



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

MAY, 2011



THE ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE VESTRY THIS SUNDAY, MAY FIRST, FOLLOWING SERVICES

Many wonderful goods and services will be offered as well as the traditional ice cream social!

Bid often – bid high!

News From Team Sabbatical. May, 2011

Where's Jodi? Update:

Rev. Jodi, our regular minister (well, actually she's certainly not regular!), but our official minister, is on Sabbatical until late August. We've had a chance to see a variety of other ministers and to try to iron out some typical issues that Jodi would likely work through if she were here. I think we can all agree just how lucky we are to have Jodi as our settled minister, and we wish her rest, renewal, and return. ☺
Meanwhile, Church affairs are being managed by many. Key contacts include:

Team Sabbatical: Chaired by Rick O'Brien, this team acts as a clearing house for concerns, comments, and for keeping things running.

At least one Team member will be at each service wearing a bright aqua T shirt. Feel free to bring questions, concerns or kudos about church issues or people to us, and we'll try to get results of some kind.

Church Board: the Board remains as the church's governing body. Important questions and concerns should be brought to the Board. Please see the church website for contact information.



Worship Associates: This able team makes sure services run smoothly, and assists all of the visiting ministers with their Sunday services. They greet the visitors, run worship with them, and try to help them feel at home in our church.

Religious Education: Even though Clara Bolduc has been on maternity leave, religious education continues uninterrupted. Questions or concerns can be brought to Jeremiah Bartlett, R.E. chair.

Music: Dave Rowe and Phil House are very much here, assisted by music associates and sometimes by substitute musicians.

Other Committees: Please see the church website, or the brochures on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary, for all of the other church members who keep this wonderful church home running.

Why is Jodi on Sabbatical? Because we love her. ☺

Festival of Preaching Speakers

May 1: Rev. Myke Johnson

Myke has been the minister of Allen Avenue UU Church in Portland since 2005. Prior to that she served the First Parish in Brewster, Massachusetts on Cape Cod. She lives in North Yarmouth with her partner Margy and two kittens.

May 8: Rev. Carie Johnsen

Carie grew up in "a typical mid-western Lutheran family." She moved to Massachusetts in 1986 and settled into a career in social services on Cape Cod. She graduated from Harvard Divinity School '09 after completing two community ministry internships, one with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, and the other with a small non-profit program for women in transition. She was ordained in June of 2009.

Carie is in her second year of settled ministry at Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta, ME. She is the parent of two adult sons, Justin and Michael.

May 15: Rev. Richard Beal

Richard is the minister of the Universalist churches in Norway and West Paris. He's a graduate of Goddard College and Harvard Divinity School, and has served churches in Maine (Dexter, Sangerville, and Brunswick), Massachusetts, Kentucky and New Zealand. He was born in Maine, the son of a Universalist minister. He and his wife, Joan, worked with disturbed and delinquent teenagers in a variety of settings before entering the ministry.

May 22: Rev. Becky Gunn

Becky is currently serving the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor, Maine. She began serving in Bangor in August, 2008. She served as Interim Minister for the UU Church of Boulder, Colorado, for two years. Becky did her congregational internship at the UU Society of Albany in 2004-5 with the congregation ordaining her in January 2006. Becky attended Starr King School of the Ministry where she received in Masters of Divinity in May 2005. She has one son who is a Professor of Biology at a community college in Costa Mesa, California.

May 29: Rev. Carol E. Strecker

Carol is finishing her 7th year of service at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Kennebunk. She came to Maine from Massachusetts where she served as Associate Minister at the Arlington Street Church in Boston. Carol attended the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. She chose EDS because of their program in Feminist Liberation Studies. She also has an M.S.W. from Boston University. Before attending seminary she worked primarily with youth. Carol lives with her partner, Kate, three dogs and a cat in Cumberland, Maine.

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

WORSHIP NEWS

Many thanks to Ari Rosenberg and Karen Lane for ably serving as worship associates In March and April! Karen and Ari have offered helpful continuity and presence for the congregation, and for the varied guest ministers leading worship during Jodi's sabbatical. Grayling Cunningham will be the worship associate in May and Craig Saddlemire in June. We are grateful for the care and commitment of these and other wonderful new worship associates this year!

We're also appreciative of the congregation's willingness to "grow with" our current process for Joys and Concerns. The process was developed with Jodi's leadership last winter, in order to offer more ways for people to share and to honor the communal needs of our growing worshipping community. We will likely continue the conversation about how to best incorporate Joys and Concerns into worship when Jodi returns in September. In the meantime, we hope that you will share as you are moved to, and feel heard and held in the process. If a shared concern reflects a need for greater care or support, please let the Lay Pastoral Ministry team, the Sabbatical folks, or a worship associate know...we'll all do our very best to respond!

---*Kitsie Claxton, Worship Associates Chair*

April Board Briefs:

Gratitude –Big thanks to Alene Staley for her service as financial secretary, to Anne Kinney and Ron Spofford for coordinating our participation in the Ferry Beach retreat, to Fred Higgins for finishing some carpeting in the choir loft, and to Glen Esman for some painting work! Thank you!!

We received updates from the Nominating Committee and the Sabbatical Committee. The Nominating Committee is hard at work putting together a slate of candidates to be voted on at our June Meeting. We discussed the need for a sexton—we need to have a better sense of next year's financials once most pledges have come in. Are there creative ways we can solve the need for a sexton? We plan to organize a retreat in the summer for old and new Board members. We decided we'd like to invite representatives from the Council of Committees to alternate weeks of doing the Welcome for the service. The Welcome is traditionally done by Board members as a way to raise their visibility, but we'd also like to raise the visibility of other leaders in the Church. We are working on a Board Covenant outlining general expectations of Board members. We approved an email voting policy. The date for the all-church picnic at the Thorpe's is August 28th. Save the date!

We had our second meeting with UUA District Executive Mary Higgins on April 17th to continue our in-depth work on Board governance.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the report, feel free to contact a Board member. Please note that Board meetings are, as a general rule are held two Mondays a month. Our next meetings are Monday, May 9th and Monday, May 23rd, both at 6:30 p.m.

-- *Emily Wright-Timko, clerk*

Council of Committees

CofC offers a unique opportunity for dialog and coordination between the many 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 meeting is Sunday, May 15, in the Outright room at 11:30.

Currently, CofC is planning a welcome ceremony for DRE Clara Bolduc, and revising its committee description. CofC will also be considering an annual theme, which all committees can work toward.

News From Religious Exploration

Religious Exploration is finishing up the last few weeks with Clara on maternity leave. The children have been enjoying their classes, which have included lots of excellent discussion ranging from the meaning of atonement to the history of the universe. In addition, Bonnie Soper will be collecting the children's artwork for a display to be put up at the end of the year.

We also cleaned and reorganized the RE supply cabinets. We found the leavings of mice as well as a few items that could have been a food supply for them. If anyone would like to provide any kind of food for RE, you are most welcome, but even dry pasta items for crafts should be placed in the RE food cabinet in the kitchen.

We are now sponsoring coffee hour on the first Sunday of each month, which means yummy food and smiling faces!

Clara will be back on May 8, so give her a big smile and hug when you see her next!

I personally want to thank the RE Committee, the teachers, the volunteers, and Clara herself for making her time on maternity leave work out so well. It's been a learning experience for me and a lot of fun.

Have a great spring!

--*Jeremiah Bartlett*, RE Committee Co-Chair and Acting Director, Religious Exploration Program.

From the Membership Committee

I see the yellow **daffodils** flowering in my backyard as symbolic of all who are our visitors and guests. With freedom, reason, and tolerance for each individual spiritual journey, our liberal faith nurtures a coming to life within us, just as we see happening all around us in the earth.

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. Come meet other newcomers!

To attend call Deni, Office Administrator, at the church office at 783-0461, email uuauburn@myfairpoint.net, or contact Beth Ayotte, Membership Committee Chair.

If your aim is to reflect upon what it is you do and do not believe, or to discover how you might best contribute to the life of this church, **join us for NEW MEMBER CLASSES in May.**

---*Beth Ayotte, Membership Committee Chair*

UU Theater

'One Night Only' a Charm

V-Day aUbUrn presented a high-energy 'one night only' performance of "The Vagina Monologues" on Saturday, April 2 and drew 80+ patrons to our vestry! Combined with ticket sales from "Any One Of Us" in March, V-Day was able to share proceeds with Women of Haiti, as well as our local partners, Sexual Assault Crisis Center (SACC) and Safe Voices (formerly AWAP).

Thanks to all who participated and who attended these shows. They help UU Theater support the church and fulfill our mission in the church and the wider community. Special thanks to Mary Morin, who designed a beautiful t-shirt for the cast to wear, and which was also sold as a fundraiser.

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.

Empty Bowls Supper May 15th

Trinity Jubilee Center's seventh annual Empty Bowls Supper will be held Sunday, May 15th, from 4:30 – 6:30 PM, in the Vestry. Diners attending this event purchase hand-made bowls created by Maine artisans and students and receive a meal of soup, bread, beverage, and dessert, all donated by local establishments.

The Empty Bowls Supper will benefit Trinity Jubilee Center, a Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry serving those in need in the greater Lewiston-Auburn area. Bowl prices start at \$10 (depending on bowl selected) and are available at the door. For more information contact Development Director Dell Caron Gray at Trinity Jubilee Center, 577-8559 or jubileecenter1@hotmail.com



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.

Checked 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.checkedfloors.com, [the Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=119783454764522](https://www.facebook.com/checkedfloors) or call 207-783-0461.

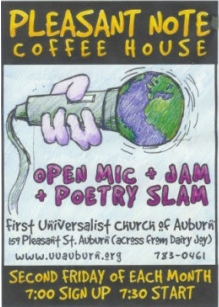
Riding the Wish Horses

When I was young I was full of wishes to my mother's exasperation: I wish I had a penny, I wish there was more fudge. I wish my hair was curly and my name was Elizabeth. Couldn't I have the pie without eating the onions. I hate washing dishes and I wish they'd disappear and there's a black taffeta dress at Ward's that I wish I could have. But mother, her feet set in the cement of her own reality, chided me with "If wishes were horses, beggars would ride" and turned with resolution away from my melodramatic pleas. God knows she tried, not grasping how minds might honestly differ, and she tried to insert into my bubble-headed consciousness an earthbound concept of the

possible while I rode my Pegasus over cloudlike dreams and wishes. Then, mother died and through her leaving, I cantered anew on wishes far different from my petty, childish cries: Mother, I wish that we could have pierced the veil of unanswered questions; that we had opened our doors wider into the living spaces of our common womanhood; that we had loved unharnessed to implied conditions; spoken clearly, cutting through the shaded nuances of prudery and fear. I wish I had known you better and I wish you had known me as I really am, loving me anyway. The wishes, futile as they are, still run and I astride wish most of all that you \were here,

---*Pearl Tibbetts Sawyer* (Dedicated to my Mom, Gladys Alexander Tibbetts)

OPEN MIC



Despite the overlap with the Ferry Beach retreat, April's Open Mic drew nearly 50 participants- both returning and new. High attendance has become the norm at our free monthly gathering. Singers, poets and good listeners shared the spirituality of outstanding music and powerful spoken word. Please join us **Friday, May 13 at 7:15** for our next Open Mic/Poetry Slam, as we again especially salute our spoken word artists.

Looking Ahead – To the Church Picnic

SAVE THE DATE FOR WORSHIP AND THE ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AT THE TUCKER/THORPE COTTAGE AND GROUNDS AT TRIPP LAKE, POLAND, MAINE.

Sunday, August 28

Social Justice Corner

Second Collection is taken on the first Sunday of the month, to benefit the following groups:
May, Lots to Gardens: June, Outright LA: July, Center for Prevention of Hate: August, Lots to Gardens.

Sustainable Transportation- SJ is supporting this grass-roots effort to establish a Zoom Bus for transit to and from Portland. Please see the SJ table in the vestry for posters on this issue. We urge you to ask our local legislators to support LD67, which would establish new express commuter bus services to serve downtown areas along the Maine Turnpike corridor. It would also set aside 3% of toll revenues to support basic transportation infrastructure maintenance statewide, thus ensuring that the Maine Turnpike Authority has a stake in the good repair of *all* of Maine's roads - not just one of them.

-Talking points/maps: <http://www.mainesustainabletransport.com/>

-Email your State Senator here: <http://www.maine.gov/legis/senate/senators/writesen/write1.htm>

-Contact your State Rep here: http://www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/lookup_voter_info.php

Ethical Eating- our NASAP farmers will return in June to sell their locally grown produce! Look for them in our parking lot. Also, you may have seen a short documentary about Hawa and Batula as part of the Lewiston-Auburn film festival- ask for their autographs, with your purchase!

Walk against Violence- please support the work of our community partners Safe Voices (formerly AWAP). Their annual "Walk to End Domestic Violence" is on May 14 in Simard-Payne Memorial Park in Lewiston. To pre-register, please contact Lana Whittemore, at 795-6744 x14 or send an email: lwhittemore@safevoices.org.

Immigration as a Moral Issue- in pursuit of this UUA study action issue, SJ was instrumental in getting Cheryl Hamilton to present her one-woman show "**Checkered Floors**" at our church. Her piece explains her work to settle local Somali immigrants, and form bonds across our cultures. Please make reservations to attend this important event offered May 20, 21 and 22 (see page 6 for more info). Consider it an opportunity to learn about

the immigrant experience in our community, and to taste Somali cuisine! Please invite friends and neighbors to join you in our space for this event. Reservations at 783-0461.

-- Social Justice Committee

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY OPEN DOOR WILL BE THURSDAY, MAY 26

Did you know?

An historical note about our church compiled by Dave Rowe, Marion Emery and Bob Thorpe.

Our Hook and Hastings Organ (named the Hanscom Memorial Organ in honor of our first organist and music director, E.W. Hanscom) dates back to 1876 and was the second organ of this type and scale installed in Maine. Some other installations were in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Biddeford, 1882, High Street Congregational Church, 1884 (lost in the fire in the 1980s) and the former St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lewiston, 1893. A full Hook and Hastings opus list can be accessed here:

<http://wikibin.org/articles/list-of-hook-organs.html>

Our organ has had numerous updates over the years. Originally it organ was hand-pumped by organ boys at the third floor level behind the organ, so the first major upgrade was to install an electric blower to supply the air to the wind reservoir.

There remain, on the plaster wall inside the organ, several signatures of organ boys identified as ELHS 1905 through ELHS 1915.

Originally, the keyboard console was in the front choir balcony facing the organ and was connected by mechanical linkages from the keys to the organ pipes.

In 1953, changes by Kershaw Company involved converting the mechanical tracker action to electro-pneumatic and locating an electric console in the choir balcony adjacent to the organ, and later, re-locating the console to the left side balcony.

In the mid-1990s the church started having the organ maintained by Faucher Organ Company (which also maintains the other Hook and Hasting organs listed above). Shortly after Bob Faucher and Company started maintaining our organ, Bob suggested the removal of the bottom octave of one of the 8' Bourdon pipe ranks just inside the organ façade which was obscuring the sound of a large portion of the organ—an oversight of the original pipe-work design. They have since been stored behind the organ, and it has been decided they will not be replaced. They have little or no value, and at some point in the near future, they will be disposed of.

In 2003, the organ was expanded further, replacing the 1954 Kershaw electronic console with a new Allen Digital Organ console which was placed on the sanctuary floor near the choir.

It is interesting that Marion Emery calls to mind that years ago the church took a vote on whether or not to abandon this organ and settle for the Hammond Organ that was rented in 1961 from George Davis. Fortunately 'good sense' and appreciation saved our organ.

Dave Rowe has kindly offered to provide a tour of our organ to the curious.

BATES CLEAN SWEEP 2011

Once again we have the opportunity to volunteer at the Bates Clean Sweep event and earn a share of the proceeds from their huge year-end yard sale of left-over student "stuff." We earn credits which translate into dollars by providing

1. volunteers to collect items from residence halls, sort, clean, price, and arrange items for sale day, work at the sale on June 18th and help clean up.
2. trucks and drivers to collect items around campus.
3. tables for items to be stored on – we will need help getting the tables from the church to Bates and back after the sale.

In addition, volunteers who work at least 2 full shifts will be allowed to attend the pre-sale event on June 17th to get first crack at items available for sale.

This event is a revenue line-item in our budget. So that we can generate the most money possible, it is important that we sign up as quickly as possible for the time slots available. Since our share of the profits is based on the percentage of the volunteers we provide, it is also important that we volunteer for as many hours as possible.

Please call or email the Church Office or Mary Lou Hofmann ASAP with the date/times you would like to sign up for, or if you can provide a truck, or help with moving the tables. Once you sign up, we will forward additional instructions to you.

Dates/times of shifts are listed below.

Mary Lou Hofmann - even.sleeves@gmail.com or 777-1833 or Church Office – uuauburn@myfairpoint.net or 783-0461.

Following is a description of tasks and a listing of the shifts.

Description of Tasks

COLLECTION: This position involves going to designated Clean Sweep collection sites in each student house and dormitory to collect student donations as well as delivering and unloading goods at the Underhill Arena. Some heavy lifting is required. We also need your organizations to provide trucks or other large vehicles to transport the collected items – If we use your vehicle we will add the hours the vehicle is used to your group's total hours.

SORTERS: This position will entail organizing, cleaning, pricing and arranging the collected items for sale day. Volunteers will categorize and arrange donations, and clean and price each item. Anyone is welcome to volunteer for this position- some volunteers with retail or thrift store experience would be a real plus!

SALE DAY: This position may involve staffing sale tables, answering questions, helping with purchases, offering assistance to people’s vehicles with large items etc. – it is a very fun day!

CLEAN UP: This position involves moving remaining items for trash out to the front of the rink, organizing piles to be donated to interested organizations, breaking down tables, sweeping the rink floor, etc.

VOLUNTEER SHIFTS AVAILABLE

*Priority will be given to volunteers who can provide a truck for collection shifts. *Some shifts may be cancelled if they are not needed.

Collection

DAY	DATE	SHIFT TIMES	# OF PEOPLE NEEDED	# OF TRUCKS
Wed	5/25	9 – 12	8	2
Thurs	5/26	9 – 12	8	2
Fri	5/27	9 – 12	10	3
Sat	5/28	9 – 12, 1 – 4	12	3
Sun	5/29	9 – 12, 1 – 4	12	3
Mon	5/30	9 – 12, 1 – 4	12	3
Tues	5/31	9 – 12, 1 – 4	12	3
Wed	6/1	9 – 12, 1 – 4	10	3
Thurs	6/2	9 – 12, 1 – 4	8	2

Sorting, Cleaning, Organizing, Pricing

DAY	DATE	SHIFT TIMES	# OF PEOPLE NEEDED	# OF TABLES
Mon	6/6	9 – 12, 1 – 4	10-18	80 (eight foot)
Tues	6/7	9 – 12, 1 – 4	10-18	
Wed	6/8	9 – 12, 1 – 4	10-18	
Thurs	6/9	9 – 12, 1 – 4	10-18	
Mon	6/13	9 – 12, 1 – 4	10-18	
Tues	6/14	9 – 12, 1 – 4	10-12	
Wed	6/15	9 – 12, 1 – 4	10-12	
Thurs	6/16	9 – 12, 1 – 4	10-12	

Pre-Sale for Volunteers

DAY	DATE	SHIFT TIMES	# OF PEOPLE NEEDED
Fri	6/17	3 – 6	4-6

Sale Day

DAY	DATE	SHIFT TIMES	# OF PEOPLE NEEDED
Sat	6/18	7 – 11am / 2pm	20-25 (The majority of volunteers can leave after the rush; we only need ~10 people to stay until the end at 2pm)

Clean Up

DAY	DATE	SHIFT TIMES	# OF PEOPLE NEEDED
Mon	6/20	9 – 2	10-15

To Sign up:

Mary Lou Hofmann - even.sleeves@gmail.com or Church Office – uuauburn@myfairpoint.net or 783-0461.

Rhapsodizing on our Remarkable Retreat

Wow!! That's the evaluation from your Ferry Beach Retreat Coordinators! We extend ever so much appreciation to all of you who took part in our second annual All-Church Retreat at the oceanfront UU conference center in Saco. It was truly a rousing success....weather included.

There were 54 of us registered from Auburn UU, and, combined with our fellow Unitarian Universalists from the Allen Avenue and First Parish churches in Portland, we filled the campus with 189 enthusiastic UU's. Ferry Beach staff tell us that we are now their second largest conference. Congratulations to all of us!

We received wonderful comments and suggestions on your evaluations. Here is a sampling:

Highlights:

- Location, location, location.
- Watching children make new friends – a safe place for my daughter to run around and exercise her independence – that was very special.
- A long nap by the fire.
- Waking up on the beach.
- Hard to say, it was all good.
- Chilling with me amigos.
- Variety Show.
- UU fellowship and community.

Suggestions:

- Teen workshops.
- Discussion for Elders
- Star gazing with binocular/telescope & knowledgeable leader.
- Wine tasting.
- More intergenerational play and fun.
- Structured get-to-know-you activity on first night.
- Promise the same weather.
- Broader workshop options (advocacy for social issues/political change)
- Designated meditative space for the weekend.

General Comments:

- Thank you to all for a glorious weekend.
- Kudos to the staff in planning and executing the program.
- Thanks for hiring the cleaning service – it makes it much more relaxing.
- Really fun weekend. My first time - won't be my last. Thanks to ALL who organized.

One difference between our weekend retreat and regular summer programming at Ferry Beach is that we do all of this ourselves. That means the coordinators handle publicity, registration, finances, rooming, programming, supplies, meal planning, and all the hundreds of tasks associated with putting on a conference. If you would be interested next year in offering a program, craft, discussion, or other event to contribute to the success of our gathering, give it some thought. Special thanks to Auburn UU's 2011 volunteer facilitators: Bonnie Soper, Lorelie Greenwood-Jones, Sara Karem, Peter Floyd, and Sabine Bartlett. It's almost time to start on our 2012 retreat!

--- Anne Kinney and Ron Spofford, Ferry Beach Retreat Co-Coordinator

(A function of our Denominational Connections.)

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8 Worship and RE at 10am, then Coffee Hour - Finance Committee 11:30am Mother's Day	9 Sabbatical Committee 5:15pm -Board Mtg 6:30pm- Co-Counseling 7-9pm (R)	10	11	12 Membership Meeting 6:30pm Men's Group 6-9pm (R)	13 OPEN MIC 7pm Outright LA "Drop-in" 6pm (R)	14																																										
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