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# The Point

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## To the Point

I don't know about you but the Zoom experience has added a whole new set of experiences and images to my store of mental equipment. Some was referred to the Gallery View aspect of a Zoom session as the "Hollywood Squares" approach to communication. My own visual take is a little bit different. The gallery view looks to me like the side of an apartment building with each neighbor looking out of their own window, isolated by apartment walls into separate living spaces, but delighted to look right and left, up and down, to see that they're all in the same building together. (That also reminds me of this wonderful practice that has sprung up in cities around the world: in the early evening, hundreds of thousands of apartment dwellers go to their windows at the same time to clap and sing their appreciation and support for all the health care workers risking their lives for mankind.)

So that's my thought for this May, 2020. For a while longer we will stay in our separate apartments, our separate houses, but ever mindful that our church friends, our families and neighbors as yet unmet around the country and around the world will meet again soon to dance as well as worship together in the streets! *Dennis Perkins*, President, Board of Trustees

## On-site Services and Annual Meeting Update

Because of a) Governor Mills' extension of her state of emergency declaration to the middle of May, b) the number of our congregation who fall into high-risk groups for the virus and c) the desire to be good citizens of our communities, on 4/16/2020 the Board of Trustees concurred via email to extend the suspension of on-site services to the end of May. Further, given these extraordinary times, the Board also temporarily suspended one article of the bylaws and delayed the annual meeting of the church to June 14. The decision to suspend services will of course be

## Communications Team

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Maili Bailey: Director

## ESP Board

Maili Bailey: Director  
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reviewed by the Board before the end of the suspension period.

Paul of Tarsus reminded us that, no matter how difficult the times, these three things abide: faith, love and hope. Still today it is true for us: we have abiding faith in our UU Principles, love for our fellows here and across the globe, and unlimited hope in the future — for our community, for our country and for our world.

*Dennis Perkins*, President, UUC Waterville Board of Trustees

## From the Editor

According to *The Science of Helping Out* by Tara Parker-Pope, the people who cope best during a crisis are those who help others. Helping can be as simple as a phone call, giving advice or just lending a listening ear. It can mean volunteering or donating money.

Helping others looks different now than it did just a few months ago. Now it can mean providing a face mask for your neighbor to wear when grocery shopping. It can mean carrying a friend's groceries to his garage instead of leaving them on his kitchen countertop. Helping may mean bringing your elderly aunt to a medical appointment where you must stay in the car while she meets with her doctor.

For those who can afford it, helping family members or neighbors may now mean assisting them financially. This is also true for supporting small businesses who may face bankruptcy in the near future if things do not change. How do they pay the mortgage or buy food when there is no money coming in?

At a time when we are all experiencing an extraordinary level of stress, think of ways you can safely reach out to others. Studies show you'll feel better for it. *Connie Winship*

## Evening Sandwich Program

The Evening Sandwich Program Board has been meeting by Zoom. The Evening Sandwich Program was open in early April. However, on April 5, the board decided to close ESP services for two weeks and then reassess. This decision was difficult to make regarding a service that has fed the community for well over 25 years.

Before closing, safety measures had been put in place. Volunteers had to wear gloves and face masks. The entire serving model was revamped with a six-foot distance between the volunteer and the guest. Guests were asked to line up six feet apart and enter one at a time. Plexiglass separated the volunteer and the guest. However, due to low guest turnout, lack of volunteers and Maili Bailey and Larry Dickey working overtime, the board decided on a two week temporary closure.

In the meantime, a crew of "super cleaners" have cleaned the kitchen, the cooler, kitchen floors...and yes, even washed the Averill Parlor's rug! Many thanks to Maili Bailey, Larry Dickey, Jon Rogers, Trip Gander, Anna Beth Rynders and others.

The ESP Board met April 19, by Zoom. The consensus reached was to follow Gov. Mills order to stay closed until May 15. ESP will plan to reopen on Sunday, May 17. A sign will be placed on the door to announce this further closure. It will direct guests to dial 211 for the locations of nearby sources of meals and food. *Sue Morrill*

## EBay Sales

A reminder from Peter that he can sell items on eBay to benefit the church. If you have an item that is more valuable than a donation to our summer lawn sale, this is a way to get its true value realized. Any questions, his number is 314-9240. This could be another revenue source for our church.

### **Nominating Committee**

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Margrit Thomas: co-chair

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Jon Rogers

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John Wilder

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Mark Jose

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Sarah Michaud  
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Sally Harwood  
Mark Jose  
Christel Kesler  
Iver Lofving  
Elaine Post  
Beth Schiller  
Linda Seekins  
Olga Shabunya Payne  
Anna Beth Rynders  
Dick Thomas  
Margrit Thomas  
Harry Vayo: Director  
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Nancy Wynne

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Administrator  
Connie Winship  
Ray Winship

## **Interfaith Resource Fund**

Perhaps some of you are also wondering about ways to help others during this most challenging time. For me, one way is to consider giving money to organizations who will put the money to good use. Obviously, our ESP is a great choice.

Another choice might be the Interfaith Resource Fund (IRF). Multiple local churches give to this fund so when someone is in need, they only have to call one number to make a request and the minister on duty will respond. Money is provided for rent, utilities and fuel and there is no overhead. Records are kept so requests are met once a year with a cap of \$300 in order to help the most individual requests. Sue Morrill (my sister) is our church liaison to the Interfaith Council and she reports that while the IRF assisted 71 people during the last nine months of 2019, the Fund is now out of money.

If you wish to send money, the address is Interfaith Resource Fund, United Methodist Church, 61 Pleasant St., Waterville, ME 04901. Best to you and be well, *Sally Harwood*

## **Call for Trustees**

The Nominations Committee is looking for a few new Board Members. The Board of Trustees is made up of four Officers and six Trustees. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. to oversee the business operations of the church and its assets and to support its smooth functioning. Every year two Trustees' terms expire.

At this time the Nominations Committee is looking for three church members who might be interested in serving as Trustees. One position has a two-year term (due to a resignation) and the other two positions have three-year terms. This is a really rewarding role and a great opportunity to serve the church by bringing your perspective and commitment to teamwork to the Board. If you are interested in learning more about the role, please contact a member of the Nominations Committee by May 15: Margrit Thomas, Jim Easton, Peter Burgher, Karen Kusiak, Sarah Seder, Jon Rogers.

## **Lawn Sale 2020**

The decision to hold a "Lawn Sale July 2020" was up in the air after some of the core instigators and workers last year were rather worn out after the big event. We were tipped toward a YES eventually, but then .... as of our May Point, we are still nested in place, and it does take a fair amount of planning work to set this early-July event in motion. So more recently, we've had doubts about going through with a Lawn Sale this year. This is, of course, one of our biggest fundraisers and a stellar community event, in the end. People rally close to time and volunteer and we all have fun, but there is planning that needs to be done ahead. Maybe a fall lawn sale? Perhaps no lawn sale this year? Please feel free to weigh in with your thoughts, and keep an eye out for things you might contribute if we hold the sale. Thank you. *Kathy McKay, Linda Lee and Rachel Marsh-Sachs*

## **Welcoming Congregation\***

May 17: International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia (IDAHOT)  
Created in 2004, The Day represents an annual landmark to draw the attention of decision makers, the media, the public, opinion leaders and local authorities to the issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and all those who do not conform to majority sexual and gender norms. May 17 is now celebrated in more than 130 countries, including 37 where same-sex acts are illegal, with 1,600 events reported from 1,280 organizations in 2014. These mobilizations unite millions of people in support of the recognition of human rights for all, irrespective of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is not one centralized campaign, but rather a *moment* that everyone can use to take action. The date of May 17 was specifically chosen to commemorate the World Health Organization's decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder.

\*The term *Welcoming Congregation* does not mean that we are a friendly, "welcoming" church but rather it is the term given to UU Churches whose congregants have completed a series of workshops and other activities which prepare them to become more aware of and responsive to gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender (GLBT) issues. In 1996 our church was the second church in Maine to earn this designation, second to Allen Avenue UU Church in Portland. For more information about the Welcoming Congregation Program, contact [lgbtq@uua.org](mailto:lgbtq@uua.org). *Connie Winship*

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 Bernie LaCroix  
 Rock LaCroix  
 Jan Mathieu  
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 Joy Barnett  
 Iver Lofving  
 Audrey McGee  
 Dick Thomas  
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*Peter Burgher: Chair*  
 Mark Jose

**III. Spiritual Journeys/  
Spiritual Healing**

Marian Flaherty  
 Mary Matson  
*Sarah Michaud: Chair*  
 Deb Stinneford  
 Linda Woods  
 Nancy Wynne

**IV. Principles/Faith Traditions**

Kathy McKay  
*Dennis Perkins: Chair*  
 Jon Rogers

**V. Fifth Sunday**

*Jan Fichuk: Chair*  
 Caroline Gander

**Words that Mean “Spring”**

Greetings on a warm Sunday! At a spring service in recent years, folks were invited to write a word or phrase about spring. Those submissions are listed below – we hope they inspire you! Again we invite you to write a word or phrase about Spring 2020 to be published in next month's Point. If you'd like your thoughts to be included in the next collection, please send your words or phrases to Mary Matson at [matsonmm@yahoo.com](mailto:matsonmm@yahoo.com) by Sunday, May 10.

Many thanks to all who participated then and now!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daffy down dilly;</li> <li>• Buds bursting;</li> <li>• Work and LAUGHS;</li> <li>• Blossom;</li> <li>• Flowers-color;</li> <li>• I wonder where the flower is ___?</li> <li>• CAN'T WAIT!</li> <li>• Daffodils and tulips and lilacs and new leaves on trees;</li> <li>• Rebirth;</li> <li>• Ready to uncover perennials;</li> <li>• Time to see what's been hiding under the snow!!</li> <li>• Grass Growing;</li> <li>• MORE WORK! (AND FLOWERS);</li> <li>• Spring has sprung, the grass has risen. I wonder where the birdie is! The bird is on the wing. But that's absurd...The wing is on the bird!</li> <li>• Spring-Warm-time walks, trees leafing out, green grass springing up;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more ice to walk on!</li> <li>• SUNSHINE;</li> <li>• FAITH IN MY DAFFODILS;</li> <li>• Bloom;</li> <li>• Now is the time to prepare the ground for future plantings;</li> <li>• Mud, and the smell of the awakening Earth;</li> <li>• A time of hope renewed;</li> <li>• Snow is melting ☺;</li> <li>• Cherry blossoms,</li> <li>• Salamanders;</li> <li>• THAW;</li> <li>• MUD; still wearing the <u>Winter Boots</u>;</li> <li>• Crocus;</li> <li>• 3 robins so far-they like apples;</li> <li>• LIGHT; Where is it???</li> <li>• Hope/Renewal/Garden; warm light;</li> <li>• Blossoms open;</li> <li>• W a I t i n g;</li> <li>• peepers</li> <li>• In JUST SPRING the world is puddle wonderful...eeeeee!</li> </ul>
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**Virtual Services at a Glance**

- May 3           Worship Associate: Sarah Seder  
 Rev. Nancee Campbell: *When Laughing isn't Funny at All*
- May 10          Worship Leader: Peter Burgher  
 Faith Rocket Service: Integrity
- May 17          Worship Leader: Luke Brooks  
*Faith and Mental Health in the Time of COVID-19*
- May 24          Worship Leaders: Connie & Ray Winship  
 Faith Rocket Service TBA
- May 31          Worship Associate:  
 Rev. Sarah Gillespie: *How do we Hear Each Other?*  
 A different perspective on Pentecost.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 11:00 Women's Group  Video Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/598624260">https://zoom.us/j/598624260</a> Phone: 312-626 6799, then enter meeting ID number: <b>598 624 260</b>	2
3  10:00 Rev. Nancee Campbell <i>When Laughing isn't Funny at All</i>  11:00 – 12:00 Virtual Coffee Hour	4	5  <b>Cinco de Mayo</b>  11:00 Discussion Group  Contact Carolyn MacRae ( <a href="mailto:carolynmacrae@gmail.com">carolynmacrae@gmail.com</a> ) for sign-in instructions	6	7 9:30 – 11:00 Men's Coffee Jorgensen's  6:30 - 8:00 Virtual Coffeehouse  Contact Harry Vayo: <a href="mailto:vayowoods@live.com">vayowoods@live.com</a>	8 11:00 Women's Group  Video Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/598624260">https://zoom.us/j/598624260</a> Phone: 1 312 626 6799, then enter meeting ID number: <b>598 624 260</b>	9
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