



THE OPEN DOOR

**NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
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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

FEBRUARY, 2011

Jodi's Corner - Words from our Minister

As I prepare for sabbatical, I am aware of how much I am anticipating the gifts this time will bring. A colleague suggested there were three primary purposes for a sabbatical- rest, renewal, and rebirth. All three are critical to an ongoing, healthy ministry, and all three are difficult, if not impossible at times, to achieve within the context of regular ministry work. The spaciousness of this time- the ability to ask deeply rooted questions and follow wherever they take me, to spend time in study and spiritual practice for the sole purpose of deepening the mind and spirit, feels so incredibly precious. And I anticipate that the fruit of this time will be a deepened and transformed ministry when I return.

I hope that this time will serve to be a gift to you as well. In the normal course of the life of a church, a congregation also needs, every once in awhile, to rediscover its own call to ministry. While it isn't necessary for the minister to be gone for a church to do this work, that absence can make it easier for the congregation to reclaim ownership of itself- reacquaint itself with its passion, power, and responsibility. I wish for you that your generosity in honoring this sabbatical time returns to you many times over in the form of your own growth and rediscovery.

Let me conclude by reminding you that while I am gone, my usual responsibilities will be shared by a group of skilled and committed volunteers. I will fully step out of the life of the church and they will be stepping deeply in. They have agreed to do so, giving time, energy, and care because they love the church. There will be bumps along the way while I'm gone- because we can't plan for every eventuality, because things will work differently under the care of different people, because the church is learning new ways of being a church and that never works perfectly at first, and because bumps happen in life. Please remember that those glitches are no cause for panic and especially no cause to make those poor volunteers miserable! If you figure out a way that the church can better live out its mission and vision, let folks know- and be prepared to

step in and step up. But be sure to be as generous with your praise for those who are doing the work of the church already.

I can't, and don't want to, predict what these next months will bring to any of us. But I am sure there will be many blessings. And know that I will be carrying you in my heart. And may your days and nights be blessed,

Jodi

Come join in the celebration of over 10 years of Jodi's ministry. Come wish her a wonderful, refreshing sabbatical. On Sunday, February 20, come for the service and stay for the party during coffee hour.

Service Excerpt – From the service of January 23d,

*"To live content with small means;
to seek elegance rather than luxury,
and refinement rather than fashion;
to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not, rich;
to listen to stars and birds, babes and sages, with open heart;
to study hard; to think quietly, act frankly, talk gently,
await occasions, hurry never;
in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious, grow up through the common--this is my symphony."*
WILLIAM HENRY CHANNING

Sharing Joys and Sorrows during Worship

As you are aware, the Worship Associates and Reverend Jodi have been exploring new methods of sharing Joys and Sorrows in worship, with the goal of creating a space that is as inclusive as possible while allowing for issues such as the amount of time dedicated to sharing, the desire for growth of our church, and providing for a sense of deep and profound ritual.

At this point, we have been moving toward the current format, which includes the following components:

Reading the Book of Joys and Sorrows: A reading aloud of the Joys and Sorrows contained in the book (available to all at the beginning of the service).

Ritual Stones: Putting a stone into the bowl of water and stating a word that encapsulates a joy or sorrow.

Sharing of Names: Stating out loud the name of someone to hold in our hearts.

After working with this process, we have noticed that these steps allow for more people to participate in a greater variety of ways, while keeping the sharing in balance with the rest of the service.

In the coming weeks, we will likely make a few minor adjustments to format, but feel that the overall process works well and can carry us through Reverend Jodi's sabbatical and likely beyond.

This process would not have gotten to its current state without significant input from those attending services, and we continue to welcome your input. Please feel free to discuss your thoughts and ideas with a Worship Associate so that we may continue to make this time a special and holy place for all present.

Many Blessings, The Worship Associates:

Jeremiah Bartlett	Grayling Cunningham	Karen Lane	Ari Rosenberg
Kitsy Claxton	Lorelei Greenwood-	Rich Livingston	Craig Saddlemire
Ned Claxton	Jones	PJ Mears	Pearl Sawyer
Jody Cyr	Claire Hebert	Charles Nero	Bob Wolf

News from Team Sabbatical: Rooted, Growing, Soaring. Team Sabbatical is here to help.

Q: When does Jodi leave??

A: Jodi's last Sunday is February 20. PLEASE BE IN CHURCH to wish her well on her journey of rest, renewal, and refreshment.

Q: What happens on February 27?

A: Team Sabbatical and Music Associates are teaming up for an all-church service of celebration...not celebration that Jodi is gone for a bit, but celebration of our strength and community, with our favorite thing..extra music!! The theme of the service is "Journey".

Q: Will there still be church services after February 27?

A: In case you haven't been listening, reading or attending church lately..YES ☺ !

Q: How will this happen?

A: Look forward to a festival of preaching. Also check out Team Sabbatical's informational bulletin board in the sanctuary.

Q: What about other church/ministerial functions, such as counseling, special services like weddings, and church leadership?

A: Please take a look at Team Sabbatical's brochure -see answer above for how to find it. It has a wealth of information.

Q: Can we really sing the wrong hymn as a joke on a visiting minister?

A: Team Sabbatical WILL tell Jodi, when she gets back.

Q: Can we still be in touch with Jodi?

A: She will not be checking church related email or messages. She is really gone for 6 months. She will be back in late August.

Team Sabbatical says "COME TO CHURCH on February 20!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Send Jodi off in good fashion. Also..look for people wearing the bright teal T-shirts with the tree on the back to find Team Sabbatical members.

Music Service February 27

Please join the Music Committee and Sabbatical Committee in celebrating the first Sunday of Jodi's sabbatical (Feb 27th). We will be keeping many of the basic elements of our order of service and adding music contributions as part of our worship. Since this is the next step in our journey as a congregation, the theme for the service will be "Journey". If you would like to contribute a musical piece to the service, we'd like you to briefly introduce your music by describing its connection to the theme. Please contact Ned Claxton (784-3804, ned.claxton@roadrunner.com) if you would like to offer a musical contribution or if you have questions about the service.

From President Anne Peron:

Hello all -

I would like to share with you a "moment" I had last weekend. As some of you know, last weekend (the 22nd and 23 of Jan.) was the "women in harmony " show down in Portland at Woodfords Church. For those of you who do not know me...I have been singing with this women's chorus for about 3 years now. I started singing with the group because I wanted to try something completely different and outside of my comfort zone. WAY outside for me. I have a lot of anxiety around the thought of singing in public and never had before a few short months (at our church) joining the chorus.

To push that comfort level even more I auditioned for a solo and got 2 verses of the song "bound for freedom." (Two is a lot, and 300 people in the audience is a lot).

I never got it right in any of the rehearsals, and then Sunday morning came and absolute fear filled me to the core. My body was all trembling, my cold was holding off somewhat, and I just couldn't seem to relax. Even though concert weekend is crazy- busy, I still like to go to church on Sunday morning. I am sooo glad I did. Jodi's stories and Dave's cool song "much better view of the moon," got my head back on track.
~perspective~

A quote drifted into my head: "all that a man achieves and all that he fails to achieve is the direct result of his own thought." James Allen.

That's when it changed for me, instead of thinking what if I forget the words or what if I forget the notes or will they all hate it or... why don't I think about the amazing words and message that I will be getting out to all these people. I need to show them how very deep within my heart I feel that justice for all kinds, and singing out and standing up for ourselves, is the courageous, is right thing, to be doing. By changing my inner dialog I was able to change my terror to courage and stand up to my fear (or should I say...stand up and get the message out). When I stepped up to the mic, I closed my eyes and sang. Oh the immense power of our minds to affect our bodies, thoughts, actions and reality.

Thank you to this amazing community and to Jodi and Dave. We never know how we may affect people's lives. ~perspective~
--*Anne Perron*

From the Finance Committee:

Annual tax statements for monetary contributions have been distributed... a portion were handed out at church Sunday, January 23rd and the remainder were mailed on the following Monday.

Jim Chaplin will be serving as our Canvass Chair this year. Please see his message in this issue of the Open Door, and get ready to step up and help in any way you can.

We are on target with about 60% (7months) of our budget year complete, and 62% of pledges collected for the year.

With the diligence of Bob Thorpe, we are the proud new owners of new – to - us chairs for the Chapel. A long-standing goal has been to improve the Chapel so we can get more utility from this space. We are also reviewing building use agreements.

Final net income from the Gingerbread Fair was \$5,794. Special fundraisers (miscellaneous fundraising) came to \$1,302

---*Cindy Greathouse, Finance Committee*

January Board Briefs:

Gratitude- Thank you to Wendy Darling for stepping into a new role as usher, to Mary Kay Weisenberger for organizing the Giving Tree donations at Christmas time, to Larry Duprey for doing the decorations for the Gingerbread Fair, and to Ron Spofford for helping clean up after the Christmas Eve reception. Thank you!

Shared Leadership- A subcommittee of the Board met with Mary Higgins, Northern New England District Executive of the UUA, to begin laying out a plan for her work with the Board as we strive together with the congregation to vision our goals for shared leadership. Jodi's sabbatical presents all of us with an invaluable

opportunity to understand what shared leadership means. As great as the minister's gifts are, and as generous as she is with them (both true for Jodi), the strength of a church, or any community, lies in its capacity for *shared* leadership—how we all envision and enact our shared responsibility for the life and work of the church. There are so many in the congregation who already take strong leadership roles, and we can work to celebrate their contributions, improve communication and collaboration among them, and develop new leaders. But remember that shared leadership is not only about “leaders” in the traditional sense—it’s about how we *all* see the life of the church and work together to create it. Mary Higgins will continue to work with us, and we will stay in communication with you about the process. We will also be reading the book *Governance and Ministry* by Dan Hotchkiss, to help us with this work.

Other Items- We passed a Parental Leave Policy for employees of the church. Robin Smutny continues to work with the Nominating Committee to fill currently open roles of Social Justice chair and Adult RE co-chair and will also start work on nominations for Board positions that will become open in June. We encouraged Jodi to continue to take her normal number of Sundays off before her sabbatical begins. We discussed some minor logistical matters in relation to Jodi's sabbatical.

~Emily Wright-Timko, Board Clerk

2011-2012 ANNUAL ALL CHURCH CANVASS

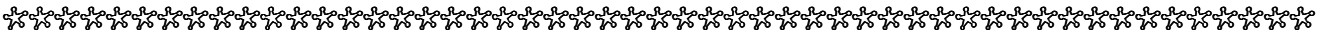
Towards the end of her sermon on January 9, 2011, Jodi stated “...It’s time for Unitarian-Universalists to step up.” Those few words resonated with me and with our church leaders. In the context of both Jodi's sermon and the times we live in, It IS time to step up in so many ways. Those few words have become the theme for our 2011-2012 ANNUAL CANVASS. It's time to step up for our principles and beliefs. .. It's time to step up for our message of love and hope... And, yes, it's time to step up to our responsibilities as good stewards. Church leaders have asked me to chair this year's annual canvass. After hearing Jodi's words that day, it was easy for me to say yes.

A critical ingredient in “stepping up” is to make sure we financially support our spiritual home. We intend to return to a fund-raising process that the UUA recommends and that we know works from past experience. The Annual Canvass is not just about money, although it's no secret that we need your generosity to exist and even thrive. The canvass process asks us how passionately we believe in the mission of our church. It measures the value we place on our own spiritual fulfillment. It demonstrates our love and our hope for the future of this church home to so many. There are multiple other benefits that you'll hear about later.

In essence, the canvass process is as follows: Trained volunteers will ask to meet, in person, with everyone who is either a member or a friend of the church. We want to hear how you came to the church, your passion for belonging, and your belief in our mission. We will ask everyone to make a financial commitment in line with your own ability and willingness to do so. You fill out a pledge card. We thank you for your gift. It's that simple.

There will be many more communications in the near future. For now, just know that we appreciate the generous gifts so many of you are sharing with us. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL CANVASS KICK-OFF EVENT, SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 5:30-8:30. DINNER @ 6:15 (Italian theme, offering lasagna, salad and bread.) ENTERTAINMENT, (UU Theatre) VARIOUS COMPETITIONS & CONTESTS. MUSIC, BRIEF REMARKS. FREE! ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED. CHILDCARE WILL BE OFFERED.

Thank You! -- *Jim Chaplin*



News From Religious Exploration



The annual All-Church Luncheon and Contra Dance will take place on Sunday, February 13, from 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. With music by our very own Pam Weeks! The dance is free, and all ages are encouraged to attend.

There will be free food for the kids, and a Chili-Cook-off Fundraiser for the adults (and kids who like chili!).

Don't like to dance? Don't worry! Everyone is welcome to just watch, eat, and enjoy the fabulous music!

Child Dedication Ceremony

We'll be holding a church-wide Child Dedication Ceremony on February 13th, during the service. All children at the church are welcome to participate in this UU ritual. Sign up forms are available from Clara, and also on the Bulletin Board. Please return forms by Sunday, Feb. 6th!

About the UU Child Dedication Ceremony:

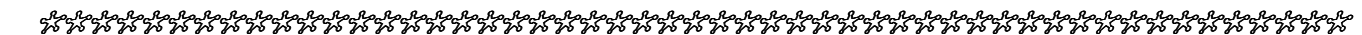
Rather than holding Christian-style baptism ceremonies, First Universalist Church of Auburn, like most Unitarian Universalist congregations, offers a child dedication ceremony for infants, adopted children, and all other children whose families have joined the congregation.

The dedication ceremony is an official welcome to the child into the spiritual life of the church. It is a celebration of the blessing of each child's life, an expression of our hopes for the children of our congregation, and a call to the parents and the congregation members to lead and nurture our children's spiritual development throughout their lives.

Volunteer Scheduling:

Clara Bolduc is planning will be taking maternity leave from February 20th through May 8th. That means we'll need to fill our volunteer calendar for that period of time within the next few weeks. For our parents and regular volunteers, if you haven't already signed up, please take a look at your calendar to see when you might be able to volunteer over the coming months.

If you have any questions about Clara's maternity leave and how it will affect RE programming, please don't hesitate to ask!





CHILI COOK-OFF

FEBRUARY 13 AT AUBURN UU

PLUS – PEN PAL MEET-UP AND CONTRA DANCE

Get out those secret chili recipes again! We're having another go-round of our famous *UU Chili Cook-Off* on **Sunday February 13th**. Last year we had some very stiff competition among the many outstanding and innovative recipes. For a small fee families and individuals will again have the chance to sample these chili dishes to their heart's content ~ and vote for their favorite. *In addition to being a fun and rousing gathering during coffee hour, this event serves as a fund-raiser so we can provide several scholarships to our all-church retreat April 8-10th at Ferry Beach!*

The Sunday cook-off event will also honor the meeting of the R.E. Secret Pen Pals, and will be followed by a contra dance celebration for all!

Here's what to do for the chili cook-off:

- Contact Ron Spofford, Anne Kinney or Sara Karam in advance to let us know you will participate; or *look for a sign-up sheet in the vestry*;
- Cook up a batch of your very best chili, enough to provide a number of small samples for our many hungry tasters;
- Bring your dish or crockpot to the vestry *before* the church service if at all possible;
- Sign in at the Registration Table and receive a Number to identify your chili; & then
- Sit back and listen to the accolades as church members and friends taste a sample of YOUR award-winning creation.

If you're not a chili cook, but can contribute some corn bread or any hearty bread we can serve along with the chili or some tangy lemonade, that would be greatly appreciated as well. Sign up soon and good luck to all!!

...The Ferry Beach Retreat Team

Attention all volunteers:

Have you ever helped clean up after an event? Wondered what to do about the kitchen doors to the vestry?

The kitchen doors should be closed when the kitchen is not in use, thus saving a few gallons of oil with a cold kitchen.

From the Membership Committee:

Casting Call



Are you powered by a passion for building a greater sense of community with other members and friends in the congregation? What about volunteering with a New Member All-Church Potluck? Do you have skills that lend themselves to helping us plan for the upcoming First Universalist of Auburn Church Logo Contest? We welcome your help.

Because we wish to increase the richness of our offerings as our church grows, the Membership Committee is asking for the gift of your time and talent.

As you know, in the performing arts a casting call is a vital pre-production process for selecting a cast of actors, singers, dancers for a live or recorded performance. An audition is most often required. If you answer the call to assist with Membership Committee projects going into production, *no auditions will be necessary*. Be part of the action when our crew rolls.

---Beth Ayotte, Membership Chair

CONSIDERATIONS FOR OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY

As we continue to move into the age of electronic communication, we are constantly discovering the blessings and challenges of such easy access to one another- especially through venues such as Facebook. We recently learned of a church member who was being harassed on-line who was concerned that the person harassing them might gain information about them by contacting church members. It hasn't happened, and we hope it won't. But it serves as a reminder- if you are ever contacted by someone you don't know who is asking about another member of this church, please don't respond! Instead let the person being asked about know a request has been made so that they can decide for themselves what information should be shared, if any. We can never know for sure what's going on in the lives of those around us, and part of our care for one another is ensuring we don't inadvertently violate their privacy!

--Jodi

After the Sunset

The after-light erupted
like a raucous roar of laughter
out of the somber treeline---
a gilded shaft pointing a
path to the stars and
after the show, a lustered
draping of soft rose material
like a designer fashioned
shawl. Who could have
expected so exultant a display
of humor out of so morose

a beginning? Whoever produces
these nightly extravaganzas
has endless creativity and so much fun!

--*Pearl Tibbetts Sawyer*

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Thanks to webmaster Nathan Babb, the church website at www.auburnuu.org has been updated with our latest information. We are looking at formats for a new site in the coming months which will allow for more flexibility in making updates.

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

Did you know the homepage of 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!

Council of Committees



The Council wants to thank ALL the people who helped make the All Church Birthday such a success!

Cakes from the **Board** donated by Carmen Brochu and Peggy Cox, Cathy Thorpe for **Building & Grounds**, by Anne Kinney for **Denominational Affairs**, from **Finance** by Linda Borth and Christine Babb, by Lynn Eldridge for **Religious Exploration**, by Emily Wright-Timko for **Adult RE**, from **Membership** donated by Beth Ayotte, by Hillary Schau for **Music Associates**, by Diane Chasse for **Social Events**, by Bonnie Soper for **Social Justice**, and by Karen Lane for **UU Theater**.

Behind-the-scenes thanks to Peter Floyd, Bob Thorpe, Gerry Fox, Robin Smutny, Hope, Beth A, Karen, Betsy and Ron. Thanks to Esther for providing the birthday lists. Big thanks to Don Johnson for the gorgeous piñata, and to Peter Floyd and Jason Knight for hoisting it for the children to whack at!



Esther Tucker Shares the History of the All-Church Birthday:

The tradition started a number of years ago by someone who was on the RE committee who thought it would be a wonderful way for a mixer of all ages. At that time the cakes were offered for a particular month and decorated with a theme for that month, such as October cake might be decorated for Halloween, Nov. for Thanksgiving, Dec. for Christmas, etc.

There used to be a little program with awards for the youngest, the oldest etc. The award might just be a birthday hat. Sometimes there has been a little game to start conversation at the table. Nowadays, people seem to

roam from table to table to see what the various cakes look like and may sample any that appeals to them.

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 Sunday, **February 6 and March 13 in the Outright room, 11:30.**

Social Justice Corner

Your Social Justice Committee thanks you for voting in our 2nd collection selection process. The 2011 2nd collection schedule is:

Feb 2011 Souper Sunday for [Trinity Jubilee Center](#)

March 2011 Minister's Discretionary Fund

April 2011 Center for Prevention of Hate

May 2011 Lots to Gardens

June 2011 Outright/LA

July 2011 Center for Prevention of Hate

Aug 2011 Lots to Gardens

Sept 2011 Outright/LA

Oct 2011 Minister's Discretionary Fund

Nov 2011 Center for Prevention of Hate

Dec 2011 Lots to Gardens

Jan 2012 Outright/LA

Reinventing Valentine's Day- Your Social Justice Committee is preparing Valentine fun packs for the Outright youth, featuring cards from our RE youth, candy and stickers. Would you like to donate some candy?

Can you donate any of these to the church?

- carpet-quality vacuum-- bring to the office or vestry
- candy for Outright "Reinventing Valentine's Day" fun packs-- see Anne Kenny
- clothing and boots- -On the rack in the vestry
- old cell phones (& accessories) and printer cartridges (no toner, please)—To the Social Justice table in vestry.

Feed the Hungry: City Missions training on Sunday, February 6 at 12:15ish at the Calvary Methodist Church in Lewiston. If you are interested please call the church at 782-3221.

-- Social Justice Committee

A NOTE OF THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

I would like to extend a thank you to all who donated, anonymously, food or gift cards from our local grocery stores during the holidays. I had the pleasure and the honor of distributing these to some of the families I work with daily through my job. I thought you might be interested in knowing some of the stories of those you helped.

A turkey and a large quantity of food went one family where one parent was diagnosed with cancer last summer. In addition to adapting to this illness, the father has a brain tumor. Despite this, the students come to school each day eager and ready to learn with quick smiles. When asked how the cancers have affected the family, one of the children replied, "It has brought us closer together."

Your generosity also helped a single father raising his family without the support of a former spouse. When thanking me for the gift card, he tried to hide the tears in his eyes.

Another family of 5 was given a gift card. In this family, the father works seasonally, and the mother was hoping her Christmas bonus would help provide for their Christmas. However, due to the economic times, her employer was not able to

give bonuses this year. Mom was grateful for the little extra help in giving her family a Christmas.

Your generosity also touched a blended family of 6 children and their parents. Including this family, the ones highlighted above, and other families, over 40 people were touched by your spirit of giving. Thank you from me and from them.

---Sara Karam

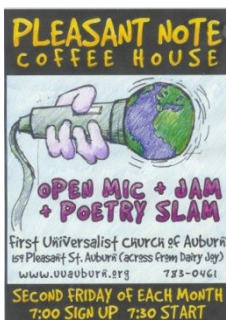
Ethical Eating- You can still support local food, even in the wintertime:
Winter Farmers' Market—Second Thursday of each month (from now through April) from 5:00-7:30 pm at the Nutrition Center (208 Bates Street, Lewiston). Come buy local foods all winter long and enjoy treats from the market café.
Community Nutrition Education: Volunteers needed to help with our afterschool children's cooking programs at the Lewiston Public Library (Thursdays) and at Hillview Apartments (Tuesdays). Contact 513-3848.

Speak out for Marriage Equality!

GLAD ([Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders](#)) is recruiting individuals to attend a Speaker's Bureau training in which you will gain skills to talk to others about Marriage Equality. You can then become part of a team who will support each other, in this area, in finding venues for group or one-on-one conversations. Here's one testimonial from a previous training day: "This speakers' training is excellent and well worth the time and effort. Initially, I was skeptical about spending an entire day on this, but I walked away convinced that we needed every minute of this professionally led workshop. I walked away with a sample speech to use, with new skills for responding to tough questions, and with more confidence about the "why's" and "how's" of doing this work together. Don't miss out! Sign up today!" - *Rev. Marvin M. Ellison, Ph.D.*

The Speakers Training is on March 5th at the United Church of Christ on Pleasant St. It will be from 9-4. If you are able to attend, please sign up asap on this link: <http://doodle.com/kiwr8cps92qentw6> or contact Emily Wright-Timko for more information: 786-6125, ewrightt@bates.edu, or the Speaker's Bureau Manager, Diane Gilman: dgilman@glad.org. Also, see handouts about GLAD and the Maine Speakers Bureau for Equality on the Community Bulletin Board at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs.

UU Theater is preparing for a V-Day event this spring



OPEN MIC

January's Open Mic and Poetry Slam attracted- yet again- new faces with new voices, and new audience members! Please join us for this special monthly celebration of the spirituality of music and spoken word. **The next Open Mic is Friday, Feb. 11, 7:15** in the Vestry. Yummy refreshments and the children's room are available.

Join Open Mic's Facebook page at "Auburn UU Open Mic and Poetry Slam" to see pictures and receive reminders.

Mark your calendars for Open Mic's **5th Anniversary on March 11-** don't miss it!



Come to our 2011 FERRY BEACH ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

APRIL 8 – 10, 2011 Friday through Sunday
(Please Note: March 20th Registration Deadline!)

Whether you are young, old, a newcomer or an old-timer, bring your whole family or come alone, and look forward to many optional activities . . .

fireside conversations, quiet beach walks, good food, games, music
variety show, workshops, playground and outdoor events,
worship, fun, & especially, making lasting memories and friends.

Our retreat, inviting members and friends from Auburn UU, Allen Avenue, and First Parish UU churches, begins on Friday April 8th with orientation, “ice-breaker” fun and an ice cream social at 7:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday morning April 10th, after worship and friendship circle. (You may arrive any time on Friday after 5:00 p.m. with snacks or a bag supper, if you wish.)

Important:

- **REGISTRATION BEGINS ON SUNDAY FEB. 20TH.** All registration forms must be submitted with full payment by Sunday, March 20th to Ann Hitzrot at 459 Allen Avenue, Unit #13, Portland, ME 04103. The deadline is important to give us an accurate head count for meals. Registrations will be accepted on a “first come” basis. (This is a popular Retreat!!)
- You will receive a tentative schedule, directions, and information regarding what to bring after you register.
- *If you are interested in leading or assisting with an activity, or have program suggestions, please contact Anne Kinney, below, or Tirrell Kimball at rkimbal4@maine.rr.com.*
- All meals will be provided and prepared by the Ferry Beach food service. (You will **love** the delicious choices being offered!) Dietary needs will be accommodated within reason. Please bring your own favorite between-meal snacks & beverages to share. (Coffee, tea, milk, and fruit are provided.) Alcoholic beverages are allowed at social gatherings.
- The retreat will formally end before lunch on Sunday, but you are welcome to enjoy the campus and beach as long as you wish that day.

Questions? Please contact one of the following congregational representatives:

- ◆ **Auburn:** Anne Kinney at uma@megalink.net or 782-7497 and / or Ron Spofford at 740-4084
- ◆ **A2U2:** Carol Hayden at cdhayhall@maine.rr.com or 854-2112.
- ◆ **First Parish:** Wendy Stanley at gwsgance@yahoo.com or 899-2530.
- ◆ **Ferry Beach** is our UU Camp and Conference Center in Saco (1/2 hour drive south of Portland). It offers a beautiful campus on a sandy beach with pine grove and woods. Rooms accommodate 2-6 people in twin-size beds. Bathrooms with showers are located on each floor. (BYO bedding, etc.)



Submission Date _____



Ferry Beach All-Church Retreat Registration Form

(Deadline March 20, 2011)

Please check: _____ Auburn UU _____ A2U2 _____ First Parish

Your Name _____ Email _____

Mailing address _____

Phone _____ Name(s) of other adult attending _____

Full name and age of each child attending:

_____	Age _____	_____	Age _____
_____	Age _____	_____	Age _____
_____	Age _____	_____	Age _____

I / we will attend:

Friday night _____
 Saturday night _____
 Commuting _____

I / we will attend the following meals:

Fri ice cream social _____
 Sat breakfast _____ Sat lunch _____
 Sat dinner _____ Sun breakfast _____

COSTS, including meals (children under 5 free):

FULL WEEKEND

Adults (13 & older):	\$125 x _____ people	=	\$ _____
Children (5-12):	\$75 x _____ people	=	\$ _____
Family:	\$275 maximum	=	\$ _____

ONE NIGHT ONLY (on space available basis only)

Adults (13 & older):	\$90 x _____ people	=	\$ _____
Children (5-12):	\$60 x _____ people	=	\$ _____

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Adults (13 & older):	\$40 x _____ people	=	\$ _____
Children (5-12):	\$25 x _____ people	=	\$ _____

Optional contribution to scholarship fund: \$ 10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ other \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED (must accompany registration form)..... \$ _____

- ◆ Rooms will accommodate two (for couples) *or more* people.
- ◆ Singles who do not identify preferred roommates (see below) will have one or two assigned.
- ◆ An additional fee may be charged for a single room (provided on a *space-available* basis).
- ◆ **Financial assistance may be available. Contact Anne Kinney (782-7497) to apply.**

(If single) My roommate preference is _____

Food allergy, dietary or accessibility concerns? _____

Registration deadline is Sunday, March 20, 2011. Make checks payable to A2U2 (Allen Avenue UU Church) and note "Ferry Beach" on the check. Please mail to: Ann Hitzrot, 459 Allen Ave #13, Portland, ME 04103