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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

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Jodi's Corner - Words from our Minister -

After the exuberance of summer and the glow of early and mid-autumn, the blessings of November with its browned flower stalks and frequent grey skies, can seem less obvious. Yet the chill, barren landscape offers a gift found at no other time of year – a solemn invitation into depths usually hidden or buried. The Rev. Mary Wellemeyer, in her lovely meditation “Late Autumn” writes:

*Now comes a special time
Of seeing into the depths of woods,
Discerning shapes of hills...pathways of streams...
These offer themselves to eye and mind,
Now between the falling of leaves
and the coming of snow.
Looking deep and seeing what was hidden
Opens a secret doorway
For seeing deep within ourselves.*

Under a discerning gaze, a bleak landscape transforms into a secret doorway – a blessing discovered where there seemed there were none.

It occurs to me that many of us move through periods of life that are similar in nature. Chill and barren on the surface, the gifts of these times do not eagerly present themselves. And yet, often, it is these same moments that provide us insight and opportunity that would not otherwise be given us.

I do not believe theologically that “everything happens for a reason.” But I do believe that we, as meaning makers, have the ability to turn the most unlikely of circumstances into opportunities to learn – to grow deeper into our hearts and spirits.

As we move, then, into late autumn, may we all remember its quiet reminder to look with eyes that see upon all that surrounds us – surely there are secret doorways yet to be discovered.

And may your days and nights be blessed – Jodi

From the sermon of September 28 -- "Religion in Society"

An article I read recently in the Washington Post set me to thinking about the current place of religion in society. Disconcertingly, the first thing that tumbled into my mind was that well known passage from the Hebrew prophet Amos: "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your assemblies. Though you offer me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.... But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream."

I used to find that passage troubling- didn't the people get any credit at all for trying to please their God? But as is so often the case, context is everything. Amos offers these words as part of a lamentation. He lists myriad ways in which the Hebrews are failing to live up to their calling- they hate those who speak truth, they take bribes, they divert the poor from justice... In other words, he tells them that he sees through the "show" of their faith- offerings and festivals, to the truth of their lives- a refusal to live justly.

Sound familiar?

Micah finds his people in the same situation. Angry at the dominance of Assyria, the people of Judah, hoping their God will turn the tide in their favor, cry out: "With what shall I come to the Lord and bow myself before the God on high?" Burnt offerings, they ask? Thousands of rams? My first born? The way Micah writes it, the passage reads as either petulance or the greasy questions of a sycophant. And he calls them on it- responding, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

It takes my breath away with its simplicity- don't offer a tap dance or empty gestures, Micah says. Don't show you're faithful- be faithful. How? Do justice, love kindness, re-discover humbleness. It's the perfect response- for then, and for now, because we too live in a time when the role of religion all too often seems to be one of show. You may imagine that I'm speaking of the religious right, with its displays of "faith" that neglect the poor and the downtrodden in favor of that which will gain itself power. Or perhaps you are thinking of our presidential candidates, both of whom have been pressured into putting their Christian faith on display, as if righteousness comes in no other form. And I am speaking of those things. But I'm also speaking of us, because we each face the same choice. We can prove our faithfulness through show- preening in the mirror of our own self-righteousness. Or we can simply be faithful to that which is sacred to us. We can do justice. We can love kindness. We can walk humbly. We face the same choice day in and day out. May we all find our way out of the form and into the truth of sacred living.

Amen, blessed be. *Jodi*

From President Toby

Somewhere during the month of October, I realized that it's been 5 years since Mike and I wandered into this wonderful church. We came on a Sunday when Pearl Sawyer was reading some of her poetry for the worship service. So uplifting were her words, and soothing were Rev. Jodi's words that Mike

and I were grateful we had found a place where we could feed our souls. UU's message was the way we had been living our lives all along.

What prompted our search was grief, sadness, and disbelief about a change in our lives which we seemed to have no power over. This is what led many people to find our church, and our story isn't unique, except to us. We were "broken"- our souls were bruised, our hope and even our stubborn faith drained. I listened to Jodi talk about forgiveness, grace, "moving on" long before I was ready- I used to cry just listening to her preach about it. Gradually, with time, I was able to truly hear it.

As painful as it is to think back upon that time, there is a "rest of the story." Though we could not change the course of external events, we chose to become involved with this church. Rev. Jodi and the wonderful people who make it such a special community offered us the opportunity to give of ourselves and affirm our values amongst a group of people who represent "the change we want to see in the world."

Thanks to those who shepherded us in and to those who followed us through these welcoming doors, giving us the opportunity to share the warm embrace of this church with other "broken" people, and to assure them that there is a place for all here.

--Toby Haber-Giasson

Board Briefs:

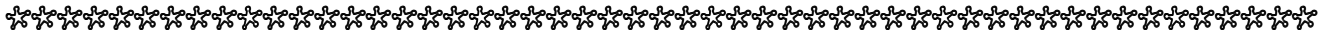
- ***Institutional Maintenance:*** Discussion was had regarding the first Council of Committees Meeting that took place on October 8, 2008. It was a great meeting with lots of enthusiasm and great ideas.
The Board is in search of one or two additional people who would be willing to be Ushers as well as a Member who may be willing to be a Board member in the capacity of Clerk. Interested persons should contact a Board Member or Jodi.
- ***Living Abundantly:*** Work from the Financial Summit held at the end of August, continues. Discussions are ongoing and there is still work to be done to finalize all the great input and ideas that came out of the report. Work is continuing to complete documentation of procedures and implement improvements.
Pledge slippage is 10% for the month of September.
- ***Action Items:*** The board took action on the following items: Voted to approve the moving of monies from a Money Market Account to a CD that will bear a 2-4 % interest rate. This was done at the request of the Endowment Committee to assist with increasing assets.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the report, please contact a board member. Please note that all Board Meetings are open to all, and are held on the third Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be November 17th.

-- Donald C. Johnson, Board Vice President

THE DISH ON DISHES

If you have left a dish, bowl or plate at church, please come claim it in the vestry Sunday, Nov. 2 and Nov. 9. If not claimed, these items will be given for the White Elephant sale at the Gingerbread Fair. Thanks for taking care of your dishes!



News From Religious Exploration

Visioning

Our Religious Exploration program is embarking on a visioning process. We are hoping to gain a better understanding of what we, as a congregation, want to give our children through the program.

As we begin this process, these are the questions I am asking myself: What knowledge, experiences and skills do I hope a youth graduating from our RE program will have? What tools do young people need to face the joys and challenges of our complex world? What role do I hope Unitarian Universalism will play in our children's lives and in the world at large?

I hope you will ask yourself these same questions, and share your perspective with me or another member of the RE Committee. We are hoping the whole congregation will be involved in this process in some way. Each member's perspective is important if we are to create a program that is true to the mission of our church.

There are three ways for you to become involved right now:

First, you can fill out a visioning questionnaire. This one-page worksheet is available on the RE bulletin board. If you prefer an electronic copy, email me at dreuuauburn@verizon.net.

Second, you can attend the RE visioning workshop on Sunday, November 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. This session will be led by Benette Sherman, our district's RE consultant. All are welcome, regardless of their involvement in RE! We ask that you attend the whole session if you are able to. If you have scheduling conflicts, we welcome you for whatever portion of the workshop you are able to attend.

Third, you can simply drop me an email, a phone call, or catch me at coffee hour! I welcome input and feedback about our program at anytime, and I will bring your ideas to the workshop.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Classes are well underway, but volunteers are still needed! No experience necessary, just a love of children and a desire to help out. For more details, see the RE bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs outside the Sanctuary or contact DRE Clara Bolduc at

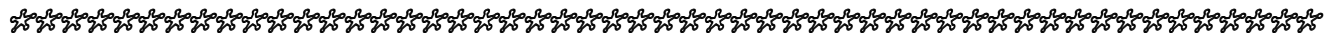
DREuuauburn@verizon.net.

RE Committee:

The RE Committee will meet after the service on November 2 from 11:30 to 12:30 in the 1-3 classroom off the Vestry. Childcare will be available, and all are welcome to attend!

--- *Clara Bolduc*, Director of Religious Exploration (DREuuauburn@verizon.net)

(Office hours: Tuesday, 8 to 11 A.M. and by appointment.)



SAFE PASSAGE

Anne Perron is planning a Safe Passage Volunteer Team trip to Guatemala City, Guatemala for the week of February 14th, 2009 (same week as public school's winter vacation). The number of volunteers is limited to 10 people. There has been interest expressed by at least 6 individuals but Anne would appreciate it if those who are interested in going would reconfirm their interest.

Information regarding Safe Passage's work can be found at: <http://www.safepassage.org/support-teams>

Additional information will be provided and planning meetings held beginning in November, 2008.

COUNCIL OF COMMITTEES BRIEFS

The Council of Committees is a council set up and directed by the Bylaws of the Governing Board of the church. It is responsible to bring the Chairs of all of the committees of the church together to communicate, vision and work together as one on behalf of the church and its members.

Our first meeting of this fiscal year was held on September 8th, with a great show of Committee chairs present. As a Council, we discussed:

- future visions for each of the committees present, and what they would do with hypothetical “dream budgets”
- what items should be in Leadership books for the Council Members;
- standard topics,
- direction they would like to see the Council going in.

We determined the day and time for upcoming monthly meetings:

- The second Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm in the office conference room.

The Council will work on:

- committee descriptions,
- church calendar,
- upcoming events and fundraisers for the committees.

There was great enthusiasm and energy from the committees present.

All of the committees are looking for additional members and input from the congregation. If you would like to be a committee member or just assist any of the committees on an “as needed” basis, please contact any of the committee chairs or a board member.

Our next meeting will be held on November 12th, 2008 at 6:30 pm in the conference room of the Church Office.

Don Johnson, Board VP and Chair of the Council of Committees

Open MIC

Friday, Nov. 14 will be our next night exploring spirituality through music and spoken word as the Pleasant Note Coffeehouse presents Open Mic/Poetry Slam. For over 2 1/2/ years, this monthly event has attracted both church and community members to share their passion. Won't you join us at 7:30pm? Refreshments are sold to benefit the organ fund. Thanks to The Bread Shack for donating goodies last month! Children can play in the RE room. Free: goodwill donations accepted.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

The Social Justice committee meets the first Monday of each month, in the RE room at 6:30. Please join us as we pursue peace and justice!

****Let them eat...CHOCOLATE?**

SJ/RE team up Nov 2 to learn by giving-- giving chocolate, that is. Join us at coffee hour, hosted by RE, and receive your Fair Trade chocolate and some information that explains the facts behind the choices we make, as consumers. Two days after Halloween, our young people will actually give the grown-ups a sweet treat that is really a message about Ethical Eating, a topic designated for our study by the UUA.

Books for discussion, available at Auburn Public Library and Percy's Books in the Auburn mall are:

- 1) Let Your Life Speak by Parker Palmer; a collection of essays
- 2) The Four Agreements by Don Miguel
- 3) Anger: Wisdom for Cooling the Flames by Thich Nhat Hahn

****Peace Web.** The Social Justice Committee has created a Peace Web, so that we may all share the ways we are weaving actions of peace into our daily lives.

When you act in peace, please place a sticky note on the web, stating what you did. Our hope is, as we collect these notes on the web, that we will be reminded that the sometimes many little acts of peace can add up to greater peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our communities, in our nation and in our world.

---Social Justice Committee

The Maine Community Foundation has invited us to hear the Rev. Prof. Peter Gomes, Bates College Trustee and Chaplain at Harvard University, speak on "Inspiring Philanthropy." On Monday November 10, 2008, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at USM, Abromson Center, Portland.

Highway 61 Organ Benefit

Saturday, Nov.15, country/rock band Highway 61 offers UU a performance to benefit the organ repair. This local band, comprised of seasoned musicians, features our own Mike Giasson. Join us from 7-9pm when Highway 61 turns the vestry into a honky tonk. Bring your dancing shoes to this rocking evening!

Highway 61 unites five Maine musicians, each with a guitar case full of experience, versatility and high energy. Mark Larlee on guitar, banjo and vocals, and brother Phil Larlee on drums, have logged decades playing locally, as well as touring from Florida to the Maritimes. Mike Giasson, on guitar, harp and vocals, started playing country with his dad (and Maine Country Hall of Famer), "Little Mike," in the 70s. Brian Soucy studied classical guitar (in the county!) and has performed folk music in a number of solo and group projects. Brian brings this band his folk-influenced vocals and finger style guitar. Bassist Bert Salib, who toured Canada with Boxcar Willie, rounds out this diverse group.

You'll hear a bit of everything with Highway 61- from the swampy vibe of the Bayou, the crisp twang of Nashville, to the smokey soul of Chicago. And as only a supergroup can do, they smoothly blend their influences to make each number real. So buckle up and cruise on down- you're in good hands with Highway 61.

Hook-& Hastings ORGAN DONORS

Fans of Phil House and Dave Rowe helped UU raise \$1,000 on Oct. 26! This helps us close the gap between our fund and the cost of the upcoming organ repair. Thanks to all who attended this fabulous concert Phil and Dave actually had fun playing as a duo, and we thank them gratefully.

Thanks also go to Rick and Ellen O'Brien, Music Committee co-chairs, and all the bakers who contributed goodies for sale at the event.

Film Series Continues

Outright L/A and the Auburn UU Welcoming Congregation Committee are continuing their joint sponsorship of gay and lesbian-themed films once a month here at church. The November offering is *The History Boys*, slated for Friday, Nov. 28th at 6 p.m. This is suggested for an audience of age 13+.

The History Boys is a screen adaptation of the Tony-award-winning play by British novelist Alan Bennett, an openly gay writer. Set at a boys' school in northern England in 1983, it is a witty drama about eight bright, boisterous, and talented schoolboys who are preparing for exams to enter Oxford and Cambridge, England's prestigious universities. They are tutored in their quest by two teachers: Hector, an inspiring old eccentric, and Irwin, a shrewd young upstart, whose opposing philosophies challenge the boys to confront the meaning of education and the relative values of happiness and success.

Featuring the acclaimed original theater cast, *The History Boys* offers a thought-provoking, and humorous look at history, the pursuit of knowledge, and the randomness of life. The movie brims with allusions to poetry, theater and the music hall; and it blends issues of sex, class and education. It postulates that in the context of an English private school almost a quarter of a century ago, homosexuality was not a very big deal. Homosexuality is something the boys come to terms with in essentially undramatic ways. For some of them it is no more than a brief encounter. For others it may be more permanently defining. But for most it was just part of growing up, not unlike coming to grips with the subjunctive in their French lessons.

The National Board of Review of Motion Pictures named *The History Boys* one of the Top Ten Films in its 2006 awards, and the film was nominated for the 2007 GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Film - Limited Release. *New York Magazine* has termed the film "brilliant and infectious."

Anne Kinney, for *The Welcoming Congregation Committee*

DRUM CIRCLE

We continue with the Drum Circle on the 2nd and 4th Monday of November- that's Nov. 10 and 24 from 6:30-8:30 in the vestry. Nadine Loeb facilitates, as we seek the spirituality of the drum. Mature children and older. Free: no experience necessary. Freewill donations will be accepted, to offset the cost of heat.

Leaf-fall

With such rapt attention I watch
this old movie--you'd never guess
I'd seen it eighty times already;
and with each viewing, something new.
An altered sky, perhaps, a freshly
painted backdrop, some subtle change
of pace or focus.

Today the wind, full-throated,
bellows a powerful variation on the
age-old theme. My birches, provoked
by her sensually seductive lyrics, twist
and gyrate, tossing their raiment
in frantic abandon. Soon when the
final scene is projected, they will stand,
tall and unashamed
in their graceful nudity.

--*Pearl Tibbets Sawyer*

NEWS ABOUT SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

John Morgan, once a minister in the Northeast District, wrote a book called "The Devotional Heart." In his introduction, he wrote: "We...must learn to see ourselves as a community of people - and not simply as individuals who happen to gather on Sunday." He also condensed why we come to church to two reasons: "...to discover a place to belong (intimacy) and to find a place that can provide some meaning (our spiritual search)."

On the intimacy side, that may seem threatening or risky. How close do we want to be to other people, especially people who begin as strangers? Small group ministry structures and nurtures caring relationships in groups of manageable size. It's a rare person who isn't feeling stressed out at one time or another. But, clearly, we can't provide therapy and we need to be up front about that. But, when there are times when we need to be accepted "warts and all," the group responds. The very nature of the group is to be there for our concerns as well as our joys. These are "ministry" groups. They're not hand-picked. We don't separate the wheat from the chaff, as if what would remain were truly wheat. The very creation of groups or a church in which everyone supposedly has it all together would call into question the nature of that togetherness. Good people can be a problem if they subtract themselves from interacting with real life. Their lives are less real. They are not doing ministry. What we have going for us is the collective wisdom of the group and its leadership. No, we don't do therapy. But, being in a group can be very therapeutic!

Now, as to what topics are being developed for groups to discuss: would you believe the 7 Deadly Sins? Pride, Envy, Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Wrath, and Lust! Are they as deadly as they were believed to be? How do they affect you? And, mixed into that is a potpourri of sessions on nine factors that work toward achieving "peace of mind." Curious?

Ask our minister, Jodi Hayashida, about joining a small group.

-- *Glenn Turner* - SGM Coordinator

News from the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

I have been asked to be the representative for the UUSC for our church and I am most pleased to fill that role. I have been a member of UUSC for most of the 30+ years I have been a UU and to me the UUSC is an important part of my UU faith. The UUSC works around the world to put into practice our cherished principles. This year is the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Around the world the UUSC works with partners to achieve the goals of the declaration. I believe all of us want to help. We want to make a difference and improve the world. But the challenge is how, when faced with so many problems. We all donate money to causes and so often we have good reason to wonder whether or not our donations are even reaching the people we want to help. Another concern is, are funds being used in ways that support our principles? With the UUSC I am confident that my donations are being used to help and are reaching the people who most need the help. The UUSC works with partners around the world who are carefully selected. The projects are those that can make a difference. The really beautiful thing is we do not have a hidden agenda. We are not trying to convert anyone. We are truly trying to help.

Annually Unitarian Universalist congregations support the UUSC between the holidays through the Guest at Your Table program. We will be doing Guest at Your Table again this year. Your contributions will be most appreciated by the thousands of people around the world who are helped by the UUSC. Please consider membership if that is possible for you. All donations make a difference and no donation is too small or too large. Another way to support the UUSC and to celebrate our UU faith is to purchase UUSC holiday cards and note cards. In several weeks I will begin selling these cards. Just look for me at coffee hour and I will show you the beautiful cards.

-- *Alene Staley*

Buildings and Grounds Report

Hahnel Bros. has started the roof work on the north side of the Sanctuary with staging set up above the new lobby roof. This project will match the work which was completed on the Elm Street side last spring.

Nathan Babb has been working with the Building and Grounds Committee to complete the insulation of the three windows at the rear of the stage which have been covered by the black curtain. This will help reduce heat loss in this area.

--Bob Thorpe, for the Buildings and Grounds Committee

DRUUMM Annual Conference 2008 (A People of Color Conference) Friday, November 7 - Sunday November 9, Murray Grove Retreat Center Lanoka Harbor, NJ

HIGHLIGHTS:

*Meet new UUA Staff and DRUUMM Steering Committee members who are working to strengthen People of Color Ministry in Unitarian Universalism including Rev. Danielle DiBona, DRUUMM President

*Learn and give feedback on the past and future of DRUUMM through an assessment being conducted by [Crossroads Ministry](#)

*Workshops and Discussion choices on internalized oppression, anti-racism, spirituality, creativity and social justice

*Eat great food!

*Family, children and youth friendly

*Be a part of a wonderful UU community for a weekend

Join Co-Deans Rev. Leslie Takahashi-Morris and Rev. Om Prakash and John Gilmore for a weekend of great community, growing, and nurturing.

Cost Adults \$90-140 (includes housing), Youth \$50. Scholarships are available.

Register online at www.druumm.org and for more details

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

* USHERS- thanks to Mike Giasson and Janet Goodwin for stepping forward to usher. We still need another volunteer to fill a monthly cycle.

* BOARD CLERK- we need a clerk who will be part of the board, and take monthly minutes.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE December *OPEN DOOR* IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

GINGERBREAD FAIR NOTES

We are in need of assistance to make the Gingerbread Fair a success. Please review the list of table descriptions included in this newsletter to see what needs to be done.

Please visit the Fair Display in the Vestry each Sunday after church for more info.

We still need chairs and workers for the Grocery Card raffle and the White Elephant. Both of these have contributed significant income in past years so it is important that we are able to continue both of these events this year. Please contact the church office (763-0461) if you can assist in any way.

WREATHS, WREATHS, AND MORE WREATHS.

We are taking orders for your customized Christmas wreaths. They will be made fresh by a local craftswoman and decorated as you want by talented UU's. Wreaths will be fresher and more wonderfully decorated than what is available commercially **and** the profits go to support our church.

You know you will buy a wreath this year. Why not get one that will be decorated with love especially for you and a second one for that special person on your gift list. Wreaths were ordered last year for mothers-in-law, teachers, grandparents, neighbors..... They will last the full holiday season (no matter what holiday you celebrate) and will still smell wonderful into the new year.

We will be taking orders through November 22 (the day of the Gingerbread Fair). The wreaths will be delivered on December 7.

Order forms will be available at church November 2.

GIFT BASKETS

We are looking for donations for the gift baskets. Our goal is to have 70 baskets to sell at the fair. We are looking for items for the baskets. The items can vary and the baskets have a general theme to them. We like baskets that are geared for children, pets, crafters, gardeners, holiday theme, chocolate lovers, and self care (candles, body lotions) for some examples.

We can create the basket for you. The church has an assortment of baskets as well. Please bring in your items prior to the date of the fair. We will be making baskets weekly after church. Items can be dropped off at the church before or after service at the gingerbread table, set up in the vestry. Also are looking for empty baskets and pliable holiday ribbon.

BOOK TABLE

The Book Baron seeks books, records, CDs DVDs and Videos. They can be left on the stage in the Vestry, or call the Church office (783-0461) to arrange pick up.

GINGERBREAD FAIR ~ 2008

Below are listed some needs of the various tables/activities at the Gingerbread Fair and ways you can help. Sign up on the poster in the Vestry or contact the committee chair listed below. Donations of cash are requested to help reduce expenses. Each table/activity needs people to work the day of the Fair. Assistance is also need with set up on Friday and take down on Saturday.

Crafts Table: attend some of the craft making sessions or make and donate your own (ornaments, holiday decorations, hand knitted/crocheted/sewn items, baby items, pet items, jewelry), clip newspaper coupons for discounted supplies for Craft Mania, WC Moore, Michaels, etc. and donate to committee.

Gift Basket Table: assemble items for a complete "theme" basket or donate baskets/other decorative containers as well as items to put in them. All items should be new, attractively packaged and/or colorful so baskets, which are wrapped in cellophane and tied with ribbon, will look "classy". You do *NOT* need to wrap your basket. Bring your items to church as soon as you have them.

Gingerbread Treats: Help bake, decorate, package gingerbread treats.

Raffle/Silent Auction table: Donate or help solicit donations of smaller items i.e. movie tickets, gas, car wash coupons for the raffle table, and higher priced items i.e. L.L. Bean Gift Certificate, hand made/crafted items (quilt, stained glass mirror, wooden birdhouse, framed photography, have sold well in past) quality children's toys, collectibles for the silent auction. Items should be new. Volunteer to sell raffle tickets for grand prize (\$250 Shaw's Gift Certificate) to family/friends/co-workers.

Wreath Table: Help decorate wreaths after the Fair from orders taken at the Fair. Donate new decorations i.e. pinecones (small/medium work best), ribbon etc. or recycle decorations you saved from last year's wreath.

Baked Goods Tables: Contribute your favorite home-made cookies, bars, cakes, candy, fudge, coffee cakes, bread. Attractive/festive packaging increases appeal and sales.

Pie Table: Make and donate a home baked pie in a tin you don't need returned. Apple (particularly), pumpkin, mince sell well. Since pies are displayed without refrigeration, we avoid cream pies.

Book Table: Donate your fairly new or used books. Paperbacks from current authors and cookbooks sell very well. Please no Reader's Digest Condensed books or textbooks as they do not sell!

White Elephant Table: Donate your household items, games, costume jewelry, toys, one-of-kind items, sports equipment, electronic equipment, etc. *Please, please*, all items must be in good condition, clean, be in working order, and have all of their parts. No electronics - they do not sell well.

Jewelry & Accessory Table: Donate your interesting but unwanted jewelry that is in good condition, as well as gently used accessories such as belts, scarves, gloves (think long opera gloves), evening bags (how about the one you carried your lipstick in to your prom in the 50's, 60's). We also need boxes for various types of jewelry for elegant packaging.

Luncheon: Volunteer to make soup, gingerbread before the Fair or work in the kitchen the day of the fair. Cash donations are especially helpful here to help reduce costs and increase profits.

Consignment: Tables are available for vendors from church or community.

Call the Church office at 783-0461 for more information

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2 Worship at 10AM then Coffee Hour in Vestry 2nd collection - Outright RE Committee 11:30-12:30 Book Discussion Pot luck 2 pm Yankee Boyz 3-5 PM	3 Social Justice 6:30 PM Guy2Guy 7-9 PM	4 Election Day	5 Small Group Facilitators 7-9 PM in Outright Room	6 Men's Group in Library 6-9 PM Maine Music Society in Vestry 6:30 PM	7	8																																																	
9 Worship and RE at 10 AM then coffee hour in Vestry.	10 Finance Committee - 6:30 in Conference Room	11 Veterans Day	12 Council of Committees 6:30 PM in Conference Room	13 Men's Group in Library 6-9 PM Maine Music Society in Vestry 6:30 PM	14 OPEN MIC 7 PM in Vestry	15 HIGHWAY 61 Organ Benefit 7-9 PM in the Vestry																																																	
16 Worship and RE at 10 AM then coffee hour in Vestry. RE Visioning Workshop - 1-4 PM	17 Board Meeting 6:30 PM in Conference Room 7-9 PM Guy2Guy	18	19	20 Men's Group in Library 6-9 PM Maine Music Society in Vestry 6:30 PM	21 GINGERBREAD FAIR set up noon-8PM	22 GINGERBREAD FAIR 8:30 AM - 2 PM																																																	
23 HARVEST COMMUNION Worship and RE at 10 AM then coffee hour in Vestry. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24	25 Women's Spirituality Group 6:30-8:30 PM	26	27 Thanksgiving Day Men's Group in Library 6-9 PM Maine Music Society in Vestry 6:30 PM	28 Outright Movie Night - 6 PM "The History Boys"	29																																																	
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