



# Midcoast UU News

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*What the earth is, we are.*

—Walt Whitman

**Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 am**

***Creative Spirits***

—Tirrell and Rick Kimball

Our children and youth are the most creative spirits among us. How can Unitarian Universalists and their churches best nurture them? Tirrell and Rick Kimball offer an answer based on their many years of professional and volunteer work in the religious education program of the Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church.

Tirrell Kimball was for twenty-six years the director of religious education at the Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church in Portland. As she retired in 2003, she received the national Angus H. MacLean Award for Excellence in Religious Education.

Rick was for some of those years the editor of a Portland firm producing supplemental educational materials for public and private schools throughout the United States and Canada. Eventually the Kimballs combined their editorial and religious education skills by producing religious education curricula now published by their own Green Timber publish-

ing house and widely used throughout the denomination. Rick and Tirrell together wrote a series of curricula for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock on Long Island, New York. Rick has also written sexuality and other curricula being published by the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Both Kimballs remain happily active in the religious education programs of Allen Avenue.

**Sunday, April 13 at 10:30 am**

***Letters For Our Children***

Drawing inspiration from the book *Letters For Our Children* compiled by U.S. News and World Report, we will share excerpts from that book and intersperse them with letters composed by **members of the Fellowship**. The guidelines originally used for the book and which we are using are to write about the things that are most important to you, the lessons you have learned in your own life that you would like to pass on, tools for survival in a complicated world. This will be a slightly modified version of the service that was planned for February 10th and cancelled due to the threat of severe winter storm. If interested in writing a letter, contact Sandra Barth.

**Sunday, April 20 at 10:30 am**

***A Singularity in Time***

—Kitsy Winthrop

I am reading *The Mystery of 2012: Predictions, Prophecies & Possibilities*, a collection of essays by thoughtful men and women from a wide variety of disciplines. I became curious about the year 2012 back in 1987 when a handful of members of the UU Church in Springfield, Vermont invited me, their minister, to join them in ritually observing something called the Harmonic Convergence on August 16th of that year. I learned that way back in time, the Mayan Calendar showed its Great Cycle ending on December 21, 2012; the Harmonic Convergence was a way to mark Earth's initiation into the 25-year countdown to that date. Now scientists are predicting that both the sun and the Earth are on a course toward a giant shift in level and type of activity right around that time. What, if anything, are we to make of this? I, for one, am eager to search for meaningful answers.

**Sunday, April 27 at 10:30 am**

***Spiritually, A Respective Curiosity***

—Chuck Reinhardt and Fellowship Members

The small discussion groups currently going on are giving Fellowship members an opportunity to share some of the differences and similarities in the variety of our ideas and who we are on Sunday morning. This service will provide for further exploration and sharing when we're all together.

Getting to know one another better will help us as we proceed with the crucial decisions to be made in the coming months regarding the future of the Midcoast Fellowship.

**MIDCOAST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP  
BUSINESS MEETING, AFTER THE SERVICE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008  
At the EDGECOMB TOWN HALL**

TO VOTE: TO EXTEND AN INTERIM MINISTER'S PAY FROM THE 2008 BUDGET FOR FOUR (4) MONTHS—  
SEPTEMBER THROUGH DECEMBER, 2008—  
INTO THE 2009 BUDGET FOR EIGHT (8) MONTHS MORE—  
JANUARY THRU AUGUST, 2009.  
THIS IS A NECESSARY VOTE FOR A REALISTIC ONE-YEAR POSITION.  
Called by the Board of Trustees

## Imaginings

I am **thrilled** with what is going on within the Fellowship these days: the Long-range Planning Committee meetings, the Small Sharing Gatherings, the emergence of a “perfect” group to serve as the interim search committee, plus new ideas for events (fundraising or otherwise) popping up, and new programs (e.g. “Cakes for the Queen of Heaven”) happening. I also know how tiring and frustrating and sometimes conflicted this all can feel at times. I can’t help but think of birth as one metaphor for what is going on. Labor, discomfort—even pain—are all part of this life-creating process in which so many of you are now actively engaged. Yet, provided you remember to breathe (pant-blow) and ask for and offer help when needed, this is also a time filled with great anticipation, hope, and excitement. You truly are birthing something new or, at the very least, re-newed. And what an appropriate time in MUUF’s history to be doing that: at age twenty-five!

I recently came across a meditation written by a colleague, Victoria Safford, which I would like to pass on to you with the hope that it will help keep us centered on what really matters in our lives, whether together or apart:

“You know, we do it every day. Every morning we go out blinking into the glare of our freedom, into the wilderness of work and the world, making maps as we go, looking for signs that we’re on the right path. And on some good days we walk right out of our oppressions, those things that press down from outside or (as often) from the inside; we shake off the shackles of fear, prejudice, timidity, closed-mindedness, selfishness, self-righteousness, and claim our freedom outright, terrifying as it is—our freedom to be human and humane.

“Every morning, every day, we leave our houses, not knowing if it will be for the last time, and we decide what we’ll take with us, what we’ll carry: how much integrity, how much truth-telling, how much com-

passion (in case somebody along the way may need some), how much arrogance, how much anger, how much humor, how much willingness to change and to be changed, to grow and to be grown. How much faith and hope, how much love and gratitude—you pack those with your lunch and medications, your date book and your papers. Every day, we gather what we think we’ll need, pick up what we love and all that we so far believe, put on our history, shoulder our experience and memory, take inventory of our blessings, and we start walking toward morning.”

Feel free to call me at any time; I’ll return the call if I’m not home. (773-7738)

With love, Kitsy

## Chips From The Board

**Motion** was made and seconded; and after discussion, **Voted:** to pay one-half of three registration fees, if requested, for the Spring Annual Meetings of our two districts joining into the new Northern New England District (NNED-UUA) being held Fri & Sat, April 11 & 12 at the New England Center, UNH, Durham, N.H. If requested by a youth under 18, she/he needs to designate an attending adult as her/his supervisor.

## Welcoming Spring!

Nine members of MUUF came together on the eve of March 20 (a second Full Moon gathering) to ceremonially welcome, if not to actually help birth, Spring. Cloud cover was too thick to see the almost-full moon rise, but in the middle of our vernal equinox ritual, one of us spotted a bit of the moon peeking through the clouds. By the time we had all planted our seeds in little cups of earth—and with them our hopes for our own lives and for the world, the entire moon was visible. (We all concurred that it was our collective huffing and puffing to blow the clouds away that did the trick.) Firelight, candlelight, lots of singing, a bit of dancing, festive food and drink, and our own good company helped to dispel the cold and damp of Spring’s first day. Watch for future Solstice/Equinox/Full Moon events!

	Coffee/Tea	Greeter
4/6	Ginger	Mathews/Rich
4/13	S. Pennington	Batch/Matrai
4/20	Wolf	Barth/Salvo
4/27	Strong	Thompson/Howe

## About Us

We welcome two new members to our Fellowship: Bonnie Ginger and Kenneth Kortemeier who recently signed the membership book. We are delighted to have them “on board”!

We will be sending four delegates to April Annual meeting of the new NNED: Lindy Gifford, Mary Neal, and Judy and Mark Smith. Thank you and Congratulations! Also Mark Smith will be voted in as Finance Officer for the new expanded district!

It is with sadness that we report the recent deaths of Sue Ripley, a long-time friend of MUUF, and of Ruth Pope, a long-time member of the Fellowship. There will be a memorial service for Ruth on Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 am at Edgecomb Town Hall,

with a reception to follow. Sue’s memorial service will occur on Saturday, July 12 at 11 am, also at Edgecomb Town Hall.

For those wishing to send notes of condolence to Sue’s daughter, her address is: Leila Ripley, 457 Washington St. #8, Newton, MA 02458. The address for Ruth Pope’s eldest son is: David Pope, 73 Federal St., Wiscasset 04578.

We shall miss these women, both of whom were brilliant of mind, talented, feisty, and ever interested in—and eager for—life.

Our thoughts go out to Jim and Phyllis McQuaide. Jim’s mother, Cecelia died March 20th at 97 years old. She was living in Ellsworth prior to her death.

## President's Message

Welcome to MUUF's two newest members, Kenneth Kortemeier, known to us for his presentations from the Carpenter's Boat Shop, and Bonnie Ginger, long time very involved friend!!!

Thank you to our newly formed Interim Minister Search Committee! Sandra Barth, Donna Dolham, Lindy Gifford, Kenneth Kortemeier and Jim McQuaide were selected unanimously by the MUUF Board to make up this committee.

In shaping the committee, the Board was charged with selecting members who were strong team players, good listeners, people who would be looking out for the needs of the entire group, and individuals who could maintain absolute confidentiality. It was also our desire to represent the diversity of our Fellowship on the committee. There is a founding member who joined MUUF in 1983 and a new member who joined in 2008. Families with young children have strong representation and the committee represents the diversity of MUUF. One key activity of this committee will be open and frequent communication with the Fellowship. We are fortunate to have our two most energetic communicators on the committee. Each of the Interim

Minister Search Committee (IMSC) members is deeply dedicated to the present and future of MUUF.

Each of you has several responsibilities in this process. On April 20 there will be a called MUUF member meeting to vote on the intent to engage an interim minister for approximately one year.\* Please mark your calendars and practice your UU principle #5. It is also our duty to help the committee maintain confidentiality by refraining from asking questions concerning the identity of any of the potential applicants for the position of Interim Minister. The primary goal of engaging an Interim Minister is to help the Fellowship determine our collective future spiritual path. We all must participate in the process in order to fulfill our mission statement to be a beacon on the liberal religious path.

Peace, Mary

\*The MUUF Budget vote 12/30/07 funded a 1/4 time Interim Minister position for four months starting in September 2008. The monthly compensation is \$1,290.28 and represents \$5,161.13 (four months) of our 2008 Budget. The vote 4/20/08 would be to let applicants know we plan to engage their service for approximately one year.

## Interim Search Committee

The Interim Search Committee was appointed from submitted applications by the MUUF Board at their March meeting. The five member committee represents a variety of ages, interests and length of tenure with the Fellowship. Three of the committee members were able to meet with Rev. Karen Brammer, our Small Church Specialist for the Northern New England District on Sunday afternoon March 9. She outlined many of the steps the committee will be taking in the next few weeks as well as key roles for the committee members to assume.

Interim ministers are transitions specialists, whose mission is to guide congregations through a complete transition experience. They are recognized for their ability to assist congregations in coming to terms with their past and claiming their new identity. In order to guarantee their ability to speak the truth "without fear or favor," interim ministers agree not to serve beyond two years in any congregation.

An important task for the committee to immediately address is developing a profile of our Fellowship to share with potential candidates for the interim ministerial position. The more descriptive our profile can be the more likely we will find someone who can assist Fellowship members to process the loss of a long-term minister and move us forward in identifying who, what and where we want to be in the years to come as we search for a new minister.

The committee will be dividing up and sharing the tasks of communication among themselves and the Fellowship at large, maintaining contact with Karen Brammer, submitting our profile to the District and the UUA, collecting names of potential candidates, calling references, and conducting interviews. The final step will be selecting a candidate for the Fellowship to meet and vote on. We will keep the Fellowship updated on an ongoing basis and welcome any input that will help the functioning of this committee.

Sandra Barth, Donna Dolham,  
Lindy Gifford, Ken Kortemeier, and  
Jim McQuaide

### Don't forget our website: [www.uumidcoast.org](http://www.uumidcoast.org)!

You can always go there for more information about MUUF events, as well as links to other UU sites. The latest newsletter is also always available there.

### The broom forgets about the snow as it sweeps the garden

—Basho

Haiku poetry will be featured at a tea party sponsored by the MUUF Poetry Group, at 3 pm, Saturday, April 19, at the Edgecomb Town Hall. You are cordially invited to attend.

The event, open to the community, will be a celebration of Spring and the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival, in Washington, D.C. Our guest speaker will be Mie Athearn, teacher of Japanese at the Penobscot School, in Rockland.

Participants are encouraged to bring samples of their own, original, haiku poems. A haiku poem is 17 syllables long. Usually line one is 5 syllables, line two is 7, line three is 5.

### Look at that warbler

He's wiping his muddy feet

All over (one syllable) the plum blossom (one syllable).



## Green Sanctuary

### Energy Audit Update

The on site portion of the energy audit of the Town Hall building was completed by Paul Kando and Topher Belknap on March 7. They and we thank Selectman Jo Cameron for all her help on that task. After completing a paper review of such things as energy bills, Paul will submit his report to the Fellowship and the Board of Selectman.

### Energy Expo in Damariscotta

The Midcoast Green Collaborative is holding its second annual Midcoast Sustainable Energy Expo in the Damariscotta YMCA on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19. The Expo will feature workshops, exhibitions, and films. Last year's expo was attended by over 2,000 people. For more information, see the Midcoast Green Collaborative Website.

### Energy tips

Did you know that you can conserve fuel by driving slower and keeping your tires inflated to the proper level? The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy reports that you burn 10% more fuel at 65 miles an hour that you do at 55 miles per hour. At 70 miles an hour you lose 17% of your fuel economy and at 75, 25%. The loss of fuel economy keeps going up as you drive faster.

Maintaining proper air pressure in tires also saves fuel. There is a 1% loss of fuel efficiency for every 2psi under the maximum recommended pressure (usually in the 35 psi range).

### R.W. Horch Sustainable Goods and Supplies

The next time you are in downtown Brunswick, make a stop at R.W. Horch Sustainable Goods and Supplies. This two year old business has a wealth of items pertaining to living green and a wealth of knowledge about environmentally friendly products and practices.

Sue van Alsenoy



### Persephone

By: Guest Columnist Mimi Moore

At last,  
On this April morning  
New life is returning.  
Willow green,  
Fiddlehead green,  
Chartreuse -  
Spring is painting the somber hills  
Green with possibilities.

I picture pale Persephone,  
Hair flying loose,  
Happily returned to earth  
From her winter cell,  
Persephone wearing a crown of flowers,  
And a green, silk gown,  
Scattering golden Dandelion buttons  
On the new grass.

The yellow-green color of spring  
Comes as an invitation  
To leave behind the tragic story.  
To move forward,  
Dance in the sunlight.  
Transformation is about change,  
New life returning  
Green with possibilities.

## You Are Invited!

The members of the UU Church of Saint John, New Brunswick cordially invite you, the members of MUUF, to visit us over the weekend of May 24-26. We realize that this is YOUR Memorial Day weekend, but we wanted to choose a time when Kitsy would be with us—and when we would be past the risks winter weather pose for travel. Not only would we love to meet you, but we would love to have you meet us. Though we have been sharing the same minister for seven years, this is the first year we have been able to invite you to worship and visit with us in our very own church home. We would enjoy showing you a few of our favorite spots in Saint John, if you'd be interested and have the time. We guarantee you a warm Maritime welcome, including a potluck or two. Some of us can provide home hospitality; there are also some good B&Bs as well as inexpensive motels nearby. Youth and children are especially welcome. To simplify the process of R.S.V.P'ing, we ask that you let Kitsy know a.s.a.p. if you will be able to join us and her during part or all of the weekend so we can begin making the necessary arrangements. (If you are unable to make it this time, please know that you will always be welcome on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am (Atlantic time) at 545 Sandy Point Road, in the north end of Saint John.)



### RE News

There will be an RE "Summit" workshop with our district R.E. consultant, Benette Sherman, Sunday, May 4, 12:30-4:30 pm at the Edgecomb Town Hall. We urge everyone to attend this important meeting to re-vision this vital part of Fellowship life.



### Community Supper

There will be a Community Supper hosted by the Fellowship at the Second Congregational Church in Newcastle on Wednesday, April 30. Serving time is 5 pm. We need helpers and cooks. Please call Billie Flanagan (563-8656) if you are able to provide food, help cook, serve, or clean up.

### Religious Education Coordinator

Creative, responsible, organized adult, interested in liberal religion, education, and working with people of all ages, to coordinate the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship's religious education program. Includes oversight of Sunday morning RE programming and youth group activities. 20 hours/month. Contact Kate Pennington for more information at 563-8933.

Mark your Calendars for a real celebration!

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MUUF

JUNE 22, 2008

## District News

**April 4–5: Involve:** Welcoming All Children and Youth into Our Faith Communities, Kennebunk, Maine Starts Friday, 9am through Saturday, 4pm.

**April 11–12: First Joint Spring Conference** of ME, NH & VT in Durham, NH. Rev. Bill Sinkford will be the keynote speaker at the New England Center of the University of NH. This promises to be a momentous occasion, with UUA President Bill Sinkford as the keynoter, the singing of a new hymn composed for the occasion (which is the taking of the final vote on consolidation of the 2 UU districts (NED or Maine & NH-VT). This takes place on the campus of UNH in Durham, NH, so it's not very far away. Programming for youth and younger children. Registration forms are at the Town Hall. Kitsy has more info, if you need it. (You DO have to pre-register for this event and can do so at <http://nhvt.uua.org> ). It will be like going to a mini General Assembly! And we will get to see our own Mark Smith voted in as Finance Officer for this new expanded district!

**April 25–27: Leadership Series, Module IV:** Finance 101 and Stewardship & Capital Campaigns, Highland Center, Crawford Notch, NH (Call the District office at 1-800-730-8457 for details)

**April 25–27: Planning for Growth Conference** (Call the District office at 1-800-73-8457 for details)

**News from Viewpoints**, the district newsletter published in Sept., December, February and April by the Editor, Sally Breen. (Member Congregations are encouraged to send news of their congregation to the editor for inclusion in Viewpoints. The deadline is the first Wed. of the month of publication).

**Ray and Connie Winship** of the Waterville UU congregation were honored on March 8th by Equality Maine for their work on GLBT issues over the last 10 years. The Winships have been active in the Task Force and district Welcoming Congregation Trainers for several years.



## Fond Regards to Independent Folks

Here's a provocative statement of purpose from a Boston area old line First Parish congregation as it faces hard, mixed up times post World War II. "We unite for the study and practice of religion in freedom and fellowship." Half a century later, with the current roiling of national and world cultures, many churches and synagogues are now awakening to a new day of stirred up religious differences. There is a brand new call for an assessment of what the faithful are thinking. As Bob Dylan put it, Times, they are a'changin.

Before we of the Midcoast Fellowship get into practical questions about how we move the Fellowship from "here" to the "there" of tomorrow we can do what an open-minded congregation ought to do very well. We can study and talk about what each of us brings to the table. It is a good place to start with strengths we already have plus fresh thinking about who we are and what will nourish the spirit.

So, where has your study and practice of religion taken you over time?

Would you be willing to help us learn what we of our congregation are all about? We are now looking at a very new day in American life. In the fast changing world community, a serious question arises: who are we Unitarian Universalists anyway? You can be sure that we old timers and newcomers too have strengths—ideas and insights—that are important to us and others round about. Thoughtful people that we are, we have a lot to learn from one another as we get ready to set sail in a time when new voyages have become quite necessary.

Keep in mind that there are many people of the Midcoast who would be interested to know about a group of respected friends and neighbors who are willing to have stimulating open-minded discussions about faith. Faiths, plural, for us. We of the Fellowship, in our opportunities for study and Sunday gatherings, have something of great value to the larger public.

Stay tuned.

Chuck Rienhardt, member

Long Range Planning Committee

### Lincoln County Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross co-sponsoring Workshops in Lincoln County.

Participants will acquire knowledge of Red Cross policies and procedures for setting up, running and closing a Shelter during a disaster. The purpose of this training is to provide participants with an opportunity to apply the knowledge, skill and abilities required to operate a successful shelter.

After completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate shelter openings, operating and closing procedures.
- Identify and use available resources to assist shelter workers.
- Work as a team to provide quality shelter services to clients.
- Address common shelter problems effectively.

Workshops have been scheduled throughout Lincoln County. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. These workshops are free and open to the public. Anyone high school age and older, interested in assisting in their communities, are urged to attend. Together we can make a difference.

Dates	Locations	Time
March 31 & April 3	Boothbay Fire Station	6-10 pm (2 nights)
April 08 & 14	Jefferson Fire Station	6-10 pm (2 nights)
April 12	Lincoln County Comm. Ctr., Wiscasset	8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Light refreshments will be provided for the evening classes, and lunch will be provided for the Saturday class.

FMI contact Lynn Gilley Orne at 633-6405, or email [harlyn@gwi.net](mailto:harlyn@gwi.net)

## A Reflection over 25 years of our history

I interviewed Mary and Roger Duncan for an hour on Sunday March 16 after church. In what seemed like the blink of an eye, the hour had passed because I found them both to be so fascinating! Mary and Roger Duncan were gracious to share with me information about themselves and the Fellowship history.

Several people including the Rev. Joe Barth, Blanch and Arthur Davidson, Dan Schick and Mr. O'Brian were involved in starting the Fellowship. They place an ad in the paper looking for others who felt that there was a need for a Fellowship between Rockland and Brunswick.

Roger and Mary saw the ad and came to the first meeting. Each week, more and more people began showing up. Roger described the lively sharing, arguing and fussing of ideas until consensus was achieved: The Fellowship should be an "official incorporated congregation according to the State of Maine."

Roger worked with Attorney Jumper from Wiscasset to set up the by-laws. The lawyer recommended having something in the bylaws that would prevent people from "overtaking" the Fellowship and turning it into something other than a UU Fellowship. Instead the Fellowship was committed to being open to anyone that wanted to attend. In the Spring of 1983, an official meeting and vote to become incorporated occurred, and people signed "The Book" for the first time.

Rev. Joe Barth continued to run some of the meetings which were in the form of discussions. There were guest speakers of which Phil Conklin was one. Special observances were celebrated and on the Sunday before Christmas there was gift Sunday where people were invited to bring something they had done or wanted to share during the service on Sunday.

During these early days, Roger says Joe was a "guiding light" and was present every Sunday. He nurtured and encouraged the Fellowship until his death. Following Rev. Barth's death, Rev. Kathy Allen was hired as the part-time minister, attending meetings of committees, providing pastoral care and preaching one time monthly.

Roger was the first President of the Board of Directors. There was a Sunday Services Committee which coordinated the speakers from the

Fellowship to speak on Sundays.

Alfred Eipper and Roger co-chaired the Program Committee in the early days. Alfred's wife, Molly was also active in the Fellowship.

Roger and Mary's commitment to this Fellowship has continued for 25 years and they have greatly served this Fellowship in a variety of capacities. They have witnessed positive growth of the Fellowship along with people moving, dying and new people joining. They have witnessed the commitment of others' in the development of the Fellowship; Barbara Prose' RE and music, Kitsie's Consulting Ministry, Sandy Barth's work on the program committee and Jean Howe's commitment in the functioning and holding together of the many aspects of Fellowship life. And of course, many others that Roger and Mary wanted to list but for the limited space in this newsletter!

Mary sums up her commitment to this Fellowship with this thought, "I think it's so important for this country to have a place to come with our religious thoughts, whatever they are, and share them and not get kicked out; we can live together, we need religion; something a little beyond ourselves for strengthening. Our differences are important and valid and we must understand them".

And so, Roger growing up with both of his grandfather's and his Uncle being Unitarian ministers and Mary with her Episcopal upbringing found their way and helped develop the history that our Fellowship now stands on.

### Who's who:

Roger Duncan was brought up mostly in Scarsdale, NY and went to Exeter and then to Harvard. He taught school in private and independent schools, teaching mostly English. Mary Duncan (then Chandler) grew up in Norwalk, and she attended Wesley for Theoretical Mathematics. During the depression, she worked for an investment firm in the statistical department and as a librarian. Roger and Mary moved to Maine full time in the early 80's. Roger's first summer in Maine, however had been 1921.

As soon as Roger could swim he began sailing boats and he, Mary and their three boys ran the Friendship Sloop Business where they had over 1000 customers. Roger has published a Cruising guide and other nautical books and Mary has recently had three poems published in the Off the Coast magazine.

Thank you to Roger and Mary for a captivating hour and for your commitment to the life of the Fellowship.

Donna Dolham

### WHERE TO GO FOR A GET-AWAY WEEKEND?

If you like all that Boston has to offer, as I do, you'll want to know the following information:

Try the **UUA's Bed and Breakfast at Eliot & Pickett Houses**, 6 Mt. Vernon Place, Boston, MA 02108 (617) 948-4679 FAX (617) 742-1364. E-mail: e&p@uua.org

Both houses are centrally air-conditioned; most rooms have modern private baths; together they include 20 guest rooms.

Kitchens are fully stocked for your complimentary, self-serve breakfast and are available for preparing other meals. There is a roof deck, a piano, and a den for reading or watching cable television. Both are non-smoking facilities. Only open to members of Unitarian Universalist congregations.

**Rates for 2008:** A 10% discount to guests who stay over a 3-day period during July and August. Single occupancy—\$85 per night; Double occupancy—\$110 per night; Extra guest over two—\$20 per night per person; Children under 12 stay free if sharing a room with an adult.

Jean Howe

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**April 5 Saturday, 10:30 am**—Memorial Service for Ruth Pope at Edgecomb Town Hall

**April 7 Monday, 6–8 pm**—Board Meeting at CEI in Wiscasset (Members are welcome to attend)

**April 8 Tuesday, 10:30 am**—Cakes for the Queen of Heaven at Lindy Gifford's house—small group meeting to explore feminist theology

**April 10 Thursday, 6:15–7:30 pm**—Long Range Planning Committee at Anne Flanagan's home

**April 11 & 12 Friday eve & Saturday**—the (new!) Northern New England District Annual Meeting and Spring Gathering.

**April 13 and 27 Sunday, 9:30 am**—Chorale practice for the Muffles (2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month) at the Town Hall. For all those who are interested in trying it out: Welcome!

**April 14 Monday, 9:30 am**—Sunday Program Committee meets at the Baileys' home in Newcastle (Members are welcome to attend)

**April 19 Saturday, 3 pm** Haiku Tea Party, at Edgecomb Town Hall

**April 20 Sunday, after service**—Specially Called Congregational Meeting to vote on extending a portion of the 2008 budget.

**April 24 Thursday, 6:15–7:30 pm**—Long Range Planning Committee at the Bailey's home

**April 30 Wednesday, 5 pm**—Community Supper at Second Congregational Church in Newcastle

**RED ALERTS:**

**May 4 Sunday, 12:30–4:30 pm**—An RE "Summit" workshop with our district RE consultant, Benette Sherman, at Edgecomb Town Hall.

**June 22 Sunday**—Anniversary Celebration at Edgecomb Town Hall. A day to celebrate and remember!

**June 25–29**—UU General Assembly 2008 in Ft.Lauderdale, FL

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