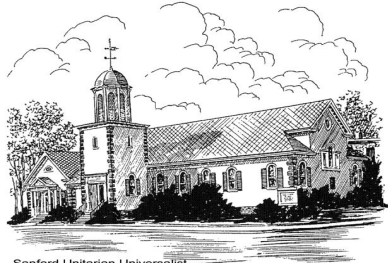


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UUA PRINCIPLES

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!

April 3rd Service - *The Leaf and the Cloud* by Mary Oliver. The service will be led by Worship Associate, Tom Huber. Special music will be provided by Melody Wood and Ruth Leipold.

April 10th Service - *The Broken Buddha*: We have moved on from shoveling...the Buddhist guide to springtime. The service will be led by Rev. Sue Gabrielson. Our choir will provide special music.

April 17th Service - *The Making of an Earth Steward* - How do we come to care about Mother Earth and to work to ensure her future. How can we encourage the future generations to become caretakers and environmental activists? The service will be led by Worship Associate, Judi Reis

April 24th Service - *Faithful Democracy*- As we endure the barrage of political advertisements and struggle through the debates and rhetoric as people aspire toward the office of President of the United States, let us examine the role of politics in church at the 5th UU principle. The service will be led by Rev. Sue Gabrielson.



Minister's Musings...

At the end of the month I am faced with giving the administrators a list of sermon topics for the upcoming month. This always stresses me out a bit. What if by the end of the month, I don't like my topic choice anymore? What if something happens in the world and I want to preach about that instead? A colleague of mine, Victoria Weinstein had similar struggles and wrote this about the topic.

"Last Sunday morning I picked up the phone in the office at the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, LA. After I said, "Good morning, Unitarian Church," a woman's voice said, "Good morning! Can you tell me what the topic is this morning?" I thought real fast and said, "The topic is, "COME TO CHURCH ANYWAY!" Come no matter what the topic is, because your church needs you and you need your church, and it doesn't matter what the preachers going to say! I was the preacher that morning, and I knew it was true. The woman patiently waited while I finished my enthusiastic pitch, winding down by lamely adding, "Um, the topic is actually 'On Resilience.'" "Thank you," she said, and hung up. Sometimes I wish we could do away with advertising sermon topics in advance altogether and just say for every week, "Today's sermon is called COME ANYWAY." Sermons are living things. They are a response to our life together and may wind up taking a very different direction than what the preacher originally advertised. You never know. Come anyway. The church needs you."

Her words are so true. I would also add that sometimes people ask me "who is preaching?" The truth is that worship services here are consistently amazing. The music and choir are fabulous, the lay leaders and worship associates are incredibly talented and competent. Social hour ALWAYS boasts tasty food, delicious coffee and interesting conversation. The kids are irresistible, the prayers are heartfelt and no matter who is preaching or what the topic is, you can expect to be moved, inspired, provoked, reduced to tears and maybe all of those, all at once. But the most important part of worship is what is created by the simple presence of all of us gathered together. The power of common belief, common values, shared vision, collective voices, and community is what makes worship miraculous. Your presence makes a difference. So no matter who is preaching or what topic might be advertised in the newsletter, come anyway. You never know what you might miss if you don't come and I can guarantee if you are not there, you WILL be missed.

Blessings, Rev. Sue

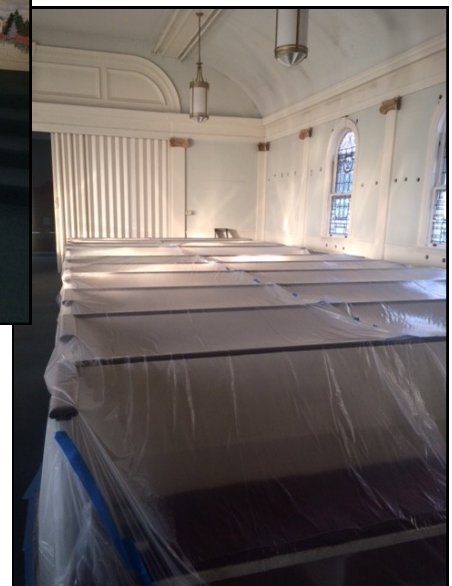
Covered

The need for insulating our old 100 year-old church building and Goodall Hall has been covered by Winkel Construction of North Waterboro over the last three years.

These pictures show the Sanctuary covered during the final insulation of the walls in March. This year's work also included the necessary installation of new struts to support the Sanctuary roof.

The costs of this work and previous improvements have been covered by the SUUC 2nd Century Fund. This Fund is the result of generous gifts from members of the congregation and friends of the church.

Thank you for your gifts that are helping secure the church building into its 2nd Century.



Beyond Our Walls

Fifty-Cent Clothing Sale

St. George Episcopal Church, 1 Emerson Street in Sanford, will hold their annual spring fifty-cent clothing sale on Friday, April 29th from 9:00-3:00 and again on Saturday, April 30th from 9:00-1:00. Free blood pressure screening will be available both days. FMI 324-8119.

In Case You Missed It

Faith in Action - The slick thing about whiteness is that you can reap the benefits of a racist society without personally being racist. — John A. Powell, legal scholar The Faith in Action Team at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco and Biddeford invites you to participate in a film and discussion series, *Race: The Power of an Illusion*. This 3-part PBS documentary explores what we think we know about race. April 3 Episode 1: "The Difference Between Us" - Where do your ideas about race come from? What are the sources of your information? April 10 Episode 2: "The Story We Tell" - Do you think Africans were enslaved in the Americas because they were deemed inferior, or were they deemed inferior because they were enslaved? April 17 Episode 3: "The House We Live In" - Do you think people today should be held accountable for past discrimination? Why or why not? Please join us for any or all segments of this eye-opening reflection on race. All sessions are from noon to 1:30 at 62 School Street in Saco. Please bring a bag lunch.

Spring For Community Auction 2016

The Unitarian Universalist church of Saco & Biddeford presents The Spring for Community Auction 2016 on Saturday, April 23rd from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. This event will be held at the People's Choice Credit Union located at 23 Industrial Park Road in Saco. The ticket price is \$25.00 per person. The silent auction is from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Appetizers will be served beginning at 7:00pm, the live auction will be held at 8:30pm. Desserts will be served beginning at 8:00pm. A cash bar will be provided from 5:30pm to 9:15pm and coffee and tea will be available during dessert time. There are many items donated by local businesses, and live entertainment will fill the hall throughout the entire evening. Tickets are available either by emailing the church at uuchurch@gwi.net or by phone at 207-282-0062.

Threes

The Triquire of the York County Unitarian Universalist Churches of York County performed three songs three times. On three successive Sundays, they sang together at each of the participating churches- Sanford UU Church, First Parish UU Church of Kennebunk, and the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford.



They sang beautifully.



Choir Directors Charlie and Ellie were delighted.

To see and hear all three songs performed by the Triquire during their third service at the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford on March 13th, cut and paste these three YouTube links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2jSzewGuzFo> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNu7DXdoV9I>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHa7IWjTMJI>

March 20th Worship Service- Early History of SUUC



Later, she was joined by the rest of the cast.

Historian, writer, producer, and narrator posed for a selfie with two of the cast.





Rev. Sue's Incidental Inspiration

BEATITUDES FOR EARTH SUNDAY

Reading By Richard S. Gilbert

Blessed are the heavens,
for they declare the power of creation.
Blessed is the earth, our beloved home,
for she is a planet of plenitude.

Blessed are the waters thereon,
for they gave rise to living things.
Blessed is the land,
for it is the source of life abundant.

Blessed is the air we breathe,
for it fires us to life and love.
Blessed are the beasts of the field,
for they are glorious to behold.

Blessed are the birds of the air,
for they carve a graceful arc in the sky.
Blessed are the mountains and the seas and the
valleys, for their variety makes rich our habitat.

Blessed are the fields of grain, the orchards of fruit,
for they give sustenance, asking nothing in return.
Blessed are the dwellers on earth,
for they cherish the privilege of living upon it.

Blessed are they who protect the earth and all her
creatures,
from the plants of the field to the trees of the forest,
for their reward shall be harmony with the web of
existence.
Rejoice, and be glad, for the earth and her people
are one.

Church Birthdays

People have requested we include birthdays in our church directory. We will include the month and day, but not the year. If you would like to have your birthday included in the next directory, please add your name to the list that is available in the parlor. Thank you.

Thank You

Words cannot begin to express the gratitude we have for your kindness and generosity during the loss of our home in November. We are truly blessed and humbled to be part of such a caring and compassionate community. We hope to begin rebuilding in the very near future. Holding each and everyone of you in the Light of Love and Peace.

In thanksgiving, Larry and Peggy Greer

Book Group - New Date

Several of us have had problems getting a copy of the book chosen to discuss, and we request your indulgence as we reschedule the book group meeting once again. We are reading Deepak Chopra's "Creating Health, Beyond Prevention Towards Perfection." Please come to the meeting, even if you have not read the book, as the topic lends itself to all being able to participate. Our meeting will be on Friday, April 15th at 6:00pm at the Church.

Administrative Office

The office will be closed on Monday, April 4th, and the usual Tuesday, April 5th.

Newsletter

The next date UU Notes will be published is Monday, May 2nd. Please send any information you would like included in the newsletter to the office no later than Sunday, May 1st. Thank you.

Annual Live and Silent Auction

Benefit for

The Corner Cupboard

The area's only non-food essential item pantry

Saturday – April 9, 2016 from 6:30pm-8:00pm

Sanford UU Church, 5 Lebanon Street in Sanford

Admission: \$5.00 recommended donation includes a Dessert Buffet and FUN!

Childcare is available - FMI 324-3191

Update on Pledges

Although the deadline for bringing or sending in your pledge card has passed, your pledge to support your church is still welcome! We have \$52,476.00 promised to next year's budget as of March 31st, and we will make our goal of \$60,000.00 with your generous help. For all of you who have already turned in your pledge cards, a big thank you for your generous giving. If you can spare some time to make reminder calls to six or seven people, and/or if you'd like to help write thank you notes, please email or call Diane Whiteside-Peck. Thank you.

Church Potluck Suppers

Please note, we are cancelling our Church Potluck Supper held on the third Tuesday of the month. However, we will continue to have a Church Potluck Supper the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm, which will include a Board Meeting at 6:30pm following the supper. Other committees are welcome to meet following the supper on the second Tuesday as well. The next potluck and Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12th. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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)

Morning Coffee With Bhante Sujatha



When you give, thank the receiver.
It is because of them you have the
opportunity to do a wholesome deed.

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, Vicky Bugado

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's office hours are Thursdays from 8:30am to 5:30pm. She is also available by appointment.

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, April 12th at 6:30pm following the potluck

Book Group: Meeting on Friday, April 15th at 6:00pm at the church

Choir: Choir rehearses April 4, May 9, 16 and 23 at 6:30pm

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

Committee on Ministry: TBA

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

Council Meeting: TBD

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

UUUC (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: Meeting on Sunday, April 10th at 9:00am