

January  
2021

# The Point

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	Facebook
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Sue Morrill	Interfaith Council
Beth Schiller	Webmaster
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Connie Winship	Community Liaison
	The Point newsletter
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	Facebook
Ray Winship	Co-Chair Comm Team

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**During the corona virus pandemic  
online worship services will be held at 10:00 a.m.  
and will be followed by a virtual Coffee Hour.  
For more information, go to [uucwaterville.com](http://uucwaterville.com)  
All are welcomed**

### To the Point

We made it! The darkest day (December 21) of 2020 is behind us. We shared the first tiny lights of the new year from our Zoom windows at the Christmas Eve service and it worked—just like our ancient worshipping relatives promised. The small fires of the solstice (ritualized in the Christian Advent candles, Jewish Hanukkah menorah and the Druidic bonfires, among others) began their work of drawing more light (love, forgiveness, hope, resolve) into the world almost immediately.

At first, however, the change is barely noticeable. Only a few seconds per day of additional light for the first couple of weeks until it increases to minutes per day by the equinox. Perhaps this is the lesson to remember in all challenges in our human experience: in the darkest moments when all seems lost, if we can keep the small flames of our faith: faith in ourselves, in our fellows, in our principles burning, then their light will bring a wider, deeper, warmer glow to our world.

We have been through a lot together during this pandemic. It has been difficult for each of us, but the demands of isolating for our common safety have been especially burdensome for the very elderly and for young families with small children. I think, especially this

## Evening Sandwich Program

### ESP Board

Maili Bailey: Director  
Larry Dickey  
Charlie Morrill: Treasurer  
Sue Morrill: President  
Ray & Connie Winship

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### History and Archives

Kit Alexander  
John Wilder

### Housekeeping

Gina Boudreau: Housekeeper  
Maili Bailey: Director

### Interfaith Council

Sue Morrill

### Investment Management

Peter Burgher: Chair  
Mark Jose  
Jon Rogers

### MUUSAN

[Maine Universalist Unitarian  
State Advocacy Network]  
Karen Kusiak  
Dick Thomas

### Nominating Committee.

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Karen Kusiak  
Margrit Thomas: Chair

### Organists

Anna Beth Rynders: Lead Organist  
Beth Schiller  
Anne Marie Thibodeau

### Planned Giving

Jon Rogers

### Point Newsletter

Connie Winship: Editor  
Sarah Webster: Proofreader  
Marilyn Wheeler: Postal Clerk

### Property & Grounds

Trip Gander: Chair  
Dennis Perkins  
Jerry Saint Amand  
Ed Spear

moment, of Luke Brooks-Shesler who, in addition to providing childcare, community political service and college teaching, led us as chair of the Worship Committee into the enjoyment of extraordinary Zoom services. He has decided now to take a well-earned rest from the Worship Committee. I know I speak for each member and friend of the church when I express our gratitude for his service. *Dennis Perkins* for the Board of Trustees

### From the Editor

As editor of the newsletter, I would be remiss if I did not point out that much-loved church member Meg Wickes whose Memorial Service was held last week, was the second editor of the church newsletter. She followed legendary Rev. Laforest Robbins who was minister during the mid 1980's. Archival issues of the newsletter show that Meg's name was on the masthead of the newsletter for the first time in 1989, but I suspect she'd been doing it for a while before she got her due credit.

I remember when I came on board in the early 2000s she came to me with a bunch of well-worn flow charts and diagrams which showed the steps to follow as part of the process of getting out the newsletter each month. Ever frugal, she had retrieved the charts from her successor, editor # 3 who no longer needed them, to give to me, editor # 4, who would need them!

She was a great role model and mentor. *Connie Winship*

### History and Archives Committee

The Committee continues to work on the names to include in the Remembrance Book. If you know anyone who was closely associated with the church and has passed on, please send us their name along with their birth/death dates if you have them.

We are looking for volunteers to help out. Positions are as follows: 1. People to remove staples from various documents in the files. This really has to be done in the church. 2. People to "cut up" or otherwise help preserve the church scrap books. This can be done at home. 3. People to help label and preserve photos in our many albums going back several decades. This can also be done at home.

John has replaced the locks to the china cabinets which now house the communion silver from both the former Universalist and Unitarian Churches. These are hiding beside the lift in the sanctuary, but we hope to move them out where they can be seen. They will be part of a church history corner in the sanctuary.

If you have any documents, photos or other items to donate to Archives, please put them in the Archives mailbox in Averill Parlors or contact:

Kit Alexander  
John Wilder

### Evening Sandwich Program

The Evening Sandwich Program continues to serve sandwiches and produce on Tuesdays and Fridays. Attendance has been low. Volunteers make a total of 60 sandwiches compared to an average of 200 per day when ESP was open six days per week. ESP thanks the crew from St. Mark's Episcopal Church for making sandwiches on Fridays for us to serve.

Would you like to volunteer to make 25 sandwiches for ESP on Tuesdays.....without leaving your home? It is simple! We provide the peanut butter and jelly as well as sandwich bags. You need to provide the bread and the "man-power". This could be a project for kids doing virtual learning. It is a rewarding task that benefits our community.

Maili Bailey, the director of ESP, was able to secure a grant from Good Shepherd Food Bank to purchase a new door for Avril Parlors. The new door will replace the worn out door currently on its last legs. The new door will have a bigger window and a functional handle. The plan is to use the same lock to fit our many keys.

Happy New Year, *Sue Morrill*, ESP President

**Religious Education**

Margrit Thomas: DRE

**Small Group Ministry**

Peter Burgher

Mark Jose

**Stewardship Committee**

Peter Burgher

Sarah Michaud

Dennis Perkins

**UU Singers and Musicians**

Maili Bailey

Bill Barnett

Nancy Brooks

Jan Fichuk

Sally Harwood

Mark Jose

Joanna Linden

Iver Lofving

Anna Beth Rynders

Beth Schiller

Linda Seekins

Olga Shabunya

Dick Thomas

Margrit Thomas

Harry Vayo: Director

Marilyn Wheeler

Ray Winship

Linda Woods

Nancy Wynne

**Website**

Beth Schiller: Webmaster

Rurik Spence: IT Administrator

**Welcoming Congregation****Worship Committee**

Jim Evans

Caroline Gander

Karen Kusiak

Jan Mathieu

Sarah Michaud: Co-chair

Dennis Perkins: Co-chair

Connie Winship

Ray Winship

**Worship Committee:****Sub-Committees****I. Social Justice**

Bill Barnett

Joy Barnett

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Audrey McGee

Dick Thomas

Connie Winship

Ray Winship: Chair

**II. Small Group Ministry**

Peter Burgher: Chair

Mark Jose

**Stewardship Committee**

I know you've all been waiting with bated breath for this year's stewardship drive to be announced (Ha Ha!). Again this year, Stewardship for the 2021/22 fiscal year will begin at the end of January and run through the month of February, beginning with the Stewardship service on January 31.

This year's theme will be *Stewards of Patience*. Materials will arrive the first week of February. To paraphrase the Postman's Promise: "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night (nor COVID) will stay the Stewardship Committee from its rounds!"

**Interfaith Council**

The Interfaith Council met by Zoom on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. The agenda covered two main points of discussion: Community Issues and Congressional Issues.

The Interfaith Resource Fund is low on funds. This is especially concerning as many requests are coming in for help with heat as the cold weather is here. (See note below.). A big reason for a lack of funds at this critical time is that United Way was not able to provide IRF with its usual considerable sum of money designated for heating relief.

The Essentials Closet at the UCC location at The Elm, while fully stocked, was not open in November due to lack of volunteers due to COVID-19. Many folks in our community depend on this service for essentials such as toilet paper, toothpaste, and toothbrushes as well as soap, laundry detergent, and personal supplies. The Homeless Shelter noted that it is available 24 hours a day if essentials are needed in an emergency situation. KVCAP has a Hope Fund specifically for laundry needs.

The Waterville Area Soup Kitchen has been up and running for several weeks. The bulk of the cooking is done in the kitchen at St. Mark's Church and served out of two food trucks in the noon hour on Monday and Thursdays. The four locations are Head of Falls, Veterans Park, Green Street, and a small park near the elementary school. This group would like to add Saturday and another site to its future plans. They are looking for a third cook to help enable this to occur. Council members suggested looking to Colby and Thomas students as well as AmeriCorps as volunteers.

The Waterville Homeless Shelter is proud to announce it has the strongest and best follow-up record of all the shelters in the state! This statistic deals with the support and continuing services given to folks that have left the shelter and are no longer homeless. Congratulations!

On another note, all Town Halls have a 24-hour Hot Line for emergency intake for shelter. This can be accessed through calling 211 and asking for the 24-Hour INTAKE number.

Congregational issues concerned how to provide meaningful Christmas Eve Services in the time of COVID-19.

NOTE: The UU Church Board graciously invited me to speak about the Interfaith Resource Fund and our contributions. Our church has a dedicated line item in our budget which has been increased from last year's budget. I explained the increasing need at this time of year to fund heating requests and make up the devastating loss of United Way funds for this purpose. I am so grateful to report that your generous Church Board voted to give the IRF an additional sum this year and to consider doing so again each October. Contributions to the IRF are spent entirely on assistance to others; there are no administrative costs. Many heartfelt thank yous.

*Sue Morrill*, representative to the Interfaith Council

### 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

### "Members and Friends" Directory Update

A slightly revised version of the "Members and Friends" church directory (with one addition and one correction) was emailed as a PDF attachment on December 18 to the people who appear in it.

If you haven't received a directory but wish to be included, please email your directory information (name, mailing address, email, phone) to me at [uuwtvladm@gmail.com](mailto:uuwtvladm@gmail.com). Please also continue to send me any additions or corrections.

Thank you! *Beth Schiller* (Administrative Director)

### Remembering Margaret (Meg) Wickes

On December 5, a month after she died on Election Day, a virtual memorial was held for Meg Wickes, long-time matriarch, mentor, mover and shaker in our congregation. Over 60 invited family and friends gathered to commemorate Meg's life. Rachel Marsh-Sachs wrote and delivered the eulogy, a beautiful summary of Meg's life. Various church members sang Meg's favorite hymns, a friend played Ave Maria on the dulcimer. Others spoke of their cherished relationships with her. It was a great opportunity for family to express their appreciation to church friends for all that had been done for their mother. Below are notes received by the family. Copies of the eulogy are available upon request: [uuwtvladm@gmail.com](mailto:uuwtvladm@gmail.com)

### The Caring Committee

The Caring Committee lends a helping hand to members of our church community who are faced with health challenges or other difficult situations. We give rides, prepare meals, run errands, visit, send cards, and provide other similar services. To request help or to volunteer to help others, please contact Carolyn MacRae.



### Services at a Glance

January 3            UU Principle #3: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations  
Worship Leader: Jon Rogers  
Worship Associate: Kathy McKay

#### *Spiritual Progress: Are We There Yet?*

In the effort to become more spiritual, what are some ways to measure progress?  
This Faith Rocket message from Rev. Sandra Fees provides some pointers.

January 10            UU Principle #2: Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations  
Worship Leader: Anna Beth Rynders  
Worship Associate: Caroline Gander

#### *Righteous Anger--An Oxymoron?*

I will talk about anger and what it achieves or doesn't, what I've learned about managing it, and trying to make Spirit-filled choices.

January 17            UU Principle #2: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations  
Worship Leader: Rev. "Twinkle" Marie Manning  
Worship Associate: Linda Woods

#### *Choosing Compassion*

Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence, but also internal violence of spirit.

January 24

UU Principle #4: A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning  
Worship Leader: Rev. Nancee Campbell  
Worship Associate: Karen Kusiak

*I was Thinking on These Things*

As we begin a new year under the unusual circumstances of today, a little self-reflection won't hurt. How do we navigate a new life with old habits?

January 31

UU Principle #6: The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.  
Worship Leader: Dennis Perkins  
Worship Associate: Sally Harwood

*Stewards of Patience*

Patience is a virtue. . . What does the menorah have to say to us about our UU Principles ?

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Clerk: Sarah Seder	Jon Rogers
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# January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 11:00 – 1:00 Via Zoom  Women's Group For more information, contact Rachel Marsh-Sachs	2
3 10:00 Online Service  First Sunday offering: Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area  <i>Spiritual Progress: Are We There Yet?</i> Jon Rogers  11:00 - 12:00 Virtual Coffee Hour	4	5 11:00 – 1:00 Discussion Group  For more information, contact Carolyn MacRae	6 11:00 – 1:00  Arts and Crafts Group For more information, contact Rachel Marsh-Sachs	7 9:30 – 11:00 Men's Coffee  For more information, contact Ray Winship	8 11:00 – 1:00 Via Zoom  Women's Group For more information, contact Rachel Marsh-Sachs	9
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