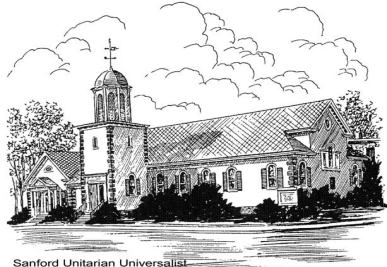


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UUA PRINCIPLES

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 Services are held every Sunday at 10:30am - Child Care is Provided
Everyone is Welcome!**

February 5th Service - 5577 Priestley - The service will be led by Rev. Steve Cook. The great “natural philosopher” Joseph Priestley is one of our Unitarian spiritual forebears.

February 12th Service - Luminescence - The service will be led by Worship Associate, Vicky Bugado

February 19th Service - Love - The service will be led by Rev. Steve Cook. The first of a three-sermon series on the so-called “theological virtues,” Faith, Hope and Love.

February 26th Service *Everybody Needs a Tribe* - The service will be led by Rev. Fayre Stephenson
We have a strong instinct to belong to small groups defined by clear purpose and understanding – “tribes.” This tribal connection has been largely lost in modern society, but regaining it may be the key to our psychological and spiritual survival. At this service, using Sebastian Junger’s book, *Tribe*, as our guide, we will explore our need as a communal species for loyalty, belonging, and the eternal human quest for meaning.



Along the Way Continued...

Dear Friends,

Let me begin by thanking again the hosts of the cottage meetings in Saco/Biddeford and Sanford, the Transition Teams in both churches who have done so much to arrange them and the members who have given part of their Sunday afternoons to attend. The decisions before you are among the most crucial for churches in our self-governing tradition: it's important to remember that the search and call process for a settled minister in Unitarian Universalism is entirely in the hands of the congregation. While guided by certain designated, UUA specialists and trained interim ministers such as me, in the end, most of the actual work and the final decisions will be yours. Therefore, in order to obtain the best possible match between minister and congregation in our diverse religious association, it is important to have as much participation as possible, especially now as each church seeks to discern both what it needs and what it can offer in ministry.

Themes emerging from the cottage meetings in Sanford, due to be completed February 5, will be considered in relation to those that came from the meetings in Saco/Biddeford and together, will form a picture of how each congregation sees itself at this time: what are the needs and desires, strengths and challenges of each in regard to the future and to the question of professional ministry.

The shared ministry of Rev. Sue to your churches was something of an evolution, as each church on its own made decisions in regard to finances and desire for professional ministry. Perforce, within each church, active lay leadership developed to provide for worship and pastoral care in what had become for each a half-time arrangement. This evolved system has worked for two years or so.

The question I am now going to ask each church to answer is this: Do you wish further to evolve what grew into a mutual, half-time arrangement into an intentional, shared ministry of the two churches in regard to a full-time equivalent, settled minister serving both congregations? Not all details of such a potential shared ministry are necessarily clear at this moment--much would undoubtedly remain unchanged--but the answer to this question will be critical to the direction of a ministerial search. To search intentionally for a single, shared, full-time equivalent minister (a path many small churches have taken together) will leverage the finances and energies of both congregations, enlarge the pool of potential ministers, maximize your chances and engage the full resources of the UUA Transition Department. (It would also mean, for example, the selection and commissioning of a joint search committee.) To search for two, half-time ministers will send both churches in another direction entirely, requiring two separate searches in a smaller pool of ministers and working with the regional UUA staff who handle less than full time searches. Each church would then be on its own in regard to financing the search by itself and the compensation package it could offer to potential ministers.

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The discernment themes gathered from the cottage meetings will soon be shared with both congregations. Please consider them fully as well as your own thoughts in this regard. I will ask each church to express its will on this question, probably in separate congregational meetings called for that purpose, so that we have a clear sense how to proceed. While we are not too late in the usual search timeline, we should move ahead on this within the month.

While it is possible that each church could continue to pursue its own destiny separately for some years to come, given the economic and demographic realities of the area, it is my considered professional opinion that an intentional, shared ministry will offer you the best path to a sustainable future as vital, thriving churches bringing to your towns the important, saving message of Unitarian Universalism.

There is still time for sharing and discussion about this important question. If you have not attended a Sanford cottage meeting, I hope you will. In any case, in each church, I encourage you to share thoughts on this with your Transition Team, your Board or with me.

See you in church, Rev. Steve

Capital Campaign 2011-2016

Beginning in November 2011, SUUC carried out its 2nd Century Capital Campaign. Fundraising was completed in 2016. The campaign netted over \$200,000 in funds. Great thanks are due to all of you who contributed- members, friends, investors, and charitable organizations. A list of contributions by gift level is included in this newsletter.

A summary of old and recent church capital work was published in the November 2016 *UU Notes*. A report on the 2011-17 capital renovations will be included in the 2016-17 Annual Report.

While the campaign is over, gifts and bequests to go toward meeting future capital needs will continue to be accepted by the Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, 5 Lebanon Street, Sanford, ME 04073.

Re-Gifting Raffle

Thank you to all who participated in our Re-Gifting Raffle held in January, we raised \$300.00. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Common Good Reminder - Still Need Volunteers

Our sign up sheets for the Common Good (greeting, providing flowers, hosting coffee/social hour) are located on the bulletin board in the Parlor. These 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 dates. Thank you for your cooperation.

News from John and Jan Steffens... Children's Day and Karen Villagers



2nd Century Capital Campaign Gift Levels (2011-2016)

Ralph Waldo Emerson (\$25,000.00 and over)

Rev. Maurice Cobb
Art and Celina Dumas
Maine Community Foundation Steeples Project

Clara Barton (\$10,000.00 and over)

David Agan and Aileen Fortune
Lee and Gail Burnett
Linda and David Pence
Ginny Howe and Paul Poyant
Anonymous

Margaret Fuller (\$5,000.00 and over)

Pat Herrick - John Lee Dumas

William Ellery Channing (\$1,000.00 and over)

SUUC Women's Alliance
John and Jan Steffens
Paul and Barbara Berry
David and Ruth Leipold
Elizabeth Fraser
Gary and Janet Wood
Janie Waterhouse
Richard and Marjorie Lion
Jan and Ron Sacco
NNE District UUA Chalice Lighters
In Memory of Evelyn Waterhouse
In Memory of Rev. Maurice Cobb
Fraser-Allen Memorial Fund
Anonymous

Susan B. Anthony (\$500.00 and over)

Diane Whiteside-Peck
William Frank
Elliot and Betty Green
Don and Ginny Reusch
Helen Kane
Liz Perry
Joseph R. Hanslip
Lynd and Jeanne Blatchford

Thomas Starr King (\$250.00 and over)

Judi Reis and Bev Brent
Jackie Belanger and Jo Dill

John and Lottie Fortune
Mark and Elise Miller
F. Jean Fraser and Chris Small
Mathilde Burnett
Anonymous

Louisa May Alcott (Up to \$249.00)

Karen Nelson
Eileen Conlon and Gary Lenox
Catherine Violette
Linda Bates
Tom Huber and Melody Wood
diana waterman
Ruth and David Larrabee
Clare Fortune-Lad
Deb Gaudreau
Patty and Roger Kidder
Barbara Crider
Alison Vanderzanden
Thomas Van Houten
Carpe Diem Coffee
Thomas and Diana Allen
Rev. Sue Gabrielson
Rev. Bryan and Ms. Edie Jessup
Rev. Paul and Ms. Krista Boothby
In Memory of Royal Cloyd

Memorial Gift Donors

In Memory of Evelyn Waterhouse
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Geoffrey Moore - Rev. Maurice Cobb

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David and Ruth Leipold
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David Agan and Aileen Fortune
SUUC Women's Alliance
Pat Herrick and Manuel Garcia
Anonymous
James and Susan Soverel
Janet Hawkes
Evelyn LaBree
Elizabeth Fraser
Janie Waterhouse
Judi Reis
Diane Whiteside-Peck

News from the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Upcoming Rallies and Protests - February 10th, 5:00pm: In one corner of the Parish Hall people will create signage for upcoming rallies and protests. In another corner, others will write postcards to members of Congress. Bring your ideas, energy and/or supplies to share. Contact Randa FMI (randat@zwi.net)



Community Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 11th from 5:00-7:00pm at the UUCSB, 62 School Street, Saco. Proceeds to benefit their Religious Exploration Program. Menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, punch and dessert. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available. Enjoy background music and the fine company of members of their community. Contact Randa at (randat@zwi.net) or Jeannine at (jwilso118@gmail.com) FMI Donations accepted at the door.

February 24th 7:00-9:00pm, Parish Hall *THE WISDOM TO SURVIVE: Climate Change, Capitalism & Community*, film and discussion with Kitsy Winthrop.

UUCSB will be participating in the 2016-17 UUA Common Read with *The Third Construction: How a Moral Movement Is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear*. A modern-day civil rights champion tells the stirring story of how he helped start a movement to bridge America's racial divide. This will take place on March 12th and 19th. The book is approximately \$16.00 from Beacon Press. Everyone is welcome, please contact Dorinne at dbs7859@gmail.com

The UU Church of Saco and Biddeford hosts a Support Group called Southern Maine Gay Men. They offer free HIV and HEP C testing once a month on the first Thursday from 6:30pm - 9:00pm. It is also the evening for their monthly potluck dinner. The testing is done in the building and done by a staff person from India Street Health Center of Portland, ME. It is done in a private space in the church.

Corner Cupboard Update

The Corner Cupboard will again be accepting used clothing, seasonally appropriate and in good condition. Thanks to Kristie Praschak for volunteering to sort and organize the donations.

Fundraising Update

Hello, church friends! We are a busy little church, are we not? It becomes difficult perhaps to find time to support our church in as many ways as it needs: attending services; gathering for Cottage Meetings; volunteering to offer a Coffee Hour; raising extra funds to maintain our spiritual house.

I'm happy to report that Kristie Praschak has joined me in co-chairing this year's Annual Budget Drive---good news! It would be great to have one more "someone" with us. The Drive is made up of small but important jobs, such as writing a newsletter article on the Drive's progress, testifying during a service that you love our church, or writing the Thank-You notes we send to everyone who pledges. A complete description of such jobs hangs on the Parlor bulletin board. Please consider helping for a day or a week in February and March.

Or, if you're into it, please lead one of the Spring fundraising events. The sign-up sheets for our Spring Auction and our Annual Yard Sale await your name! When I was asked to chair Fundraising back in 1998, I had never done it before----but I did it, with LOTS of help from my fellow congregants, and it was fun and rewarding. Take the leap! You won't regret it! Thanks. -Diane Whiteside-Peck

Church Bulletin Bloopers ☺ - The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Storm Cancellation Information - The Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church service and event cancellations are announced on the following television stations: WCSH 6, WMTW 8 and WGME 13. You may also receive the latest information regarding cancellations by checking the top of our website or calling the church office (324-3191) for the latest recording or check our Facebook page for the most recent information. In addition, a congregational email will be sent.



Our thanks to Kristi Hayes-Devlin and her family for donating four beautiful canvas prints to the church. The prints are located in the entrance of the church.

Final Cottage Meeting

For those who have not yet attended a Cottage Gathering, and for those who would like to be present at another, the last meeting will be held in the parlor after church services this Sunday, February 5th from 12:30-2:30pm. These gatherings have been very productive and collegial, but we need everyone's input to get an accurate assessment of our collective opinions as we move forward in our ministerial search. Please note that this will be a potluck lunch, relaxed and comfortable as if around a fireplace.

Many thanks to the hosts who welcomed us into their homes-- Aileen and David, Tonia, and Janet and Gary-- thereby starting us off on a positive and informative note. Your Transition Team: Kristi, Tonia, Helen

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

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:
Fundraising: Diane Whiteside-Peck
Grant Manager: Marcel Gagnon
Homesteaders: Jan Sacco and Melody Wood
Members and Friends: Tonia Chase
Music Committee: Melody Wood
Nominating Committee : Tonia Chase 2017, Ginny Howe 2018,
Lisa Huestis 2019
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, as needed, from 11:00-3:00
781-330-2521 stephenmichaelcook@ME.com

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: February 14th, Tuesday, at 6:30pm, with a potluck beginning at 5:30pm

Book Group: Meeting on Friday, February 17th in the Parlor at 6:00pm

Choir: Mondays at 6:30pm - please note rehearsal change for one day, **Wednesday, February 15th**

Church Work Party: The next work day will be held on Saturday, February 11th from 8:00ish-noon

Committee on Ministry: Meets as needed

Corner Cupboard Meetings: Next date the CC is open is February 18th 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 4:30-7:30 in either the Sanctuary, Goodall Hall or one of the rooms downstairs and on Thursdays from 9:00-12:00 in the Sanctuary

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

Second Century Building Committee: Meets as needed

Social Justice Group: This group meets in Goodall Hall on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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