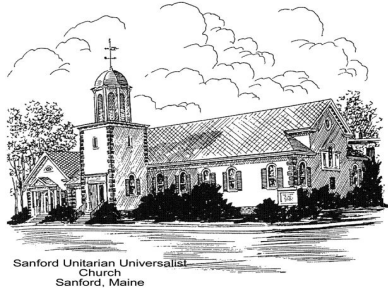


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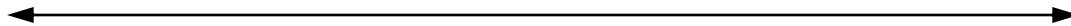
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UUA PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- * The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- * Justice equity, and compassion in human relations.
- * Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- * A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- * The right of conscience and the use of democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.
- * The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.
- * Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

(Adopted by the 1984 and 1985 General Assemblies)



Worship Service and Church School Every Sunday - 10:30am Child Care is Available - Everyone is welcome!

January 3rd Worship Service - *Heed the Call* - The UU Church of Saco and Biddeford will lead the service on Sunday, January 3rd. UUCSB Archivist, Anne Dobson researched and wrote today's message, which is about those folks in the Universalist and Unitarian Churches of Saco and Biddeford who saw a need in their church and helped to resolve that need. This message is a homage to them and to all of us who work diligently to keep our faith strong and vibrant. The message will be read by Matt Gerken with readings by Niki Norman. We warmly welcome the UUCSB Worship Associate to our church!

January 10th Worship Service - *Ordinary Time!* We will explore the time in the liturgical calendar between Christmas and Easter and how it can inform your life choices. The service will be led by Rev. Sue Gabrielson.

January 17th Worship Service - The service will be led by SUUC Worship Associate, Tom Huber.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with the Vocal and Bell Choirs



In the dark, the Bell Choir directed by Deb Folsom, rang true.



Three generations of Sanford UU Church women- Lisa, Drew and Liz on Christmas Eve.



Our big choir under the direction of Reverend Charlie Grindle hit all the right notes.

This Old Church

The Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church building has stood on this corner in the center of Sanford since its dedication in November 1918, just before the armistice ending WW I. This winter we're shoring up the trusses supporting the roof over the Sanctuary to secure it for another century of service to the congregation and the larger community. Then we'll insulate the top and sides of the building. Work began earlier this month and should be completed early in the new year. We'll paint the exterior trim in the Spring, long-delayed maintenance. Thanks to all of you who have generously given small or large gifts to support solar energy and to get these other "Green '15" projects off the ground. It's all good - except, we need help from everyone to complete these projects. If you haven't yet taken the opportunity to support this important work, now would be the ideal time to do it. Please give what you can to secure this old church building into its second century. Gifts will be welcomed at: 2nd Century Fund, Sanford UU Church, 5 Lebanon St., Sanford ME 04073. We appreciate your support for our spiritual community's home on this corner.



Welcome Back! - We look forward to Rev. Sue leading worship service at the SUUC on Sunday, January 10th. Her sermon is entitled *Ordinary Time!* We will explore the time in the liturgical calendar between Christmas and Easter and how it can inform your life choices. Welcome back Sue, we've missed you!

January Gift Fun Re-Gift Re-Purpose Raffle - Did you receive a grater or framed picture for Christmas but really don't need one? Did you receive an extra 2016 calendar that you really won't use? Did someone lovingly give you a bracelet or necklace that you know would be happier on someone else? Did you receive any other lovely gifts that you don't need or won't use?

Let's bring them to church and we'll sell raffle tickets on January 10, 17 and 24. The winners will be drawn on January 24 following our mid-year congregational meeting. If you'd like to help with setting it up and selling tickets this year, please let Aileen or Deb Folsom know. We'll have fun and also raise a few dollars for church!

Guest at Your Table - Guest at Your Table is an annual UU tradition in which congregation members take home a box featuring people that UUSC has worked with recently. These people are your 'guests' and you are asked to share your blessings with them each meal by putting your spare change in the box. Envelopes are also available if you prefer. Boxes, envelopes and information are located on a table in the parlor. All donations will be mailed to the UUSC after the holidays.

Administrative Office - The office will be closed on Friday, January 1st for New Years.

Save the Date - Our Annual Silent and Live Auctions will be held at the church on Saturday, April 9th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Watch our website, Facebook page and newsletters for more information as it becomes available.

Mid-Year Meeting - We ask everyone to please remain following worship service on Sunday, January 24th, for an important congregational meeting. Thank you.

CLYNK - A reminder that CLYNK bags are available in Goodall Hall. Thank you for your participation in this recycling program.



Rev. Sue's Incidental Inspiration

For Presence

Awaken to the mystery of being here
and enter the quiet immensity of your own
presence.

Have joy and peace in the temple of your senses.

Receive encouragement when new frontiers beckon.

Respond to the call of your gift and the courage to
follow its path.

Let the flame of anger free you of all falsity.

May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame.

May anxiety never linger about you.

May your outer dignity mirror an inner dignity
Of soul.

Take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek
no attention.

Be consoled in the secret symmetry of your soul.

May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven
around the heart of wonder.

~ John O'Donohue ~

Common Good Reminder

Our sign-up sheets for the Common Good (greeting, providing flowers, hosting coffee/social hour) are located on the bulletin board in the parlor. The sign-up sheets give everyone an opportunity to add their name to the dates they would like to greet, supply flowers and/or host our coffee/social hour. We still have a large number of dates open. Please check to see if any of the available dates work with your schedule. Thank you for your participation.

Storm Cancellation Information

If a snow storm or other inclement weather generates the need to cancel church, a decision will be made early Saturday evening. Please check channels 6, 8 and 13 for cancellations. You will receive a congregational email alerting you of a cancellation. If you are not sure or have questions, please call the church (324-3191) as the recording will always have the latest information.

Reminder Regarding Parking at Sweetser - Let's Be Good Neighbors

A reminder to please not park in the Sweetser parking lot. Jon Mistos, Senior Director of Facilities at Sweetser, states he is sorry, but due to insurance reasons, this is not permissible. As the person responsible for snow removal and insurance issues, he respectfully asks that we pass the word along again to our parish members to not park in their lot. Thank you for understanding.



Think Spring! FEDCO Seed Sale 2015 It is that time again!

The Sacco family will be coordinating a group order of seeds, potato and onions sets and other growing supplies for spring gardens. These seeds, sets and supplies come from a Maine-owned cooperative run by the Maine Organic Farmers and Growers known as FEDCO (www.fedcoseeds.com). Maine and NE grown – these are hardy untreated and organic varieties.



Please support a Maine cooperative and a sustainable lifestyle by buying your seeds, potato and onion sets, and growing supplies during this year's sale. Any extra proceeds from the group order will go to the church. Catalogs are available in the parlor to borrow or keep OR check out the catalog online at <http://www.fedcoseeds.com/>. You can use the order forms in the catalog or one of the extras provided in the church parlor. Ordering instructions or other questions? Contact Jan Sacco at jrsacco@metrocast.net or 207-457-9268 for more information. Order deadline is January 10, 2016.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast at First Parish UU Church in Kennebunk

Rev. Dr. H. Roy Partridge Jr. will speak on "The Justice System and Injustice for People of Color" at the 14th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Kennebunk on Monday, January 18, at 8:30 a.m. Event includes full breakfast and live music. \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12-18. Please make reservations by January 11. Call Martha Murray at 985-1411 or email FirstParishKennebunk@gmail.com.

Parking for the Church

MIDTOWN MALL (one block southeast) has plenty of free parking.

If you need to park closer to the church:

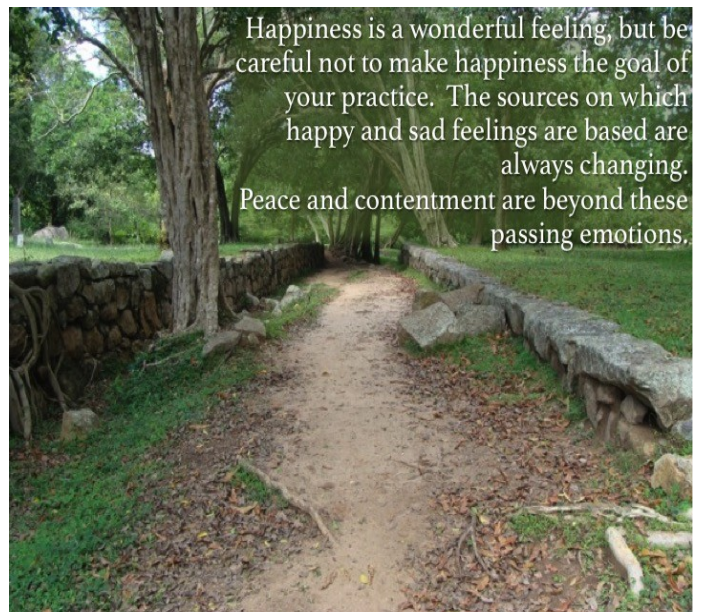
Lebanon Street: YES - in front of the church and Goodall Hall only.

Twombly Road: YES.

Sweetser Lot: NO

Salvation Army: NO

(Their services are held at 10:45am)



Board 2015-2016

President: Aileen Fortune June 30, 2017
Vice President: Diane Whiteside-Peck June 30, 2017
Clerk: Bruce Harrison June 30, 2016
Financial Secretary: Janet Wood June 30, 2016
Treasurer: Deb Folsom June 30, 2017
Co-DREs: Mesha and Ryan Quinn
Choir Director: Charles Grindle

Liaisons:

Stella DiAnn June 30, 2017
Gary Wood June 30, 2018
Patty Kidder June 30, 2016

Church Leadership 2015-2016

Budget and Finance Chair:
Building and Grounds Chair: Bob McCormick
Caring Circle: Gail Lemley Burnett
Choir: Charles Grindle
Church Historian: Helen Kane
Committee on Ministry: Ryan Quinn, Gail Lemley, Rev. Sue
Corner Cupboard Treasurer: Judi Reis
Denominational Affairs:
Earth Stewards Green Team: Judi Reis
Finance Committee: Peg Sawyer, Pat Herrick, Ginny Howe, Deb Folsom, Lisa Huestis
Grant Manager: Pat Herrick
Homesteaders: Jan Sacco and Melody Wood
Investment Management Committee: John Steffens, Peg Sawyer, Art Dumas, Howard Dupee, Pat Herrick, Ginny Howe
Members and Friends: Tonia Chase
Music Committee: Melody Wood
Nominating Committee : Tonia Chase, Patty Kidder, Lucinda French
Partners For Sacred Places: Lee Burnett
Pianist: Ruth Leipold
Religious Education Committee:
Second Century Fund Committee: Lee Burnett
Social Action Committee:
Stewardship: Diane Whiteside-Peck and Patty Kidder
UUSC:
Webmaster: Emma Burnett
Women's Alliance: Nancy Farnham
Worship: Rev. Sue Gabrielson
Worship Associates: Bev Brent, Judi Reis, Jan Sacco, Janie Waterhouse, Stella DiAnn, Patty Kidder, Mesha Quinn, Evelyn LaBree, Tom Huber

Caring Circle

Gail Lemley Burnett is in charge of our Caring Circle for providing help in case of illness, hospitalization, need for a ride to church, doctors' appointments, etc. Please call Gail at 324-1596 if you need assistance.

Minister's Hours

Rev. Sue will return to the SUUC pulpit
January 10, 2016.

Administrative Office Hours

Office hours are: Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday 7:00-12:00
info@sanforduuchurch.org

Co-Directors of Religious Education

Mesha and Ryan Quinn - dre@sanforduuchurch.org

Church and Community Groups

AA Meetings: AA meetings are held every Sunday from 5:00pm-6:15pm and Fridays 6:00pm-7:00pm in vestry

Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30pm following the potluck

Book Group: TBD

Choirs: Choir rehearses February 8, 15, 22 - March 7, 14, 21, 28 - April 4 at 6:30pm

Church Work Party: The next work day will be held on Saturday, January 9th from 8:00-noon

Committee on Ministry: TBA

Corner Cupboard Meetings: Next date the CC is open is January 16th from 10:00-2:00

Council Meeting: Next meeting will be held January 19th at 6:30pm following the potluck

Earth Stewards Green Team: Meets as needed

Finance Committee: Meetings are generally held the Sunday before a Board meeting

Homesteader's Group: Generally meets 6:30pm at the church or a member's home on the third Thursday of the month

Music Lessons: Private lessons are given on Mondays from 12:30-3:00 and Wednesday from 1:40-3:00 and 6:50-7:35 in the Sanctuary or Goodall Hall

Narcotics Anonymous: Meets every Wednesday in the vestry from 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Second Century Building Committee: Meets as needed

UUYC (UUs of York County) Meeting: TBA

Violence No More: Every Thursday at 5:00pm in the vestry

Women's Alliance: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon

Worship Associates: TBD