



# Parish Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick

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Visiting clergy at Claire Curole's Ordination Ceremony (more on page 6)

*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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## Sunday Worship Services at 10:00

### Nov. 3 Day of Remembrance

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

The fall season now upon us, we set apart this Sunday to remember our dearly departed loved ones. Before the service starts, you are welcome to decorate the chancel steps with photographs or mementos of loved ones who have died. We will pay tribute to those who have gone before us. Music by the choir conducted by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Derek Herzer.

### Nov. 10 Flanders Field

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Music by Derek Herzer.

### Nov. 17 A Tiny Room Under the Eaves

Rev. Sylvia Stocker

Music by Jud Caswell.

### Nov. 24 Multigenerational Thanksgiving Service

Toben Cooney-Callnan and Rev. Stocker

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Midcoast Hunger Project. Music by the choir conducted by Heidi Neufeld and accompanied by Derek Herzer.

### Dec. 1 An Immigrant Spirituality—Welcoming the "other"

Rev. Eduardo Pazos

Immigration is one of the most debated topics in our country today. What does our faith and spirituality teach us about the immigrant, the other, and those who are homeless, or in transition? The struggle for immigrant justice is not just a political struggle, it is a spiritual practice that is deeply rooted in our common desire for justice and peace for all people.

## RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

### Introducing Our Religious Exploration Teachers and Staff

#### Tammis Donovan: Pre-K/ K

Tammis Donovan has been a member of UUCB over 20 years. For 18 of those years, she taught early childhood music and movement classes in local daycares and preschools while raising her son Max and working part-time at Bowdoin College. When the opportunity to continue working with very young children in the UUCB Pre-K/K class arose last year, she jumped at the chance! Thrilled to continue as a full-fledged teacher this year, Tammis also enjoys serving as a new member of the RE Committee and singing with the choir. She lives in Edgecomb with her partner Steve Peters, Miles the dog and Captain the cat!

*Tammis Donovan*



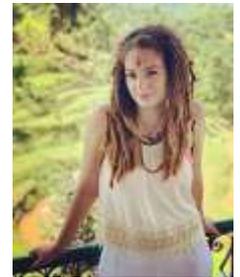
*Carol Masterson*

#### Carol Masterson: Grades 1/2/3

Besides teaching RE for grades 1 -3, Carol enjoys making art, playing guitar and learning French. Also, she has not given up on her dream of becoming a lovely ballerina.

#### Katie DiPiero: Grades 4/5/6

Katie Ann DiPierro recently returned from the Himalayan foothills of India where she received her teaching certification in raja yoga. She now teaches this practice twice a week at Women's Fitness Studio & Spa in Brunswick. Katie also has a bachelor's degree in studio art with a concentration in printmaking, and a life-long love and interest in photography.



*Katie DiPiero*

#### Erika McKenney: Nursery

Erika grew up in Brunswick and attended the UUCB sporadically throughout childhood. She attended the University of Maine Farmington and holds a degree in special education. She, her husband, and their four wonderful children live in Topsham and have been attending the church for several years.

#### Sam Caswell: Nursery Assistant

Sam is 13 and has been attending UUCB since they were very little. Sam is having fun getting to know the youngest church members. Sam's favorite things to do outside of church involve theater, singing, playing lots of different instruments, reading and writing, and manatees.



#### RE "Mixed"

Thank you to everyone who helped out with and attended the Religious Exploration Mixer. It was a lot of fun and Our Name Bingo was a success!

#### O.W.L.

The 7-9 graders in the Youth Group have been participating in the Our Whole Lives program. They are joined by youth from the Universalist Church of Yarmouth. Tom Rumf and Alexis Nolan are serving as facilitators for the program. On Saturday October 19th, they had an O.W.L. sleepover complete with a panel of guests from the local LGBTQIA community AND pizza... lots and lots of pizza.

O.W.L. sessions coming up: Nov. 3 at UUCB, Nov. 10 & 17 in Yarmouth, Dec. 1 & 8 at UUCB, Dec. 15 in Yarmouth. All sessions are 1-3:00.

*Erika McKenney*



*Sam Caswell*

## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

So quickly a life can turn from this to that. We thought we were moving one way and, boom, out of the blue, something alters our course altogether. Of course, we know that is always a possibility. That's how life is: unpredictable from the get-go. Only if you are like me, you might need to be reminded every once in a while.

I've been thinking a lot about the unpredictability of life these last few weeks. The death of Ben Bernier brought it home, for sure: Ben, who had seemed to be recovering from his medical challenges, so suddenly, so unexpectedly, dying. How could that even be possible?

The bomb cyclone that struck our region on October 17 reinforced the lesson that life is unpredictable. In the middle of the night, three tall pines toppled suddenly through the darkness and onto our car, destroying it. Even the other car, sitting nearby, sustained major damage from falling debris. They were only cars. Nobody was hurt. Our house narrowly avoided damage. Still, as we waited out the storm with our hearts in our throats, the unpredictability of life was in full view.

Of course that unpredictability can work in positive ways, too ... the long-lost friend you suddenly connect with again, a new love relationship that blossoms just when you had completely given up on ever finding someone, the lottery ticket someone gave you that somehow, magically, contains the winning number. (Okay, I'm going on faith here; personally, I've never received one of those winning tickets!)

For years and years and years – ever since I was a little girl, I had read about and seen pictures of bluebirds. But the so-called “birds of happiness”? I had never actually seen any, even though I had always spent considerable time outdoors. Then one day I looked out my kitchen window, and there in the maple tree just a few feet away sat Mama and Papa bluebird. Their beauty took my breath away.

Why then? Why not all the other times I had wished I could see just one bluebird?

We human beings control almost nothing. And life is unpredictable. What are we to make of such a world?

Well, I suppose the first thing we might try to do is to accept life as it is. Accept we aren't in charge. Accept we

will never know for sure what is around the corner. That kind of acceptance is a tall order for sure, because, well, it might be nice to know what to expect once in a while.



A second lesson we might learn comes from the theme our Sunday School kids are exploring in November: Attention. Recognizing the present moment is the only one we really have for sure, we might try giving that moment our attention. Why squander something that is sure to change? In fact, entire spiritual meditation practices revolve around the practice of attending, of paying attention, of giving our all to this moment, the one right in front of us. Now.

When I think of unpredictability this way, I feel something let go inside me. Acceptance loosens something deep within that seems to try to clutch life tightly with the expectation that that grip will make things go as I think they should. When I attend to this moment, now, I can free myself of expectations that are sure to be erroneous and that might even lead to great disappointment. I open my heart to life as it unfolds.

So here's to the moment, now, and to the loosening of expectations and the opening of hearts.

*Love,  
Sylvia*

### Sylvia's sabbatical dates in November

Sylvia will be on sabbatical from November 25 to December 3. If you need pastoral assistance while she is away, please contact Board Chair Glenn Williams, Board Vice Chair David Kew, or Church Office Administrator Shirley Bernier. They can help connect you with one of the ministers covering for Sylvia.

## FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

### Interim Minister Process — A Collaboration with the UUA

We are fortunate in having ample time to work on the process of hiring an Interim Minister for next year. The first step is for the Board to appoint an Interim Ministry Search Committee. We will be choosing a group of five UUCB members with an eye toward balance in terms of age, gender, length of membership etc. The UUA has a very well-defined process and a great deal of helpful information to guide us. Here is the suggested timeline:

<b>Jan.-Feb.</b>	Board appoints an Interim Ministry Search Committee Board notifies the UUA Transition office of the search	<b>May 18</b>	Search Committee submits list of yeses/nos/maybes to Transition Office
<b>Feb.-March</b>	Search Team completes the Interim Search Documents package	<b>May 20 – noon</b>	Search Committee extends offer(s) to Interim Ministers
<b>April 9</b>	Earliest publish date for Congregational Interim Records	<b>May 20-22</b>	Consultation with Transitions Office for those entering Round Two (if no minister is matched in round one)
<b>April 23</b>	Deadline for Congregational Interim Record Sheet (application)	<b>May 26</b>	Second Round names of interested ministers released to congregations
<b>May 2</b>	Deadline for Ministers to submit interest in the first round	<b>June 8</b>	Search Committee submits list of yeses/nos/maybes to Transition Office
<b>May 4</b>	Ministers names released to congregations – Search Committee reads applications, selects those to interview by	<b>June 10, noon</b>	Search Committee extends offer(s) to Interim Ministers
		<b>June 10-12</b>	Consultations with congregations unable to find an Interim Minister

We feel confident that UUCB will be an appealing congregation for prospective Interim Ministers, and that we will find a good match. Stay tuned!

### Committee on Ministry & Increasing Capacity Task Force Report

The joint meeting of these two groups was held in September, having been delayed due to scheduling challenges. The purpose of the meeting was to compare results of assessments each group had completed during the 2018-2019 church year. The Increasing Capacity Task Force conducted a “SWOT Analysis” (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) through a series of structured discussions within the group, and the Committee on Ministry surveyed the entire congregation (37% response rate). While there were some differences in emphasis, it was clear that the results were consistent with the Board’s goals developed for this year:

1. Improve the process of recruiting and retaining volunteers.
2. Streamline and set systems in place to continue to thrive and function effectively with reduced ministerial hours.
3. Modernize internal and external communication systems.

— Glenn Williams

## 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:

The UUCB Asylum Seekers Group takes great joy in sharing that we, in cooperation with the Emergency Action Network (TEAN) and the Midcoast New Mainers, have been able to provide cell phones and cell phone service to all of the asylum seeking families who have so far arrived in Brunswick.

We thank Grace Lewis-McLaren for the joyous organ recital she gave at Bowdoin Chapel to celebrate her 80th birthday. Wow! The music was splendid and healing—just what we needed. (And, Happy Birthday to you, Grace!)

We celebrate the splendor of the brightly colored trees lining the highways and byways this time of year. What joy!

Barbara and Russell Jabaut joyfully celebrated the marriage of their son Peter Jabaut to Julie Dussinger in Portland ME on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019

#### Sorrows and Concerns:

We reach out our hearts in love to Stephanie and Rene Bernier and their family and wide network of friends in the wake of their son Ben's sudden death on October 6. Philosopher, debater, and man of enduring friendships, strong ethics, and love, 34-year-old Ben had been recovering from treatment for a seizure disorder and doing particularly well in recent months. His death was shocking and shattering. We held a lovely tribute to him on October 12, filling our building with a standing-room-only crowd.

As well, we reach out to Judy Smith and her family after Mark Smith's death on October 18. Mark, a cancer patient for over a decade, had received an unexpected additional lease on life by a drug trial that worked well for him for many years. When the drug began to lose its efficacy and further treatments proved futile, Mark entered into hospice care. He died quietly and peacefully with his family at his side. Mark and Judy met in junior high school and married over 50 years ago. Mark also leaves behind three children and six grandchildren. As we go to press, a memorial service is planned for October 26.

Please continue to hold our Minister Emeritus, Brad Mitchell, in your thoughts and prayers. He is once again fighting a tenacious CDIFF infection. He would love to return to church, but so far his health hasn't made that possible. Callie McMahon reports that Brad says hello to everyone.

Caroline Evans reports that Bill McElman, founding light of the UUCB Pagan group, is on life support that is about to be withdrawn soon, if not already. Update: Bill passed on Oct. 20; please keep Bill's spirit and his family in your prayers.

— Sylvia Stocker

*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.*

## HOW TO REACH US

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## ORDINATION CEREMONY

### The Ordination of Claire Curole

It was a joy to welcome members of the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta and many visiting clergy to the Ordination of Claire Curole on October 20. Claire had been our student ministerial intern for two years.

I had never witnessed an ordination service before, and I found it truly inspirational. It was a privilege to join with Kathy Shaw, UUC Augustus's Board Vice-President in leading the Act of Ordination. Congratulations to Claire on completing this part of her professional journey!

— *Glenn Williams*



### The Story Behind the New Quilted Wall Hangings

When I started my student ministry in 2016 I asked Sylvia if there was any way to hang things on the wall behind the pulpit if I should want to do that during worship, and I learned that there was not yet any real plan for that. We didn't want to put holes in the walls, and it had to somehow look good when it wasn't being used.... It went to the building committee and they would think about it.

My first year of internship came and went. When I returned for my second year, in the fall of 2017, there still was no real way to hang anything up. There was something in the works, I heard, but nothing further. In despair, I lamented that I didn't think the church was ever actually going to do it, at least not before I was done; and I told Sylvia that if the congregation actually did get a system in place before I finished my internship, I'd make something to put up there.

The rods and brackets went up some time around Christmas of that year, and I knew I was going to have to make good on my wager,

I had hoped to deliver them before my internship ended, but I am still not yet good at time management, and projects I love have a way of growing beyond the allocated time and space. Maybe I allowed enough time for the assembling – but I didn't allow enough time for the taking apart, and the fiddling around, and the trying again a different way when things were clearly not going according to plan.

So this, the end result, is not exactly what I originally imagined. Most acts of love are like that. But I hope you will receive them in a spirit of love and honesty and experimentation; I hope that they will serve you well, delight some folks and perhaps annoy others, and become one small piece of the greater whole that is your church community and your ministry in the world.

I am continually grateful to have shared the beginning of my ministry with UUCB.

--*Claire Curole*

## REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

### Gurnet Road Fund Enhancements Completed

With the sale of the property the church owned just off Gurnet Road in Brunswick, the Congregation voted in 2017 to use a portion of the proceedings -- not to exceed \$22,500 -- to fund several church building completion and enhancement projects. Some of these could have been categorized as "someday...maybe" projects; others were items that had not been included in the building project, but we noticed were needed as we got into the new church building and started to use it. The \$22,500. figure was supplemented by an amount of \$1,057.24 left over in the original Church Building Fund, for a total of \$23,557.24 available.

The projects approved by the congregation have now all been completed and this is a report on what's been done and the costs. Additional good news is that there is a small surplus.

- Concerts for a Cause and the Buildings and Grounds Committee proposed additional lighting in the sanctuary for speakers and various performances -- thus the black boxes now on the ceiling. The work included the actual lighting fixtures, electric wiring and installation. The budgeted amount was \$10,000. with the final cost being \$8991.41.
- The Commemorative Windows Task Force requested \$6,500. for the repair and installation -- with backlighting -- of three stained glass windows which had survived the fire. The requested amount was \$6,500, with the final cost being \$6,683.45.
- The Gallery Art Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee requested enhanced gallery lighting so as to eliminate dark spaces and shadows for the various hangings in the Fellowship Hall with a potential cost of \$2,300. The final cost of this work was \$1,990.00
- The Religious Education Committee requested equipment which would allow them to show movies and



other AV items in the RE area -- something that renters had also asked for. The requested amount was \$1,200.; the final cost of a projector and accessories was \$1,175.

- Various individuals spoke to the wisdom of having an AED defibrillator in the church with possible cost of \$1,200. The final cost including installation was \$972.99
- The Membership Committee pointed out the need for more outlets for food events, especially hot food events, in the Fellowship Hall. The electrical work was budgeted at \$700, and the completed power strip and circuitry came in at \$665. including installation.
- The Worship Committee wished to have banner hangers installed at the front of the sanctuary and while this seemed a fairly simple thing to do at a possible cost of \$200., the project's final cost became \$1,202.08 after the need to move fire horn and strobe was noticed. The fire equipment would have ended up, with the fire marshal's certain disapproval, behind a banner.
- Lastly, for a total of \$1,164.55, associated items were purchased for the church building: a table for \$79.99, a telescoping ladder for \$224.11, a humidity control system for the piano with installation for \$661.45 and a new wireless microphone for \$299.00.

With all projects completed, the balance in the Gurnet Road Fund now stands at \$712.76. This amount will be transferred to the Long-Term Maintenance Fund to join the \$79,013.86 currently in that fund

for use for the building for maintenance projects some time down the road (we know the building will age!).

Thanks to Shirley for keeping track of all the bills and figures, and to all the volunteers and committees for all their work.

— Paul Peranteau, Treasurer

## UUCB EDUCATION AND EVENTS; MEMBERSHIP

### UUCB Adult Ed Presents Medical Marijuana Program Sunday Nov. 24

The Adult Education Committee, as part of its series on alternative interventions for health, pain management and wellness will present a program on medical marijuana with Dr. Mark Cieniawski of Portland. We will meet at 11:30 in the sanctuary after service on November 24th. Marks practice is with KIND WELLNESS.

The goal of KIND Wellness is to maximize wellness and to determine if medical marijuana is right for you. Dr. Cieniawski will give a brief overview of his practice and how he can work with your doctor to integrate medical marijuana in your treatment approach, where appropriate. We will leave substantial time for our Q&A session.

A great deal of interest in this topic has been expressed, so please join us for an informative and lively discussion.

— Gar Roper

### Church Library Updates

#### Black Lives Matter

The books we have representing Black Lives Matter were moved to the top, left shelf of the library. Please continue to make use of them for educational information.

However, we are MISSING several books in that section: If you have borrowed a book, please return it as soon as possible or fill out a card so we know where the book is.

#### Children's Books

We now have a small selection of children's books (retired from RE office) available to borrow.

#### New Books

We have several new books recently donated. Take a look and see. Two I particularly liked are *Universalists and Unitarians of Maine - a History* and *The Little Book of Restorative Justice*.

— Lynn Ellis

### At Last! New Church Directory

The new directories have arrived! If you had your picture taken for the directory, stop by the visitor's table to pick up your copy. For those of you who did not get photographed, you will have access to a mobile phone directory. Details to follow. Remember to report changes for your directory listing to Shirley in the church office.

### You and UU Class: November 23

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 this fall's You and UU class. The date is Saturday, November 23 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 ([uubruns@gwi.net](mailto:uubruns@gwi.net) or 729-8515) or stop by the visitor's table on Sunday to learn more.

### Current Gallery Exhibit

Emma Becker's work is on display in the church from October 17th through November 14th. She creates her work at Spindleworks in Brunswick.

Emma is a passionate watercolorist who paints from memories, fantasies, and life. Her delicate compositions are imbued with a sense of another world, one that is more quiet, peaceful, and cast in a golden light. Her work is not sentimental, but is a wonderful reflection of the gentle way that she walks through her day. She is a focused and dedicated artist who weighs carefully how she spends her time. When not painting, Emma finds time to embroider, knit, and work with ceramics.



— Joanne Allen

## HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING EVENT

### Our Holiday Fair is Just Around the Corner — Sat. December 7th



The Holiday Fair Committee is in high spirits preparing for the annual fund-raiser, fun-raiser, community builder and all around amazing UUCB Holiday event. We are pleased this year to hold the fair on the same day as two of our neighbors, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Our publicity will be unified and we hope for more visitors to the fairs.

The volunteer sign-ups begin on Sunday, November 3rd. Each Sunday in November we will have sign-up tables with many opportunities for you to participate. We need your help to cook, clean, serve at the luncheon, and to sell jewelry, green elephant items, baked goods and much more. We need help tipping greens for the wreaths, making beautiful bows and fresh pine wreaths. Please bring in hand tools, Christmas decorations, kitchen items, books, cd's, and other treasures for the Green Elephant table. The Green Elephant items will be most welcome starting Sunday the 24th of November. Would you like to be a greeter, a set-up or clean-up volunteer? Hand crafters please consider donating items to our UUCB craft table.

We will have independent vendors selling a variety of beautiful crafts. Please contact Robin Hansen if you have questions regarding the vendors.

Co-chairs,

Joanne Allen ([jlaen543@gmail.com](mailto:jlaen543@gmail.com)) and  
Cuffy Chase ([cmc1322@gmail.com](mailto:cmc1322@gmail.com)).



*You too could make a wreath...or pick some tips...or...*

*Check out all the volunteer opps — signups on Nov. 3.*

*Join in, it's a great time!*



## NOV. CHARITY WITH SOUL

## WFJ EVENTS & UPDATES



### Charity with Soul for November

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

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

MAC's database has about 40,000 supporters; and there are 10 active Chapters- including the Greater Brunswick Area Chapter which meets at UUCB. MAC has an eleven person Board that includes five physicians and one Senator, and is in a "Healthcare is a Human Right" coalition with Maine State Nurses Association and Southern Maine Workers Center

### Teen Center --Holiday Bag Wish List

Once again this year, we will give our youth members two movie tickets and two "movie size" boxes of candy! So, we will need 140 movie tickets to Regal Cinema and 140 boxes of candy!

Donations of each gratefully accepted before December 16th. Thank you UUCB for your support!



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BRUNSWICK  
INVITES YOU TO

### *Deeper than the Skin:* *a musical presentation on race in America* *by Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway*

November 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick  
1 Middle Street, Brunswick

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

*This concert is the first in UUCB's 2019-2020  
Working for Justice Series and is supported by a grant from  
the Maine Community Foundation  
For more information call the church at (207) 729-8515  
or see <https://deeperthantheskin.com/>*



### "Deeper than the Skin" Musical Presentation

The Working for Justice Series "Many Voices: Widening the Listening Circle" begins on Saturday, November 23, 2019 with a free community concert "Deeper Than the Skin," a musical presentation on Race in America by Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway. Reggie and Greg have a unique story. Born three days apart, their ancestry flowed through the same portal of history, Richmond, VA. They are on a pilgrimage together - one that began three decades ago. The racial divisions that are the reality of America started them in two different worlds, but the amazing bonds of music, mutual respect, sheer admiration, and shared vision have brought them together as friends and colleagues.

The Working for Justice series, "Widening the Listening Circle" is supported by a grant from the Maine Community Foundation.

## WFJ EVENTS & UPDATES

### Films for Justice Series

The WFJ film committee has chosen the dates, times, and film titles for six screenings to occur approximately once each month. They will be shown on Sundays at 11:30 AM right after coffee hour. You (the audience) are encouraged to bring a bag lunch and there will be free popcorn. Since our film license prohibits charging admission and public advertising, we encourage you to invite friends who may be interested in these films.

#### Here's the line-up of this year's series:

Sunday, November 10: *Under the Same Moon*.

A young Mexican boy illegally travels to the U.S. to find his mother (who is illegally in the U.S.) after his grandmother passes away. [\[view trailer\]](#)

December 8: *Vessel* (by special permission of the filmmaker) A fearless sea captain sails a ship through loopholes in international law, providing abortions on the high seas, and leaving in her wake a network of emboldened activists who trust women to handle abortion on their own terms. [\[view trailer\]](#)

January 12: *Kite Runner* After spending years in California, Amir returns to his homeland in Afghanistan to help his old friend Hassan, whose son is in trouble.

February 9: *Black KKKlansman* Ron Stallworth, an African American police officer from Colorado Springs, CO, successfully manages to infiltrate the local Ku Klux Klan branch with the help of a Jewish surrogate who eventually becomes its leader. Based on actual events.

March 15: *Smoke Signals* 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.

April 19: *Journey of Hope*. Details TBA.

### The Justice Film for November



Sunday, Nov. 10 at 11:30 in the Sanctuary

### WFJ's "Will Call" List

Would you like to help out at a Working for Justice event? Maybe two or three times during the church year? Not 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 for our "Will Call" list includes setting and cleaning up for an event, designing a sign or banner, putting posters around town, or baking some goodies.

To sign-up, please email Cuffy Chase, [cmc1322@gmail.com](mailto:cmc1322@gmail.com); or Jane Danielson, [janedan-ielson90@gmail.com](mailto:janedan-ielson90@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!

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE EVENTS & UPDATES

### Immigrant Justice

Mid Coast New Mainers Group (MCNMG) continues to support the three asylum seeker families who moved to Bath from the Portland Expo in July. The families are supported by “navigators” - local people partnered with each family to assist them in learning how best to meet their needs for health care, education, transportation, immigration issues, language, clothing and general integration into the community. MCNMG is overseeing the formation of a language and support group for African women with shared leadership by an asylum seeker woman who has been in Bath for two years and an intern from the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine.

In addition to working directly with families, MCNMG is trying to raise awareness in the Bath community about the challenges faced and the gifts offered by these new neighbors. Patten Free Library hosted a book discussion of *The Middle of Everywhere* by Mary Pipher in October. A second discussion of the book will be held at Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick on **Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6:30**.

MCNMG is also talking with the Bath police department about creating a low stress setting to talk about the support that the police are able to provide should the families need their help. A community group, including MCNMG members, is working to find ways to provide public transportation from Bath to Brunswick where connection can

be made to the Breez bus into Portland – allowing new Mainers some independence in keeping their many appointments or commitments in that city.

MCNMG works with TEAN (The Emergency Action Network) - the group that has taken the lead in Brunswick to assure that the 20 asylum seeker families at the Brunswick Landing have their needs met. Volunteers from TEAN and MCNMG assist families with appointments of all kinds, transportation, language learning, obtaining information re immigration status process, etc. UUCB’s Asylum Seeker Group steering group has helped to create a coherent cell phone system that has allowed all families at the Landing to have reliable phone service.

The town of Brunswick is providing 3 months support for expenses after which time a longer term funding source/system will be needed until the new Mainers are able to seek employment and then assume responsibility for their financial needs.

Of crucial importance is the almost impossible legal obstacle course to obtain asylum seeker status. Only after these new Mainers are officially entered into the asylum seeker system process can they begin the six month count down until they can apply for work permits. Immigration lawyers are at a premium in spite of the valiant efforts of ILAP’s (Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project) panel of pro-bono lawyers.



### Angels in the Morning

We don’t have wings or a halo, but those of us who volunteered to be an “Angel” know the satisfaction of helping to keep our beautiful church clean. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 10:30-12:30 to do light cleaning.

We dust (lots of dusting!) and sweep where needed, water plants, organize the closet, neaten shelves, wipe down the kitchen and do other light cleaning. This gives our sexton Tony more time to tackle the heavy work.

Susan Snow, Cuffy Chase, Carol Briggs and Stephen Wood round out our team. At times we work individually at odd jobs like scraping the wax from the candles off the floor, also working together on larger projects such as cleaning the kitchen. To better focus on any given area and to ensure that each room gets dusted and checked it helped to divide the church into zones. And then of course when every area has been cleaned, we just start over!

If you would like to join our group, email Susan at [mollysue716@gmail.com](mailto:mollysue716@gmail.com) and or just stop in on the second Tuesday. All are welcome.

## WORKING FOR JUSTICE EVENTS & UPDATES

### Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network - your UU Voice at the State House

*Ed. Note: This is an article from Harmony Dillaway, the MUSAN Administrative Coordinator*

#### Happy Fall!

It's time to celebrate the Maine UU State Advocacy Network's (MUUSAN) 2019 Legislative Summary ([view it here](#)). We hope you and your congregation take personal pride in our response to the sea changes at the State Legislature this year. UUs and often members of UUCB were a visible social justice presence, with all four of our Issue Groups engaged and testifying on behalf of our UU values.

However, our ongoing success also relies on individual financial support. MUUSAN has a very modest annual budget and a gift in any amount is welcomed. Please consider

making a donation to MUUSAN by sending a check payable to MUUSAN and mailed to P O Box 8, Augusta, ME 04330. Or if it's more convenient, you can donate online with a credit card through this link to our website: <https://www.muusan.org/donate.html>

Please follow us on Facebook for frequent notifications and sign up on our email list for Calls to Action and important announcements. For questions or comments, please email us at [admin@muusan.org](mailto:admin@muusan.org).

Thank you in advance for your commitment and generosity.



*This just in from Habitat for Humanity:*

### Help Habitat for Humanity Build a Home!

**Come on out for a fun night on Saturday, November 9th—6-9:00**

The Coastal Rotary Club with the support of other area Rotarians is hosting this fundraising event to address the need for affordable workforce housing in our mid coast area. It will be a wonderful gathering with live and silent auctions.

The event is free to attend at Frontier, just visit their website to register: <https://www.explorefrontier.com/event/1st-build-a-house-fundraiser/>

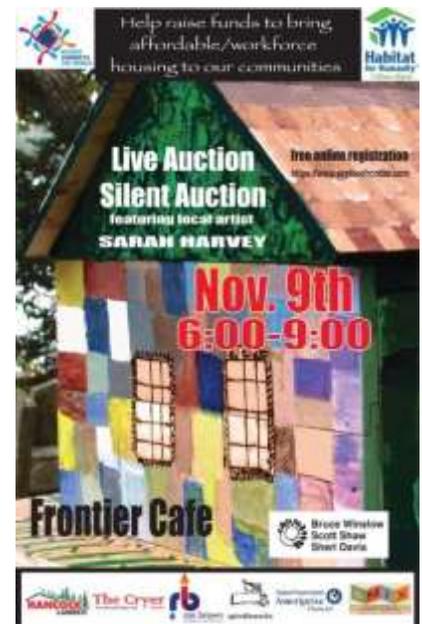
The more people we can get to attend and participate the more funds we can raise to complete this new home. Everyone can participate with lots of ways to support building the house with your bid of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000..... or more!

Together we can make a real difference for local families in need of housing!

### UUCB with MUUSAN in October

UUCB joined MUUSAN and other UUs at Maine's Poor Peoples Campaign March and Rally October 10th in Portland. Other UU congregations in attendance were Auburn, Augusta, Bangor, Belfast, Brunswick, Damariscotta/Midcoast, Kennebunk, Portland First Parish and Allen Avenue, Norway, Saco-Biddeford, Waterville, and Yarmouth.

*At the Rally — Left to right: Mary O'Brien (friend of UUCB), Joanne Allen, Jane Danielson*



## CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE

### Success in October: Two Great Concerts!



#### SLAID CLEAVES

Singer/songwriter Slaid Cleaves put on a fabulous show on October 5th. And his fiddle/mandolin player, Chojo Jacques, was outstanding!

They drew a full house of 206 enthusiastic fans, and we raised \$1,475 for the church to share with our 2 Charities of Soul, Tedford Housing and Oasis Free Clinics.

#### SUEDE

Pop/Jazz vocalist Suede performed at the church on October 26th, and it couldn't have been more entertaining! Suede knows how to belt out those jazz vocals, while also taking you into her heart with her beautiful ballads. The audience was with her at every moment, and Suede returned the love. Suede's band mates were amazing as well - Freddie Boyle on piano and Rich Hill on Bass.

Suede had her loyal fans come from as far away as Boston, Bangor and Bethel, but there were newbies in the crowd who had never seen her, and they were wowed! 145 people attended the concert, and we netted \$1,353 for the church to divide with our 2 charities: Tedford Housing and Oasis Free Clinics. We made \$80 from the refreshments donations.



#### Save the Date

January 12, 2020

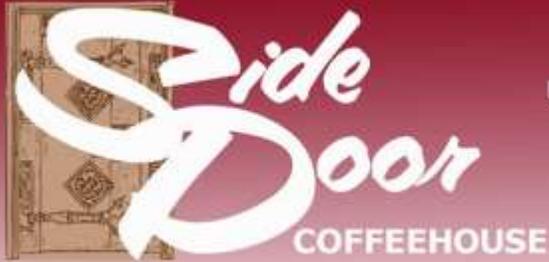
#### TRICKY BRITCHES



We have a 2-month break from concerts in November and December. So by the time January 12th rolls around, everyone should be ready for a good time with some foot-stomping music.

Tricky Britches is a high-energy string band hailing from Portland that plays a fusion of original material, classic bluegrass, country, and folk rock. With songwriting chock full of down-home harmonies and dirty licks, their original material harkens back to humble beginnings sawing out mountain tunes on the sidewalks of Portland. A bluegrass festival favorite! \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, \$5 students/children.

## 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

### The Rainsockets

Three songwriters from the Midcoast, Nancy Sferra, Tom Mitchell and Giff Jamison joined forces one day to form The Rainsockets. As Tom puts it: "We are three musical souls with many musical influences and a handful of instruments (which we often trade back and forth as the mood dictates). The result: eclecticish original songs and the occasional cover tune. Best to come to one of our shows and hear for yourself. You may wonder what a "Rainsocket" is. We are happy to address this question, although this might involve string theory, quantum mechanics, black holes and farming tools."



### Friday Evening, November 15

*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.

### Calling for Parish Messenger Content

Do you read the Parish Messenger faithfully? (If you are actually reading the bottom of page 15, you must be one of the faithful!)

If you'd like to get your information in the newsletter, please send it along to the editor along with any pictures or other graphics. We'll do our best to include it all. We are a busy congregation, and keeping everyone informed is more important now than ever. Submissions are welcome any time, but if you want to be included in a particular issue, please meet the deadline. Let's hear from you!

Sent your material to [mheath@gwi.net](mailto:mheath@gwi.net)

### Deadlines Coming Up for 2019-20

December Issue	Nov. 22
January Issue	Dec. 20
February Issue	Jan. 24
March Issue	Feb. 21
April Issue	March 20
May Issue	April 24
June Issue	May 22

# UUCB—NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>Oct. 31</b> 9 Gallery Com 10 Holiday Fair Musicians Rehearsal 7 Choir	<b>1</b> Tedford Shelter Meal	<b>2</b> 9:30 AA <b>Daylight Savings            Ends—Turn Clock            Back 1 hour, be-            fore bed</b>
<b>3</b> 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Visitors & Newcomers Chat 12 RE OWL group	<b>4</b> Office Closed 2:15 MIAG Steer- ing Group	<b>5</b> 9:30 Mah Jongg 4 Membership Com 7 Worship Com	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 Book Discus- sion at Curtis Li- brary: "The Middle of Everywhere" 7 Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 AA 6 Habitat Fund- raiser at Frontier Cafe
<b>10</b> 9 RE Children's Chap- el 10 Church Service 11:30 Modernizing Communications Task Force 11:30 WFJ Film "Under the Same Moon" 12 OWL (Yarmouth)	<b>11</b> Office Closed Veterans' Day	<b>12</b> 9:30 Mah Jongg 10:30 Church Angels 3 Finance Com 6:30 Stories with Soul 7 Pastoral Care 7 RE Com	<b>13</b> 4 UU Christians Group 5:30 Concerts for a Cause Com	<b>14</b> 7 Choir	<b>15</b> 1-4 Emma Becker Art Reception <b>Side Door            Coffeehouse</b> 7 Open Mike 8:30 Featured Performer: The Rainsockets	<b>16</b> 9:30 AA
<b>17</b> 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 12 RE OWL (Yarmouth)	<b>18</b> Office Closed	<b>19</b> 9:30 UUCB Mah Jongg 6:30 Board of Trustees	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9 Gallery Com 10:30 Building & Grounds 1 Wabanaki REACH 5 MIAG 5:15 Maine AllCare 7 Choir	<b>22</b> 2 Order of Wor- ship Materials Due for Dec. 1 5 Parish Messen- ger Deadline for the Dec. issue	<b>23</b> 9 You and UU Class 9:30 AA <b>7 Deeper Than            The Skin Concert            (WFJ)</b>
<b>24</b> 10 Church Service 10:15 RE Classes 11:30 Adult RE: Medical Marijuana	<b>25</b> Office Closed <b>Rev. Stocker's            Sabbatical Week            begins, through            Dec. 3</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30 UUCB Mah Jongg 6:30 Stories with Soul	<b>27</b> 12 Men's Lunch- eon, location TBA Office Closes at 1:00	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Office Closed	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b> 9:30 AA

**DEADLINE FOR THE December PARISH MESSENGER - November 22**

If you want an announcement or article to appear in the monthly Parish Messenger send it to [mheath@gwi.net](mailto:mheath@gwi.net) on or before Friday, Nov. 22. The Nov. Issue will be distributed on Nov. 26.