



## *Along the Way...*

Dear Friends of Sanford and Saco/Biddeford,

So we are bringing to a close our two-year journey. I don't know about you, but in some ways it seems to me less, and in some ways more, than two years, perhaps because we packed so much work into them. There was a crucial question before you in the 2016-17 church year: would you continue as you had been, two separate churches who just happened to share the same minister, one half-time each, or would you together call a full-time, equivalent minister with the purpose of creating an intentional, joint ministry? You held important things in common—your UU identity, your shared commitment to the liberal religious journey, your historic ministries within two Maine communities not that far apart. Yet, there was an important difference between you. In recent years, you'd had different experiences of ministry and congregational governance that shaped different understandings of the role a minister could play, and should play, in your congregational lives. In eight cottage meetings, both churches explored that question and other aspects of how you might share a minister—and a ministry—with real intention and what that could mean for your future. With faith in the process but most importantly, with faith in yourselves, you chose a forward-looking path. You chose a hard-working ministerial search committee and set out on the first steps along a path that led you to call Rev. Shay. Now you will journey together into the future, a future that for both churches, like all such visions, is only partially known. Your way leads on together, for that has been your courageous choice.

It has been my privilege to share the start of that journey with you. I am grateful to the Spirit that called us to together and sustained us through two years of Maine winters, a long-distance commuter ministry and all the vicissitudes of church life—*times two!* I am grateful for your kindness and patience, your good humor and understanding, but most of all for your courage. There was no sense, when we started out two years ago, that this was a “done deal;” that all we had to do was walk the well-worn interim path. To some extent, we made it up as we went along and we made no assumptions about where it was going to lead us—but walking and working together as we did, the way brought us to the beginning of a new era in the long story of these two historic churches. Serving you has been a fulfilling ministry; via Facebook and the like, I will take great pleasure in following you from afar.

And now my way, too, leads on. Good things are developing for me and soon I will be able to share that with you. I am thankful for the kind interest so many have expressed in “what's next” for me, and most especially for the expressions of thanks and appreciation I have received for my work with you. You are most, most welcome, and I offer you my thanks in return, for no amount of transitional leadership can be successful without the good faith and hard work of the congregation itself and this you have given me—*times two!*

With sincere prayers to the God of my understanding for you and Rev. Shay, may we all be blessed as the way leads on!

Rev. Steve



## April 29th Candidating Service at the SUUC

Our April 29th service at the SUUC was well attended and Rev. Shay was warmly welcomed! We thank everyone for attending. We'd like to thank David Agan for providing these photographs. We would also like to thank Ruth Leipold, our pianist, and Helen Kane and Tonia Chase for providing the lovely music. Thank you too, to all the members of the UU Notes for lending their beautiful voices to the special service. Thank you as well to Susan Young from the UUCSB for providing the flowers for our altar and all the people involved with our coffee hour reception. It was a special day in every way!







Sharing the good news!

**Unanimous UUs**  
**Rev. Shay MacKay was called to be our settled minister at the May 6th service at our sister church in Saco with a 100% vote! Welcome Rev. Shay!**



Lighting the chalice in gratitude.



Celebration!



A couple of happy UUs!



## Summer Service Sign-Up Sheet for 2018

Sign-Up Sheet is located in the Parlor

Join us for Summer Services on Sundays at 9:30am  
June 24th - September 2nd

*Quality services in an informal setting*

### Reminders about Summer Services:

Held in the Parlor or Goodall Hall  
There may be music, there may not  
Lay or Minister led services  
No snacks following worship service  
No RE classes - No child care

### Summer Service Schedule:

<b>June 24th</b>	<i>Who? What? Where? When? How? Why?: The Importance of Asking Questions</i>	Judi Reis
<b>July 1st</b>	<i>Maine Shakers</i>	Lenny Brooks
<b>July 8th</b>	<i>Dismantling White Supremacy</i>	Karen Nelson
<b>July 15th</b>	<i>Poetry Breakfast</i>	Jan Sacco
<b>July 22nd</b>		
<b>July 29th</b>	<i>TBD</i>	Bob Ortiz
<b>August 5th</b>	<i>TBD</i>	David Larrabee
<b>August 12th</b>	<i>TBD</i>	Diane Whiteside-Peck
<b>August 19th</b>	<i>All Things Centennial</i>	Helen Kane
<b>August 26th</b>	<i>Award Winning Service</i>	Clare Fortune Lad
<b>September 2nd</b>		

**Contacts:** Judi Reis and Evelyn LaBree

## **Administrative Office**

The week of June 18th, the office will begin reduced summer hours of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:00am to noon.

## **Worship Associate Meeting**

The final meeting of the Worship Associates for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year is scheduled for Sunday, June 10th at 9:30am.



## **SUUC Book Group**

Kent Nerburn's *Neither Wolf nor Dog* is the SUUC Book Group's read for June. Described as a classic on Native American spirituality that will stand the test of time and give you insights into fresh meanings of reverence, silence, honor, shadow, and redemption. Nerburn has been deeply involved in Native American issues and education. In this extraordinary work (which won the 1996 Minnesota Book Award and is being made into a movie), Nerburn has fashioned a powerful drama around his encounters with Dan, a Lakota elder who unflinchingly speaks the truth about Indian life, past and present. The Book Group's final meeting before a summer hiatus is Friday, June 29th in Goodall Hall at 6:00pm. All are welcome.

## **Mini-Auction Fund Raiser**

On June 3rd after church we will enjoy a special coffee hour, and at noon we will close bidding and find out who will take home the auction treasures. Don't see something that catches your eye? Feel free to make a monetary donation, thank you!

## **Ministerial Search Committee Thank You! Dinner's New Date June 2nd**

The Ministerial Search Committee "Thank You!" dinner has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 2nd. Join together to give a tasty "thank you!" to SUUC's and UUCSB's wonderful Ministerial Search Committee for all of their hard work. We also thank all who helped put this together, it is appreciated, and we will see you at the dinner!

## **Reverend Cook's Farewell Picnic**

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, congregants from both churches will gather at Ferry Beach State Park, for a potluck picnic to send our Interim Minister, Steve, off properly! We have reserved the covered shelter area, complete with charcoal-only grills, tables, bathrooms, a water fountain, and changing rooms, in this 117-acre Park from 12:30 until 4:00, and we hope for a clear, warm day so we can enjoy the ocean waves and water! There are also many beautiful hiking trails nearby. Please note that alcohol and smoking are not permitted, and dogs are not allowed on the beach and must be on leashes in all other areas. The walkways meet the ADA accessibility requirements, and a beach wheelchair is available. The Park is at 95 Bayview Road in Saco, off Route 9. Entry into the Park costs \$5 per person, with a \$2 fee for anyone over 65, and a \$1 fee for children 5 to 11. Children under 5 are free. For more information, you can call the Park at 283-0067. It will be a lovely and fun-filled way to say farewell and thank you to our friend, Steve Cook. See you there! Diane Whiteside-Peck

## Thoughts From the President

Air temperatures may be fluctuating, but our church is moving steadily on with activities. The Ministerial Search Committee's Appreciation Dinner is this coming Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Reverend Cook's Farewell Picnic at Ferry Beach State Park is June 17<sup>th</sup>, and our building's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday will be celebrated! We also look forward to stimulating Summer Services. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, Reverend Shay MacKay will begin her ministry with us, and under her advisement, we'll develop an encompassing Emergency Operations Plan for our church safety, finalize the updated Handbook of Operations, and poll the congregation to make a united statement about curbing gun violence, as suggested at our May 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. We will strengthen Religious Education, improve communications to potential new members through technology, and continue our research into the insurance carrier's requirements for having an AED on site.

I'd like to make sure that every member and friend of SUUC is aware of two important items: first, that Steve is the man to go to with pastoral needs or anything ministerial until July 30<sup>th</sup> -- Shay cannot respond to any of our emails, calls, or texts until she is formally our minister (that is, beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>); and second, that Shay has requested to be in BOTH pulpits three Sundays per month. She would like to start UUCSB's services at 9:00, and SUUC's services at 11:00, giving her a free Sunday each month for her writing, composing, being with her family, and all-around replenishing of her spirit. Because UUCSB's services traditionally begin at 10:00, and ours at 10:30, it was thought that changing our start time a half-hour, and Saco's an hour, made the most sense. In the long run, we will have a happier minister, and another path will be forged in the new territory of how to serve two congregations. On that note, I wish each of you a very healthy and exciting summer!

In hope and gratitude, Diane

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### We Extend a Warm Welcome to Our New Board Members and Returning Board Members for FY 2018-2019

President:	Diane Whiteside-Peck - June 30, 2019
Vice President:	Karen Nelson - June 30, 2019
Clerk:	Janie Waterhouse - June 30, 2020
Financial Secretary:	Ginny Howe - June 30, 2020
Treasurer:	Marcel Gagnon - June 30, 2019
Liaisons:	Patty Kidder - June 30, 2019 Judi Reis - June 30, 2020 Cheryl Weymouth - June 30, 2021
DRE:	Ryan and Mesha Quinn

## June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> Newsletter Day  Music Lessons 4:45-6:15pm  AA in Vestry 6:00pm to 7:00pm	<i>2</i> Pride Picnic at Gowen Park 11:00am -3:00pm  Ministerial Search Committee Thank You dinner 5:30pm
<i>3</i> Worship 10:30am Religious Education service with DREs Mesha & Ryan Quinn Mini auction ends, winning bids chosen  Jeff K. music recital 1:00pm-5:00pm  AA in Vestry 5:00pm to 6:15pm	<i>4</i>   Choir rehearsal 6:30pm - 8:00pm	<i>5</i>   MTN Meeting in Parlor and GH 6:00pm	<i>6</i> Music Lessons 9:00am-11:00am  Project Com. 6:30pm -8:30pm in Goodall hall  Narcotics Anon. in Vestry 7:30pm to 9:00pm	<i>7</i>   VNM Vestry 5:00pm	<i>8</i>   Music Lessons 4:45-6:15pm  AA in Vestry 6:00pm to 7:00pm	<i>9</i> Church Work Party 8:00ish-noon
<i>10</i> Worship Associate Meeting 9:30am  Worship 10:30am Rev. Brent and the Worship Associates Flower Communion and new member recognition  AA in Vestry 5:00pm to 6:15pm	<i>11</i>   Choir rehearsal 6:30pm - 8:00pm	<i>12</i>   Board Meeting 6:00pm (potluck at 5:30pm)	<i>13</i> Music Lessons 9:00am-11:00am  Narcotics Anon. in Vestry 7:30pm to 9:00pm	<i>14</i>   VNM Vestry 5:00pm	<i>15</i> CC sets up   Music Lessons 4:45-6:15pm  AA in Vestry 6:00pm to 7:00pm	<i>16</i> Corner Cupboard is open 10:00-1:30
<i>17</i> Last regular service - Rev. Steve Cook - Fathers' Day - The choir will sing Farewell picnic at Ferry Beach Park for Rev. Steve 12:30 - 4:00pm  AA in Vestry 5:00pm to 6:15pm	<i>18</i> Administrative office begins reduced summer hours, open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 7:00am to noon	<i>19</i>   MTN Meeting in Parlor 6:00pm	<i>20</i> Music Lessons 9:00am-11:00am  Project Com. 6:30pm -8:30pm in Goodall hall  Narcotics Anon. in Vestry 7:30pm to 9:00pm	<i>21</i>   VNM Vestry 5:00pm	<i>22</i>   Music Lessons 4:45-6:15pm  AA in Vestry 6:00pm to 7:00pm	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i> Summer services begin 9:30am in Parlor - Service led by Judi Reis, Worship Associate  AA in Vestry 5:00pm to 6:15pm	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>   Music Lessons 9:00am-11:00am  Narcotics Anon. in Vestry 7:30pm to 9:00pm	<i>28</i>   VNM Vestry 5:00pm	<i>29</i>   Music Lessons 4:45-6:15pm  Book Group in GH 6:00pm  AA in Vestry 6:00pm to 7:00pm	<i>30</i>



# 1st Annual Sanford Pride Picnic

Saturday, June 2  
11am-3pm

Gowen Park, Sanford, ME

Hosted By

**PROJECT COMMUNITY**

A family friendly event  
with music, food,  
and fun!

Free food distribution  
provided by

**Sanford Backpack  
program**

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more details

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## Fourth of July Parade

The July 4 Sanford Parade will be the beginning of our Centennial celebrations, but we need someone to make it all happen. Please let Helen Kane know if you can take the lead in this fun endeavor. Also, it has been suggested that we have Centennial T-shirts made, so if this is something you would like to see, please volunteer to research the possibilities.

We will be working on updating our history book, *The People of the Windows*, throughout June and July, so all contributing articles should be in by FRIDAY, JULY 13 at the latest. If you would like to reserve a copy, please add your name to Mona's list.

During the August 19 summer service, Church Historian Helen Kane will delve into All Things Centennial, so save the date if you're interested in taking part in the preparations and events surrounding our 100 year anniversary in this church building.



## Board 2017-2018

President: Diane Whiteside-Peck June 30, 2019  
Vice President: Karen Nelson June 30, 2019  
Clerk: Bruce Harrison June 30, 2018  
Financial Secretary: Janet Wood June 30, 2018  
Treasurer: Marcel Gagnon June 30, 2019  
Co-DREs: Mesha and Ryan Quinn

### Liaisons:

Gary Wood June 30, 2018  
Patty Kidder June 30, 2019  
Judi Reis June 30, 2020

## Church Leadership 2017-2018

Building and Grounds Chair: Bob McCormick  
Caring Circle: Gail Lemley Burnett  
Choir: Charles Grindle  
Church Historian: Helen Kane  
Corner Cupboard: Peg Sawyer, Judi Reis, Dee Ames, Helen Kane  
Earth Stewards Green Team: Judi Reis  
Finance Committee: Peg Sawyer, Pat Herrick, Ginny Howe, Deb Folsom  
FIAT (Faith in Action Team): Patty Kidder  
Fundraising Coordinator: Jan Sacco  
Homesteaders: Jan Sacco and Melody Wood  
Members and Friends: Tonia Chase  
Music Committee: Melody Wood  
Nominating Committee : Ginny Howe 2018, Lisa Huestis 2019, Vicky Bugado 2020  
Pianist: Ruth Leipold  
SUUC Search Committee: Lee Burnett, Evelyn LaBree, Tom Huber, Lisa Huestis  
Stewardship: Helen Kane  
Women's Alliance: Nancy Farnham  
Worship: Rev. Steve Cook  
Worship Associates: Rev. Steve Cook, Bev Brent, Judi Reis, Jan Sacco, Janie Waterhouse, Patty Kidder, Mesha Quinn, Vicky Bugado, Evelyn LaBree  
Worship Committee Coordinator: Rev. Bev Brent

## Caring Circle

Gail Lemley Burnett is in charge of our Caring Circle for providing help in case of illness, hospitalization, need for a ride to church, doctors' appointments, etc. Please call Gail at 324-1596 if you need assistance.

## Minister's Hours

Rev. Steve Cook will be in his office on Wednesdays, as needed, in the morning. Rev. Cook is off for the month of July. Please call for an appointment at 781-330-2521 [stephenmichaelcook@ME.com](mailto:stephenmichaelcook@ME.com)

## Administrative Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
7:00-12:00 - [info@sanforduuchurch.org](mailto:info@sanforduuchurch.org)

## Co-Directors of Religious Education

Mesha and Ryan Quinn - [dre@sanforduuchurch.org](mailto:dre@sanforduuchurch.org)

## Church and Community Groups

AA Meetings: AA meetings are held every Sunday from 5:00pm-6:15pm and Fridays 6:00pm-7:00pm in Vestry

Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00pm in the Parlor. Meeting begins with a potluck supper

Book Group: June 29th at 6:00pm in Goodall Hall

Choirs: Rehearsals June 4th and 11th

Church Work Party: The next work day will be held on Saturday, June 9th from 8:00ish-noon

Corner Cupboard: Next date the CC is open is June 16th from 10:00am-1:30pm

Maine Transgender Network (MTN): Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Parlor and GH and the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Parlor

Music Lessons: Mondays 4:30pm-7:00pm and Wednesdays 9:00am - 11:00am in the Sanctuary - Music Recital will be held at the church for his students on Sunday, June 3rd at 1:00pm

Narcotics Anonymous: Meets every Wednesday in the Vestry from 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Project CommUnity: Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Goodall Hall from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Please email us at the following: [projectcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:projectcommunity@gmail.com) or join the group on Facebook!

Violence No More: Every Thursday at 5:00pm in the Vestry

Women's Alliance: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon

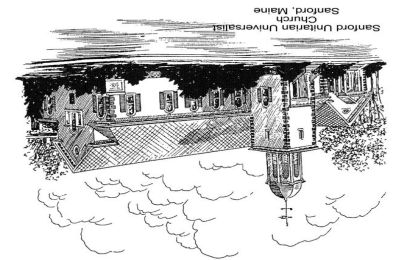
Worship Associates: Sunday, June 10th at 9:30am

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## Worship Services are held every Sunday at 10:30am - Child Care is Provided Everyone is Welcome!

**June 3rd Service - Lollipop Moments** - The service will be led by our Directors of Religious Education, Mesha and Ryan Quinn.

**June 10th Service - Flower Service** - You are invited to bring flowers or a potted plant on Sunday in honor of the UU Flower Communion. As is our tradition, we will welcome new members to our community, and share this service of celebration with each other. The service will be led by Rev. Beverly Brent and our Worship Associates. Our UU Notes will sing and Melody Wood will provide special music on her harp.

**June 17th Service - The Way Leads** - Our journey together comes to an end, but our ways lead on. The service will be led by Rev. Steve Cook. This is our last regular service until the Sunday following Labor Day. Join us at Ferry Beach State Park following today's service from 12:30 to 4:00 as we say farewell to Rev. Steve with a potluck picnic. Everyone is welcome!

**June 24th Service - 9:30am Services Begin - Who? What? Where? When? How? Why?: The Importance of Asking Questions** - There are many reasons why we ask questions, we'll look at some of them. One reason is to get to know each other better- our stories, dreams, passions, interests, pet peeves, etc. For a part of the service we'll each have the opportunity to write a question for our church friends to answer. Judi will collect the questions and then ask them of the group members. Participants are welcome to join in at their comfort level. Summer services begin on this day in the Parlor at 9:30am. The service will be led by Judi Reis, Worship Associate.