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The Point

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To the Point

What a delightful irony to have our church fair near the darkest day of the year. Outside — rain, wind, the confusion of December weather in Maine. Also outside — a torrent of national and international news headlines describing broken treaties, broken promises of leadership, broken lives huddled at borders around the world.

Weather as well as society feels circled by a darkness staying too long before sunrise in the morning and arriving too soon in the afternoon. And yet inside — the warmth of Averill Parlors! Beautiful colors, delicious smells, soft seasonal music and, flowing through it, all the warmth of human companionship. Church members from ages seven to ninety sharing work and love, the real center of light always there whenever we feel challenged by the heart of darkness.

Love and work. Those are the lasting items of our Holiday Fair.

After the cookies are digested, the delicious soups a distant memory and the decorations stored away, look around the sanctuary on a Sunday morning at the faces of your friends. They are the true ornaments of the Christmas spirit hanging year round on the tree of life. [Dennis Perkins](#)

From the Editor

Starting with this issue, the names of people referred to in the various columns will be linked to their email addresses. These links in blue are intended to make it easy for readers to communicate with one another. Whether you want to wish someone a “Happy Birthday/Anniversary” or “Bon Voyage” or “congratulations” or “thinking of you,” your sentiment is a click away! All you need to connect to the person in mind is to click on his/her name. An email to the person will pop up, with his/her email address filled in. Once there, you can say “hi” or “hope you feel better soon” or “safe travels”. Unlike Facebook, this exchange is totally private.

Let's give it a try, see how it goes. Click on my name to let me know your thoughts.
[Connie Winship](#)

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Worship Committee Report

The Worship Committee is delighted to announce that we will have three ordained ministers every two months over the next six months. We are increasing the frequency of ordained ministers in response to feedback from the Worship Service Survey. In addition, we will have Faith Rocket services approximately once a month over the next six months.

Faith Rocket (www.faihtrocket.org) is a UU website which provides messages and worship services written by ordained ministers. So far, three members of our congregation have delivered Faith Rocket messages. When members and friends give Faith Rocket messages, we have a chance to hear voices from different members of our congregation at the same time that we get to hear words written by ordained ministers.

As always, please feel free to invite friends or family to our worship services. We believe that the UU message is especially important in today's world and that it will resonate with many people, even those who have never attended a UU worship service.

We are proud to serve this congregation, and please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss our worship. We are grateful for the congregation's support in 2019 and we look forward to another successful year in 2020!

Sincerely, [Luke Brooks-Shesler](#) Worship Committee Chair

Interfaith Council

The Interfaith Council was created to help folks in need. The main way this help is given is through the Interfaith Resource Fund. The Council is designed to be a one-stop place for allocating funds to those who need assistance. This saves folks from "shopping" from church to church for the aid needed.

All churches are invited to join the Interfaith Council and each donates to the fund as they are able. There are no set amounts or dues. Our UU Church donates \$150 per month as listed in the yearly budget. People may apply for use of the funds once per year and up to \$300 per request. The funds are allocated through the Pleasant Street Methodist Church and the supervisory duties are shared among four ministers.

The Interfaith Resource Fund (IRF) was chosen by Colby College to receive the offerings given by those attending the three performances of *Carols and Lights in the Chapel*. This increased the IRF fund by \$1,570. This will be put to good use this winter for heating, rent and electricity assistance.

A member of the Interfaith Council has met with the mayor of Waterville and together they have created a Task Force to look at local unaddressed homelessness and create working solutions.

Peace for 2020, [Sue Morrill](#)

Stewardship

Once again this year, February, 2020, will be Stewardship month for our church. Envelopes containing stewardship materials will be in the vestibule for the January 26 and February 2 services for you to pick up. Any remaining will be mailed. Our dollar goal for church year, July, 2020, through June, 2021, is the same as for this year — \$60,000 in pledges. Your generosity has kept us going these last few years. We've been able to invite more ministers and speakers, pay our operating expenses, as well as complete necessary property improvements. Not to mention the extraordinary effort in purchasing our new lift system. We look with confidence toward our next fiscal year and thank you in advance. [Dennis Perkins](#) Stewardship Committee

First Sunday Donation

First Sunday Donation for January goes to Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area.

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Communication Team

The church has committed to advertising at Railroad Square Cinema in hope of increasing community awareness of our church and all we have to offer. We have purchased two 6-week cycles of: 1) a slide in the pre-movie slide show (which can be changed as often as every week); and 2) an ad in the 6-week paper program of upcoming movies that is sent to all members and distributed at the theatre. The Communications Committee is working on designs for both media. They will be presented to the Board at our January 8th meeting and submitted to RR Square by 1/15/20 to meet the next 6-week cycle deadline. Let us know what you think! [Sarah Webster](#)

Evening Sandwich Program

The Evening Sandwich Program is currently operating on Winter Hours. In December, January and February, we are open to serve meals from 3:30-4:30 p.m., as opposed to the usual 4-5 p.m. The ESP Board decided the half-hour change would benefit both volunteers and guests by having more light available and a bit less cold weather while they wait outside.

At the Holiday Fair, ESP took in over \$400 in donations for a gift card to be designated in another person's name. Thank you to Connie Winship who created the gift cards, and also to James Breslin who sold the cards at the Holiday Fair.

Maili Bailey and Larry Dickey attended a presentation by Colby students which included video and interviews about the Evening Sandwich Program. Peace for 2020. [Sue Morrill](#)
ESP President

Property & Grounds

76-year-old Gerald Saint Amand Jr. of Winslow has announced his retirement as Property & Grounds manager for the church due to an ongoing struggle with health issues. Jerry, as he is better known, has served the church in that position since he first attended services at the church in 1991. "I was approached by a group of veteran church members (Ray Rogers, Steve Kierstead, Jim Ashton, David Wynne and Russ Colvin) who knew I worked at the local Ware-Butler lumber yard and felt my knowledge of building material and contractor contacts would be an asset to the church," Saint Amand explained. "They asked if I would consider joining the P&G Committee, to which I said 'of course,' thinking I would be one of several people to serve.

"Little did I know that the next week I would receive a folder with all the projects, past and present, listed and had been voted in as the new P&G manager at a meeting which somehow I knew nothing about! However, I did not have the heart to say no and have served ever since. In the coming months, I will share a few of the many stories that the committee was part of over the past 30 or more years". [Jerry Saint Amand](#)

Small Group Ministry

There are two Small Group Ministry groups running at our church at present. These groups meet once a month to discuss a topic. Both groups discuss the same topic each month so there can be cross conversations between the groups about the topics. These groups are open groups meaning you can join any time. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, we'd love to have you. Speak to [Peter Burgher](#) or [Mark Jose](#).

UU Coffeehouse: Jackson Gillman, the Stand-up Chameleon **Saturday, January 11 at 7 p.m. Adults \$15 Children \$5**

After being the guest presenter at a Waterville UU Church service last year, Jackson Gillman has been asked to return and perform a coffeehouse evening as well.

As the *Stand-up Chameleon*, Jackson has been performing throughout the country for 40 years. Through his many talents as songsmith, movement artist and storyteller, he engages and delights audiences of all ages. His concert will include topical originals and some familiar tunes with which you'll be tempted and invited to sing along, but will find that many of the lyrics have been comically adulterated. No musical form is safe or sacred in his rollicking revue of musical foolishness and finesse. And when all is said and sung, it is apparent that an underlying foundation of beneficence, hope and spirit infuses his work.

[Linda Woods](#)

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Nancy Wynne

IV. Principles/Faith Traditions

Kathy McKay
Dennis Perkins: Chair
Jon Rogers

V. Fifth Sunday

Jan Fichuk: Chair
Caroline Gander

Lift Fundraising Update

With the addition of Holiday Fair proceeds, our fundraising toward paying for the lift has reached the \$70,000 mark! Thanks to all who contributed goods, helped with and supported the Holiday Fair.

During the past year, the Lawn Sale was our other big fundraiser. We also received gifts and contributions in response to our appeal letter from members, friends, and even many youth who grew up in this congregation.

We've got about \$10,000 more to raise. If you're still thinking of making a donation, this is a good time to do so; if you've already done so, thank you, gracias, merci, danke.

Operational kinks continue to be worked out but our small congregation has stood for accessibility and achieved an important milestone for our future. We are all elevated, and lifted, by this action! [Rachel](#)

Second Sunday Donation

Here's some information about how much money has been collected in the last five years as part of the Second Sunday Souper Wagon collection which benefits the ESP Program. Thanks to [Charlie Morrill](#), ESP Treasurer and Board Member, who keeps meticulous records about all things ESP.

2015 = \$734	2018 = \$2,399
2016 = \$1,253.10	2019 = \$1,242.25
2017 = \$2,067	
	Five year total = \$7,695.35.
	Yearly average of \$1,539.07

Fellowship Sundays

The [Fellowship Team](#) invites you to join in UU Family afternoon gatherings the second Sundays in January, February and March. We'll have the stage set up for people who would like to sing together, a craft area for those who are inclined toward that sort of fun, and games for folks who get a kick out of that. Something for everyone! During the Fellowship festivities, we'll provide makings for wrap sandwiches.

Keep your eyes on the Mid Week Updates for more details and feel free to contact a member of the Fellowship Team with other ideas.

Religious Exploration

The Shortest Day by Susan Cooper

And so the Shortest Day came and the year died
And everywhere down the centuries of the snow-white world
Came people singing, dancing,
To drive the dark away.
They lighted candles in the winter trees;
They hung their homes with evergreen;
They burned beseeching fires all night long
To keep the year alive.
And when the new year's sunshine blazed awake
They shouted, reveling.

Through all the frosty ages you can hear them
Echoing behind us - listen!
All the long echoes, sing the same delight,
This Shortest Day,
As promise wakens in the sleeping land:
They carol, feast, give thanks,
And dearly love their friends,
And hope for peace.
And now so do we, here, now,
This year and every year.

The celebration of the solstice is a time of renewal, wishes for peace and joy for our loved ones and the world. May we enter this new year of 2020 with renewed love for each other and the planet and its people and its creatures. Welcome Yule indeed!

[Margrit Thomas](#) Director of Religious Education

Holiday Food & Craft Sale

It's official! The 2019 Holiday Fair brought in nearly \$5000! Thank you, one and all! This brings us closer to our goal of paying for the new lift!

There is something about seeing the love of our church transformed into cookies, soups, baked goods, socks, hats, scarves, jewelry and so much more, that warms one's heart. The congregation can feel it, but even people from the community are touched by it.

There are so many little and big things you all did to help the fair run smoothly.

- Getting the big sandwich board signs in place and dragged back in.
- Cleaning the entry way.
- Hanging signs, the greens and the lights.
- Working the day of the fair.
- Setting up, transforming and cleaning up Averill Parlors.
- Greeting customers and helping to spread cheer.
- The Publicity Team organizing the poster distribution, advertising and our Facebook presence.
- Baking more than 300 dozen cookies? WOW. The Cookie Walk is truly an amazing thing. It's the biggest draw to the fair. Don't forget to collect cookie tins for next year.
- The UU Café Team was simply great, and the musicians completed the festive atmosphere!
- As always, the UU Mall is a huge aspect of the fair. The first customers through the door went straight to the Mall! Please keep an eye out during the year for items that might sell at the 2020 fair.

Thanks again to everyone who helped, baked, bought and spread the word.

Mark your calendars — the 2020 Holiday Fair will be on December 12th! If you think of improvements for next year, please let us know. [Linda Lee](#) and [Rachel Marsh-Sachs](#)

Services at a Glance

January 5 Social Justice sub-committee. Worship Associate: Steve Ball
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Al Boyce
Climate Change and Me

Seymour Simon wrote: Knowledge empowers people with our most powerful tool: the ability to think and decide. There is no power for change greater than a child discovering what he or she cares about. (Speech about Global Warming read on the National Mall for the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, 2010) Rev. Al's message will address the issue of individual decision making regarding our climate from a spiritual perspective.

January 12 Spiritual Journeys/Spiritual Healing sub-committee. Worship Associate: Linda Woods
Speaker: Jackson Gillman
Jackson will use original songs and stories to honor our Earth.

January 19 Small Group Ministry sub-committee. Worship Leader: Peter Burgher
Guest musicians: Colby Drummers
Martin Luther King celebration

January 26 Principles and Faith Traditions sub-committee. Worship Leader: Dennis Perkins
A New Heaven and a New Earth – Stewards of Hope

Everything is in flux. The old seems to be battling with the new, the past with the future. Where is the hope?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>HAPPY NEWYEAR</p> <p>10:00 – 1:00 Arts and Crafts Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 Men's Coffee Jorgensen's</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:30 – 1:30 Women's Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Hospitality Team #2</p> <p>First Sunday Donation: Hospitality Volunteers of Waterville</p> <p>10:00 Rev. Dr. Al Boyce <i>Climate Change and Me</i></p> <p>11:00 – 12:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p>4:00 - 5:00 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:00 – 1:00 Discussion Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 – 12:00 Small Group Ministry Mark Jose</p> <p>10:00 – 1:00 Arts and Crafts Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p> <p>6:00. - 8:00 Board of Trustees meets</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 Men's Coffee Jorgensen's</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:30 – 1:30 Women's Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 Jackson Gillman Concert</p> 
<p>12</p> <p>Hospitality Team #3</p> <p>Souper Wagon Sunday</p> <p>10:00 Jackson Gillman <i>Songs and Stories for a Small Planet</i></p> <p>11:00 – 12:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p>Fellowship Sunday Festivities</p> <p>3:30– 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>13</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00 – 1:00 Discussion Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 – 1:00 Arts and Crafts Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p> <p>6:00 – 8:00 Small Group Ministry Peter Burgher</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 Men's Coffee Jorgensen's</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11:30 – 1:30 Women's Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:00 – 6:00 Climate Change Distress Group Richard Thomas</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Hospitality Team #4</p> <p>10:00 MLK Celebration Colby Drummers</p> <p>11:00 – 12:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:00 – 1:00 Discussion Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 – 1:00 Arts and Crafts Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 Men's Coffee Jorgensen's</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:30 – 1:30 Women's Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Hospitality Team #5</p> <p>10:00 Dennis Perkins <i>A New Heaven and a New Earth</i></p> <p>11:00 – 12:00 Coffee Hour</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>27</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00 – 1:00 Discussion Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p> <p>4:30 – 5:30 ESP Board</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 – 1:00 Arts and Crafts Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 Men's Coffee Jorgensen's</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	<p>31</p> <p>11:30 – 1:30 Women's Group</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 Evening Sandwich Program</p>	

UU COFFEE HOUSE

**JACKSON GILLMAN
THE STAND-UP CHAMELEON**



**No musical form is safe or sacred in this rollicking
revue of musical foolishness and finesse!**

**Saturday, January 11, 2020
7:00pm**

**Universalist Unitarian Church
69 Silver St. Waterville**

Adults: \$15 - Children: \$5

FMI: Call Dennis 873-4006