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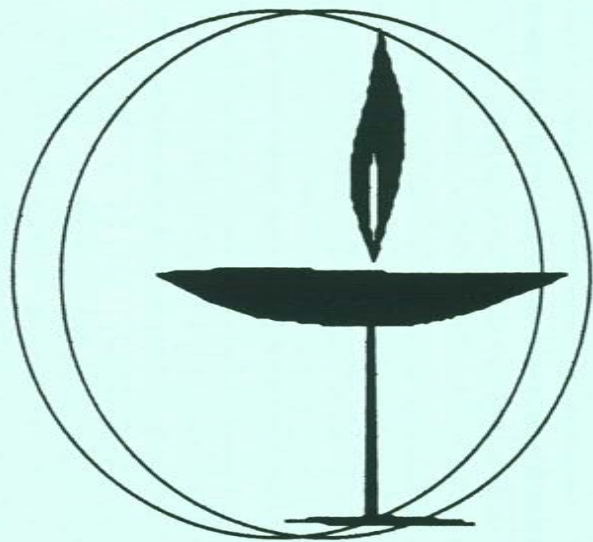
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# **NEW CHIMES**

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# NEW CHIMES

## Park St. and Union St. Services in June

**June 4 I Took My Spirit to the Sea (11am at Hersey)** Sue Jamieson will preach.

**June 11 From Head to Heart (10am Park St.)** To even the most casual observer, the ways of worship and celebration among Unitarian Universalists here, and throughout the continent have been changing. I shall use the opportunity of this Sunday together, to share observations on the challenge, both personal and community, in this evolution.

**June 11 The Work of Robert Fulghum (11am Union St.)** Sue will preach.

**June 18 The Vision Thing (10am Park St.)** With pain and agony, most commentators on the current social scene, speak of the lack of a vision or dream among people. Let "them" work and "we pay less taxes" seems height of current chatter. I won't settle for that..."how 'bout you?"

**June 18 Father's Day Service (11am Union St.)**

**June 25 Movin' On...(10am Park St.)** Time to gather up ye old walking stick, share greetings, and move along in my "interim" way of ministry. I shall offer a few thoughts on what I hope to take with me --what to leave behind.

**June 25 Summer Solstice Celebration (11am Union St.)** Sue will preach.

**New Chimes Editor:** Terri Badger (947-7009 church or 866-4829 home)

## CHIPS

Several years ago, a namesake, another twig on the Woodman tree, wrote to say that he was organizing the family history. Would I supply him with the names, dates and appropriate relationship of the Woodman family I knew? I had access to a number of records, so I was able to be of modest help. Earlier this spring he wrote saying that the "History" was going to press - would I like a copy. Thus, for that past week or so, I have been reading among the 800+ pages of "Woodman" doings since 1550 — 1635 in America. He'll not get rich on this volume that looks something like a phone book, but family members do all bless him for this massive effort to provide "connections." 13 generations of one family do tend to scatter. He's mingled with the birth, place and death dates, many snippets of individual biography. There are letters home from the battlefields of the many wars of American history. The tribe includes teachers and preachers, doctors, lawyers, cordwainers, millwrights, shoe makers, many farmers, wood-cutters, politicians and a few thieves. I'm not sure the meaning, but the biography of many in the 18 and 19th century were remarked to be "honest."

The tour down the trunk of the family tree was invitation, not so much to pride, but humble responsibility. Through the recorded centuries these forebears have grappled with existence for survival and meaning. They struggled with hopes for the living. They flung challenge to be worthy of their efforts.

One of them, Horace Woodman, a private in Union Camp outside Petersburg, VA in the fall of 1864 wrote home to his brother Eben reproving him for suggesting that at the next battle he might find a way to duck —not fight. (this after "9 battles and 5 skirmishes" that reduced his Company from 98 to 12). "I had rather go into Battle and get killed than to have it said that I played off and never Went in With the rest of the boys for the Ret." The memoir continued with news that 4 battles later

he did return home. He left his brother then, and all of us now, with an appropriate reminder to responsibilities to present dreams and hopes—"let not be said that we played off..."

Cheers

RMW

**From Sue:**

You'll be glad to know that you were well represented at the Legislative Judiciary hearing May 2 in Augusta. The Judiciary Committee heard testimony pro and con regarding the Concerned Maine Families referendum due for vote this November. Diane Campbell, Jeff Crandell, Mike Czarniecki, Pat Hofmaster, Sara Keegan, Sue McKay, Sue Owen, Janeen Teal, Norman Vincent, Phil Walton, and myself were out in force that day. Also UU Ministers Alec Craig, Don Hinckley, Johnanna Nichols, Glenn Turner, and Mark Worth were there to support Maine Won't Discriminate. If you were there, but I didn't see you, my thanks to you also. We outnumbered Concerned Maine Families 3-1. Our presence makes a difference!

The Judiciary Committee voted unanimously this week that the referendum "ought not to pass." HOORAH!

*Sue*

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Until The Secretary of State approves the consolidation of our churches, the Post Office Bulk Mail Permit needs to read the same as initially applied for. Please know that this is indeed our combined newsletter.

**NEWS FROM PARK STREET**

**NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

First Universalist Council meets with Glenn Turner on June 6 at 6pm

Joint Council meets on June 13 at 6pm (Park St)

**Please note:** Due to publication deadline, the approved minutes for the council meeting that occurred in April will not appear in this month's New Chimes. They will be posted on the Dorothy Memorial Bulletin Board.

**Also, the council has voted to accept Union St.'s invitation for us to join them for worship this summer, beginning July 2 through Sept. 3, at 7:45 am. There will be one exception on July 9, when the service will be at 11am (the Gay Rights Service.)**

**Music Committee News:**The choir prepared a special Music Sunday on May 21. Kay selected music (the majority from our hymnal) from around the world. A variety of diverse instruments were used to improvise upon and a quartet of musicians (Norm Vincent on clarinet, Gina Graveline on oboe, Lurene Ekwurtzel on cello and Kay on flute) accompanied two of the anthems. Colleen Voigt played piano and several of the older children sang with us. It was a wonderful day.

We will be singing on two more Sundays and then taking a break for the summer. On June 4 we will be singing with the Belfast choir at the Hersey Sunday service.

On July 15 the worship and music committees will be attending an all day retreat at Hersey to plan the coming year. All are welcome to come and contribute ideas and get involved. It starts at 9:00 AM, ends at 4:00PM. Bring a bag lunch.

If you would like to join the Music Committee please let Janeen (866-4919) know or anyone else on the committee (Deb Chapman, Colleen Voigt, Karl Hill, Norm Vincent). We especially invite people from our Union Street church to become involved. Have a great summer!

*Janeen Teal*

**Adult Programming News:** The Adult Programming Committee is sponsoring two events during the summer months. Below is a description of each program.

The committee will be putting out the Fall/Winter events for 1995/1996 in the September New Chimes as well as in the Adult Programming Brochure. If there is a program that you would like to have sponsored or would like to see offered, please contact The Adult Programming Committee.

### **WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP**

This workshop is to be facilitated by Mary Phillips. The workshop is open to women who are interested in personal writing. The first meeting is being held on June 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlors. The course is for 6 weeks and there is not a cost involved.

Please register through Terri Badger at The First Universalist Church. The course will facilitate 10 women. For more information, please contact Rose Casement at 989-6473.

### **ABORTIONS: YOUR STORY**

Women who have had abortions can join together to witness each other's story on Friday, June 9 at 6:30 in the Parlors. The group will be facilitated by Heidi Crosier. Privacy is respected and no reservation is needed. For more information contact Heidi Crosier at 990-3915.

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT INFORMATION FOR MAY**

The Women's Retreat is now open for women outside our church community. If you know of a woman who is interested in taking a weekend retreat to explore herself more fully, please have her contact Colleen Voight at 223-5025.

There are scholarships available for those who cannot cover the \$85.00 registration fee. If you have questions about the Retreat, please feel free to contact Amy Peterson-Roper at 945-3464 until June 15 and then 733-2928 during the summer months.

**Joint Finance and Budget Committee News:** The first meeting of this newly formed committee will take place at Susan Goodwin's home on June 12 at 7pm. Her address is 31 Harlow St., Brewer and for directions, contact Susan (989-7882.)

**Hersey News:** Have you signed up yet for the Bangor UU Spring Weekend Retreat, June 2-4? There will be plenty of relaxing fun, including table games Saturday night. Religious Jeopardy will be featured, with Game Host Sue Jamieson!

There will be a Hersey Board Meeting on Saturday, June 3.

Sue Jamieson will lead the service on Sunday. Her sermon, "Returning to the Sea," will also be the theme for the special musical events. Kay Gardner will conduct the choirs from the Park St. Church and the Belfast Church; Norm Vincent and Kay Gardner will be the soloists, singing songs of the sea.

If you're coming just for Sunday, don't forget to bring your own picnic!

On another subject, the Senior Camp at Hersey is full; However, the Junior and Middler Camps still have space for additional participants.

There is an opening for a Youth Camp Director. Please contact David Greeley (567-3420) for more information.

**AUW Annual Guild Banquet at Hersey:** The AUW Guild cordially invites everyone to come, and bring a guest, to the banquet Wed, June 14 at 6pm. Dr. John Kaiser of Dahl-Chase Pathologists will present an informative and hopeful program entitled "What Is Cancer?" Please phone in your reservations by June 9 to Janice Deering (942-6482), Jane McGlaufflin (947-6064), or to the church office (947-7009). There is a reasonable charge for dinner.



**Our deepest appreciation:** to each and every one of you who contributed your time, energy, food, and talents to the Northeast District Annual Meeting, which was held at the Park St. Church on May 12, 13! We thank those of you from the Union St. Church who helped to make this a spectacular event. Thanks to Sue Jamieson, Lois Leckey, Sarah Colby, delegates Connie Huntley and Patrick Skidgel, Don Parsons (and his helpers), and the Deglo Group led by Phil Walton.

In addition, we send our heartfelt thanks to each of the Park St. contributors, including Dick and Pauline Woodman, Kay Gardner and choir, delegates Rhonda Millett, Sue McKay, Amy Peterson-Roper, Janet Cloutier, Ross Wheaton, and Gwendolyn Shepard. Thanks also to Gwen for providing the beautiful flowers! A special thank you to Sandy Houtman for shopping, cooking, sharing her wonderful pottery and flowering plants, and, in general, giving so much of herself to this event! Thank you to the rest of the "Organizing and Helping Team" including Janeen Teal, Susan Goodwin, Rhonda Millet (for her many hours of phoning, planning, and organizing!), Nancy Hunter, Peggy Genest (who also lovingly cared for the children of the delegates all day Saturday!), Joyce Hurtado, Terri Badger, Ross Wheaton, Dave Mussulman, Sue Wishkoski, Kristy Grondon, Sue McKay, and Norm Vincent! Many thanks to each one of the 12 Spaghetti Sauce and Homemade Soup cooks, those who contributed many loaves of bread, and the Guild members who baked the delicious desserts. A special thank you to the Home Hospitality Hosts: Dave and Lydia Mussulman, Terri Badger, Ross Wheaton and Rhonda Millett, Sue McKay and Patti Woolley, and Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer. And speaking of thanks, we have received praise from Alec Craig, Chair of the Adult Programming Committee of NED expressing their gratitude for our hospitality. Thanks to all of you, including anyone else we may have missed in our naming. It was a glorious event!

## **Getting Acquainted With Our Church Family:**

**Winfred Condon**, emeritus member of Park St. Church and honorary member of AUW Guild, lives at Westgate Manner. Winfred worked for the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad, has a reputation for committing many acts of kindness, and loves to travel and take photographs. She readily confesses to a fondness for chocolate ice cream and for the blueberries at Hersey Retreat!

**Margaret Beckman and Christy Stout** have been members at Park St. for six years, making their home in Hermon. Margaret hails from PA, has a Human Resource Management career, and decided UU-ism was the "way to go" when she could not find her denomination in this area. She pursues her considerable interest in drumming and shamanism. Christy was born in Albany, NY and is a Physical Therapist. After lengthy conversations "solving" world problems with a friend of hers, Christy was declared a "UU" by this friend! This is what led her to our church. Not only is she a swimmer, she has completed the Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race 5 times (3 times with Margaret) without a single spill!

**Sue Jamieson and Diane Campbell** are members of the Union St. Church where Sue has been pastor for three years. They make their home in Oakland where Diane has been a family practice physician for eight years. Sue is a native of CT and Diane of VT. Sue has three grown children and loves scuba diving (especially in Hawaii)! Diane is a cyclist (bicycle) and creates in stained glass. They share their home with four cats and sometimes kid each other about being "a good pastor's/doctor's wife."

**Connie Huntley**, a Mainer from Garland, has been a member of Union St. Church for 13 years, after church "shopping" for a long time. Connie has two children, has worked for Spruce Run Shelter, and is currently a student at Bangor Theological Seminary. Her favorite activity is being a grandma to her two grandchildren.

**Patrick Skidgel**, also a Mainer, was born in Augusta, has been a member of the Union St. Church for 10 years. Due

to head trauma, he lives in a special boarding home to "research" memory and mobility skills. He is keen on computers and electronics, and enthusiastically plays role playing games with his friends. Patrick wears an ankh and a circle serpent pendant (symbols of life and healing), and is healing himself with his humor.

*Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer*

### **News From the Past:**

The following excerpts are from letters written by Theodore Webb. A retired UU minister/historian, now living in Sacramento, CA, Webb was raised in the First Universalist Church of Bangor:

"My father saw and reported the Great Fire (1911) which burned much of downtown Bangor, including the original Universalist building."

The following recollection reminds us all of the history of our churches. What times we've had...and aren't we glad times have changed!

"When the youth of the Unitarian Church in Bangor invited Norman Thomas to speak, and when church fathers learned of the invitation and dis-invited Thomas, the Universalist Church opened its doors to him." (Note: Norman Thomas was a Socialist who ran for President in the 30's and 40's; he was the major voice of liberalism of that period.)

"The Bangor Universalist Church was a church with political power and influence and many of its members were solid citizens of the city."

*Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer*

**Guild and Alliance News:** Quite a few members of the Guild went to Velma Oliver's home on May 8 for a meeting with members of the Alliance. When all were seated around the dining room table, Velma asked each lady to tell her name and something about herself. Each had a different and interesting story. Everyone apparently enjoyed herself as there was much lively conversation

while the delicious food that had been brought was consumed. Those who attended were: Doris Andrews, Janice Deering, Arline Harlow, Dorothy Hawkes, Susan Jamieson, Beatrice Kelley, Jane McGlaufflin, Sarah Noyes, Velma Oliver, Mary Jane Sheldon, Gwendolyn Shepard, Roberta Smith, and Teddy Weston.

Roberta Smith

### **Time To Plant Your Garden**

#### **Five Rows of Squash**

Squash Indifference

Squash criticism

Squash gossip

Squash faultfinding

Squash impatience

#### **Four Rows of Lettuce**

Let us love one another

Let us be faithful to the duties we have accepted

Let us welcome learning opportunities

Let us venerate life

#### **Three Rows of Turnips**

Turn up for a discussion

Turn up with a smile and a warm handshake

Turn up with a willingness to give of yourself and  
your means

(From Westbrook newsletter)

**RE NEWS** The Religious Education Committee discussed the possibility of holding classes one hour before the church service this fall, after the joint council voted to support such a change. It is hoped that more adults would be willing to participate in the RE program for children if it didn't require giving up Sunday services. It would also be possible to offer adult education programs on Sunday mornings. Programming of a less structured nature would be offered during the service for children through Grade 4. Older children would attend the entire service.

While there are good and bad points to consider, the Committee would like to try the change for a trial year with the provision that the Congregation's input be requested. Would you support a Religious Education program before Sunday service? Contact a Committee member: Rob Roper (990-5892), Scott Howell (866-4784), Lydia Mussulman (942-7127), Peggy Genest (947-0311) Wendy Erickson (942-7544), Phyllis Havens (862-2349) or Pam Gross (945-0946) and let the Committee know your opinion on the proposed schedule change.

I will be working on curriculum recommendations for next year and teacher recruitment before I will be "on vacation". If you have concerns about next year's program, I urge you to contact me ASAP. Helen Zidowecki, the RE consultant for our district, will be meeting with the RE Committee to assist in organizing the committee for the future. Check the bulletin for the exact date and time if you'd like to attend.

Finally...Yes, I do plan to continue as RE Director next year. I think it will be an exciting year for all of us and hope the education programming will enrich everyone's lives. Call me if you'd like to be part of the Religious Education program in any way. Have a GREAT summer!

*Pamela Gross, RE Director*

**Note: To the person who talked to me after church one Sunday about setting up a loom for the kids: please call me!**

**For all those folks who say they'd like to help with RE but "can't teach"...a quote from one of my favorite people -**

*"There's an old Quaker saying that 'Attitudes are more caught than taught.' In graduate school, I heard about a gifted sculptor who was the parent of a kindergartner. The father came to the class once a week. He didn't teach the children how to fashion the clay; he just loved it and showed how he could express his feelings with it. Little by little the children began to love their clay— what it felt like to work with and what they found they could make with it—all because they caught the enthusiasm of someone who loved what he did. Anyone who has passion for what he or she does has a lot to offer children." —Fred Rogers*

**Share your enthusiasm—volunteer to help with the Religious Education Program next year!  
Contact Pam Gross at 945-0946.**

**Child Dedication in August:** There will be a special service of child dedication for Monica Wilbur Erickson at the Park St. Church on Sunday, August 13 at 9pm. Andrea Blunt will be conducting this service. All are welcome!

**Whatever Moves You!** is the exciting movement and music experience that is happening at the Park St. Church on the second and the fourth Tuesdays of each month. You are all invited to come with your dancing feet and light hearts to the Vestry on **June 13 and 27 from 6-7:30pm**. Feel the rhyrhm of Norm Vincent's wonderful drumming and move! (\$2 per class).

# NEW ENGLAND UU GATHERING

NOVEMBER 10 - 12, 1995, IN WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

*Friday evening through Sunday noon*

Opening Worship with Clara Barton, portrayed by Sally Oxman  
Keynote Speaker Torn Andrews, UU and former US Congress member from Maine  
"Singing, Shouting, Celebrating" New England hymns, with the Revs. David Johnson & Gene Navias  
Workshops offered in 2 sessions, with 12 workshops in each  
Exhibits by UU organizations and congregations  
Saturday Banquet with entertainment by folk group Schooner Fare and Pete Seeger  
Sunday Worship at First Unitarian Church, Rev. Barbara Merritt, Senior Minister

*Cost: (meals not included): \$38 for Religious Professionals registered for Friday programming  
\$42 for those attending only the Gathering*

*Children's Programs will be offered Saturday. Events at other times are designed for UUs of all ages.*

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To receive complete program and registration information for the Religious Professionals' programming and the New England Gathering, please send this coupon to *UUA GA Office, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ UU District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Become a Foster Parent!** Children need the warmth and stability of a caring family to love, learn, and grow. Nearly 2200 Maine children must live apart from their parents-usually due to abuse or neglect. At present, Maine has only 900 licensed foster homes. Open your heart and your home to a child. You can help provide the constancy and compassion that many children have never known. For more information, call the Maine Foster Parent Association at 1-800-734-3909 or 848-7537.

**Free Diabetes and Blood Pressure Screening:** In honor of National Hospital Week, May 8-13, St. Joseph Hospital will be offering free Diabetes and Blood Pressure Screenings to the greater Bangor community on Mon, May 8 from 9am-noon in the Willette Conference Center, Center Street Entrance. For more information, call 941-1796.

**An Additional THANK YOU to:** Bob Foss, Bob Kelly, and Natalie Gregory for beautifying the front of our church on Park St. in time for the NED Annual Meeting! The flower beds, shrub beds, and yard looked splendid.



**Cycles of Life:** A fond farewell to Jean Labutis who is moving back home to Connecticut to be near family. Your warmth and humor, Jean, will be greatly missed. Blessings to you!

Welcome back (from Pennsylvania) to Linda, Glen, Benjamin, and Karl Koehler! Its wonderful to have you with us again for the summer!

**Happy June Anniversary to:** Toby and Tillie Atkins, Jackie and Ken Hayes, Wilma and Merrill Bradford (50th), Mildred and Everett Whitney (50+), Susan and Dave Edson, Dorothy and Harold Crane (50th), Janice and Bill Deering (49th).

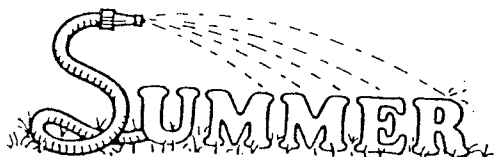
**Happy 80th birthday to William Shepard!**

**June Graduations:** Congratulations to Milissa White, Chad Sage, Bethany Atkins, Hugh Greeley. Best wishes to all other June '95 graduates we are unaware of.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes** to Audrey Cook and Cole Sargent on their marriage on May 6. Their new address is: PO Box 223, Hancock, ME 04640.

*Gwendolyn Shepard*

**Happy June Birthday to:** Dan Clarke, Emily Farrell-Guthoff, Mike Morcom, Laura Morcom, Chris Burroughs-Heineman, Jane Ouillette, Susan Wishkoski, Laura Amar-Dolan, David LaBrecque, John Trafford, Alec Sargent, Mildred Whitney, Elizabeth Colburn, Karen Lifgren, Lorna Richardson, David Mussulman, Lauren Nichols, Sarah Hanselman, Jackie Hayes, Alex Bradstreet, Harold Crane, Karl Hill, Pat Hofmaster, Elizabeth Busch, Krista Grondon, Paul Riechmann, Ken Hayes, Mike Michaud, Robin Pare, Milissa White, Bruce Brown, Bill Shepard, Gwendolyn Shepard, Andrew Loring, and Erin McLean!



NEWS & NOTES...from  
Union Street

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Unitarian Universalist Societies Hersey Retreat  
Weekend, Friday, June 2 to 4. Begins 6 p.m. with  
dinner. There will be 4 meals. Sunday Service at  
11 a.m. Sue will preach. "I took my Spirit to  
the Sea." BYO picnic on Sunday. Cost: Adults/\$5;  
Kids/\$4. Reservations call 947-7009 (Park St.).

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Bangor Community Chorus  
126 Union Street  
Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 Seniors & Students; \$4

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Information on Gay Pride Weekend, July 8 & 9 will  
be forthcoming.

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Martin Niemoeller wrote "In Germany they came  
first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up  
because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for  
the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a  
Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and  
I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade  
unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I  
didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then  
they came for me, and by that time no one was left  
to speak up."

The Referendum question reads: Do you favor  
the changes in Maine law limiting protected  
classifications, in future state and local laws,  
to race, color, sex, physical or mental  
disability, religion, age, ancestry, national  
origin, familial status, and marital status, and  
repealing existing laws which expand these  
classifications as proposed by citizen petition?"

We need to ... become informed about the  
Referendum ... talk ... discuss... call our state  
representatives ... Remember, if we don't speak up  
no one will be left to speak up. (Anne)

Congratulations to Sarah Colby who was conferred with a Masters of Divinity degree by Bangor Theological Seminary, May 19, 1995.

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**, Thursday, June 15th. Please bring articles, council minutes, etc. to the church office by this date so I can prepare them for publication. Thank you.

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Associated Press

Lawrence Lockman of the Maine Concerned Families testified in favor of a citizen initiative to block further gay rights laws during a hearing at the Augusta Civic Center Tuesday.

*(Kennebec Journal, 5/3/95)*

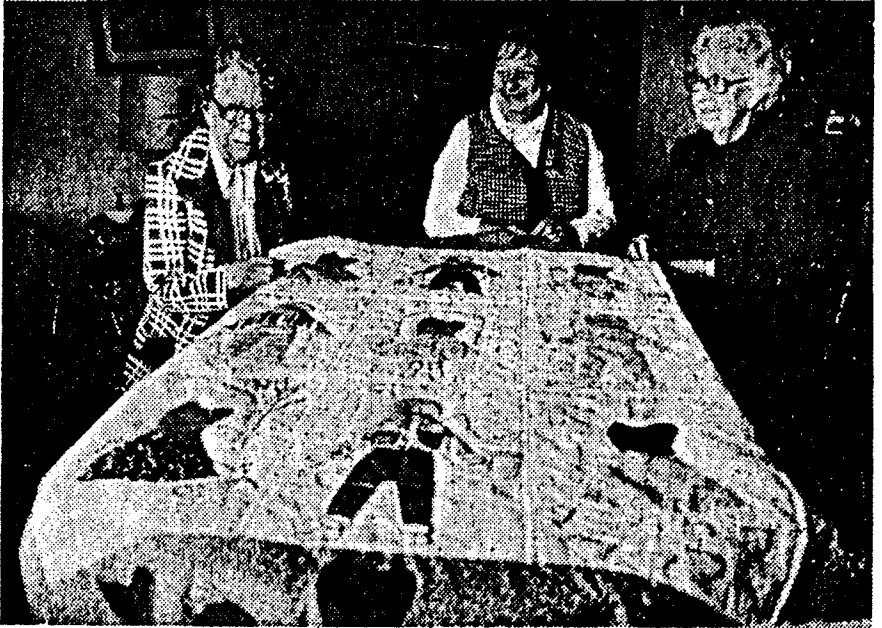
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Calendar Trivia for June...5, World Environment Day; 6, 1916- Founding of National Women's Party; 9, 1974- International Conference of Native American Indians; 14, 1777, Congress adopts Flag Day; 18, 1873- Susan B. Anthony fined for voting; 20, 1842- First Canadian Unitarian Society, Montreal; 26, 1834- J.Q. Adams "Women should have the vote."; 27, 1969- Gays fight the police for harassment; 29, 1949- Liberal Religious Educators.

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## **For the church fair**

These women have been spending their free afternoons working on the quilt, one of two traditional handsewn quilts being made for the annual spring fair at the Bangor

Unitarian Church to be held Saturday May 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Working on the quilt are, from the left, Velma Oliver, Shirley Atwood, and Arline Harlow. (NEWS Photo by Danny Maher)

*(Bangor Daily News, 5/4/79)*

# NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?



WHAT- GAY MENS DISCUSSION GROUP

A safe place to talk and listen

WHEN- 7:00 pm on the fourth saturday  
of the month

May 27 1995

June 24 1995

July 22 1995

WHERE- St. James Episcopal Church, Old Town  
corner of Center St. and Main St.  
From Bangor I-95 exit #51, turn  
right, go straight till fourth  
set of lights (downtown), it is  
the small brown church on the  
corner, turn right, park in  
municiple parking lot, enter on  
parking lot side of building.

WHO- Contact Person-JIM 827-2766  
weekday afternoons only please  
Confidentiality Assured

# June

The study of insects is called entomology.



## Take a look at an insect's body.

Did you know that there are more insect species than there are bird, fish, reptile, amphibian, and mammal species combined? Almost one million species have already been identified, and some scientists think there may be three times that number! We truly live in an insect's world!

Insects are small animals that have six jointed legs attached to a three-part body. Many have one or two pairs of wings. Spiders—with eight legs and two body parts—are not insects. Neither are a lot of other creeping, crawling invertebrates—animals without a backbone—often lumped together with insects.) Nor are all insects bugs. This distinction belongs to a certain group of insects.

Many insects can be annoying, but all play a part in the scheme of things, and many are very helpful.

## Strictly speaking

Now that you know that spiders aren't really insects, do you want to know what they really are? They are arachnids, members of a large group of animals that includes scorpions, mites, ticks, and even horseshoe crabs!

Some other tiny creatures mistaken for insects are the centipedes and millipedes. Neither have the number of legs that their names suggest (count them sometime). They are both

Mosquitoes can be a nuisance, as can those insects that pester other animals and destroy crops in fields and warehouses. But how would many of these plants reproduce without the help of pollinating insects? Some insects transmit diseases, but many others provide honey, wax, silk, and shellac—all important products. Do you like insects? Can you imagine what the world would be like without them?



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## Hunt for insect homes.

With so many insects around, you'll have no trouble finding where they live! Insects generally don't live very long (adult mayflies live for less than a day; common houseflies last about 20-30 days) but they do find shelter for themselves in a number of places.

Look for insects under rocks and fallen logs, within the bark of trees, and in water. Spiders stretch their webs in corners, both indoors and out. Ants make anthills; certain wasps, such as paper wasps, construct fabulous homes (see *November 8*). Fallen leaves are home to many creatures that come out only at night (see *June 75*). Many insects seek shelter under leaves still on trees and other plants. They also lay their eggs on these plants. Have you ever seen a cluster of tiny eggs on the undersides of leaves?

You may be familiar with galls—swellings on leaves, stems, and other parts of some plants. Various insects are gall makers, including gall wasps, aphids, and some flies. When these insects lay their eggs on the plant, the plant responds by forming tissue around the eggs or newly-hatched grubs. The mature insects eventually leave the galls by making tiny holes to exit by. Count the holes in a gall. How many insects lived inside of it (each makes its own exit hole)? Tie some fine netting around any whole galls you find. Check the galls daily. What kind of insects lived inside them?

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## Preserve a spider web.

Spider webs aren't really homes for spiders—they are actually traps for catching small insects that spiders eat. Not all spiders spin webs, and those that do spin a variety of webs. You are probably most familiar with orb-webs, those made by garden spiders. Look for them on fences, window frames, and spanning garden plants. Have you ever come across one glistening with dew on a summer's morning?

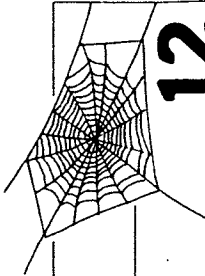
You can preserve webs by mounting them on black paper that has been sprayed with hairspray. Place the paper in a cardboard box before spraying it to protect the area around you from the spray. Work quickly because the hairspray needs to be slightly tacky. If you want the strands of the web to stand out, sprinkle them first with talcum powder. Spray the paper with a protective coating once you get home.

Many of the webs you come across will no longer have a spider in residence. A gentle tap on the strands will sometimes alert the web's owner, thinking an insect has been caught in the sticky strands. If the web is occupied, leave it alone and find another.



Q: Why did the fly fly?  
A: Because the spider spied her!

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# CLIPBOARD

Long and lazy summer days are just the time to try sketching outdoors. Make a clipboard to hold your paper and pencil.

## MATERIALS

9" x 12" piece of heavy cardboard (grocery boxes are perfect)

Vinyl adhesive-backed paper

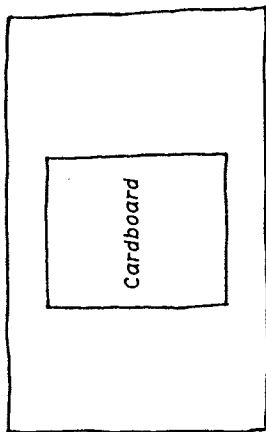
Four spring-type wooden clothespins

Yarn, about 30" long

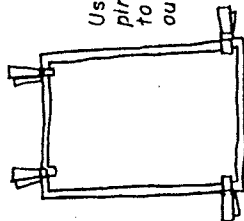
Scissors

Hole punch

Cut a piece of adhesive paper large enough to cover the cardboard with extra on all edges for overlapping. The paper should be at least 20" wide and 14" long. Peel off the paper backing and lay the paper on the table with the sticky side up.

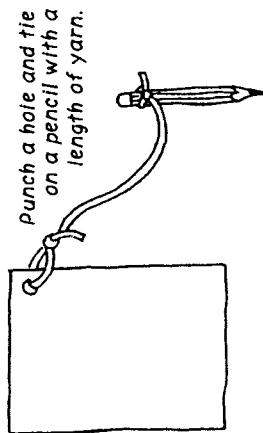


Lay cardboard in center of adhesive-backed paper (sticky side up).



Use spring type clothespins to secure the paper to the clipboard for outdoor sketching.

Place the cardboard in the center of the adhesive paper, fold the ends toward the center, overlap and smooth down the edges. Use the clothespins to hold down your drawing paper during outdoor sketching. If you want to use your clipboard for writing stories or letters, use a metal spring clip to hold the paper at the top of the clipboard. With the hole punch, punch a hole in the clipboard. Tie one end of the yarn piece through the hole. Tie the other end to your pencil.



Punch a hole and tie on a pencil with a length of yarn.

## June Calendar-Union St.

- 1 Bangor Community Chorus(Rehearsal all day)
- 2 Bangor Community Chorus Concert, 7:30pm  
(See News & Notes)  
Unitarian Universalist Societies Retreat today  
through June 4 (See News & Notes)
- 3 Erev Shavuot/Havdallah, 7:30pm
- 4 Service, 11am, Hersey Retreat  
"I Took My Spirit to the Sea" BYO Picnic lunch!
- 5 Worship Committee, 6pm, here
- 6 Council Meeting, 6:30, here
- 7 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rehearsal, 3-7pm
- 8 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rehearsal, 3-4pm
- 10 Bat Mitzvah, Jamie Kezis, 10am  
Downeast Gay and Lesbian Organization Pot Luck  
Supper/Meeting, 5:30pm
- 11 Service, 11am. Sue will preach. "The Work of  
Robert Fulghum" **Annual Meeting** immediately  
following the service.
- 13 Transition Council Meeting, 6-8pm, Park St.
- 15 **Newsletter Deadline**  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rehearsal, 9:30-noon; 3-4pm
- 17 Shabbat; Hani Freiman, 4:30pm  
Sue on vacation through June 24
- 18 Service, 11am "Father's Day Service"
- 21 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rehearsal, 3-5:30pm
- 22 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rehearsal, 7-9pm
- 23 Bat Mitzvah/Caterer set-up all day, 6am for June 24
- 24 Shabbat morning, 10am  
Bat Mitzvah, Julie Panco  
Public Supper, 4-5:30pm
- 25 Service, 11am. Sue will preach. Summer Solstice  
Celebration

### Ongoing Items

AA, Sundays, 4pm

Roberts Room reserved, Thurs 1-3pm



## June, 1995 Calandar-Park Street

- 2,3,4 Hersey Annual Retreat  
4 Central Maine UU Churches: Worship & Picnic at Hersey Retreat, 11am  
6 **Universalist Council Meeting** with Glenn Turner, 6pm  
7 Penobscot Breakfast Group, 7am  
Women's Writing Workshop, 7pm  
9 Abortion Healing Circle, 6:30pm  
10 Rise-Up All Day Workshop  
11 Men's Fellowship Meeting, 7pm  
12 Budget/Finance Meeting (Susan Goodwin's home), 7pm  
13 **Joint Council Meeting**, 6pm  
Whatever Moves You (dance), 6pm  
14 AUW Guild Banquet at Hersey Retreat, 6pm  
Membership/Fellowship Committee, 7pm  
16 Women's Spiritual Circle, 7pm  
19 **New Chimes Deadline**  
21 Penobscot Breakfast Group, 7am  
25 Last Sunday with RMW in pulpit  
Men's Fellowship Meeting, 7pm  
27 Soup Kitchen (Cook)  
Whatever Moves You (Dance), 6pm  
28 Soup Kitchen (Serve)

### Ongoing Items

- Choir Rehearsal, Thurs 5:30-7pm and Sun 9am  
Women With Wings Chorus, Thurs 7-9pm

# **NEW CHIMES**

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