are scrambling to be informed enough to offer appropriate support.

On **Sunday, March 8**, following the worship service, UUCB Asylum Seeker Group will offer the congregation a brief overview and update of the Bath Brunswick asylum seeker situation as well as present the UUCB ASG efforts over the past 6 months.



A quiet month at the Teen Center because of illnesses and snow days, but the kids have still been active:

- Junior High School students enjoyed their annual visit to the Vocational School.
- Plans are underway for a program of volunteers to assist students with learners' permits to obtain their licenses. Gas cards would be provided.
- A talent show is also in the offing.
- Employees from Norway Savings Bank presented the Teen Center with a \$125 check in Feb.



A safety-conscious Junior High student visits the Vocational School

Indigenous Awareness

The second of three events in the WFJ racial equity series, *Many Voices: Widening the Listening Circle* was a workshop created and facilitated by Maine Wabanaki REACH. The workshop, funded by the Maine Community Foundation, drew a record 70 participants.

Maine Indigenous Awareness Group (MIAG) is collaborating with Curtis Memorial Library to show the documentary film *Awake* in the Curtis Memorial Library Morrell Room in March (date to be determined). The powerful film, produced and directed with the vision of Indigenous film makers, tells the story of the Standing Rock water protectors' struggle to stop the progression of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The final event in this year's series will be Wednesday evening, April 16th, when Shay Stewart-Bouley (Black Girl in Maine blogger) brings her popular presentation, *Authentic Dialogue*, to UUCB. Watch for details coming soon.



Many Voices: Widening the Listening Circle: the simulation utilized a map of Maine, created in sections, most of which were removed as the story of native peoples progressed. Near the end of the program the map was reconstructed, as shown here.

WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MUUSAN Seeks Administrative Coordinator

The Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network links the state's Unitarian Universalist churches to amplify their voices for social justice in the public square.

Governed by an all-volunteer Steering Committee of members from UU churches throughout Maine, MUUSAN relies on support from a part-time Administrative Coordinator. The Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta is MUUSAN's fiscal agent, where the part-time Administrative Coordinator position is located.

For more information on the job description and how to apply, visit the webpage at MUUSAN.org



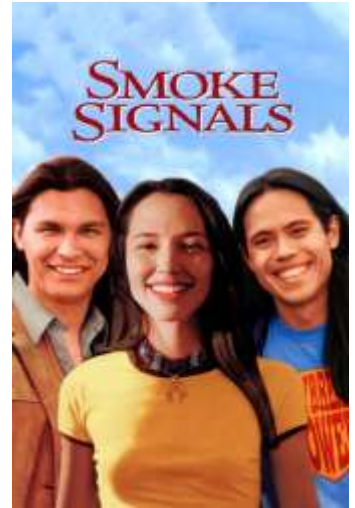
Next Film for Justice: March 15

The March Justice Film is "[Smoke Signals](#)". This is a humorous yet serious story about Victor, a young man who Director Chris Eyre describes as "trying to forgive his father."

The movie gives us a glimpse into the contemporary Native American world, and is created by an almost exclusively Native American cast. It will be screened on Sunday, March 15, at 11:30 right after the church service.

There is no charge for these films and we offer free popcorn. We encourage you to bring a friend and a bag lunch.

This film supports our continuing reflections on white privilege.



Afro-American/Cuban Insights on Slavery and Racism

As part of Cuba Week, the annual celebration of Brunswick's sister city with Trinidad, Cuba, a presentation on Afro-American/Cuban insights on slavery and racism will be offered at UUCB by Linda-Ashe Ford and James Ford on **Sunday March 29 at 11:30 am**.

Linda-Ashe Ford writes of their presentation: In the process of sharing our knowledge about the history of slavery with members of the Afro-Cuban Community in Trinidad Cuba, we gained insight into our own cultural history and why our people have always been so separated from our traditional roots in Africa. Trinidad's rich cultural traditions rooted in a connection to the music, religions, and language of Africa gives insight into the missing links in our own Afro-American cultural past.

The annual celebration of Cuba Week takes place March 20-29 this year. Now in its 17th year, Cuba Week features films, music and dance, cultural presentations and food, to celebrate the ongoing friendship and cultural exchange with Trinidad.

Moms Demand Action - ME

Midcoast Chapter Meeting

March 7, 2020

Curtis Memorial Library

Upstairs Seminar Room

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OASIS FREE CLINICS — CHARITY WITH SOUL

Oasis was created in 1992 in collaboration with Tedford Housing (and area churches like UUCB) as a healthcare for the homeless initiative. In 1995, we became a 501(c)3 non-profit and separated from Tedford.

Today, Oasis Free Clinics provide free medical and dental care, as well as administers the region's Community Prescription Assistance Program (CPAP). We serve low income, uninsured residents of Freeport, Durham, Brunswick, Harpswell and the Islands, and Sagadahoc County.

Located at 66 Baribeau Drive in Brunswick, our medical clinic provides comprehensive primary care five days a week by our small clinical team and volunteer medical providers who treat a wide range of acute and chronic issues.

We currently serve over 530 patients in the medical clinic. Through CPAP, we helped 200+ people in our community obtain almost \$1.3 million in medications, including insulin



and inhalers, in 2019.

Oasis is the only free dental clinic in southern Midcoast Maine. Our volunteer dentists provide free comprehensive dental care to Oasis medical patients. Services include x-rays, fillings, extractions, oral cancer screenings, and

cleanings. Last year, we provided over \$300,000 in free dental services to almost 300 Oasis patients.

Oasis does not receive any federal or state funding. We rely on individuals, businesses, religious organizations, special events, foundations and the United Way to support our work.

In 2020, we are celebrating 25 years of providing thousands of people with free medical and dental care. For more information, visit www.OasisFreeClinics.org or call 721-9277.

SIDE DOOR COFFEEHOUSE



Magic 8 Ball

It's springtime and look who's here... Magic 8 Ball. The boys roll into town in March to play one of their favorite venues, the venerable Side Door Coffeehouse. Every Magic 8 Ball show is as cozy and intimate as a living room house concert, featuring quality originals along side covers by the likes of Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, The Band, and The Grateful Dead. Come and go with a premier Mid-Coast band who will inspire and amuse. Please join Chris Moore, Ben Hunsberger, Chris Dombrowski, and Ted DeMille and usher spring in with a joyful noise.



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

Friday Evening, March 20

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.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

HEATHER MASSE AND JED WILSON Saturday, March 14 @ 7:30 pm

Maine native Heather Masse is well-known to audiences as a regular guest on the NPR radio show “A Prairie Home Companion,” both as a solo performer and as a member of the Billboard-charting folk supergroup, The Wailin’ Jennys. She has also performed in many venues and with other popular groups such as the bluegrass band *The Wayfaring Strangers*, on NPR’s *World Cafe*, and at Boston’s Symphony Hall with the *Boston Pops*.

For this concert, Heather joins forces with jazz pianist Jed Wilson. Heather and Jed met as jazz students at the New England Conservatory of Music and have been performing together for more than ten years. Heather’s background is

steeped in the jazz tradition, which informs her distinct approach to singing folk, pop and bluegrass.

Ms. Masse has released 2 CD’s of jazz-inspired folk duets with Mr. Wilson. The title track of her first solo CD “Bird Song” won her 1st prize at the International Acoustic Music Awards. She also won a prestigious Juno Award for “*Bright Morning Stars*,” her latest recording with The Wailin’ Jennys.

“Masse exhibits impeccable phrasing and a lush sound that suggests the sensuousness of Sophie Milman shot through with somber, Sarah Vaughan threads.” — *Jazz Times*

TICKETS: \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, \$10 Students/Children.

Available at the church office, Gulf of Maine Books, or online at <https://masse.brownpapertickets.com/>



DIRTY CELLO DUO Saturday, April 4 @ 7:30 pm

From China to Italy, and all over the U.S., Dirty Cello brings the world a high energy and unique spin on cello playing. Based in San Francisco, the Dirty Cello Duo is comprised of Rebecca Roudman on cello/vocals/fiddle and Jason Eckl on guitar. Roudman, a genre-bending player who doubles as a cellist in the Santa Rosa Symphony, will bring you cello like you’ve never heard before. She tackles the band’s varied repertoire with a rock ‘n’ roll sensibility. The band plays every style imaginable and does some fantastic covers and a few originals. But what is most spectacular about them is hearing the depth of soul in Roudman’s playing—it goes beyond what most people would expect from the instrument.

From down home blues with a wailing cello to virtuosic stompin’ bluegrass, **Dirty Cello** is a band that gets your heart thumping and your toes tapping!



FYI: “Dirty” is a musical term. A “dirty” cello has more of a bluesy quality than your classical cello. Originating from Afro-American music, “dirty” notes sound rough and a microtone under pitch compared to the pure tone of classical music.

UUCB — MARCH 2020

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