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Sunday Services

March 3 Sense and Sensibility? Rev. Eleanor Rice

With apologies to Jane Austen, our economic debates are filled with crazy nonsense and very little sensibility. Or is it the other way around? Filled with silly sensibility and very little good basic sense? Is a dream of a fair and sensible economy truly possible?

Rev. Eleanor Rice serves the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield VT. She previously served congregations in Menomonie WI, River Falls WI, and Fridley MN. She has studied contemplative prayer at Shalem Institute of Spiritual Formation and served as chair of the Chalice Lighter Committee of Northern New England District. Eleanor is a certified Master Gardener and sings in Animaterra, a women's chorus in Keene NH. She is the mother of three adult children, who have all surprised her with their interest in artistic careers.

The collection will benefit SEVCA.

March 10 Our Faith Today Nancy Bird Pellegrini

Meadville Lombard Seminary Professor Michael Hogue describes Unitarian Universalism today as having "morphed from intra-theological Christian meanings (anti-trinitarian and universal salvation) to inter-theological claims about nature of religion as drawing from many sources." What does our faith mean for us today?

Nancy Bird Pellegrini, M.Div. Wesley Seminary, is looking forward to another opportunity to be in the pulpit at FUSH. She is currently a chaplain intern at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and is planning her ordination at Cedar Lane UU Church in Bethesda, MD this spring.

The collection will benefit Camp Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

March 17 January First, A Misplaced Holiday Jill Lloyd

Exploring the roots and meaning of January first.

The collection will benefit Windsor County Partners.

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OFFERING RECIPIENTS MARCH

Our regular collections during Sunday morning worship are dedicated each week to an organization doing good work in our local communities or in society as a whole. Checks for the collection can be made out to "FUSH" and we will consolidate donations to pass on to the organization.

For those wishing to make a pledge payment or a donation specifically to support our congregation's budget you can:

- place your donation in the box on the welcoming table at the back of the sanctuary or
- use the small manila envelopes available on the same table or
- simply mark in the memo line of your check "for FUSH".

March 3—SEVCA

The mission of Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) is to enable people to cope with, and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; and reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. Among other activities, SEVCA is the primary source for fuel assistance and housing support in our region. They also provide family support, run Head Start programs, and operate thrift stores, including the one many of us have frequented at the Hartford Recycling Center. More information is available at www.sevca.org

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March 24 Bringing Things Along, Leaving Things Behind

Rev. Mary Giles Edes

Some thoughts on what it is we choose to carry with us on life's journey and how those choices shape our days upon the earth.

Rev. Mary Edes comes to us from the UU Fellowship of the Eastern Slopes in Tamworth, N.H. where she has served for ten years as their minister. A "birthright" Universalist, Mary grew up in Guilford and Dexter, Maine, where her grandmother was the organist, her mother, the "Sunday School Superintendent," and her dad filled whatever committee appointment fell his way. It was through music and theater that Mary found her way to parish ministry. While serving as Director of Music at South Church UU, in Portsmouth, NH, Mary began studying for the ministry. Before accepting the call to UUFES, she worked as a hospital chaplain, and continued her work as conductor and soloist with a group she co-founded in the early nineties, called the Funky Divas of Gospel. Rev. Mary makes her home in Silver Lake, NH with her husband and two standard poodles.

The collection will benefit Upper Valley Trails Alliance.

March 31 Easter Sunday

Come celebrate Easter, the joy of new life, and the miracle of resurrection.
The collection will benefit Willing Hands.

From Your Minister

Paul is presently on sabbatical until April 28.



re: RE

Our five week Winterim Program and Worship Service on February 10 were very enriching for the children and me. The fifteen member cast presented a fabulous service and received many compliments from the congregation. This is not a shy group and it is fun to have their talents shine up in front of the church.

We are settling back into our normal routine with special Guest Artists, Spirit Plays and Children's Chapels. We will be going offsite on the 10th to cheer on the athletes of the Vermont Special Olympics. This Faith in Action service ties in with our current reviewing of

the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism.

I am updating our volunteer files. In the past we have had volunteers sign the Code of Ethics which is written by the UUA's Safe Congregations. This is an agreement stating that volunteers will conduct themselves in appropriate and ethical manners when working with the children. I will be asking all RE teachers and assistants to sign these forms. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with our wonderful program!

*Sara
DRE*

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March RE Calendar

3	9:30 am 10:00	Children's choir practice and sing Spirit Play: "Seven Principles"
10	9:45 am	Daylight Savings! Faith in Action: Volunteering at the Vermont Special Olympics, Suicide 6 Ski Area
17	10:00 am	Guest Artist: Jaxon Morgan, drumming
24	10:00 am	Children's Chapel: Deciding and Acting
31	9:30 am 10:00	Children's choir practice Easter Story



Youth - Be the Change

Our congregation offers activities for youth in grades 7-12 (or the homeschool equivalent) through two youth groups—the Junior Youth Group, for those in grades 7 & 8, and the Senior Youth Group for high school students. Both groups are offered in conjunction with our friends and neighbors from the Hartland Congregational Church, and are led by the Revs. Lucia Jackson and Paul Sawyer, along with lay leaders David Morin and Nancy Cone.

Both groups offer fun, fellowship, games, and a youth-centered exploration and development of faith. We gather to support one another, to have a good time, and to think about some of the big questions of life in a safe environment. We have regular meetings with activities, time to check in, reflection, and games. We also offer special events throughout the year including service opportunities, fundraising brunches at both churches, trips to Dartmouth sporting events, game nights, and, for senior youth, our annual week-long mission trip to New Haven, CT in July.

For further information about our youth groups and youth events, please contact Paul or Lucia. To stay in touch with youth group happenings, make sure that Paul and Lucia have your e-mail address, keep an eye on the newsletters and weekly e-mail updates of both churches, or better yet, come to church and read the bulletin!

Youth Group Schedule Spring 2013

March 3	5:00–6:15 pm 6:30–8:30 pm	Junior Youth Group Meeting at the Congregational Church Final High School OWL Class
March 17	9:00 am–noon 5:00–6:15 pm 6:30–8:00 pm	Mission Trip Brunch at the UU Church Junior Youth Group Meeting at the UU Church Senior Youth Group Meeting at the UU Church
April 7	5:00–6:15 pm 6:30–8:00 pm	Junior Youth Group Meeting at the UU Church ***Mission Trip Sign-up Deadline*** Senior Youth Group Meeting at the UU Church ***Mission Trip Sign-up Deadline***
<i>***Senior youth group members and graduating 8th-graders can sign up for the mission trip by contacting Lucia Jackson and paying a registration fee of \$75***</i>		
April 21	5:00–6:15 pm 6:30–8:00 pm	Junior Youth Group Meeting at the UU Church Senior Youth Group Meeting at the UU Church
May 5	5:00–6:15 pm 6:15–6:45 pm 6:45–8:00 pm	Last (of the school year) Junior Youth Group Meeting at the UU Church Mission Trip Logistics Meeting at the UU Church Last (of the school year) Senior Youth Group Meeting at the UU Church

Save the Dates: This year's trip will take place July 28–August 3 and we will lead worship for both churches in a joint service on August 4.

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March 10—Camp Dartmouth-Hitchcock

Camp Dartmouth-Hitchcock is a week-long camp for children with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis and other Rheumatological Conditions. The camp takes place at the Hulbert Outdoor Center in Fairlee, VT and Paul and Katy Sawyer were leaders of the camp for more than 20 years. Camp D-H is an opportunity for children ages 8-18 who face serious pain and significant medical intervention in their lives to experience a fun, empowering, enriching camp environment. Contact Paul or Katy for more information, or visit the camp's website at: http://chad.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/rheumatology/rheumatology_camp_dh.html

March 17—Windsor County Partners

Since 1974, Windsor County Partners has been connecting young people in need of support with one-on-one mentors and programs that help them embrace positive life choices and learning and build healthy, trusting relationships. In addition to financial contributions, WCP is always in need of adults willing to volunteer as mentors in our region. For more information, contact Bineke Oort, who serves as a mentor for WCP. More information is available at www.windsorcountypartners.org

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The Board's Broadcast

This month the Governing Board had a relatively light agenda.

The role of the church treasurer, and the need for an assistant treasurer, was a major discussion. Doug Hart and Dan Poor agreed to work on the requirements for an assistant treasurer. Aside from the need to lighten Doug's workload, an assistant treasurer would fill in for Doug if he was unable for any reason to do the work. This would include working with Doug to understand the structure of the accounts and the implementation in Quicken.

Also discussed was the need to perform an internal audit on a yearly basis. Doug will make a request of the church membership for an interested and qualified member to perform the audit and become an assistant treasurer.

Doug has changed the vendor for our direct-debit process, which will save us some charges for this process. Members are encouraged to use direct-debit for pledge payments.

The only upcoming event for discussion was the chocolate auction. This seemed to be going well, so no action of the Board was required.

John Osborne contacted Joe Sullivan of the UUA Northern New England district, and got advice and a guideline document for reviewing the by-laws. This document will be parsed among the Board members to compare to our current bylaws and make suggestions for changes. This work will be completed over the next three months, in time for the next membership meeting.

The next Board meeting will be March 4 at 7:00 pm in the parsonage. Members are welcome to attend, as always.

Treasurer's Note

We should be auditing the church books annually but have not done so for sometime. To hold down the expense of an outside auditor I'm looking for someone within the church who is able to do the audit.

If you are this person please give me a call.

Doug Hart



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March 24—Upper Valley Trails Alliance

The Upper Valley Trails Alliance supports active lifestyles and a strong sense of place through the development and maintenance of hiking, skiing, biking, and other recreational trails all across the Upper Valley. UVTA also maintains an on-line database of trails in our region and works to ensure that information about trails is kept up-to-date. UVTA also works with schools and other organizations to encourage healthy activity and further trail development for children and adults in our area. More information is available at: www.uvtrails.org

March 31—Willing Hands

Willing Hands was founded in 2005 by employees of the Hanover Food Co-op. Their mission is to keep food from going to waste by distributing fresh produce and other perishable items from 25 grocery stores, restaurants, and other providers to more than 50 social service agencies in our region, including our own Hartland Food Shelf, which takes place in our church every Friday morning. 95% of the food Willing Hands donates is fresh fruit and vegetables and all the food they distribute is given free of charge. For more information contact David Day, or www.willinghands.org.

Calling All Circles

Membership, Growth Circle

Coffee Hour

Thank you to all those of you who have hosted the Coffee Hour in February: Jandra Oliver, Nancy Walker, Sara and Dave Morin, and the Ross family. They all worked hard to make sure we could have good conversation, hot coffee, and tasty treats after the services. Those who offered to host in March are: Jill and Todd Lloyd (March 3); Chris Husmann and Colleen Spence (March 10); The Youth Group (Brunch on March 17); and Clyde Jenne and Bruce Locke (Sugar on Snow on March 24). We still need someone for Coffee Hour on March 31. We appreciate all of your generous hospitality!

Valentine Day Chocolate Auction

A huge “thank you” to Nancy Walker who worked hard to organize a special event for Coffee Hour with the chocolate fondue and then an auction to raise money for the Church. She organized an event that was fun for all and raised a good amount of money. She had the energetic help of Joan Fariel, Sara Morin, Nada Pierce, Dianne Rochford, and Cynthia Thompson. Clyde Jenne and Glenn Walker did a great job of auctioneering.

All Fellowship Party

We have put off our FUSH party until warmer weather. The dates we chose conflicted with other community and church events. The Circle Dinners begun by Nancy Walker have been such a success for the Winter months that a party may be more in demand later on in the year. Some have suggested that the party could celebrate our work on the steeple. Stay posted!

Next meeting of Membership, Growth Circle is Friday, March 8 at Hartland Library at 4:00 pm.



Turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9.

Third Annual Soup Bowl Supper

Hartland Food Shelf Benefit

Join the fun of ceramic bowl painting, taught by Bruce Locke. You are welcome to come to one, two or all three painting events.

- March 3 Bowl painting at FUSH, 1:00-3:00 pm.
- March 17 Bowl painting at FUSH, 1:00-3:00 pm.
- March 23 Bowl painting at Bruce Locke's studio, 9:00 am-noon. (27 Dodge Lane, Hartland)
- April 6 Soup, Bread and Bowl Supper at FUSH 4:30-6:30 pm by donation. (Home-made soups, breads and salads are appreciated.)

Cost to paint:

- Soup bowl - \$10 per Adult
 - Soup bowl - \$5 per Child
 - Serving bowl - \$25 each
- (Cost includes bowl, paint supplies and Bruce's expertise)

You may keep your bowl once painted and fired or donate it to be sold at the supper.

Proceeds benefit
The Hartland Food Shelf.



Adult Choir - Rehearsal at 9:00 am on Sunday, March 24 and Sunday March 31 to sing in that day's Easter Sunday service.

Children's Choir - Rehearsal at 9:30 am on Sunday, March 3 to sing at that service. Also, rehearsal on Sunday, March 24 & 31 at 9:30 am to sing at the 31st service.

Chocolate Auction - I want to thank everyone who participated in the Chocolate Auction, from those who made the delicious chocolate desserts to those who bid on the items and those who volunteered their time to make it run smoothly. We took in \$385 which did not equal last year's take, but we did have a Nor'easter the day before from which people were still digging out.

Nancy Walker

You have embarked on a journey that will take you places you might not otherwise choose to go: hospitals, labs, waiting rooms... And an inner journey that will address your beliefs, your hopes, your dreams, your love of your family. The rest of us --- your family and friends--- will be as supportive as we can, with some cheering (both noisy and silent) from the sidelines, but we cannot go there entirely.

I think of the elephants in Africa: when one elephant is sick or injured, the others gather round and gently stroke her with their trunks. That's what your friends will be doing with our imaginary trunks!

Judy Howland

Circle Dinners

- Do you wish there was more time at the coffee hours to get to know your fellow congregants?
 - Are you willing to drive to someone's home for an enjoyable get together?
 - Do you like to eat while having good conversation?

Circle Dinners are hosted by church members who are willing to open up their homes for a social gathering. There is no agenda except to enjoy each others' company and eat delicious food. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs in the church Fellowship Hall or call the host of the dinner. On the sign up sheet there is space for your name, phone # and the dish you will be providing.

Here are the two planned for March:

1. Saturday, March 16

Hosted by Robert and Mariet Jaarsma at 5:30 pm in their home, 362 Dingleton Hill Road, Cornish, NH.

Accommodates 8 people.

Contact info: rmjaars@gmail.com,

603-675-6622

2. Sunday, March 17

Hosted by Connie Tessier at 5:30 pm in her home, 18 Mace Hill Road, Hartland 4 Corners, VT.

Accommodates 9 people.

Contact info: 802-436-2323

Hartford Dismas House Kick-off Event - Sunday, March 3, from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Wilder Center, 1673 Maple Street, Hartford Village. (Snow date March 10) Come learn about and celebrate new beginnings for Hartford Dismas House. Daniel G. Hershenson, Esq. will be honored with the Jack Hickey, O.P. Award. Music by Dick McCormack and refreshments provided. (Dismas House representatives came to FUSH's January 15, 2012 worship service explaining what it does to help those in transition who are ready to go from prison to community.)

Northern New England District Spring Conference (NNED) - Friday night and Saturday, April 12-13, in Portsmouth, NH. Under the conference theme of Hunger for our Faith participants will seek inspiration and guidance from those who are literally feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, as well as, those who are developing and committing to new ways of living the Unitarian Universalist faith in congregations and beyond to address the world's many hungers.

Keynote Speakers: Rev. John Gibbons and Rev. Megan Lynes, First Parish in Bedford, MA
For more information visit: <http://nned.uua.org/>.

Wine Country Excursions - The UU's of Napa, California proudly announce the eighth season of their wine country excursion. Offered are several options for an inside look at one of America's most beautiful areas, internationally known for fine wines, gourmet dining and spectacular vistas. You can choose a 2-day "Wine Country Excursion," (a guided, personalized tour conducted by one of their members) or lodging and self-guided touring. The program runs from April through October. For details contact: Iris Barrie at 707-363-7552 or barrie001@comcast.net



Calendar - March 2013

3	Sun.	9:30 am 10 1-3 pm 5-6:15 6:30-8:30	Children's Choir rehearsal & sing Worship Service & RE Soup bowl painting at FUSH Jr. Youth Grp, UCC OWL
4	Mon.	7 pm	Governing Board meeting
8	Fri.	8-10 am 4 pm	Food Shelf Membership Circle meeting at library
10	Sun.	9:45 am 10	Daylight Savings RE to help at Special Olympics Worship Service
15	Fri.	8-10 am	Food Shelf
16	Sat.	5:30 pm	Circle Dinner at Jaarsma's
17	Sun.	10 am 9-noon 1-3 pm 5-6:15 pm 5:30 6:30-8	Worship Service & RE Youth Fundraiser Brunch, FUSH Soup bowl painting at FUSH Jr. Youth Grp, FUSH Circle Dinner at Connie Tessier's Sr. Youth Grp, FUSH
18	Mon.	noon	Newsletter deadline
22	Fri.	8-10 am	Food Shelf
23	Sat.	9 am-noon	Soup bowl painting at Bruce Locke's
24	Sun.	9 am 9:30 am 10	Adult Choir rehearsal Children's Choir rehearsal Worship Service & RE
29	Fri.	8-10 am	Food Shelf
31	Sun.	9 am 9:30 10	Adult Choir rehearsal & sing Children's Choir rehearsal & sing Easter Worship Service & RE



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