



# ***THE OPEN DOOR***

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SUNDAY WORSHIP AND RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION AT 10 AM

***AN OFFICIAL UUA WELCOMING CONGREGATION:  
ALL ARE WORTHY, ALL ARE WELCOME!***

*We need not think alike to love alike* - Francis David

***APRIL, 2011***

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*From President Anne Peron:*

Dearest Congregation,

A few weeks ago I was at a restaurant in Portland with a bunch of women from my chorus. We were relaxing after an intense rehearsal and everyone was chatting and laughing. In my peripheral hearing, I kept hearing this guy go on and on. It was loud and I couldn't ignore it. The words started to stab at me. It was actually very surprising no one else seemed to hear it. He was saying "fag ...blah blah blah, fag blah blah blah, faggot..." and limp wristed-paddy caking the guy sitting next to him. At first I thought he must just be telling a story or a joke, but after awhile I just couldn't sit there any longer. I got up and went over to this very large framed man sitting with a table of at least 8 other people, not really sure what I was going to say. I stood near him and said, "Excuse me, but could you please stop using those words, they are hurting my feelings." He just sat there for a moment, numbed, then he looked around his table of peers. He looked back at me and said, "Was I that loud?" "I could clearly hear you from over there!" I said, and pointed to my seat that was about 35-40 feet away. Then he said, "Well...we are just trying to have a good time." I paused, then replied, "I am just trying to live my life and find those words terribly offensive. I wish that you would stop." We looked at one another and I walked away back to where I had been sitting. I was shaking a bit when I got back to the table. A women sitting near me asked what was going on and I told them the story of what had happened.

Later, I thought...it felt really good to stand up for myself. Then I thought...how many times have I not stood up? How many times have I not said something when I know I should have. It was the right thing to do, and I can stand tall today and be proud of who I am and what I stand for.

May we all have the courage to stand strong when we should, and do the right thing when it is necessary, even if it is difficult.

Yours in service, *Anne Perron*

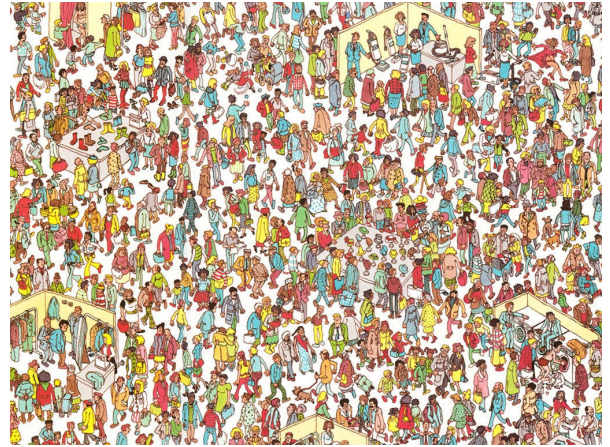
***News From Team Sabbatical. March, 2011***

**Q: Where's Jodi?**

A: No, she's not in this picture. Waldo is. Jodi is on sabbatical until late August.

**Q: But, but, but, we miss her!**

A: That's perfectly normal. In the meantime..come enjoy our Festival of Preaching. Visiting ministers from local congregations will be filling in while Jodi is away, ably assisted by our very talented Worship Associates. In fact, sometimes, our own, very talented Worship Associates will lead services.



**Q: How can I help support the congregation now?**

A: COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/BAKERS NEEDED. PLEASE HELP US WELCOME VISITING MINISTER'S with our legendary Auburn UU hospitality. PLEASE Talk to Anne Kinney (782-7497) to sign up.

**Q: But what if I need her?**

A: Jodi's ministerial duties are being covered by a team of UU Auburn All-Stars. If you have ANY questions, or need ministerial support, contact Board members, refer to advice in the Sabbatical brochure (printed versions available in the sanctuary, on the Sabbatical bulletin board), internet version available on request from the church office, or look back into your email box from about late January. Other helpers are Team Sabbatical members, (Rick O'Brien, Ellen O'Brien, Anne Kinney, Anne Perron, Ginny Starbird, PJ Mears, Bob Wolf). We will always have at least one of us at every service..look for the bright Teal T-shirts.

***Festival of Preaching Speakers***

***April 3:*** The Rev. Sara Hayman Huisjen is affiliated Community Minister with the UU Church of Ellsworth. She currently serves as Hospice Chaplain with Hancock County HomeCare and Hospice in Blue Hill.

***April 10:*** The Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord is minister of the UU Congregation of Milford, NH. She is a graduate of Bates College and Andover Newton Theological School, and was ordained at First Parish UU in Portland.

***April 17:*** The Rev. Sylvia Stocker is minister of the UU Church of Brunswick, and is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School.

***April 24:*** The Rev. Pat Hunter Gardner has served as religious education director at First Parish UU in Kennebunk and at the UU Church in Brunswick, ME. She was ordained by the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine and currently lives in Lewiston.

***-- Ellen O'Brien, for Team Sabbatical***

**V-DAY aUbUrn 2011 'ONE NIGHT ONLY' FUNDRAISER**

V-Day aUbUrn will present a 'one night only' performance of "The Vagina Monologues" on Saturday, April 2 at 7pm. Admission is \$5 (min. suggested donation): feel free to donate more. This show is presented in partnership with Sexual Assault Crisis Center (SACC). A portion of the proceeds will benefit Women of Haiti and SACC.

Directed by Karen Lane, the cast includes members and friends: Melissa Farrington, Toby Haber-Giasson, Chris Heckman, Stephanie Hughes, Casey Iris Knight, Bridget LaRoche, Krista Lord, Bridget McAlonan, Eileen Messina, Janet Miles, Mary Morin, Betsy Mallette, Nicole Rush, Madeline Strange, Judy Webber and Sabrina Yocono.

"The Vagina Monologues" was created by Eve Ensler. Abused as a child, Ensler wanted to teach victims to break their silence. For over 10 years, her organization, V-Day, has been a global movement to end violence against women and girls by raising awareness and money. Over 4200 V-Day benefits were produced last year by volunteer activists worldwide, generating more than \$70 million since V-Day began. This year's spotlight charity is Women of Haiti.

Please support the efforts of all these caring people by coming to see the show. Remember these fundraisers ultimately benefit the church we care so dearly for.

### Council of Committees April 3

CofC offers a unique opportunity for dialog and coordination between the different groups in church. Chairs (or designated committee members) attend these monthly forums. If you are curious, you are welcome to attend, as well!

Our next meetings are *April 3* and *May 1* in the Outright room, 11:30.

*Touring Ensemble*  
of the Maine Gay Men's Chorus  
*present*

**As Long As  
You Love Me**



**7pm, Saturday, April 16**  
First Universalist Church, UU  
169 Pleasant Street, Auburn, ME  
Suggested donation \$10  
[www.maine-gay-mens-chorus.com](http://www.maine-gay-mens-chorus.com)

The Maine Gay Men's Chorus Touring Ensemble will perform a concert at our church on Saturday, April 16 at 7pm. This show will be a fundraiser for the church and this acclaimed choral group. Tickets: \$10 suggested donation.

## March Board Briefs:

**Gratitude** – Thank you to UUA District Executive Mary Higgins for leading our Board retreat and serving as a guest minister. Thank you to Don and Susan Jalbert for stepping in at the last minute to host coffee hour. Thank you to David Chandler for serving as a visiting minister. And our appreciation goes to Diane Chaplin and Cindy Greathouse for their work on the canvass dinner.

**Board Retreat** – We met on March 6<sup>th</sup> with UUA District Executive Mary Higgins for a 4-hr Board retreat to discuss issues of Board vision and governance. How can we move from a Board that primarily puts out fires, clears requests, and handles small decisions to a Board that primarily keeps sight of the larger mission/vision of the church and creates strategies and policies to enable that mission? We all are excited and motivated to make that change. The change may require development of guiding policies so that committees, staff, and individual members are empowered and trained to make decisions that fall in their purview. The Board then has more time and energy for larger strategic visions. We're already implementing a few changes in the structure and process of our Board meetings that will guide us in this direction. At our first March Board meeting, Anne Kinney brought us the policy manual from the UU church in Phoenix, which has gone through similar Board restructuring and visioning that we are hoping to navigate. We'll discuss this document at our second March meeting. We're meeting again with Mary Higgins on April 17<sup>th</sup> to think further about the mission and vision of the Board—What do we need to do/be in order to better carry out the mission of the church? What is our vision? How do we covenant with one another to accomplish that vision? What are the projects and tasks? These changes cannot be made overnight—stay tuned!

**Other items** – Annual Meeting: We set June 5<sup>th</sup> as the date for our annual meeting. Be on the lookout for an agenda, packet, and official announcement. Nominating Committee: Robin Smutny continues to work with Grayling Cunningham and the rest of the Nominating Committee to generate interest in leadership positions and put together the voting slate for the June 5<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. Please be in touch with Grayling or Robin if you are interested in leadership. Email voting policy: We went over a drafted policy for how Board voting occurs if it must be done over email. Sexton: The building and grounds committee is working on a job description for a sexton for the church; the finance committee has decided we have the budget.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the report, feel free to contact a Board member. Please note that all Board meetings are open to all, and as a general rule are held two Mondays a month. Our next meetings are Monday, March 28th and Monday, April 11th, both at 6:30 p.m.

-- *Emily Wright-Timko, clerk*

## *Nominating Committee News!*

The Nomination Committee would like to announce that there are positions open for our 2011/2012 ballot. We are looking for members to run for: vice president, clerk, or board members at large and [NNED](#) (Northern New England District) and [UUA](#) (Unitarian Universalist Association) delegates and alternates. If you are a self motivated and interested in the inner workings of Auburn UU, and would like to participate in the governance of our church, please consider submitting your name for the ballot!

There are also committees and councils in need of members and friends participation, some are looking for chairs (Programs) and co-chairs (Social Justice, Religious Exploration etc.)! We invite you to deepen your spirit by helping others and becoming a bigger part of our community.

For more information please contact members of the Nominating Committee.

---*Cindy Greathouse*

### *From the Finance Committee:*

The Finance Committee is working on next year's budget proposal to present to the Board at the end of this month. The final budget will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in June.

We are now 3/4 of the way through our church's fiscal year, which ends June 30. A gentle reminder: if you have paid less than 75% towards your pledge commitment for the year at this point in time, please consider making a payment towards your pledge balance during the month of April. If your financial circumstances have changed, and you anticipate that you might not be able to complete your pledge, please let one of our collectors (Linda Borth @ 786-6720, or Mary Kay Weisenberger @ 514-0505) know as soon as possible so we can keep our budget projections as accurate as possible. Money always gets a little tight for us at this time of year when the heating/plowing season winds down (and the bills come due). This year's very cold and snowy winter is likely to cause us to exceed our heating oil budget by a significant amount, too. We simply don't have much "wiggle room" in our budget, and with our service auction (our last major fundraiser of the year) still several weeks away, anything you can do to help us close the gap between our income and expenses in the short term would be greatly appreciated.

*---Cindy Greathouse, Finance Committee Chair*

### *Annual Step Up Canvass Update:*

Thank you to all members and friends of the church who have made a pledge of financial support. We are getting closer to our goal. As of March 24, we had received commitments of over \$87,000 in signed pledge forms. Many more canvass visits will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

We were told, in training, that the single hardest thing about canvassing was scheduling an appointment. That is proving to be true! Both canvassers and members of the congregation lead busy lives. We will get to everybody eventually. But we are serious about wrapping this campaign up in the next two weeks. If you haven't responded to your canvasser yet, or if you haven't been contacted, please call your canvasser or e-mail the church office at auburnu@myfairpoint.net. We will get in touch as soon as we can.

Thank you also to the dedicated people serving as canvassers. Asking people for money is not easy for most of us. What makes it much easier is the love for the church that we all feel. The shared stories are my favorite part of the whole process. We are all grateful for the 18 (or so) canvassers who have "stepped up" to the challenge. We'll name them in a future article. Let's finish the job and celebrate our success.

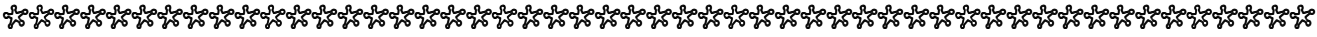
*---Jim Chaplin, Canvass Chair.*



### **THE ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION**

Sunday May 1, 2011 at 12:00 noon in the church vestry

**We need you!** You can donate GOODS or a SERVICE or you can attend the auction...**BID EARLY, BID OFTEN, and BID HIGH!** *Be sure to read the details elsewhere in this newsletter!*



## News From Religious Exploration

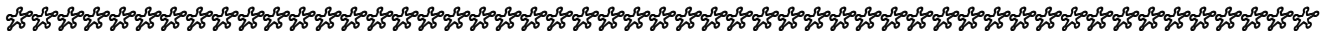
The Religious Exploration program is about to begin its second month with Clara on maternity leave. Thanks to Clara's diligence in scheduling and finding volunteers ahead of time, it has been a relatively painless process.

The RE Program is planning to have some of our youth being greeters and hosting Coffee Hour on April 3rd. In addition, the RE Committee will be organizing the RE supply closets that Sunday.

Many of you have registered for the Ferry Beach Retreat. I look forward to spending time with you there, in fellowship, song, and fun. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to meet other UU families in southern Maine.

As always during Clara's leave, if you have questions, feel free to contact me at [jeremiahbartlett@gmail.com](mailto:jeremiahbartlett@gmail.com).

--*Jeremiah Bartlett*, RE Committee Co-Chair



### *From the Membership Committee*

#### *Thinking of joining the church?*

The Membership Committee will be offering NEW MEMBER CLASSES with three consecutive sessions to be held on Sunday, May 15th, immediately after church, Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM on May 18th, and again on Sunday, May 22nd. Please join us if you wish to learn about Unitarian Universalist history and principles as well as the responsibilities and benefits of membership. We will also discuss our diverse activities and programs. Meet other newcomers!

To attend call Deni at the church office at 783-0461, email [uuauburn@myfairpoint.net](mailto:uuauburn@myfairpoint.net), or contact Beth Ayotte, Membership Committee Chair.

### **ANNOUNCING THE WINNER OF OUR RAFFLE HELD MARCH 6th AFTER CHURCH IN THE VESTRY**

Congratulations to MARY MORIN who was the WINNER of 2 tickets to LAFF (Lewiston Auburn Film Festival) coming on April 2nd. Each film festival pass entitles the bearer to attend all films, workshops, and Q&A sessions including the Pal Hop Days event at the Franco American Heritage Center. We hope everyone enjoyed some popcorn and got a chance to chat with new church member Craig Saddlemire. He is a 2011 LAFF People's Choice Award Nominee for his documentary entitled *The Rehearsal: One Week Before Inspired Voices 2010*.

--*Beth Ayotte*, Membership Committee Chair

## Our Ferry Beach Retreat Next Weekend

And the good news is....that it's all good news! We have filled the campus with our registrations for an all-church retreat at the oceanfront UU Ferry Beach Conference Center in Saco for April 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are sharing this retreat with our Unitarian Universalist counterparts from the Allen Avenue and First Parish UU churches in Portland. This wonderfully collaborative gathering of 200 of us will provide us an opportunity to spend a weekend of fun, relaxation, and spiritual exploration with others who deeply share our values and commitments. Such a UU gathering is very invigorating! Well over 50 members of Auburn UU have signed up already.

We range in age from infant (Clara and Glen's newborn Audrey Bolduc) to octogenarians. We will have program offerings that should appeal to all ages. Several members of our congregation are offering provocative and compelling options:

- Peter Floyd will facilitate a workshop entitled "Finding Balance in a Lopsided World."
- Bonnie Soper is leading a Birding Walk to highlight the unique habitat in this beautiful area of estuary, ocean, and woodlands.
- Sara Karem will inspire us to create our own "Sailor Valentines," a recreation of an ancient nautical tradition of the 1800's using shells and other natural resources.
- Lorelie Greenwood Jones will intrigue us with Animal Totems to encourage us to connect with our animal spirit guides and interpret their messages that are available to us.

And there is much, much more! If you will arrive Friday evening, plan to be there by **6 p.m.** to register, unpack and settle in. At 7 p.m. we'll have orientation, an enticing icebreaker event and our ice-cream social. Saturday includes multiple workshops, our evening Talent/No Talent Show, lots of music, and options for exploring the area with guided walks. (And the food is top notch! ) Sunday includes our community-created worship, closing events and time for relaxation.

See you at Ferry Beach!!

*~Anne Kinney and Ron Spofford,* Ferry Beach Retreat co-coordinators

## Honoring Bob Thorpe

For the second year in a row the Northern New England District (NNED) of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) has selected a member of our congregation to receive the District's coveted Unsung UU Hero Award.

Bob Thorpe was nominated for this recognition by our church Board and we have just received word that he has been chosen as the District's recipient for 2011! Bob will be honored at the Annual Meeting and Spring Gathering of the NNED at a ceremony at the Red Jacket Inn in North Conway, N.H. on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m.

All interested members are invited to attend this presentation to help us show our deep appreciation for all that Bob has contributed to our church in his 50 years with us.

Quoting from our nomination, which was written and submitted by P.J. Mears after he compiled input from various church members, :

"There is literally no aspect of church life that Bob has not positively and consistently impacted. He is just shy of 82 and over the last 50 years he has given dedicated, non-stop service to the church in so many capacities it is difficult to capture. His influence can be found from the crawl space under the vestry to our steeple and

everything in between. With so much happening in the world, it is easy to get distracted from the importance of living a principled life. Bob thinks deeply, talks quietly, and acts generously based on the love of his church and what it stands for.

Bob is an Unsung Hero because he diligently and daily attends to the many needs of the church 24 hours a day, 7 days a week... It has been said by those closest to him that Bob spends "every waking moment of his day thinking about the church in some way." His wife, Cathy, made note of the fact that she no longer asks Bob if he needs to stop at the church on the way by, she just stops automatically. Here are some highlights of why we believe Bob Thorpe should be recognized as the NNED Unsung UU Hero for 2011.

Bob's influence is not only with the physical structure of church. While I sat up on the beams in the attic with Bob as his "apprentice" he shared his love for the church community and the love of the workmanship of our church building. A good communicator, he stays in constant touch with board members and committee chairs to coordinate needs and broaden the planning process.

He shows great care and respect for others who use our church. If the church is rented for a wedding, Bob is there the day before to assure that the grounds are in meticulous shape for photo-taking. He has a keen eye out for the LGBTQ youth from Outright who hold a drop-in at our church every Friday. Can we find better furniture for the rooms they use? Are things set up in a way that best serve their interests? He checks with advisors and the coordinator to assure that communication stays open to mutual needs.

Modest and unassuming, Bob is approachable whether he is discussing a \$300,000 capital campaign or fixing a toilet. His consistent, dedicated, and continuous service to the First Universalist Church for over 50 years in all aspects of congregational life makes him a clear choice for the "Unsung UU Hero" award."

Please join our Board in congratulating Bob Thorpe for this District recognition. It was just a year ago that Gerry Fox received this same District award!

--*Anne Kinney*, Denominational Affairs Representative

## Big Moon 2011

Last night  
I walked in the  
benevolent aura  
of your smiling face---  
a quality of light  
not often seen  
in this celestial realm;  
and bathed in the warmth  
of your presence  
I felt duly blessed.  
This morning

I saw you through my  
window, sitting pendulous  
atop my horizon,  
a twice-given gift;  
and watching you  
as you slipped quietly  
into my eternity, I waved  
goodbye and, like  
the raven, uttered  
"Nevermore."

--*Pearl Tibbetts Sawyer*

## OPEN MIC



### OPEN MIC HITS 5-YEAR MARK

In the proud tradition of UU coffeehouses, our very own Open Mic/Poetry Slam marked a 5-year anniversary. Attendance was high (50+), as the vestry hosted members of both the church and the L/A community, featuring 18 newcomers and "old-timer" performers.

Emcee Toby Haber-Giasson was gratified to see church members attend for the first time and discover this incredible forum their church has

been providing that shares the spirituality of music and spoken word.

Although Auburn UU's open mic is known in town for having great sound quality, audio designer Mike Giasson debuted a new set-up for sound at the anniversary show. He reminisced, "When we started, we never imagined celebrating 5 years. We started it to solve a temporary problem in town- to provide a chem-free place for artists to express themselves. But here we are."



John Brooks, a co-founder, made a point to come back for the anniversary. Robin Rockett, another co-founder, said "I guess time really does fly when you are having fun!" And fun was certainly had.

Look for a profile of the 5th anniversary in L/A Magazine. We hope to see you at the next Open Mic on **Friday, April 8** at 7:15! Admission is free; refreshments are available.

## Social Justice Corner

2011 Second Sunday Collection schedule: APRIL: Center for Prevention of Hate. MAY: Lots to Gardens. JUNE: Outright/LA.

SJ is supporting the Zoom Bus initiative, which would provide sustainable, affordable bus service from Auburn to Portland. Take a poster on the SJ table in the vestry and hang it where you work and play!

### Farmers on Film

Remember our NASAP Farmers' Market ladies who sell us fresh produce in the summer?

You can see a short documentary about Seynab and Batula as part of the Lewiston-Auburn film festival. It is being screened at the Lewiston Public Library next Saturday, April 2nd, at 2:45 pm.

### Checkered Floors comes to UU Theater through Social Justice Mission

Social Justice and UU Theater are proud to present a unique cultural, social, artistic and culinary event. Auburn native and refugee consultant Cheryl Hamilton will perform *Checkered Floors* on May 20, 21 and 22. Her one-

woman show deals with immigration, civil rights, sexual assault and social justice. An optional pre-show artist reception will feature Somali food and friends from our community.

Described by the Portland Press Herald as “uplifting despite hard topics,” the performance is based on Hamilton’s return to Maine after college amid the arrival of 2000 Somali migrants to the Lewiston-Auburn area. Her true story shares the challenges of her homecoming as she works to help the new neighbors make homes of their own.

*Checkered Floors* first debuted in New York City at the Emerging Artist Theater’s “One Woman Standing” festival in 2008. Since this time, Hamilton has presented the play at colleges, conferences and community theaters across the country. This will be Hamilton’s first performance in Lewiston-Auburn. In her words, “I am looking forward to finally bringing the show home.”

Information will be available from Catholic Charities Refugee Program, as well as Sexual Assault Crisis Center (SACC) and Safe Voices (formerly AWAP). These groups will be on hand to help address the issues raised in the show. Our church is proud to offer this event which complements our Social Justice mission to promote understanding of social issues, and UU Theater's mission to "speak" our UU values to the community.

A pre-show artist reception with Somali dinner will be offered Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 at 6:30 pm (show at 8pm), and also on Sunday, May 22 at 11:30 (show at 1pm). Tickets are \$20 (including a meal) or \$10 for the show only (Students \$17/\$7). Due to adult content, parent discretion is advised. For more information, visit [www.checkeredfloors.com](http://www.checkeredfloors.com), the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=119783454764522> or call 207-783-0461.

-- **Social Justice Committee**

### *“Any One Of Us – Words from Prison”*



V-Day presented "**Any One Of Us: Words from Prison**" on March 12 and 13. Using graphic stories by women in prison, the show explored how incarceration of women is often the direct result of violence against them. The show also included a panel from Safe Voices, to speak about the effects of domestic violence.

V-Day aUbUrn presents its line-up for "Words from Prison" Show.

Cast members: (from left) Mary Morin, Betsy Mallette, Anna Marie Violette, Melissa Farrington, Julie Middleton, director Karen Lane, Siiri Cressey, Stephanie Highes, Madeline Strange.



## SERVICE AUCTION

Sunday May 1, 2011 at 12:00 noon in the church vestry

**We need you!** You can donate GOODS or a SERVICE or you can attend the auction...**BID EARLY, BID OFTEN, and BID HIGH!**

**How can you help?** We need items for the LIVE and SILENT auctions. We need VOLUNTEERS for set-up, clean-up, childcare and food donations for coffee hour.

*Here are some ideas for donations:* Artwork, cooking lessons, dinner parties, outdoor trips, gift certificates, handy (person) services, tickets to shows/sporting events, pool parties, vacation packages, wine tastings and more.... Be creative!

**At the auction:** Childcare will be provided for attendees and volunteers. An extended coffee hour and ice cream sundaes! There will be a live auction (an item list will be available soon), silent auction items and a kid's silent auction table.



This is our second largest fundraiser and a lot of fun. If interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Nicole Rush 207-577-5754 or [nicole04240@hotmail.com](mailto:nicole04240@hotmail.com).

Lots to Gardens is accepting applications for their Summer Youth Gardeners program now. The program is for youth ages 14-18 who live in Androscoggin County. If you, or anyone you know, is interested contact Ari at [lotstogardens@gmail.com](mailto:lotstogardens@gmail.com) or 513-3844 for more information.

### ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS

It's almost that time again. Be on the lookout for an annual report reminder coming from the office. Annual reports will be due May 16th in time for the annual meeting which will be held after the service on June 5th.

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The church website at [www.auburnuu.org](http://www.auburnuu.org) has been updated with our latest information.

Did you know the homepage of [www.auburnuu.org](http://www.auburnuu.org) features a news page with our latest events? Visit it and see. It's a good quick way to check in on the latest church events and guest preachers!

----- Seen the church Facebook page lately? Grayling Cunningham is posting interesting links and stories you may want to explore. Also featured are daily prayers and meditations for UUs. Check it out!

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY OPEN DOOR WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 25**

# UU AUBURN - APRIL, 2011

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| 3   | 4  | 5       | 6                               | 7  | 8   | 9                                  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |                                |
| 10  | 11   | 12      | 13                              | 14   | 15  | 16                                 |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |                                |
| 17  | 18   | 19      | 20                              | 21   | 22  | 23                                 |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |                                |
| 24  | 25   | 26      | 27                              | 28   | 29  | 30                                 |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |                                |
| 3<br>Worship and RE at 10am, then Coffee Hour - Second Collection- Center for Prevention of Hate-Council of Committees 11:30  | 4<br>Co-Counseling 7-9pm (R)   | 5       | 6<br>Social Justice 6:30pm      | 7<br>Adult RE "Our Relationships" 6:30-8:30 pm<br>Men's Group 6-9pm (R)  | 8<br>OPEN MIC 7pm Outright LA Drop-in 6pm (R) Ferry Beach Weekend 5pm-Noon Sunday | 9                                  |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |                                |
| 10<br>Worship and RE at 10am, then Coffee Hour - Finance Committee 11:30am  | 11<br>Sabbatical Committee 5:15pm -Board Mtg 6:30pm- Co-Counseling 7-9pm (R) | 12      | 13                              | 14<br>Brownie Troop Cooking for the Elderly (R) Men's Group 6-9pm (R)    | 15<br>Outright L/A Dance 7pm (R)  | 16<br>Maine Gay Men's Chorus - 7pm |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |                                |
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| 24<br>EASTER SUNDAY<br>Worship and RE at 10am, then Coffee Hour   | 25<br>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE<br>Board Meeting 6:30pm- Co-Counseling 7-9pm (R)   | 26      | 27                              | 28<br>Men's Group 6-9pm (R)  | 29<br>6pm Outright L/A "Drop-in" (R)  | 30                                 |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |   |                                |

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