



Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church

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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)

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

Please Note Important Change for May 7th Service - The service is entitled *Wake Now Our Senses* and **will be held in Saco at 10:00am**. A special joint worship service in Saco, led by Rev. Steve and the Rev. Margaret Beckman, our UUA Transition Coach. (She also serves our church in Castine.) This will be followed by a joint meeting of both churches to hear about Ministerial Search Committee selection procedures, with Q and A from all interested parties. This will be a very important service and all are urged to attend. The Unitarian Universalist Saco Biddeford Church is located at 60 School Street, Saco, ME, and the service will be held at **10:00am**. **We will NOT have a service at the Sanford UU Church on Sunday, May 7th.**

May14th Service - *Mother's Day* - The service will be led by our Directors of Religious Education, Ryan and Mesha Quinn. The SUUC choir will provide special music.

May 21st Service - *Black Moses* - The service will be led by Rev. Steve Cook. Last year, it was decided to remove from the \$20 bill the portrait of the slave-owning President Andrew Jackson and replace it with that of Harriet Tubman. Born a slave, she escaped from bondage, then in 13 expeditions rescued 70 others on the Underground Railroad.



Along the Way ...

From time to time I have used, for closing words, the following poem by the contemporary American poet, Thomas R. Smith:

Trust

It's like so many other things in life
to which you must say no or yes.
So you take your car to the new mechanic.
Sometimes the best thing to do is trust.

The package left with the disreputable-looking
clerk, the check gulped by the night deposit,
the envelope passed by dozens of strangers -
all show up at their intended destinations.

The theft that could have happened doesn't.
Wind finally gets where it was going
through the snowy trees, and the river, even
when frozen, arrives at the right place.

And sometimes you sense how faithfully your life
is delivered, even though you can't read the address.

This kind of challenge to our hearts and courage is always before us in our personal lives and in our institutions, but in this period of transition for the Sanford UU Church and the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford, both the challenges and the promises of trust and faith are heightened. Last year, facing the challenges of change, you trusted your leaders to choose for you a “temporary shepherd,” as interim ministers are sometimes poetically and traditionally called; since September you have trusted me, that temporary shepherd, to provide ministerial leadership that is different in some ways from what you’ve known before; you are aware that there are important questions before these churches; in dealing with those you have trusted your leaders and me, but most of all you’ve trusted yourselves. You have expressed confidence in the skill, the courage and the resources of each church to face those questions and find the answers that work for you.

Soon, you will be invited by your leaders to take a further step in trust, to select a joint, ministerial search committee. That committee will be commissioned and empowered by both churches to serve you in one of the most important decisions that can fall to a church in our tradition of the self-governing congregation, searching for and bringing to the churches the person they believe best suited to serve and lead you as your minister, to co-create with you the next chapter in the life of each church. You will be asked to trust and support that committee over the months ahead. You will have guidance from me and the UUA to help you with this important task and I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Rev. Steve

Annual Reports Needed

Annual Reports 2016-2017 - Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2017 - A notice and list of reports was emailed to Board and Committee Leaders in mid April. Please send reports to the office no later than Tuesday, May 9th, as we would like the Annual Report books available on Sunday, May 14th, a week prior to the meeting. Thank you.

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Corner Cupboard

Our non-food pantry, the Corner Cupboard, will be open on Saturday, May 20th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The Corner Cupboard's primary goal is to assist people in meeting their basic needs for living, to increase their quality of life, and to fill in the gap for those who are struggling. We work collaboratively with other service agencies in the area. Volunteers are always needed and welcome to help us on the Saturdays we are open. Please call the office at 324-3191 for further information. The Corner Cupboard welcomes spring clothing, now that it seems that spring is actually coming. If you're cleaning out a closet or bureau, and find some clothes that you aren't going to be wearing, please bring them to church. Thank you.

Button It! Mini-Button Fundraiser

To date, this fundraiser had generated \$86.25. Each button is only \$1.00, and every penny goes to support our church community. Please take part, buttons are for sale on a table in the Parlor. Thank you to all who have made a purchase!

SUUC Book Group

The final meeting of the SUUC Book Group before the summer hiatus, is on May 26th at 6:00pm in Goodall Hall. We will discuss *The Art of Stillness: Adventures in Going Nowhere* by Pico Lyer. *The Art of Stillness* paints a picture of why so many - from Marcel Proust to Mahatma Gandhi to Emily Dickinson - have found richness in stillness. Ultimately, Lyer shows that, in this age of constant movement and connectedness, perhaps staying in one place is a more exciting prospect, and a greater necessity than ever before. All are welcome.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Newsletter Day</p> <p>Jeff Kaz. Music lessons in Sanctuary 4:30-7:30</p> <p>Choir rehearsal in sanctuary 6:30</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>Vets Helping Vets in GH 1:00-4:00</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous in Vestry 7:30-9:00</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Jeff Kaz. Music lessons in Sanctuary 9:00-12:00</p> <p>VNM Vestry 5:00</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Vets Helping Vets in GH 1:00-4:00</p> <p>AA in Vestry 6:00-7:00</p>	6
<p>7</p> <p>Joint service with UUSBC in Saco at 10:00am - No service held at the SUUC</p> <p>AA in Vestry 5:00-6:15</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Jeff Kaz. Music lessons in Sanctuary 4:30-7:30</p> <p>Choir rehearsal in sanctuary 6:30</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Deadline to turn in your Annual Report</p> <p>Board Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Project CommUnity 6:30pm Goodall hall</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous in Vestry 7:30-9:00</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Jeff Kaz. Music lessons in Sanctuary 9:00-12:00</p> <p>VNM Vestry 5:00</p>	<p>12</p> <p>AA in Vestry 6:00-7:00</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church Work Party 8:00ish-noon</p>
<p>14 Mother's Day Worship 10:30</p> <p>Choir will sing</p> <p>Annual Report Books will be available today</p> <p>AA in Vestry 5:00-6:15</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Jeff Kaz. Music lessons in Sanctuary 4:30-7:30</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Meditation class with Cindy Simon 4:00-5:00 in Goodall Hall</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous in Vestry 7:30-9:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Jeff Kaz. Music lessons in Sanctuary 9:00-12:00</p> <p>VNM Vestry 5:00</p>	<p>19 CC sets up</p> <p>AA in Vestry 6:00-7:00</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Corner Cupboard is open 10:00-2:00</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Worship 10:30</p> <p>Worship Assoc. Meeting 9:00</p> <p>ANNUAL MEETING</p> <p>Jeff. Kaz. Music recital 1:00-4:00 in Sanctuary</p> <p>AA in Vestry 5:00-6:15</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Jeff Kaz. Music lessons in Sanctuary 4:30-7:30</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Maine People's Alliance showing documentary "Sicko" in GH 6:30pm</p> <p>Project CommUnity 6:30pm Goodall hall</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous in Vestry 7:30-9:00</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Jeff Kaz. Music lessons in Sanctuary 9:00-12:00</p> <p>VNM Vestry 5:00</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Book Group meeting in Parlor 6:00</p> <p>AA in Vestry 6:00-7:00</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Worship 10:30am</p> <p>AA in Vestry 5:00-6:15</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>The office is closed</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Maine People's Alliance showing documentary "Where to Invade Next" in GH 6:30pm</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous in Vestry 7:30-9:00</p>			

Join us for Summer Services at 9:30am on Sundays, June 25th - September 3rd

The lilacs are budding, peepers are singing their nightly chorus and leaves are dressing the bare branches. Summer is just around the corner.



Summer services provide a unique opportunity to share your passion, talk about an inspiring story and really get to know your fellow UUs in an intimate and informal setting.

Summer services begin later this year. The June 18th Father's Day service will be part of the regular church year services.

If you have considered participating in Summer Services and are unsure how to proceed, please contact me to discuss your concerns.

You are invited to list your name and service title on the sign up sheet in the parlor or contact me (Evelyn LaBree) at labree@bu.edu.



*Rev. Charles Grindle, Interfaith Minister
Music Director at FPUU*

Charlie's American Songbook Piano Concert

The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 114 Main Street in Kennebunk, ME, proudly presents Rev. Charles Grindle in a May Concert.

This event will take place on Saturday, May 6th at 7:30pm. Tickets will be sold at the door, \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors, children are free. Refreshments will be served.

FMI please call Jaylene Summers at 985-7412 or FPUU at 985-3700.

Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church

*Call to Annual Meeting, Sunday May 21, 2017,
immediately following the worship service.*

WARRANT

Members of the Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church are hereby notified and warned that the Annual Meeting of said religious society is to be held in the Sanctuary of the Church on Sunday May 21, 2017, with action to be taken on the following:

1. To hear the call to the Meeting and reading of the Warrant
2. To hear the Clerk's report of the previous Annual Meeting
3. To hear the Clerk's reports of 2 Special Meetings (3/5/17 & 4/2/17)
4. To hear the reports of the Financial Secretary & Treasurer
5. To hear the report of the President of the Church
6. To hear the report of the Nominating Committee
7. To elect members to the Board for the coming fiscal year
8. To hear various committee and organization reports
9. To consider and vote on the proposed 2017-2018 budget
10. To consider and vote on the UUA Declaration of Conscience
11. To consider and vote on revised Church Bylaws

Adjournment to the next Annual or Special church meeting.

Bruce W. Harrison
Clerk of the Church

Church Bulletin Bloopers ☺ - On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD; Dr. Hargreaves is better.

Church Work Group

Our wonderful, hard working church work group will meet on Saturday, May 13th from 8:00ish to noon. Please contact Bob McCormick for more information. We thank Bob and all of our volunteers for their time and effort!

Make a Difference in the Life of a Vet - Southern Maine Agency on Aging

If you served in the military, this is your chance to help older veterans and those with disabilities in York and Cumberland Counties.

- * Visit a veteran in his/her home
- * Chat and swap stories
- * Go out for coffee or lunch
- * Make referrals for needed services
- * Provide much needed companionship

Register today for training on May 3rd and 5th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Sanford UU Church. Please call Sue Gold at SMAA at 207-396-6521 or email sgold@smaaa.org.

Before Worship and...What's happening? When? Where?

Just a reminder that the 15 minutes before church begins is a QUIET TIME in the Sanctuary. People are invited to sit and meditate or enjoy the gathering music that we sometimes have. After that, the Minister or a Worship Associate will begin the service time by "inviting the bell" and then one of the Worship Associates will stand up and deliver any current news and announcements. After announcements, we will enjoy the Musical Prelude to Worship. If you have an announcement you'd like to share with the congregation, kindly fill out a short form located on the table in the entryway of the church. Please make your announcement only on activities, events and information regarding the church. Announcements must be given to a Worship Associate ten minutes prior to the service beginning. Thank you.

Please Check...

It's that time of year, time to check the Lost and Found table in the Parlor. Any items not claimed by May 19th will be donated to the Corner Cupboard. Also, if you have an invoice that requires payment/reimbursement, kindly give the receipt to the office before the end of the church year. In addition, mailboxes need to be checked and cleaned out. Thank you.

Welcome Back!



Pat's glad to be here. Gail and Ginny welcome her back from Spain and Florida.



Since we last saw them, Jan and John have visited Bangladesh, Thailand, Nepal and Jonesport. Now they're enjoying coffee with old friends in the church parlor.

Sanford UUsers Rallied and Marched Together with Scientists and Allies - More Than 60 Strong Here in Sanford on April 22nd as Part of International March for Science



**Celtic Harp &
English Tea
with
Harpist Judy Saiki**

**Saturday June 3rd
4:00PM – 6:00PM
Sanford Unitarian
Universalist Church**

Advance Tickets:

Adult - \$15

Youth - (5-18) - \$10

Family - (2 adults + up to 5 children) - \$40

At the Door:

Adult - \$18

Youth - \$12

Family - (2 adults + up to 5 children) - \$45



Immerse yourself in the music and food of the British Isles on Saturday, June 3rd, from 4:00PM – 6:00PM at the Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 5 Lebanon Street, Sanford, Maine.

Your afternoon begins with the ethereal sounds of the Celtic Harp, beautifully played by professional harpist Judy Saiki. Concertgoers will then enjoy an afternoon English tea featuring a variety of teas from the Tea Space located in Ogunquit, Maine, as well as finger sandwiches, home-baked scones and assorted sweets.

Harpist Judy Saiki plays and has toured internationally with the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops Orchestras and accompanied renowned singers, Andrea Bocelli, Tony Bennett, Josh Groban, James Taylor, and Idina Menzel. She maintains a private teaching studio on piano, Celtic harp, and pedal harp in Parsonsfield, Maine.

Proceeds from the concert and tea will support the work of the Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church, including the Corner Cupboard Non-Food Pantry.

FMI and to purchase tickets, please call 207-324-3191.



Ogunquit, Maine

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 Tonia Chase
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: May 9th, Tuesday, at 6:30pm, with a potluck supper beginning at 5:30pm

Book Group: Meeting on Friday, May 26th at 6:00pm

Choir: Mondays at 6:30pm as scheduled

Church Work Party: The next work day will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 8:00ish-noon

Committee on Ministry: Meets as needed

Corner Cupboard: Next date the CC is open is May 20th from 10:00am-2:00pm

Council Meeting: Meets as needed

Earth Stewards Green Team: Meets as needed

Finance Committee: 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

Meditation Class: The third Tuesday of each month in Goodall Hall from 4:00pm-5:00pm, with Cindy Simon

Music Lessons: Private lessons are given on Mondays from 4:30-7:30 in either the Sanctuary or Goodall Hall and on Thursdays from 9:00am-12:00 in the Sanctuary

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

Project CommUnity: This is a group of concerned and committed individuals working to create an inclusive and connected community focused on social justice through education, art, and service. Meeting times vary but are generally every other week on Wednesdays in Goodall Hall from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Please email us at the following: projectcommunity@gmail.com for the next meeting date or to join the group on Facebook!

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: Sunday, May 21st at 9:00am