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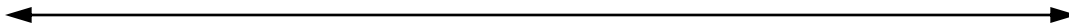
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UUA PRINCIPLES

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)



Summer Lay-Led Services Begin

Services are held in the Parlor at 9:30am, child care and coffee hour are not available over the summer months

July 10th Service - *Finding Faith on Lily Pads* - The service will be led by Karen Nelson

July 17th Service - *The Reluctant UU* - The service will be led by Bob Ortiz

July 24th Service - *Beatrix Potter: A Sesquicentennial Celebration* - The service will be led by Helen Kane

July 31st Service - *Getting to the WHY That Motivates Us* - The service will be led by Kristi Hayes Devlin

August 7th Service - *Poetry Breakfast* - The service will be led by Jan Sacco



We Welcome our Interim Minister, Rev. Steve Cook

Our new interim minister is the Reverend Stephen Cook. “Reverend Steve” is an experienced parish minister, who has served a nine-year, full-time settlement and five interim ministries. He is just finishing a three-year interim at the First Parish Universalist of Stoughton, MA; where in addition to the usual pastoral duties, he led the church in discernment to determine whether they would forge a less-than-full time/collaborative arrangement with another congregation, or seek a full-time settlement. (They chose the latter and have just called their very first

female minister.)

Originally from New York, Reverend Steve has deep connections with Maine. Trained at Bangor Theological Seminary, he spent years as a lay leader with our churches in Bangor, Auburn, and the Northeast District. While living in Auburn, he built furniture for Thos. Moser Cabinetmakers. He was called to the interim ministry of A2U2 in 1994-95, and since served churches in Hudson, Northampton, Wellesley, Scituate and Stoughton, MA.

Reverend Steve has been married for many years to Eileen Kelly, who was active in the Portland chapter of Amnesty International and other social justice initiatives, often under the auspices of A2U2. They have two adult sons, one living in Buffalo, NY and the other in Salem, MA. Owning a home in Quincy, MA; they will not be relocating; Reverend Steve will be “stretch commuting” on a regular schedule to Saco/Biddeford and Sanford. He is looking forward to helping our two churches create a forward-looking collaboration, exploring new ways to carry forth an historic witness. Smaller UU churches throughout the Association, also facing similar challenges, may well be able to learn from what we do.



Join us for Summer Services on Sundays Through Labor Day

Reminders about summer services:

- Services begin at 9:30am
- Held in the Parlor
- Informal
- There may be music, there may not
- Lay or minister led services
- No snacks following worship service
- No RE classes
- No child care

Please see page one of the newsletter for a list of upcoming services.



SUUC Young People in Action at the RE Worship Service, June 5th



Book Group

Our June book meeting concluded the season with heart-felt sharing on *Aging as a Spiritual Practice*. Those present agreed that the group would begin again in September on the third Friday of the month, the 16th at 6:00pm. Our read for September is the much talked about *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi.

The author, at the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor making a living treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. The book chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a naïve medical student "possessed," as he wrote, "by the question of what, given that all organisms die, makes a virtuous and meaningful life" into a young neurosurgeon at Stanford, guiding patients toward a deeper understanding of death and illness, and finally into a patient and a new father to a baby girl, confronting his own mortality.

What makes life worth living in the face of death? What do you do when the future, no longer a ladder toward your goals in life, flattens out into a perpetual present? What does it mean to have a child, to nurture a new life as another fades away? These are some of the questions Kalanithi wrestles with in this profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir. All are welcome.

♥ Rev. Sue's Farewell Service and Dinner - June 12th ♥

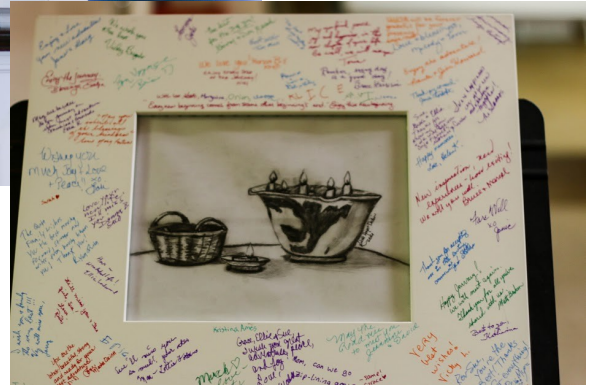
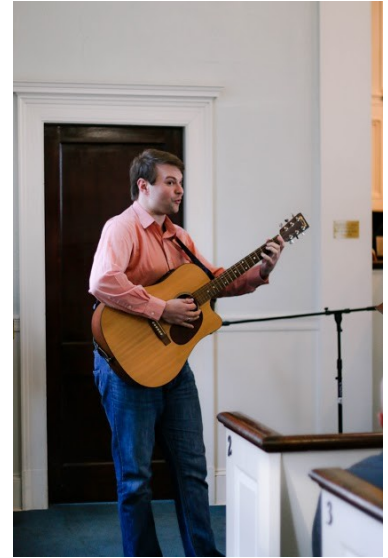
Sincere and heartfelt thank you goes out to the many, many people who worked so hard and did so much to make this service and dinner special and memorable. You are all amazing, please know how much this means and how much it is appreciated!

Photographs courtesy of Kristi Hayes Devlin



♥ Rev. Sue's Farewell Service and Dinner - June 12th - Continued ♥

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9TH ANNUAL

Nicole's 5K Run/Ellie's Walk & Kids 1K Fun Run



5K USATF Certified Course - Kennebunk Beach

Saturday, July 16th at 9^{AM}
Kids Run at 8:30^{AM}



**To Benefit York County's
Domestic Violence Program**



For more information and to register,
log onto www.nicolesrun.org



Funds raised go to support Caring Unlimited
Victim's Support Services



\$20.00
(\$10 for Kids)
Prior to race day
(includes a Tech T-shirt for
adults if registered before
June 20th)

\$25.00
(\$15 for Kids)
Day of race
registration



In loving memory of **Nicole Oliver**, age 24,
mother of two. She was shot to death by
her husband on July 9th, 2007.



Visit www.nicolesrun.org or call 207-590-6629

Thank You Marcel - The John T. Gorman Foundation will be supporting the Sanford UU Church's Corner Cupboard this year with a \$7,000.00 grant! In addition, the Hudson Foundation gave the Corner Cupboard a grant of \$2,000.00. Our thanks to Marcel Gagnon for making this happen, we appreciate his time and effort in working on these grants for our non-food pantry. His support of our endeavors mean a lot not only to our clients, but to our Corner Cupboard team who work so hard to make the non-food pantry a reality.

Summer Office Hours - From June 20th through August 26th, the administrative office will be operating on reduced summer hours. The summer schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, open 7:00 to 12:00.

Thank You - Our thanks to the "behind the scenes" people who come to the church and plant flowers around the flag pole, place flowers in the box beneath the wayside pulpit, and the many other thoughtful things done to beautify our grounds, we appreciate it!

HIV & Hepatitis C Testing & Counseling - HIV & Hepatitis C Testing and Counseling will take place in the parlor of the Sanford UU Church on Saturday, July 16th from 10:00am to 2:00pm, the same day and hours the non-food pantry, the Corner Cupboard, will be open.

Church Bulletin Bloopers ☺ - *Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*

In the Family - The Memorial Service - Celebration of Life for Meredith June Abbott Plummer, will begin at 1:00pm on Saturday, July 30th in the SUUC Sanctuary with a lite reception to follow in the Parlor. I will be planning and leading the memorial for my mother. If anyone from SUUC is planning to attend and would like to bring something for the reception, it would be greatly appreciated. And if they would let me know ahead of time what they plan to bring, it will help with the planning. It is our desire to help as many people as possible, so after her final expenses are paid, any remaining funds will be returned to me and donated to the SUUC Corner Cupboard - Non-Food Pantry. Thank you. Love and Light, Patty Kidder

CLYNK

In June we picked up \$68.32 from CLYNK returns from Hannaford. The total amount of money we received through CLYNK for this fiscal year is \$236.19. Thank you to all who helped and continue to help with this endeavor, we appreciate it.

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.
Town Realty: NO
Sweetser Lot: NO
Salvation Army: NO
(Their services are held at 10:45am)

Board 2016-2017

President: Aileen Fortune June 30, 2017
Vice President: Diane Whiteside-Peck June 30, 2017
Clerk: Bruce Harrison June 30, 2018
Financial Secretary: Janet Wood June 30, 2018
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, 2019

Church Leadership 2016-2017

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
Corner Cupboard Treasurer: Peg Sawyer
Earth Stewards Green Team: Judi Reis
Finance Committee:
Grant Manager: Marcel Gagnon
Homesteaders: Jan Sacco and Melody Wood
Members and Friends: Tonia Chase, Ginny Howe, Lisa Huestis
Music Committee: Melody Wood
Nominating Committee : Tonia Chase, Patty Kidder
Partners For Sacred Places: Lee Burnett
Pianist: Ruth Leipold
Religious Education Committee:
Second Century Fund Committee: Lee Burnett
Stewardship: Diane Whiteside-Peck and Patty Kidder
UUSC:
Women's Alliance: Nancy Farnham
Worship:
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

For the month of July, Rev. Sue is available by appointment only, please call the office.

Administrative Office Hours

Summer office hours are: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 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: TBA

Book Group: Will resume in the fall

Choir: Will resume rehearsals in the fall

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

Committee on Ministry: Meets as needed

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

Council Meeting: Meets as needed

Earth Stewards Green Team: Meets as needed

Finance Committee: Will resume meeting in the fall

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: Meets as needed

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: Will resume meeting late summer