



# The Common June 2018

In Memory of Kent Price

April 26, 1939—May 21, 2018

## Memorial Day in Castine



UUCC members and friends were among those who participated in the annual Memorial Day parade with stops at the town cemetery, common and dock. Dr. Lynn Parsons offered his reflections on Memorial Day. These are his concluding words:

*I hope you agree with me that no one, regardless political persuasion, ethnicity, religion, regional identity, or indeed their attitude toward war itself, can fail to be moved by their sacrifice, no matter how long ago it may have occurred.*

*All of them, including Henry Butler, Harrison Webster, and some of here today, were born into a world in which it was assumed that war was the exception, and peace was the rule. We now live in a different world, a world in which war is the rule, and peace is the exception. Leaders of nations great and small now pride themselves on the size of their arsenals and the number of their missiles.*

*Just weeks before he would become one of the last casualties of the Civil War, Lincoln spoke words that are equally fitting for us today, as those he spoke at Gettysburg:*

*“Fondly do we hope; fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war might pass away.” We are still waiting for the scourge to pass.*

*While we wait, let us not fail to honor the memories of those who have served, and support those who **do** serve, and those who **will** serve, until that scourge is lifted.*



## Sunday Service Calendar

**June 3rd** Collaborative Ministry Joint Worship Service at the Belfast UU Church 37 Miller Street, Belfast, ME at 10:30 a.m.

**June 10th** Rev. Margaret Beckman  
Colleen Fitzgerald, Pianist

**June 17th** Rev. Margaret Beckman and Opportunity Fund recipient Guest Tracey Hair of H.O.M.E.

Ann Boudreaux, Musician

**June 24th** Rev. Margaret Beckman  
Juliane Gardner & Chris Poulin,  
Musicians

**July 1st** Colin Powell and Lynn Parsons  
Colleen Fitzgerald, Musician

## SUMMER PICNIC AT MOSS ACRE Home of Standish & Virginia Bourne Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

The invitation is out for all to attend the UUCC summer picnic hosted by the Bournes. As usual, the plan is that we gather for our Sunday morning service at 10:30 at the Meeting House and following the service, we re-gather at Moss Acre, 210 The Shore Road in Castine. We bring our own lunch and many will please contribute a salad or a dessert to share with the group. Tables and chairs will be in place. Parking is generally in the field between the house and the road. Drivers will discharge their passengers and then drive out to park in the field. Limited parking for those who need to be close can be found on the far side of the barn. Everyone, please come. This annual tradition is a highlight of the UUCC summer season.



**President's Desk**

**Leslie Fairbank**

We lost our dear brother, Kent Price on May 21, 2018. As his illness progressed, the board has been struggling to rearrange and accomplish all the many things he'd been responsible for. We still have not managed it! He is sorely missed and very fondly remembered. A memorial service is being planned for later in the summer when the family can gather. Our love and good wishes are with Anne, Wendy and Jamie and their families as they deal with their personal loss.

The board strongly affirms the many activities in support of the Opportunity Fund's recipients. A new committee is forming to help carry out the second aspect of the fund's purpose, congregational & community engagement. In support of community participation, folks from each of the five projects are being invited to share with our congregation either from the pulpit or another format. The first presenter will be Tracey Hair from H.O.M.E. who will be speaking on June 17<sup>th</sup>. A tour of HOME is arranged for later that week. The cross currents of support among the groups themselves are being strengthened and expanded. We plan to arrange another lunch gathering to continue the process.

We will say goodbye, for a year, to our Collaborative Ministerial Intern, Amy Fiorilli, on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Her last Sunday in Castine is June 10<sup>th</sup>. It has been a joy having her capable, enthusiastic, willing, positive presence in our midst. All the best, Amy.

Best wishes to Becky St. John as she takes some time off to recover from surgery.

We extend a warm welcome to Ann Boudreaux as our Music Director. We look forward to a real collaboration and are pleased to be relieving Margaret of the task of music supply.

Change is something we can count on, and one of the good changes is the return of our seasonal folk. Welcome back! Warm regards to all, Leslie

*Greetings new friends in Castine,  
I hope to meet each of you soon and am looking  
forward to making music with together. I  
seek suggestions and guidance from all of you in  
developing the future of music at UU Castine.*  
Ann Boudreaux

**Religious Education**

**Kay Hansen**

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the annual collaborative worship service at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast. This year, the Belfast Church is very excited to have us join them in their newly renovated church. Amy Fiorilli will be leading the service and will include the children at various times throughout the service. This year, the children will remain in the church sanctuary for the entire service. Hope to see you there.

For the remainder of June, the Religious Education Program will review and complete any projects we have started throughout the year. We will celebrate Father's Day, and tell the story of Norbet Capek's first "Flower Festival." In addition, we hope to plant some flowers to decorate the entrance to the parish hall.

**FERRY BEACH RETREAT, October 26-28, 2018**

We've barely made it through the winter, and here we are planning for an event in October. Yes, it is time to make plans to attend our collaborative fall retreat at Ferry Beach. Again this year, it will be take place during the last weekend in October. No worries about it being too hot and if the temperature plummets, there will be heat and hot showers. The scenery is awesome and there are lots of interesting and wonderful people to meet!

Registration will begin Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and will continue each Sunday until August 26<sup>th</sup>, at which time we will need to let Ferry Beach know how many people from Castine Church will be attending. A non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee is due at registration. The balance is due September 30<sup>th</sup>.

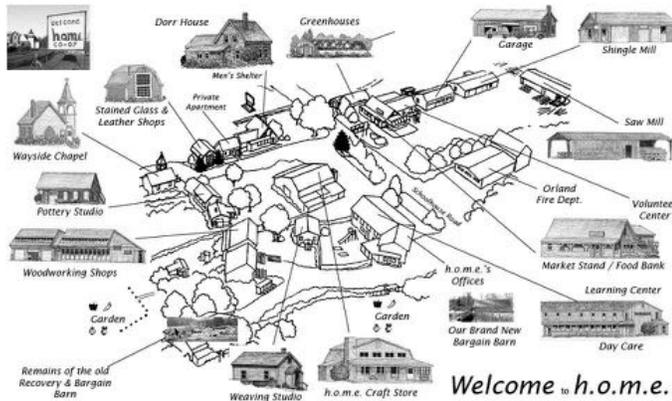
Please see Kay Hansen after church for more information and a form to register for this event.

**Making Music Ann Boudreaux**

Please welcome our new Music Director, Ann Boudreaux, to our staff and the benches of our instruments. Ann has been a church musician for many years and brings joy and flexibility to our Music Program. While hymns are familiar to Ann, our particular collection of hymns and music is new to her. Let's help her learn how we do things here at UUCC and invite her to challenge us to try different things from time to time. Ann lives in Blue Hill. She will travel to the Meeting House many days for time to practice. If you see her red pick-up under the trees, stop in and say hello.

## UUCO Opportunity Funds at Work in our Communities

There are two primary goals of the UUCO Opportunity Fund 1. making a financial difference and 2. congregational and community engagement. This month, we feature two of our Opportunity Fund partners: H.O.M.E. in Orland and the Community Childhood Learning Place in Castine.



H.O.M.E., Inc. is more than many of us realized. The campus is bigger than we imagined. The number of lives improved, maybe even saved, is beyond our counting. ***H.O.M.E. (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1970 dedicated to keeping and enhancing the quality of life for low-income and homeless families.***

***Through services, stewardship of resources, and shared responsibility, we aim to bring forth new possibilities for food, jobs, shelter, low-income housing, education, and self-sufficiency.***

Tracey Hair, Executive Director, recounts the experience of one family at H.O.M.E. *Today, a single mother of two young boys moves into an apartment. Her pathway into homelessness was complicated, paved with trauma and loss. During her stay, she enrolled her boys back into school, secured an income and saved up for her first month's rent. Now, H.O.M.E.'s Navigator will work with the family for up to twelve months beyond their stay. We're so passionate about the people we meet each day, the people who come for food, for shelter and others who are just passing through for a rest. Their strength and resilience provide us with daily doses of inspiration.* It's not hard to want to support the work H.O.M.E. in whatever ways we can. On Sunday, June 17th, Tracey Hair will be our Opportunity Fund guest in the pulpit. Please plan to be in church that day and hear Tracey's story and learn more about the work of H.O.M.E.

### Community Childhood Learning Place



Visit CCLP's building site (39 State Street) on Windmill Hill to see the new building rise-up using the foundation and the wood from the original water reservoir. The building, designed by Mohr and Todd of Charlottesville, VA and Southwest Harbor, ME, will be unique because of the round shape of the water tank foundation, multiple windows providing natural light into the rooms (infant/toddler, three/four, after school/community), art studio, office, and conference room). The three activity rooms will have children's bathrooms, kitchenettes, and space to develop child-centered curriculum focused upon the children's interests.

Thanks to volunteers, Tom Ehrman, David Hassett, John Hassett, WG Sayre, and Nancy Sayre and the work of Roy Boys Plumbing and Heating the underground pipes have been laid and covered, the floor trusses and wood covering over the utility room have been put into place. The next construction layer now in place is the blue insulating foam. Roy Boys will return to place the tubing for radiant floor heating and reinforcing metal will be installed over the foam and tubing. Once this is done the concrete slab will be poured. The next step.....build walls for the windows donated by Davis Family Foundation.

CCLP fund raising has reached 80% of the \$360,000.00 goal. Thank you to all wonderful people who donated money and time to make the quality environment for our children a reality.



## Pulliam Grant Application Season is Underway

The deadline for applications for the 2019 Deborah Pulliam Social Justice Grants this year was June 1, 2018. If past practice means anything, they all come in at the last moment.

Our Social Justice Pulliam Grant Task Force could use a few good UU's to get us to the deadline for announcing the grants, which is September 1. As in the past, we will attempt to recruit members from the other Collaborative Ministry UU congregations to help us. Serving on the committee would mean committing to two or three summer meeting plus reviewing and evaluating the applications.

Anyone interested in serving on this vital task force should contact Lynn Parsons at [lparsons989@roadrunner.com](mailto:lparsons989@roadrunner.com)

## Summer Lunches

Many of you may remember when Jessica Rollerson was the children's librarian she worked hard to make sure no child at the library was hungry, especially during the summer when school lunches were not available. About a year ago the members of Margaret's Committee On Ministry, Anne Price, Anne Parsons, Emma Sweet, Peter Fairbanks and I briefly wondered how we could make sure food was available for those in need during the summer of 2017. Now, a year later we have moved beyond wondering.

With input from Anne Romans, Witherle Memorial Library Librarian, Irene Hall, Children's Librarian, Shelia Irvine, Adams School Principal, Jessica Rollerson and Tom Mason a plan to provide healthy snacks had been developed. Tom has offered to purchase individually wrapped items such as granola bars, small boxes of raisins, crackers and cheese and yogurts at Sam's Club. Irene Hall will make sure the items are available for any hungry child who visits the library during the summer.

One more item is needed. As summer is the season of fresh fruit we are looking for weekly donations of seasonal fruit starting Wednesday, June 20. Fruit may be taken directly to the library or left at church on Sunday and I will make sure it arrives at the library on Monday morning.

If you have questions about this project please let me know, [btgenney@maine.rr.com](mailto:btgenney@maine.rr.com), 326-4372.

Thank you in advance for your support and fruit contribution. Brooke Tenney



## New Faces in Familiar Places



Welcome to our New England Region—UUA Regional Lead! Read a brief message from our new leader:

I look forward to the chance for coaching for deeper transformation, connection for fuller fellowship, facing challenges that strengthen us and companionship in covenant. Our greatest challenge and contribution will be to support you in your journey and our collective spiritual vocation. The past year has seen us preparing for a breakthrough. Congregational Life staff is here to help make it happen. We are here to walk with you in faith and fellowship and as Lao Tzu reminds us "when the work is done, the people (will) say 'we did it ourselves.'"

Woullard Lett, Acting Lead, New England Region UUA [wlett@uua.org](mailto:wlett@uua.org) (617) 948-6121



The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has announced the selection of Rev. Mary Katherine Morn as the UUSC's new

president and chief executive officer, beginning in mid-June.

Mary Katherine Morn is a true leader and visionary who will take us forward during this extraordinary time. She has been one of our most respected and admired parish ministers with a long history of growing congregations and increasing institutional impact.

Mary Katherine said she is inspired by the history, vision, and talented leadership at the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee: "This is a great honor and great privilege, and a challenge I relish at a time when human rights, human dignity and human lives are at risk around the world. We have much to accomplish at UUSC, in cooperation with our grassroots partners, and I am confident we will continue to advance the social justice causes that are so critical to our values."

**From Our Ministerial Intern Amy Fiorilli**

Dear Good People of UUC:

It is my time to leave you, and I go with a grateful heart and a more mature understanding of what it means to answer this call to Unitarian Universalism. I go with a bitter sweet sadness, knowing I will miss you and looking forward to a time when I can say hello again. I leave you with this poem by John O'Donohue. I wish you infinite success, and peace and the joy of doing good works in your community and the world.

Much Love,

Amy Fiorilli

Your 2017-2018 Collaborative Ministry Intern

**Beannacht ("Blessing")**

On the day when  
the weight deadens  
on your shoulders  
and you stumble,  
may the clay dance  
to balance you.

And when your eyes  
freeze behind  
the grey window  
and the ghost of loss  
gets in to you,  
may a flock of colours,  
indigo, red, green,  
and azure blue  
come to awaken in you  
a meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays  
in the currach of thought  
and a stain of ocean  
blackens beneath you,  
may there come across the waters  
a path of yellow moonlight  
to bring you safely home.



May the nourishment of the earth be yours,  
may the clarity of light be yours,  
may the fluency of the ocean be yours,  
may the protection of the ancestors be yours.  
And so may a slow  
wind work these words  
of love around you,  
an invisible cloak  
to mind your life.

~ John O'Donohue ~

**From the Committee on Ministry**

The Committee on Ministry is a committee directly representing the congregation, separate from the Governing Board, to act as a conduit between the congregation and the minister and the minister and congregation. It also serves to alert the Governing Board to any concerns brought to it from the congregation.

The current members of the Committee are  
Peter Fairbank                      Deb Morehouse  
Anne Romans                         Albert Stwertka  
Emma Sweet

The committee meets occasionally with the minister to discuss any and all issues of mutual concern. We encourage congregants to speak with any of the five of us about their concerns, questions, suggestions - issues of any kind - that they would like us to raise in our meetings with the minister.





## Lakeside Reflections June 2018

I've been pondering the presence, and absence, of joy. Does it seem as though the trials and tribulations of our days can suck the joy right out of life? It's not that my life is any more challenged or blessed than other lives. Maybe I'm just tired—tired of resisting and tired of the news and tired of the enormity of the responsibilities placed on all of us by our commitment to Black Lives Matter and Me Too! (now also Who's Next? ). Maybe I lack

creativity, or determination, or sufficient spiritual practice and discipline. As my own response to this malaise, I sing to myself a song from my third grade Sunday School class. "I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down in my Heart ... etc. Down in my Heart to Stay."

Not satisfied that I can cure myself and return to a joy-filled life, I consult the experts. His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu—*The Book of Joy, Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. They maintain the truth that we all know and resist - - - there is no one and nothing to blame ... Joy is not a reflection of external factors, it is an attitude that we can adopt and hold on to even when we encounter suffering and distress. I'm curious to know what else these two spiritual giants will offer. I've decided to preach what I need to hear. Join me on June 10th when I use *The Book of Joy* as the sermon text. Let's see where we might go together in search of JOY!

Mary Oliver knows a thing or two about noticing the beauty that gives us Joy. Here is "Morning Poem" by Mary Oliver.

Every morning  
the world  
is created.  
Under the orange

sticks of the sun  
the heaped  
ashes of the night  
turn into leaves again

and fasten themselves to the high branches ---  
and the ponds appear  
like black cloth  
on which are painted islands

of summer lilies.  
If it is your nature  
to be happy  
you will swim away along the soft trails

for hours, your imagination  
alighting everywhere.

And if your spirit  
carries within it  
the thorn  
that is heavier than lead ---  
if it's all you can do  
to keep on trudging ---

there is still  
somewhere deep within you  
a beast shouting that the earth  
is exactly what it wanted ---

each pond with its blazing lilies  
is a prayer heard and answered  
lavishly,  
every morning,

whether or not  
you have ever dared to be happy,  
whether or not  
you have ever dared to pray.

May we uncover the blessings and promises that living with Joy will bring.

Namaste, *Margaret*