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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 11:00am - Coffee hour is held at 10:00am Child Care is Provided - Everyone is Welcome!

June 2 - *Flower Communion and Annual Meeting* - Please bring fresh flowers from your gardens, your homes, and anywhere else you can find them to share with our Beloved Community during this service, led by Rev. Shay.

June 9 - RE Service led by our DRE, Mesha Quinn and our youth.

June 16 - *Creating New Possibilities* - As we close our first year together, where do we imagine ourselves going from here? The service will be led by Rev. Shay.

June 23 - Summer services begin today, they are held in Goodall Hall at 9:30am. *Project Backpack* - The service will be led by Wanda Parent.

June 30 - TBD



Shay's Sharing...

The sun has come out, summer is here, and we are wrapping up our first year together! As we all prepare to go off and do our summer-y things, I want to let you know where I'll be and how you can reach me over the next three months.

First, let me explain the differences in how I spend my time away. As your minister, I am given both study leave and vacation each year.

Vacation is exactly what it sounds like. This is my time to do with as I will, and usually means that I will be away to somewhere fun with my family. Study leave is time devoted to my personal and professional growth, such as trainings and retreats, as well as reading and research - it is time during which I am working to grow both myself and my resources in ways to serve you better.

During both of these times away, I will not be responding to emails or interacting with regular church business, *however, I am <u>always</u> available for emergencies* – both church related, like the building burns down (knock on wood), and personal emergencies.

Here is how you can contact me while I am away – I will respond as soon as I am able:

Call and leave a voicemail and/or Text Message me at (207) 518-8059

Here's my schedule for this summer.

June $1^{st} - 16^{th}$ I am available full-time, as usual.

June $17^{th} - 24^{th}$ I am away at the General Assembly of the UUA in Spokane, WA, but will be responding to

emails and phone calls.

June 25th – 30th On Vacation

July 1st – 7th On Study Leave

July 8th – 21st I am available full-time, as usual.

July $22^{nd} - 28^{th}$ On Vacation

July 29th – Aug 4th On Study Leave

August $5^{th} - 29^{th}$ I am available full-time, as usual.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, full of sunshine and spirit!

Thoughts From the President

Although we are approaching the end of many church activities, such as services in the Sanctuary, Coffee Hours, and RE classes, in most respects it isn't an end at all. Evelyn and Janie are busy lining up Summer Service presenters, some of whom work for local social justice; a two-church picnic is set for August 10th at Ferry Beach State Park; a September Yard Sale is in the planning stages; and implementation of our new Covenant of Right Relations is just beginning! We have spent the past year enjoying the easy-going yet substantially spiritual style of our new Minister; she has made herself available to us in many refreshing ways, and has spent much time learning about the communities surrounding her two churches. It felt so good to have Adult Education classes again, too! Living our new Covenant, expanding our Emergency Operations Plan, and saying good-bye to those crumbling Vestry tiles are all in the future. Who knows what exciting adventures we will go on together next year? In these politically disturbing times, I really need the rejuvenation of hope that I feel each time I attend church here, and I think you do, too. We are growing stronger all the time! Thank you all for your deep work at being, and becoming, humans in the fullest, most loving sense. We are blessed, and we bless each other, and we will bless our community even more as we seek the truth in love. Have a safe summer!

~Diane

Annual Meeting

Our 2019 Annual Meeting has happened! The twenty-seven members in attendance voted to accept the Covenant of Right Relations, the proposed 2019-2020 Budget, all reports in the annual booklet, and the slate of officers set forth by the Nominating Committee. After diligently searching for a member interested in the office of President, the Committee could not find a candidate. Initial planning for how the presidential responsibilities will be shared by next year's Board members will be discussed at the June 10 Board meeting. I invite anyone with questions or ideas about this, to either email me or Shay, or attend the June 10 Board meeting. Thank you to all who got up early and came to our 9:00 Annual Meeting, and to the Board members for the delicious "brunch" afterward!

~Diane



June 2nd Service

Flower Communion service and New Member Recognition Day, as well as our Annual Meeting. Special music was provided by Rev. Charlie Grindle, Melody Wood and the SUUC Choir.

Administrative Office

Beginning Monday, June 17th, the office will operate on reduced summer hours of 15 hours per week. The office will be open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00am to noon for a total of ten weeks. Please note, the office will be closed the week of June 17th.

SUUC Book Group

The SUUC Book Group will not meet in June, July, or August. They will meet again on Friday, September 20th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Goodall Hall. If you're looking for a summer read, consider *Children of Blood and Bone*, our September book selection.

Tomi Adeyemi conjures a stunning world of dark magic and danger in her West African inspired fantasy debut, *Children of Blood and Bone.*

They killed my mother They took our magic. They tried to bury us. Now we rise.

Zelie remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. When different clans ruled - Burners igniting flames, Tiders beckoning waves, and Zelie's Reaper mother summoning forth souls.

But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, anyone with powers was targeted and killed, leaving Zelie without a mother and her people without hope. Only a few people remain with the power to use magic, and they must remain hidden.

Zelie is one such person. Now she has a chance to bring back magic to her people and strike against the monarchy. With the held of a rogue princess, Zelie must learn to harness her powers and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.

Danger lurks in Orisha, where strange creatures prowl, and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may be Zelie herself, as she struggles to come to terms with the strength of her magic - and her growing feelings for an enemy.

Karen Nelson





Join us for Summer Services on Sundays 9:30am - June 23 - September 1

The lilacs are blooming, the peepers are singing their nightly chorus and leaves are dressing the bare branches. Summer is just around the corner, and you know what that means: Summer Services! Summer Services provide a unique opportunity to share your passion, talk about an inspiring story and, if this is your first time, test the waters in an informal setting. If you are interested in giving a 20-25 minute talk, you are invited to list your name and service title on the sign-up sheet in the parlor, or contact Evelyn LaBree or Janie Waterhouse. Thank you!

Reminders Regarding Summer Services

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

Services!

May 18-19 was a big weekend of services at SUUC. On Saturday, the Corner Cupboard was open in Goodall Hall. Volunteers distributed essential non-food items to people from more than 150 households. At the same time, Project CommUnity served luncheon to about 100 people in the parlor and gave out another 40 bagged lunches as well as some fresh vegetables and fruit. Meanwhile, a volunteer hair stylist was busy providing haircut after haircut after haircut. On top of all that, Sunday's Worship Service included presentations by leaders from Corner Cupboard, Project CommUnity, and the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network. They provided details on history, services, and volunteer opportunities. Signups followed in the parlor. David Agan

Church Floor Status Update May 2019

I'm pleased to say that the vestry floor project is about to spring into action. The project entails removal of the existing vinyl asbestos tiles in the kitchen, hall ways, and the vestry open area and replacing them with new vinyl tiles. As a cost saving measure it was determined that the library, cloak room and small office/storage areas did not need to be replaced. The focus was on the areas where the floor was actually coming up and where the most foot traffic occurred. The removal works is scheduled to begin on Thursday June 27th and should take about 1 week. During that time the work area will be closed off to contain the asbestos removal efforts. Once the removal is complete a third party air test will be performed to assure that the air is clear. Beginning on Wednesday July 10th the new floor is scheduled to be put down and it too should be completed in a week or so. We are anticipating that by the end of the third week of July all of the work will be done. If there are any questions please let me know. Thanks, Howard Dupee

Floor Funding

The contracts have been signed, and the Vestry and downstairs kitchen floor tiles will soon be removed and replaced! The church almost has enough funds for this project, but we need to raise a remaining amount of \$4,000. Until Sunday, June 9th, you will find a Board member sitting in the Parlor to accept your pledge or your check. Our Financial Secretary reports that, as of June 2nd, we have raised \$3,010 in pledges and actual checks toward our goal of \$4,000! This is wonderful! Let's keep up the good work! All checks need to be turned in by June 16th, and made out to "Sanford UU Church." The young people in our Religious Education classes have created beautiful artwork, a piece of which you will receive for your donation! Your help is deeply appreciated. Thank you.



June



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						I Pride Picnic at Gowen Park 10:00am - 2:00pm
						2019 Bike Fest 10:00am
2 Annual Meeting 9:00 Choir rehearsal - short & sweet during brunch 10:00	3 Newsletter Day	4	5 Project Com. 6:30pm -8:30pm in Goodall hall	6 Music lessons 2:15- 6:45	7	8 Church Work Party 8:00ish to noo
Worship Service 11:00am New member recognition Mini Auction ends AA in Vestry 5:00pm		MTN meeting in Parlor and GH 6:00pm	Narcotics Anon. in Vestry 7:30pm to 9:00pm	VNM Vestry 5:00pm	AA in Vestry 6:00pm to 7:00pm Al-anon 6:30pm- 7:30pm in GH	
to 6:15pm 9 Worship Service 11:00am	10	11	12 Women's Alliance meeting at noon	13	14 CC sets up	15 CC Open 10:00am to 1:30pm
Jeff Kaz. music recital in sanctuary and parlor 6:00pm AA in Vestry 5:00pm to 6:15pm	Board Meeting 5:30pm potluck, meeting 6:00pm- 8:00pm		Narcotics Anon. in Vestry 7:30pm to 9:00pm	VNM Vestry 5:00pm	AA in Vestry 6:00pm to 7:00pm Al-anon 6:30pm- 7:30pm in GH	
16 Father's Day Worship Service 11:00am Last regular service of the year AA in Vestry 5:00pm to 6:15pm	17 Administrative office begins summer hours of Wed; Thurs; and Friday 7:00am to noon. The office will be closed this week.	MTN meeting in Parlor 6:00pm	19 Project Com. 6:30pm -8:30pm in Goodall hall Narcotics Anon. in Vestry 7:30pm to 9:00pm	20 VNM Vestry 5:00pm	AA in Vestry 6:00pm to 7:00pm Al-anon 6:30pm- 7:30pm in GH	22
23 Summer services begin, held at 9:30am in Goodall Hall "Project Backpack" led by Wanda Parent	24	25	26	Work begins on the downstairs floors	AA in Vestry 6:00pm to 7:00pm	29
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30 Summer service at 9:30am in the Goodall Hall						
AA in Vestry 5:00pm to 6:15pm						



Sanford Pride Picnic

The 2nd Annual Pride Picnic was held at Gowen Park on Saturday, June 1st. It was a beautiful, fun filled day enjoyed by many. Thanks to Project CommUnity and the many volunteers who made this possible!











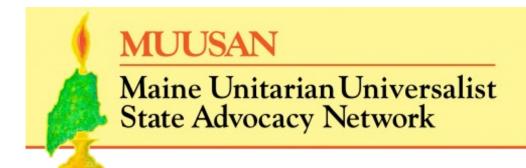
Sanford Pride Picnic











March with MUUSAN in PRIDE PORTLAND

Saturday, June 15th, PRIDE Portland

10:00AM PRIDE INTERFAITH SERVICE First Parish in Portland UU

425 Congress St., Portland, ME 04104 (head of Temple Street at Congress Street).

The church will be open for out-of-town UUs to use the bathrooms and rest, even if you can't get there in time for the Interfaith Service.

The front steps of the church will be a temporary staging area for UU congregations and their banners until we move to our assigned line-up spot near Monument Square.

11:30 - Marchers begin lining up with banners at an assigned location near Monument Square

1:00 - Parade starts in Monument Square and ends about 45 minutes later in Deering Oaks, where the PRIDE Festival runs 2:00-6:00.

Wear a YELLOW SHIRT if possible. Loving signs and rainbow flags are welcome.

A joyful way to witness to our UU First Principle! See you there!



Board 2018-2019

President: Diane Whiteside-Peck - June 30, 2019 **Vice President**: Karen Nelson - June 30, 2019 **Clerk**: Janie Waterhouse - June 30, 2020

Financial Secretary: Ginny Howe - June 30, 2020 **Treasurer**: Marcel Gagnon - June 30, 2019

Liaisons: Patty Kidder - June 30, 2019

Judi Reis - June 30, 2020 **DREs**: Ryan and Mesha Quinn **Church Leadership 2018-2019**

Building and Grounds: Bob McCormick Caring Circle Chair: Gail Burnett

Choir: Charles Grindle Church Historian: Helen Kane

Corner Cupboard: Peg Sawyer, Judi Reis, Dee Ames, Helen

Kane

Covenant of Right Relations Team: Aileen Fortune, Melody

Wood, Lee Burnett, Karen Nelson, Rev. Shay FIAT (Faith in Action Team): Patty Kidder

Finance Committee: Peg Sawyer, Pat Herrick, Ginny Howe,

Deb Folsom

Fundraising Coordinator: Jan Sacco Homesteaders: Jan Sacco, Melody Wood

Investment Management Committee: John Steffens, Peg

Sawyer, Art Dumas, Howard Dupee Members and Friends: Tonia Chase

Ministerial Relations Team: Tom Huber, Dee Ames, Bev

Brent

Music Committee Chair: Melody Wood

Nominating Committee: Lisa Huestis 2019, David Agan 2021,

Deb Folsom

Stewardship/Members: Helen Kane Women's Alliance: Nancy Farnham

Worship: Rev. Shay MacKay

Worship Associates: Rev. Shay, Patty Kidder, Mesha Quinn, Tom Huber, Beverly Brent, Judi Reis, Jan Sacco, Janie

Waterhouse

Caring Circle - Gail Lemley Burnett is in charge of our Caring Circle for providing help in case of illness or in the event of hospitalization. Please call Gail at 324-1596 if you need assistance.

Minister - Rev. Shay MacKay. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Shay at 207-518-8059 or at revshaymackay@gmail.com Please see Minister's musings for summer hours.

Administrative Office Hours - Open summer hours of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 7:00am to noon beginning the week of June 17th. info@sanforduuchurch.org

Co-Directors of Religious Education - Mesha and Ryan Quinn - dre@sanforduuchurch.org

UUCSB Leadership

President: Al Casad

Vice President: Niki Norman
Treasurer: Wendy Coleman
At Large: Mojens Ravn, Pat Snyder, James Stranderfer,

Anne Dobson

Please contact UUCSB at uuchurch@gwi.net for

contact information

SUUC Church and Community Groups

- **1.** AA Meetings: AA meetings are held every Sunday from 5:00pm-6:15pm and Fridays 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Vestry
- **2.** Al-anon Meetings: Fridays in GH 6:30pm-7:30pm and meeting in the Parlor on days the Book Group meets in GH
- **3.** Board Meeting: Monday, June 10th, meeting from 6:00pm-8:00pm, potluck will be held at 5:30pm
- **4.** Book Group: Next meeting is September 20th at 6:00pm in Goodall Hall
- **5.** Choir: Rehearsal June 2nd, short and sweet at 10:00am
- 6. Church Work Party: June 8th, 8:00ish to noon
- **7.** Corner Cupboard: CC is open on June 15th from 10:00am to 1:30pm
- **8.** Maine Transgender Network (MTN): Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Parlor and GH and the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in Parlor
- **9.** Music Lessons: Lessons are given on Thursdays from 2:15-6:45 in the Sanctuary
- **10.** Narcotics Anonymous: Meets every Wednesday in the Vestry from 7:00pm to 9:30pm
- 11. Project CommUnity: Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Goodall Hall from 6:30pm-8:30pm.
- **12.** Violence No More: Every Thursday at 5:00pm in the Vestry
- **13.** Women's Alliance: Meets the second Wednesday of every month at noon
- 14. Worship Associates: Meetings will resume in the fall