



# Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

## October 2019

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## Sunday Worship Services at 10:00

### *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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### Oct. 6 Belonging

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Rev. Stocker introduces our theme for the month of October. Music by Derek Herzer.

### Oct. 13 You Belong Here

Rev. Stocker

In our Mission Statement we say we "welcome all." How do we create a safe place where everyone feels as though they belong? In honor of National Coming Out Day, Rev. Stocker and Director of Religious Exploration Toben Cooney-Callnan explore this topic together. Music by Derek Herzer.

### Oct 20 Ministry

Rev. Stocker

As the new church year dawns, we begin to say goodbye to Sylvia and we also ordain our former student minister, Claire Curole. This is a good time to reflect on what ministry is and why it's important. Music by Derek Herzer.

**Oct. 20 at 4:00 PM** we will ordain our former student intern Claire Curole to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry. Please plan to come and celebrate this happy occasion!

### Oct. 27 Again?

Rev. T. Richard Snyder

Whose "again" are we looking to recover? Making America great again? Being born again? Is memory merely nostalgia or can it have the power to transgress? Rev. Snyder is Prof. Emeritus at NY Theological Seminary and is a founder of the Restorative Justice Project in Maine. Music by UUCB Choir and Grace Lewis-McLaren .

## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

### RE Family Mixer

On **September 29th at 11:15** the RE Committee will be hosting a Mixer for RE Families and folks who may be curious about the Religious Exploration Program. The purpose of the mixer is, well... to mix. We will enjoy snacks and play some games. Mostly, we wanted to create a way for families to spend some time together so they could start to get to know one another. We hope to see you there!

### We Have Lift Off!

The Religious Exploration Program 2019-20 year has begun! So far, we've had our first Children's Chapel and first classes. Children's Chapel is a special service designed specifically for children and youth led by the Director of Religious Exploration that follows the same theme of the month as the services in the Sanctuary. September's theme of Expectation led teachers to ask exciting questions like, "What can water teach us about Expectation"? October's theme is Belonging and we have some great lessons planned. We can't wait to share them!

### Wait a Minute...

Did you say, "Religious Exploration?" you ask. Yes indeed! It's something new that we are trying on. Actually, it's not

really new. The RE Program used to be called Religious Exploration some years ago. We are just changing it back. It may take some getting used to but we think you will grow to really like it. "Exploration" is a much better term for what we do during our time together on Sunday mornings. Sure we are teaching and learning new things but RE is so much more than that. RE is all about trying on new thoughts, ideas, concepts, rituals, and responsibilities and finding what feels like the most authentic thing for us. So we are trying on the new title Religious Exploration to see if it does, in fact, fit us better!

### New Teachers

As you may have noticed, we hired some new teachers. Some of our hired teachers should look familiar because they have helped out in the Religious Exploration Program in past years. We welcome back Tammi Donovan who will be teaching Pre-K and Kindergarten and Carol Masterson who will be teaching grades 1-3. New to UUCB is Katie Dipiero who will be teaching grades 4-6. Katie will be traveling in Europe for a few weeks during October so members of the RE Committee will be leading her classes until she returns. Stay tuned for bios and pictures which should make it into the next *Parish Messenger*.

— *Toben Cooney-Callnan*

## HOW TO REACH US

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**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.

## ADULT RE

### Next Up: Adult Education Events

The Adult Education Committee will be extending their fall theme "**Emerging Therapies for Pain**" **October 27 and November 24 between 11:30 and 12:30**. The October program will be a discussion of the therapeutic uses of CBD oil. In November the uses of medical marijuana will be the subject. More information can be found in the green sheet included in the order of service as details are solidified. Please bring your questions and experiences with you!

— *Martha Lentz*

## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

.A few Sundays ago I told the story about the man who had been stranded all alone on a desert island for years and years. One day a ship sailed into view. The man managed to hail the ship, which sent a sailor ashore. After greeting the man, the sailor noticed three little huts standing on the banks of the island.

“What's that building?’ the sailor asked.

“That's my house,” the man replied.

“What about that one?” the sailor asked, pointing to the second building.

“That's my church,” the man explained.

“What about that third building?” the sailor wanted to know.

“That? Oh, that's where I used to go to church.”

As our children take up the theme of “Belonging” for the month of October, I cannot help but stop to consider what it means to belong to a church. Most of us join churches with high hopes and expectations. And then, as it turns out, the church is filled with people who are imperfect, just like us. The truth is that the church is most perfect on the day we join it. After that, we discover one another's warts, and any thoughts of perfection slide right out the window. As the man in the story learned, “No matter where you go, there you are.”

But maybe that's the point. Don't most people want to be accepted as they are? Even with imperfections? And, isn't that kind of acceptance a two-way street? And, don't we all want to learn to love ourselves better, even though we know we can never be perfect?

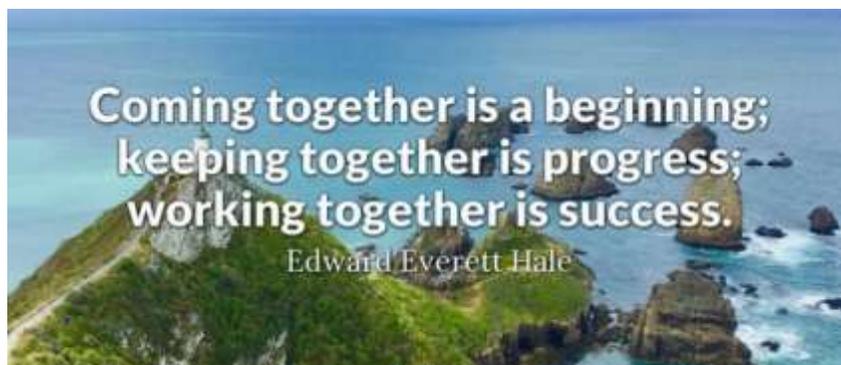


That doesn't mean we can't help and challenge one another to grow. It doesn't mean there is no room for improvement. Of course, a church ought also to be a place of inspiration, pointing us to high ideals and a better world.

What it does mean is that we have a chance to work and grow together, despite our imperfections. It means having the humility to understand we ourselves are not perfect and adopting an openness to others regardless of the ways they may seem to fall short. When things are perfect, there is nothing to discover, nothing to learn. But the hard things in life can often teach us the deepest lessons. So, doesn't it follow that we might stand to learn more from flaws than perfection?

Here's to flaws – yours and mine – and the lessons we can gain from bringing our imperfect selves to the table and learning and growing together, regardless.

*Love,  
Sylvia*



## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

### Volunteers

One of our goals this year is to improve the process of recruiting and retaining volunteers. As a first step in that effort, we are assessing the current status of volunteer work at UUCB.

I have been collecting information to learn about what is being done and where there are gaps. Although my list is probably incomplete at this point, I count 35 different tasks—either committees, small groups, or individual efforts—that comprise the work of the church. Many members are doing more than one thing, but put together, the list includes an astonishing 187 volunteer assignments. Some of the jobs are very small and some are very large, some performed individually, some in groups.

One obvious gap is our lack of a Church Program Council, and the Board's decision as to whether we push to reconstitute that group will depend in part on results of this assessment. In any case, it has been eye-opening for the Board to see what is being done!

### Building Security

Speaking of volunteers, Ben Barker has stepped forward to take over the very important job of building security administrator. Enormous thanks to Mike Heath for leading the effort to establish and maintain our electronic security system for the past several years. Ben will be in charge of keys, codes, and overall supervision of building security. He will also be #1 on the call list—the people who get a call from Cunningham Security (formerly Northeast Security Systems) when our alarm goes off.



### Policy Review

The Board approved a new Gifts Acceptance Policy at our September meeting. The purpose of this policy is to establish the criteria by which the Church determines whether to accept gifts offered to UUCB. The policy document will be available for congregational review and input for a period of 30 days prior to final approval.

### Ordination

At our Annual Meeting last June, the congregation voted to collaborate with the Unitarian Universalist Community Church (Augusta) in the ordination of our former ministerial student intern, Claire Curole. We will be hosting the ordination ceremony at UUCB, and at our September meeting of the Board, we agreed to share associated costs with the Augusta church. **The ceremony will be on Sunday afternoon, October 20th at 4:00 PM.** Let's fill the church for this wonderful celebration!

— Glenn Williams

No great task is ever accomplished alone.  
It's going to take all of us to move  
our world, and our faith, forward  
in the ways of truth,  
compassion,  
and justice.

—UUA President  
Susan Frederick-Gray,  
UU World



### Hospitality Hosts Still Needed

We take turns providing beverages for our congregation to enjoy during conversation after Sunday Worship Services. Please sign up! MANY SUNDAY DATES AVAILABLE! Here are the details:

Go to Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0444a8a72ba5fa7-hospitality2>

QUESTIONS or not tech savvy? Send a separate email to Heidi Neufeld at: [hvneufeld@gmail.com](mailto:hvneufeld@gmail.com).

## CONGREGATIONAL HEART BEAT

### Joys, Sorrows and Concerns

The following joys, sorrows, and concerns were recorded in our congregational notebook, which is available to write in every Sunday before the church service.

#### Joys:

Russell and Barbara Jabaut joyfully celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 16th, and with a Woodstock themed party on August 17th at their home, with family and friends.

Mary Ann Gesner and Carol Drake are both recovering well from hip replacement surgery.

Ken and Carol Drake are grandparents again with the adoption of Henry Michael Lemoult in Florida.

Esther Palmer is recovering from surgery for lung cancer. Recovery is going remarkably well. She is already driving again! And attending church, too! She thanks everyone for the get well wishes and says they worked. "Every day in every way, I am getting better," says Esther.

Sienna Dode celebrates that the Dempsey Center has accepted her proposal to teach an art meditation class to patients and caregivers. She is offering it as a way to give back for all the support and compassion and love she has received as a breast cancer survivor.

The Art Gallery Committee was thrilled to exhibit paintings from church members and friends. What talented artists we have among us!

*ED. NOTE: Rev. Sylvia Stocker compiles this list of joys, sorrows, and concerns monthly for the Parish Messenger, mostly from items written in the book on Sundays. If you would like your news reported (and you haven't left a message in the book), please contact Sylvia.*

#### Concerns:

Many lifted up the asylum-seekers, with prayers that they will find stability, peace, and security in their transitional homes here. We extend our hands in friendship to them.

We hold in our hearts those who were in the path of Hurricane Dorian.

We were sad to learn Sallie Crittendon and Don Moorhead are moving to senior living in Portland. They will be making the Allen Avenue UU church their new congregational home.

Minister Emeritus Brad Mitchell endured another C Diff infection recently. He is recovered now and would love to have visitors.

#### Sorrows

We were saddened to learn long-time Habitat for Humanity staffer Michele Ober lost her battle with multiple myeloma and died on August 22.

Sylvia shared her sorrow that her family's vet Anne DelBorgo died.

— Sylvia Stocker

### Lawn Signs of Welcome

Welcome our new Mainer neighbors with a lawn sign in 3 languages. The message is essentially "No matter where you're from, we're glad you're our neighbors."

Signs are available in the church office for \$8.00 or see Cathey Cyrus.



## UUCB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### HEALTHCARE- Dismayed? Worried? Left out? Hopeful?

**Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:00** at Curtis Memorial Library — Join Maine AllCare for a film and panel & discussion. The film is *“Medicare 4 All, How do we pay for it?”* and the panel:

- Denise Tepler, Maine Legislature Representative, Topsham;
- Susan Tarpinian, co-owner Morning Glory;
- Wells Lyons, lawyer & co-owner Rogue Industries;
- Julie Pease MD, psychiatrist & MAC founding Board member.

The panel will address questions and statements from the audience. Maine AllCare: “We think every Mainer should have the healthcare they sorely need – and deserve!”

### You Are Invited!

Grace Lewis-McLaren invites you to a free ORGAN RECITAL she will play on **Friday, October 11 at 7:00** in celebration of her 80th birthday.

This informal concert will be held in Bowdoin College Chapel at 7 pm.

Cider and cookies at UUCB after the concert. Please bring your friends!

— *Grace Lewis McLaren*



Happy 80th Grace!



### Ladies' Luncheon

All women of the church are invited to a potluck luncheon on **Wednesday, October 23rd, 11:30**, at the Dipper Cove clubhouse on Orr's Island. Please let Gretchen know by October 21st if you are coming and what you are bringing to share. Last spring's luncheon was a lot of fun so we hope you will join us. Gretchen will send out directions to you if you need them. Contact Gretchen's at: [gkamilewicz@gmail.com](mailto:gkamilewicz@gmail.com) or 207-833-5125.



### Mah Jongg

The membership committee is offering the opportunity to learn and play Mah Jongg each Tuesday at UUCB.

Mah Jongg is an ancient Chinese game played with tiles and 3 to 4 players. There is no need to cooperate with a partner (ala bridge) for you are on your own. A player uses problem-solving and choice-making in order to WIN...yay! Games are 20-30 minutes long and In between games there is ample opportunity to share anecdotes, jokes, books read, or experiences, etc. Of course, there are always negative aspects to consider: no fundraising, no standing around, no to-do lists.

CAUTION: Mah Jongg may become addictive...

Come to the UUCB sanctuary on Tuesdays starting on October 1 from 9:30 AM to noon. Please be prompt if you are a newbie, however once you learn, feel free to come and go as you please. Bring a friend!

Any questions, contact Clara Ross 442-7502 assisted by Penny Elwell 373-0730.

## UUCB ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### Holiday Fair Planning is Underway (Already)

Save the date! The Holiday Fair will be held on December 7th. The gears are turning. The planning has begun. The sign-up sheets will be out after the service starting on November 3rd.

Consider looking through your closets and basements and attics for items for the Green Elephant and Jewelry tables (think books, hand tools, Christmas decorations, all jewelry and nice smaller garage sale items.

As we near the date you'll hear about wreath making and cooking opportunities!

— Joanne Allen and Cuffy Chase, Coordinators

### Circle Suppers are Back October 19:

Circle 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.

Sign-up sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall.

Contact Leigh Paranteau if you have questions or wish to be a host. 207-725-4874 or [leigh763@yahoo.com](mailto:leigh763@yahoo.com).



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# Women of the Harbor Festival

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### Friday, October 25

**Community Event:** Maine Girl's Chorus & Dr. Carolyn Anderson workshop: Living Wholeheartedly in a Time of Uncertainty. Begins at 6:30, \$25 includes wine and cheese social.

### Saturday, October 26

**9 am to 1 pm: The Brunswick Hotel and Tavern**  
Dr. Carolyn Anderson workshop: *The Daring Way* - \$45 (eligible for 4 CEU's)

**3 to 5 pm: The Brunswick Hotel and Tavern** -  
Dance with DJ - Chad (Tix at the door) - \$10

**7:30 pm: Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick** - Jazz singer SUEDE performs for *Concerts for a Cause* - \$30

### Sunday Morning, October 27

Brunch at the Brunswick Hotel and Tavern 9 – 11 am:  
With music by Gemma Caswell and her dad Jud



Tickets for all events are available online at  
[WomenoftheHarborFestival.brownpapertickets.com](http://WomenoftheHarborFestival.brownpapertickets.com)

FMI contact Susan Pelley at  
[womenoftheharborfestival2019@gmail.com](mailto:womenoftheharborfestival2019@gmail.com)

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE STEERING GROUP

### Immigrant Justice

Mid Coast New Mainers Group (MCNMG) continues to partner with several asylum seeker families in Bath. In addition to the relatively settled three families who have been in this country for two years or more (in permanent housing, finding employment, pursuing education, etc.), there are three more families who have come very recently from the Expo in Portland and are now in temporary housing in Bath where rent is provided for one year through Maine Housing Authority.

These families, from DRC and Angola have many challenges just to meet their basic needs including language learning, general assistance, food, home furnishings, health care, public school registration and legal/immigration status papers, transportation, communication (phones), etc.

More than 15 families from the Expo are temporarily housed in apartments at Brunswick Landing. Brunswick has hired a full time cultural broker to oversee the needs of this larger group. A complex system of volunteers is working in both Bath and in Brunswick to pursue needed services under the guidance of MCNMG steering group and TEAN (Brunswick's The Emergency Action Network). People who wish to volunteer should fill out a volunteer form available from the MCNMG.

People are directed to the ILAP (Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project) website and the Welcoming the Stranger website for updated information about the challenges faced by asylum seekers in Maine and nationally.

### Moms Demand Action

Members of the gun violence prevention community and Maine Moms Demand Action are calling for allies in their work to join a "Rapid Response Team." This Team would be ready to write letters, send emails, or make phone calls to legislators, as well as show up at the State House when called, to show our legislators that we expect them to vote for life saving legislation.

If you are interested, please speak with Lynn Ellis or Pat Moore on the Working For Justice Steering Group.

Also, save the date for the 7th anniversary recognition of Sandy Hook. We will hold a vigil at UUCB on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 4-8pm.

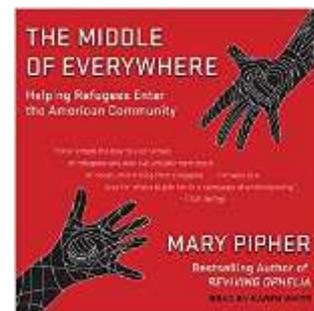


-- Lynn Ellis

### Community Read & Book Discussion

Everyone in Bath and Brunswick are encouraged to read Mary Pipher's book, *The Middle of Everywhere*.

*"Over the past decade, Mary Pipher has been our source of wisdom, helping us to better understand our children, our elders, and ourselves. Now she gives us the tools to connect with the newest members of the American family-refugees."*



Discussions:

- Patten Free Library; Community Room; **Wednesday, 10/23, 6:30-8pm**
- Curtis Memorial Library; **Thursday, 11/7, 6:30-8pm**; Morrell Room

A limited number of books are available for loan at both libraries and on sale in local book stores: Brunswick at Gulf of Maine and Bath at Mustard Seed

### Asylum Seekers Group Formed

UUCB has created an Asylum Seekers Group (ASG) steering group to assure that the congregation is kept aware of opportunities to support the overall Mid Coast effort and is kept informed as the situation continues to evolve.

To date UUCB members and friends have helped purchase gift cards for food and household items, donated needed clothing and furniture and helped with translation and transportation. ASG is researching the ongoing need for cell phones and minutes, hoping to create a cell phone support system that will be sustainable over the long term.

Hopefully an interfaith effort will be developed to assure ongoing financial support. Grants are being considered as well.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE STEERING GROUP

### Asylum Seekers' Group September Update (9-15-19)

Under the UUCB charge to "...work with other organizations to meet the needs of asylum seekers wherever and however we can, keeping in mind the transformative nature of these efforts for our congregation", the ASG steering group reports the following progress:

- Our UUCB Congregation has contributed more than \$1170 in HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS for the asylum seeker families to use to supplement needs not covered by General Assistance. These cards are distributed to the families through The Emergency Action Network (TEAN).
- Additionally, Bus Cards for The Explorer and Breez bus services are being sought and contributed as are gift cards to Walmart to cover prescriptions and other household items.
- ASG steering group members scan the TEAN FACEBOOK page regularly to ascertain the new and emerging needs for the seekers and bring this information to the Congregation's attention.
- Our Congregation has made contact with the Cultural Broker, Nsiona Nguizani (first name pronounced See-O-Na) hired by the Town of Brunswick to organize and manage the needs of the asylum seekers living in Brunswick. It is our plan to coordinate all our



Brunswick related activities with him. However, there are asylum seekers housed in Bath and Topsham as well. We communicate closely with the Mid Coast New Mainers Group (MCNMG) as well as TEAN addressing the needs asylum seekers in all

these towns.

- The ASG steering group is deeply involved in the development of a program and budget proposal to meet the immediate and long term cell phone needs of the asylum seeker community. This is complex in that, in addition to the costs of the phones, the minutes, and data plans, the decision regarding the choice of a cell phone provider must also consider cellular reception in the housing areas and the plans some seekers already have from their stay in Portland.
- We are conducting research to find stable and renewable funding sources to sustain the cell phone initiative. No proposals have been submitted yet, but considerations for potential funding sources include UUA Congregation Based Community Organizing Grants, The Maine Community Foundation and a potential collaboration of local faith communities – possibly through the Brunswick Area Interfaith Council. (BAIC)
- We are encouraging continued dialogue between the towns of Brunswick, Bath, and Topsham for broader and more clearly defined "institutionalized" support for the expanding population of asylum seekers arriving locally.
- As the Mid Coast region's engagement with newly arrived asylum seekers continues to evolve, we encourage people to pay close attention to the local and national news for updates on the challenges faced by our new neighbors. The ILAP (Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project) website provides up to date information on some of these daunting realities.

The ASG steering group meetings are open to all UUCB members and friends however we currently meet on an irregular schedule of every 2 weeks or so on Tuesdays at 5:30. We will try to post those dates in advance, but please speak to one of us if you would like to attend. We are: Cathey Cyrus, Adair Delamater, Peg Duston, Stan Eller, Lynn Ellis, Cassie Snyder, Dick Snyder, Glenn Williams.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE EVENTS & UPDATES

### Indigenous Awareness

Midcoast Indigenous Awareness Group (MIAG) is organizing programming in recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day. Basic information follows below; flyers will be available soon.

#### Monday evening, October 7

*An Indigenous Peoples Day Talk with Maulian Dana, Ambassador of the Penobscot Nation*

6-7:30pm, Morrell Room, Curtis Memorial Library

#### Sunday afternoon, October 13

*Film screening of Dawnland*

3 pm Frontier Café Q and A to follow with Penthea Burns of Maine Wabanaki REACH

#### Monday morning, October 14

*Stories for Children (of all ages) with Mihku Paul, Malecite poet and story teller*

10-12noon, Curtis Memorial Library, Morrell Room—Two separate sessions:

10-11 am Wabanaki stories and songs

11-12 noon Wabanaki stories and songs

#### Monday evening, October 14

*Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration and programming*

4-7 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick  
Program to include music, stories, and local produce potluck – Native and non-native food (Bring a local produce dish to share).



Maine has replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day, joining an increasing number of states and localities that have made the change.

"There is power in a name and in who we choose to honor," Gov. Janet T. Mills of Maine said in a statement about the bill, which she signed into law April 26.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is Mon. Oct. 14, 2019.

### WFJ's "Will Call" List

Would you like to help out at a Working for Justice event? Maybe only two or three times during the church year? We are not asking for an ongoing commitment, no meetings to attend, just lending a hand from time to time. If this appeals to you, please do sign-up on our "Will Call" list.

The help needed from those on our "Will Call" list includes setting and cleaning up for an event, designing a sign or banner, putting posters around town, operating AV equipment (with training), or baking some goodies.

To sign-up, please email Cuffy Chase, [cmc1322@gmail.com](mailto:cmc1322@gmail.com); or Jane Danielson, [janedanielson90@gmail.com](mailto:janedanielson90@gmail.com) and let us know what help you might be able to offer.

Lending a hand makes it easier and more fun for all. Thank you!

### Join the ReStore Volunteer Team!

**The ReStore operates on its volunteer power...**

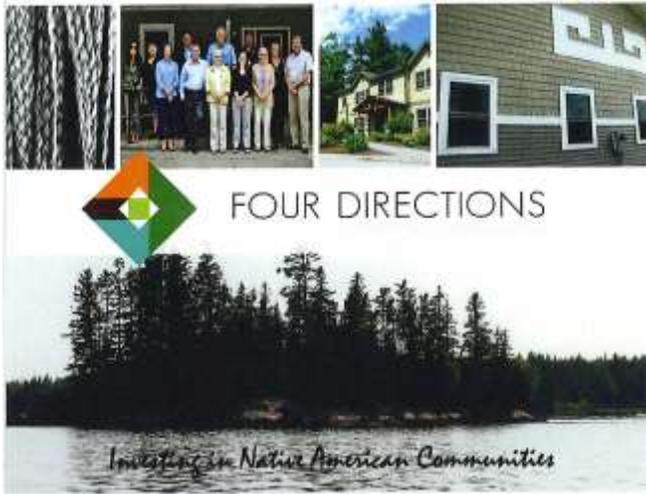
▶ Volunteer responsibilities may include cleaning, testing, displaying of product, customer service and cash register sales. Volunteer shifts are typically Tuesday–Friday, 9:30am-1:30pm OR 1:30-5:30pm; Saturdays 9:30am-12noon OR 12noon-3pm.

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## OCTOBER CHARITY WITH SOUL



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- HOME MORTGAGE AND IMPROVEMENT LOANS FOR ON & OFF RESERVATION PROPERTIES
- FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME, ELDERLY, AND DISABLED TAXPAYERS
- FREE FINANCIAL COUNSELING (CREDIT, BUDGET, AND HOME OWNERSHIP)
- ARTISAN/SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT (i.e. BUSINESS PLANNING ASSISTANCE, GRANTS & LOANS)

We also offer the following tribal and community-level products:

- TRIBAL WORKING CAPITAL LOANS FOR PREDEVELOPMENT WORK AND OPERATIONAL FUNDING GAPS
- CONSTRUCTION FINANCING AND PARTICIPATION LENDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Contact us for more information:

WWWFOURDIRECTIONSMAINE.ORG | 207.886.6545 | 20  
Godfrey Drive. Orono ME 04473 | NMLS#1452727



The congregation supports a different Charity With Soul each month by sharing the Sunday offering. All non-pledge contributions to the offering basket are divided equally for the work of the church and the Charity With Soul. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you!

## TEEN CENTER UPDATE



After a successful summer UUCB's help is needed for the following projects:

at the Teen Center, the school season started with a bang. On the first day of school there were 33 teens and the following day there were 27. On the second week there were even more teens, a total of 117 in the four days the Teen Center is open. Some were even accompanied by their parents but had to be placed on a waiting list.

- \* An art teacher wants to provide art lessons, but three or four of the teens need someone to sponsor them.
- \* The Director will need help with Christmas gifts for about 70 teens.
- \* A bicycle rack is needed for kids to park their bikes while at the People Plus building.
- \* And, as always, snacks, juice, fruit juice mix, and fruits.

As we meet with the staff, we will continue to bring you their requests. Thank you UUCB for your continuing support!

## CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

### ONE CONCERT DOWN, SEVEN TO GO!

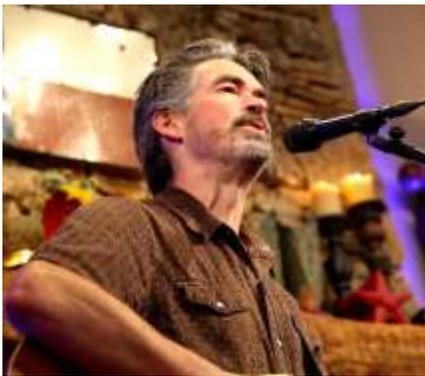


Canadian singer-songwriter Garnet Rogers performed at the church on Sept 14th, and fans came all the way from Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts to hear him play. Having never been to this part of Maine before, Garnet (and the Concert Committee) were a little worried about whether he would draw a crowd here, but 144 people attended the concert, and we netted \$830 for the church to divide with our 2 charities: Tedford Housing and Oasis Free Clinics. His fans were thrilled with the concert.

Many thanks to the Concert Committee members for making the evening run like clockwork. Thanks to Dan Ellis for taking on the duties of sound tech once again and Caroline Evans treating her job as “kitchen wench” like a professional. Finally, a giant thank-you to the people who provided refreshments for intermission. We made \$80 from the refreshments donations alone.

I hope that people who have never donated refreshments before would consider signing up to help for future concerts.

— Sue Michaud



## SLAID CLEAVES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 @ 7:30 PM

Cleaves, who grew up in South Berwick, started playing music in local garage bands as a teenager, then went off to Tufts University to major in English and philosophy. During his junior year abroad in Ireland, he honed his guitar and vocal skills and, in his free time became a busker—a street singer, playing the songs of his favorite musicians such as Woody Guthrie, Johnny Cash, and Bruce

Springsteen. He also began to write some of his own songs.

After college, Cleaves became part of the Portland music scene where he quickly built a local fanbase, both as a solo act and with his band The Moxie Men. His acoustic career took off after he moved to Austin, Texas in 1991, and he rose to national prominence in 1997 upon the release of his national debut, *No Angel Knows*. He has achieved national success with all his subsequent albums, 14 in all. In 1992, he was a winner of the prestigious Kerryville Folk competition.

Now twenty-seven years into his storied career, Cleaves’ songwriting has never been more potent than on his newest album *Ghost on the Car Radio*.

Cleaves’ voice is a clear tenor with a hint of grit. He has combined his passion for folk, blues, and traditional country music into an amalgamation of styles known as Americana. Rolling Stone called Cleaves “a master storyteller, one influenced not by the shine of pop culture but by the dirt of real life.”

**Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door, \$10 students/children**

Available at the concert table after worship service, in the church office, at Gulf of Maine Books, or online at

<https://cleaves.brownpapertickets.com/>

## CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

### SUADE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 @ 7:30 PM

Imagine a cross between Adele, Diana Krall and Bette Midler and you'll be approaching some idea of Suede's powerful presence, musical talents, and well-honed skills. Pop/Jazz/Blues phenom Suede plays piano, guitar and trumpet, but voice is her first instrument and entertaining is clearly her first love.

When the late great Bea Arthur saw Suede perform, she told her, "Thank you for the most incredible night of my life in an audience. You are to die for!" Likewise, the New York Times published a review, "Voices like hers come along maybe once in a generation."

From astounding a cappella, incredibly intimate ballads, and smokin' trumpet solos, to "bring down the house" belting blues, Suede delivers it all with her own unique blend of warmth, wit and musical artistry.



**Tickets:** \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door,  
\$10 students/children

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## SIDE DOOR COFFEEHOUSE



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

### LYNN DEEVES



Maine singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist Lynn Deeves honed her stage skills on the New England high energy, rock club circuit of the 1980's and 90's. Her soulful vocals and easeful presence have captivated audiences around the Northeast and beyond. Deeves has released 3 independent CD's and collaborated on a 4th with Maine songwriting trio "under the song tree," along with notable Maine performers Anni Clark and Dan Merrill. Lynn has shared stages with Cheryl Wheeler, Ellis Paul, Ferron, Catie Curtis, America and many of her live show "...5-star stage presence...this gals' got a set of pipes..."). Deeves was recently selected to contribute a track to the "Maine Pink Album," celebrating the 26 greatest women recording artists in Maine, a benefit compilation for the Maine Breast Cancer Coalition.

**Friday Evening, October 18**  
**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.

# UUCB—OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4 Membership 7 Worship Com	2 9:30 New Mainers	3 7 Choir	4 Tedford Shelter Meal	5 9:30 AA <b>7:30 Concert for a Cause: Slaid Cleaves</b>
6 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:15 Modernizing Comm Task Force 11:30 Visitors & Newcomers Potluck 12 RE Owl group	7 Office Closed	8 9:30 Mah Jongg 10:30 Church Angels 3 Finance Com 6:30 Stories with Soul 7 Pastoral Care 7 RE Com	9 4 UU Christian Group 6 Story House Book Discussion	10 7 Choir	11 7 Grace Lewis McLaren organ recital (Bowdoin Chapel) followed by reception at UUCB	12 9:30 AA
13 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 12 RE Owl group	14 Office Closed  Rev. Stocker Sabbatical Week begins	15 9:30 UUCB Mah Jongg 6:30 Board of Trustees	16	17 1 Wabanaki REACH 6 MIAG 7 Choir	18 1-4 Emma Becker Art Reception <b>Side Door Coffeehouse</b> 7 Open Mike 8:30 Featured Performer: Lynn Deeves	19 9:30 AA  <b>Circle Suppers</b>
20 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 4 Ordination Ceremony for Claire Curole	21 Office Closed	22 9:30 UUCB Mah Jongg 6:30 Stories with Soul	23	24 10:30 Building & Grounds 5:15 Maine AllCare 7 Choir	25 5 Parish Messenger Deadline	26 9:30 AA  <b>7:30 Concert for a Cause: Suede</b>
27 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Adult RE 12 RE Owl group	28 Office Closed	29 9:30 UUCB Mah Jongg	30 12 Men's Luncheon, location TBA	31 9 Gallery Com 10 Chalice Circle Facilitators 7 Choir		

**DEADLINE FOR THE November PARISH MESSENGER - October 25**

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