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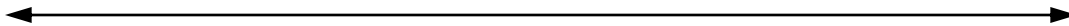
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UUA PRINCIPLES

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)



We Have One Summer Service Left - September 4th at 9:30am - On September 11th We Begin Regular Church Services. Everyone is Welcome!

September 4th Service - *Veterans Today and on Into Tomorrow* - The service will be led by Gary Wood.

September 11th Service - We return to regular worship service in the Sanctuary on this day. Today's service is our water celebration and ingathering, led by our new Interim Minister, Rev. Steve Cook. Please note, for this Sunday only, the service will begin at 11:00am in order to give Rev. Cook time to lead the service at the Saco - Biddeford UU Church and the Sanford UU Church. Don't forget to bring water you have collected over the summer to add to our holy water. Regular 10:30am services will resume on September 18th.

September 18th Service 10:30am - *The Sharps' War* - Two courageous Unitarians defied the Nazis and helped many escape from the oncoming Holocaust. Their story will be told in a new Ken Burns film coming to PBS this month. (See the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter.) We will consider how their work and witness may inspire us today. The service will be led by Rev. Steve Cook.

September 25th Service 10:30am - *Who Am I?* The service is about identity and racism and will be led by Bob Ortiz.



Along the Way...

Dear New Friends of Saco/Biddeford and Sanford,

I'm happy and excited to be taking up this new ministry with you. As you may know, my wife, Eileen Kelly and I, moved to Maine in 1981, where I trained at Bangor Theological Seminary, then served as a lay leader in the Northeast District and interim minister of Allen Avenue UU Church before moving to Massachusetts for other settled and interim placements. So while we will continue living at our home in Quincy, just outside of Boston, my "stretch commute" of several days a week will bring me back to familiar places and one or two friends from those days.

There is much ahead of us as we walk through these next two years together. As always, there will be the weekly joys and challenges common to all parish life: worship, counseling, rites of passage, pastoral concerns and administration. In addition, we will have a particular task before us, the task of discernment, as each church separately and then together will consider what the future may hold in view of potential cooperative ministries and the question of professional leadership. Let us be clear that this is a large and important task. However, you have lots of energy and great leaders, with whom I have already been working, as I bring to bear my specialized training as an interim minister with much experience in working with churches in transition. However the journey takes shape, I can assure you that it will be energizing and lead to a future that YOU will have chosen. I'm gratified that you chose to share it with me.

Let me close by calling your attention to the upcoming Ken Burns film, "The Sharps' War," the amazing saga of the Rev. Waitstill Sharp and his wife, Martha, whose Unitarian faith moved them to risk everything to help refugees escape the Nazis. Check your local PBS listings; I will also center the services of September 18 and 25 around it.

I hope I have the chance to meet all of you in the months ahead as we walk together this journey of faith.

With every good wish,

Rev. Steve

President's Welcome Back!

I hope you've all enjoyed both some fun adventures and also the lazy days of summer, and are ready to jump back into another great year at Church. I know I am! After much eager anticipation, I'm delighted that we will welcome Rev. Steve Cook to SUUC on September 11 at our in-gathering service and to his collaborative Interim Ministry with our two churches.

It's been a busy summer at Church. Here's just some of what's been happening - The Board has met with Rev. Steve and begun getting to know each other and working together. The Church has been spruced up. The Bulkhead has been replaced with new beams and supports. The Corner Cupboard has new funding, new goals and new volunteers. The Worship Associates have been working hard to fill our pulpit on the Sunday mornings in the coming year that Rev. Steve won't be with us.

This will be an exciting year of new beginnings at Church. We'll soon learn more about what an Interim Ministry means. We'll learn more about ourselves and each other. We'll set goals and plan our way forward. We'll begin to imagine our future. We'll explore ways to collaborate with the UUCSB. This is a dynamic time for SUUC. We'll create our present and future together

I'm excited about all we will learn and do together this year. And I know we will grow together and be amazed!

Remember, the first service of the year, on September 11, will be at the special time of 11:00am so that Rev. Steve can also be at the Saco Church earlier that morning as well! See you at Church! Aileen Fortune

SUUC Book Group - The SUUC Book Group is reconvening after a summer hiatus. All are welcome. The first fall meeting is on Friday, September 16 at 6:00pm in Goodall Hall. The group decided that our first book would be *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. The book is about a young doctor, whom 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 Paul Kalanithi was a doctor making a living treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. The book chronicles Kalanithi confronting his own mortality. Some of the questions he wrestles with in this profoundly moving, exquisitely written memoir are: 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? This book is a gift to all who read it.

In the Family - Many, many thanks to my SUUC friends for the cards with your caring words and your wishes for a good recovery from my bad fall of June 1. The pain went away very soon and now after 2-1/2 months in the Rehab area of Gorham House I have returned to my third floor apartment. It will take several more months for complete recovery from the damage to my femur, but I am now able to look after myself and walk down to the dining room, using a walker. I have been warned that it may take a total of 6 – 12 months for full recovery, so I don't plan to run any races at present.

If any of you are in the Gorham area, I'd welcome a visit. My best, Elizabeth Fraser



Sanford UU Church Reminders...

SUUC Choir - Do you like singing in a choir? Finding it hard to make a big time commitment? Are you more comfortable in a liberal, affirming spiritual community? We may have just the right situation for you! The Sanford UU Church is searching for singers who like to make good music, and have fun doing it. If you can commit to three rehearsals before we sing, you're in. You don't need to be able to read music, just have good ears and be ready to be a part of a fun and challenging choral experience. FMI, contact Rev. Charlie Grindle at ycuumd@gmail.com. The first rehearsal will be held at the church on Monday, September 5th at 6:30pm. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome to join us!

Common Good Reminder - Yes, it is time to begin thinking about signing up to volunteer for our Common Good! 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 would like to see everyone participate 2-3 times over the year if possible. In every case, you will receive an email reminder the week before your chosen date(s). Thank you for your participation

Coffee Hour - Most of us enjoy coffee hour after church. It's especially important as a time to welcome newcomers and chat with them. We are going to work really hard to have one or two folks signed up to host coffee hour each week. In an effort to make it easier, we'll try to keep crackers, nuts, dried fruit, etc. on hand. Remember coffee hour is just a little snack to have with conversation, nothing fancy is required. The cupboards have been reorganized and a diagram is available on the counter. Thanks so much, looking forward to seeing everyone back for the regular church on September 11th.

Water Service - As the summer winds down, we would like to remind you that during our first service, which will be held on September 11th, that it will be held at a different time; instead of 10:30am it will be held at 11:00am. Please note this is for the September 11th service ONLY. This will enable Rev. Cook to lead the service both at the Saco - Biddeford UU Church and the Sanford UU Church. We will gather to celebrate and reconnect with our annual Water Celebration and Ingathering and we will mingle the waters we have collected over the summer. This past year, our "holy" water was used at funerals and memorial services, weddings and services of union, for child dedications and for special blessings and other rites of passage. All musicians and drummers are needed for pre-service music on Sunday the 11th. Don't forget to bring your collected water on that day.

Welcome Back to Church - The Sanford UU Church offers many opportunities to express our artistic selves; one may join the choir, the bell choir, create items for the Holiday Fair, or participate in the special gifts portion of our Sunday services. Diane Whiteside-Peck invites you to offer a bit of your spirit this year, and sign up to read a poem, play an instrument or sing a song for your friends in church. Please contact Diane for more information at 646-3780.

Church Directory - Towards the middle of September we will have a new church directory. If you would like your birthday included in this fall's directory, please send your information to the office. Also, if you have any changes regarding your phone number, address or email address, please let the office know so we can make sure information is as accurate as possible. Thank you.

A Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky film

Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War



Coming Soon – Fall 2016

In September, 2016, people across the country will be talking about two historic Unitarian Universalist figures. Released as a Ken Burns PBS documentary with companion book from Beacon Press, *Defying the Nazis* is the story of Waitstill and Martha Sharp, a young Unitarian minister and his wife who undertook secret missions in Nazi-occupied Europe to rescue Jews, dissidents and refugee children at great personal sacrifice during World War II.

Unitarian Universalist congregations and groups can use this unique opportunity to deepen their faith and share the UU values that the Sharps embodied. Faith development, interfaith dialogue and outreach event resources will be available to engage with the film and book. With the help of these resources, UUs will sign up to host local events in the fall of 2016.

Start planning NOW for your fall 2016 local event to seize the moment and carry on the Sharps' legacy of courage and compassion!

Defying the Nazis Release Dates

PBS broadcast:
September 20, 2016
(tentative)

Book publication:
September 6, 2016
(tentative)

UU resources available:
May, 2016

For more info, visit
uua.org/sharpstory

Resources
by:



With
support
from:

Unitarian Universalist
Congregation at Shelter Rock

Artemis Joukowsky III

Summer Worship Services

What an amazing summer! Thank you to all summer service participants. You inspired and delighted us every Sunday!

Together we journeyed the US parks and byways with Ruth and David Larrabee, paddled unnamed rivers in the wilds of Labrador with Lee Burnett and visited England with Helen Kane on the occasion of Beatrix Potter's sesquicentennial celebration.

We journeyed inward, finding faith with Karen Nelson and getting to the WHY that motivates us with Kristi Hayes Devlin. We learned about the healing and spiritual aspects of aromatherapy with Barbara Fraser and Tim DeCoteau. With Vicky Bugado we shared our thoughts on independence versus interdependence.

Keeping with tradition, our odyssey began with David Agan's Father's Day service. We enjoyed Jan Saco's delicious poetry breakfast and chuckling, we embraced the reluctant UU with Bob Ortiz. We gained insight into the LGBT community with Tonia Chase and our final service, given by Gary Wood on September 4, will inform us on the plight of veterans today and on into tomorrow.

It has been a privilege and honor to host your services.
With love and gratitude, Evelyn LaBree

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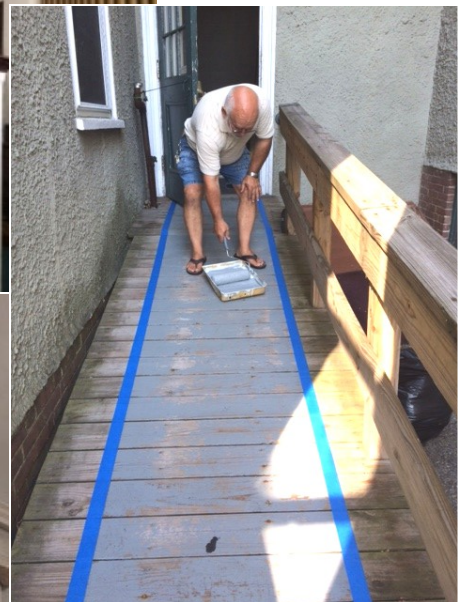


St. George's Episcopal Church
1 Emerson St. - Sanford
Friday, September 30th
9:00-3:00
Saturday, October 1st
9:00-1:00
FMI 324-8119
Free Blood Pressure Screening!

Church Bulletin Bloopers ☺

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Sprucing Up the Church for a New Year of Services



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: Rev. Steve Cook
Worship Associates: Rev. Steve Cook, 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. Steve Cook will be in his office on Wednesdays from 11:00-3:00

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: September 13th, Tuesday, at 6:00pm

Book Group: Meeting in Goodall Hall on Friday, September 16th at 6:00pm

Choir: First rehearsal will be held in the Sanctuary on Monday, September 5th at 6:30pm

Church Work Party: The next work day will be held on Saturday, September 10th from 8:00ish-noon

Committee on Ministry: Meets as needed

Corner Cupboard Meetings: Next date the CC is open is September 17th from 10:00-2:00

Council Meeting: Meets as needed

Earth Stewards Green Team: Meets as needed

Finance Committee: Usually meets 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: 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: TBA