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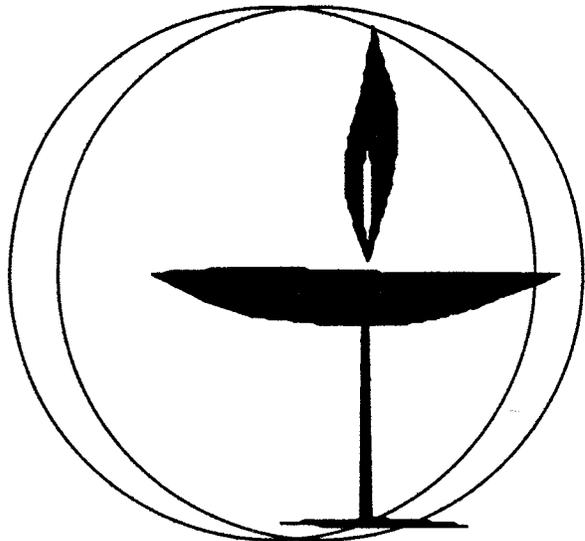
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NEW CHIMES

Park St. and Union St. Services for May

May 7 Focus on Ministry (10am Joint Service at Park Street) Four student members of our congregations are seminary students, looking forward to Ministry as profession. They: Connie Huntley, Sarah Colby, Lowell Patton and Andrea Blunt will conduct this service with the support and assistance of our ministers: Sue Jamieson and Dick Woodman.

May 14 The Larger Vision (10am Park Street) Northeast District Minister, the Rev. Glenn H. Turner will join in this service with Dick Woodman and bring the pulpit message.

May 14 Mother's Day Lay Service (11am Union Street) Sue will be at the Waterville UU, covering for Rev. Severn Towl's sabbatical.

May 21 CELEBRATE! Religious Education. (10am Park Street) Join in this celebration of learning together. Special music from around the world will be featured as we recognize the work of volunteers who helped create religious education programming this year.

May 21 Feminism in the Middle Ages (11am Union Street) Sue will preach.

May 28 The Vice and Virtue of Nostalgia (10am Park Street) Memorial Day weekend invites focus on the gifts of the past to our present condition. The message will focus on necessity and pain of appropriate memorial.

May 28 (11am Union Street) Rev. Joe Majeau returns!

CHIPS

In these days of testing, question, and the turmoil of life and change in this community we share, the opening lines of a poem by James Freeman tumbled out to advise me:

"We need small harbors in our soul
Where we can slip out of the sea
To wait a moment and be whole.
A book, a poem, a song may be..."

So advised, I continued searching and found the text of a prayer by friend and colleague: Dick Gilbert. It helped me — perhaps all of us:

We are part of the web of life,
Part of that rich tapestry of humanity
With its riot of
 color, charm and character,
 sound, shape and soul.

We enrich and are enriched by its sheer beauty.

At times we barely touch the web of life
As we hold it lightly in our hands
Strong, independent, free.

At times we cling to it tenaciously,
Grasp our connectedness to others,
Frightened, alone, needful.

Sometimes we feel a tug on the life line
We hold in our hands

And we know another's need.

Sometimes we tug the life line ourselves
Signaling our own distress to those who care.

In our carelessness we tear the web of life,
In our care-ful-ness we give repair.

Whichever case may be

In whatever times that are or are to come
We rest assured

In the strength of the web of life

Of which we are the weavers. Amen

As May bursts upon us with bowers of flowers, and tree
make bonnets of leaves — opportunity is ours to seize

challenge of change, building on the strength Unitarians & Universalists consolidated with vision of service to community and each other. And yes — make enthusiastic welcome to our district wide denominational community. I pledge all my effort to weaving these webs of community. Cheers!

—RMW

From Sue:

This is our first consolidated newsletter. It isn't perfect (no reflection on Anne or Terri). Perhaps some of us missed the deadline. We're sorry if you did. Changes are hard for all of us...me too! But we really want everyone to know what is going on at both churches as soon as possible. We want everyone to feel welcome at the programs of both churches. Please feel free to attend anything at either church from now on-and realize that you're attending The Unitarian Universalist Church of Bangor at Union St. or Park St.

Please look forward to the June Newsletter for the summer schedule, as we suspect there will be some changes. The deadline (at Union St.) for the June Newsletter will be May 15 if you need typing assistance, and May 19 (at Park St.) if your piece is photo-ready on half page format. Try to help Anne and Terri with this.

We had a great Easter, a great resurrection! Thank you all for being there to celebrate that joyous, historical event. I'm still recovering...happily!

Let's keep that spirit going. Let's continue to roll back our rocks and live into a new life together!



NEWS FROM PARK STREET

Note: Church Council Minutes from the April Meetings will appear in the next Chimes.

NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:
Sun, May 21, 7-9pm

We are in need of three more delegates for the NED annual meeting. Anyone interested please call Pat Hofmaster (947-4722) . Registration and child care costs will be paid by the church. So far, Gwen Sheppard, Rhonda Millett, and Amy Peterson-Roper have volunteered to be our representatives at this meeting.

Music Committee News: The choir welcomed Kay Gardner back from her surgery recuperation in April and is thrilled that all the news regarding prognosis is 100% great. Amy Nickerson did a fine job substituting for Kay and will be back for one week in May while Kay does a gig on the West Coast.

We are planning a joint service with RE for the May 21 service. Music from around the world will be played and sung with the children participating. We have been asked to sing at the Northeast District Meeting (Friday, May 12 service) and are preparing "Love Changes Everything" at the special request of Sue Jamieson. We will be joining the Belfast church choir at Hersey Retreat for the June 2 service (former choir member Paula Roberts now sings with the Belfast choir) and we are looking forward to combining voices.

It was fun to see (and hear!) the choir on the Channel 7 news coverage of the Easter Service. For a small choir we certainly can make a joyful noise! Another person making a joyful noise is Carol Giesecke who is playing the chimes (alternating with Norm). Norm reports that a member of the Union Street church also has expressed an interest as well as young Brent Richardson. A concert of the chimes is being planned with a lawn party/picnic for sometime in the early summer.

It was reported to me as Music Committee Chair that Lois Leaky will not be coming to join us this September. Because of her impending Social Security status she needed to make a choice between us and the Congregational church where she has directed a music

program for many years. Because of that and health reasons which impact playing the piano she decided to remain at her present job. She made it very clear to me that she desires to be a part of our music in some way and would like to play the organ for us whenever she can (her time frame would allow her to do postludes). She is a UUA personally and wants to be involved on some level. Kay Gardner has indicated that she would like to remain as Music Director permanently. Council will be considering a contract for her at the first transitional Council meeting in May. The Music Committee is in unanimous favor of Kay becoming permanent Music Director.

Kay will not be with us this summer because of budget cuts that the church is facing. That means we will be working with our volunteer music-makers. If you would like to get involved for a service (or two) we would celebrate your participation. Please call Janeen (866-4919).

Sing Alleluia! Music will help heal all our wounds. Let us sing together and go forward in love.

Worship Committee News: To all of you who would like to be a part of our Sunday morning services, please consider the following possibilities:

1. Chalice Lighting and Reading: Readings may come from any source (a favorite poem or quote). The back of our hymnal has a great variety. Sign-up in the Dorothy Memorial.
2. Flowers: The more the merrier! Sign-up in the Dorothy Memorial.
3. Alter/Giving Table: The round table in the front of the pulpit is for members of the congregation to adorn. Its purpose is to be an ever-changing flow of special objects, creations, symbols, etc...The possibilities are endless. Bring something for one service or let it stay for Spring. A wonderful way to be a quiet yet powerful part of our service.
4. Lead/organize service: On May 21 Dick will be out

of town, so we will need help for that Sunday.

Please contact Jean Lavigne, Worship Chair, if you are interested.

In addition, there is a Northeast Lay Speakers Bureau. This is a list of people who would like to give sermons for other churches. If you are interested in having your name placed on this list, please see Terri Badger in the office.

HERSEY NEWS: Plans for the Bangor UU Spring Weekend Retreat at Hersey are underway. The buildings will be open and you are welcome anytime after 3 PM on Friday . We will have dinner at 6:00 on Friday evening if a minimum of 20 sign up. Meals on Saturday will be at 8:00:, 12:00 and 5:30. Cost of the retreat is for meals only...\$6 per adult and \$4 per child, per meal. Reservations must be made at least a week ahead so the cook can order food.

- There will be a Hersey Board Meeting at 2:00 PM Saturday. If you are in a leadership position, this might be a good time to hold an end of the year meeting.

- Sunday breakfast at 8.00. Service with area UU Churches at 11:00. Picnic lunch (salad bar +) and afternoon softball, kites, etc.

- **BRING YOUR SLEEPING BAG** (pillowcases and towels are provided) Other possible things to bring include your favorite table game, musical instrument, beverage and/or snack, bicycle, boat, watercolors, book, homework, telescope, knitting, etc.

- Hangout and enjoy the River and Bay at our church community estate on Sandy Point.

- To reserve for meals and overnight call the Park St Office 947-7009 and leave word with Terri Badger.

We keep a number of old but usable bicycles of all sizes at Hersey for everyone to use. If you have a bicycle that is retired from active duty, please consider bringing it down to join our fleet. Small repairs no problemo.

We are looking for a director for this summers' youth camps. Applicants must be creative, have stamina, and love kids. If interested, please call to receive a job description. Hersey phone number: 567-3420

AUCTION ITEMS

1. One week at Hersey Youth Camp (\$150 value)
Use of the Cottage at Hersey. Can accommodate several families at once: six bedrooms and a dorm (20 beds), equipped kitchen, three bathrooms, large living room and porch. Use of grounds, beach, etc. but not to interfere with youth camps. (\$100 per day value)
2. July 2 (3 PM) to July 7 (3 PM)
3. July 9 (3 PM) to July 16 (noon)
4. July 16 (3 PM) to July 23 (noon)
5. Choice of available weekend from Nov 1 to April 30 (\$250 value)

David Greeley

Getting Acquainted With Our Church Family:

Debby Collins, born in Milford, CT, is happy in her new home in Hampden, and is looking forward to gardening season. She chose our church four years ago because of its diversity, and because she wants that environment for her young son, Ian Heyse.

Rose Casement and Howa Furrow were attracted to our church by the ministry of Pat Carol, seven and five years ago, respectively. Howa is a native Bangorite, has been a manager for Shop 'n Save Stores, and will graduate this month with an Education degree from UM (Congratulations!) Rose, from Detroit, MI, has five children and one grandson, teaches at Brewer Middle School, and has a massage therapy practice. Both enjoy traveling with "the kids," most recently in California.

Terri Badger, a native of Ohio, has lived in Maine for 22 years. She sought out our church on the recommendation of Sue Owen, and has found it most supportive and inspirational. The mother of two grown children, Terri

"wears many hats"—She is a private art teacher, church office manager, fine arts student at UM, and painter. She enjoys dancing and hiking when time allows.

Elizabeth Busch hails from Yonkers, NY by way of Fairfield, CT. She has two grown children, has worked for 18 years as an architectural designer, and is currently a self-employed artist. A non-church-goer for 25 years, her interest in our church was greatly aroused three years ago by an article in "The Weekly," which described our diversity. She has been coming ever since!

Roberta Smith, born in Los Angeles, CA, motherless at age three, was raised by her mother's family of Brewer, who were Unitarians. After college, she was employed at the Bangor Public Library where she met her future husband, the son of the prominent Universalist minister, Rev. Ashley Smith. After her marriage to Robert Smith in 1937, she was active for many years in our church's Sunday School and the Women's Guild. She treasures her late husband's collection of autographed books, most notably those by Robert Frost and Carl Sandburg. Roberta has one son and two grandsons. *Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer*

Step out against hunger! Once more the opportunity to join with millions of others across America and "Step Out Against Hunger" is ours. The annual Crop Walk to stop Hunger comes to Bangor on Sunday, May 7th. This event is coordinated by the Bangor Area Clergy Fellowship. This five mile walk from Bass Park, through Bangor to Brewer and return is to raise funds for Church World Services/Crop and its work against hunger worldwide. One fourth of all funds raised will remain in the community to help the Salvation Army - Soup Kitchen, the Food Cupboard at the Hammond Street Church and Brewer's St. Pat Food Cupboard. The walk starts at 2pm and will include our church on Park Street as the first rest-stop. If you can't walk, sponsor a walker, or help staff our rest stop. Be involved! Contact Howa Furrow or Natalie Gregory for information and "Walker Kit." Step out...

The Annual Silent Auction will be held on May 6 from 7-9pm in the Dorothy Memorial. Many great items have started drifting in and some elegant desserts are promised! Do come and join us for a fun evening and be sure to donate your services, time energy, and special items so that this year's auction will be a huge success.

Souper Sunday will be happening on RE Celebration Sunday, May 21. Please sign up if you are willing to bring soup, bread, or dessert, or call Nancy Hunter (942-3205).

Whatever Moves You! is a brand new movement and music experience that is being offered on the last Tuesday of each month. Bring your dancing feet and a light heart to the Vestry on May 30 from 6-7:30pm. Norm Vincent has a new drum, so be prepared to feel the rhythm and move! (\$2 per class) Contact Suzanne Kelly for more information (942-0897).

Kay Gardner will lead a weekend intensive workshop entitled **Sounding the Inner Landscape**, on May 20 and 21. The workshop will explore the powerful effects of sound and music. Sound may actually restructure the human organism at the molecular level (cymatica). We will learn harmonic (overtone) chanting and how it balances the unseen fields around our physical bodies. This will lead us to "toning," using the voice as a curative instrument (singing ability is not necessary). We will also experience in depth the healing elements of music. Sat. 10-5pm—Sun. 1-4pm..\$75. Advance registration required. Call Susan Lie-Nielsen (285-3041) or Peggy Genest (947-0311).

A Note From Kay: I'd like to express my gratitude to those who so generously contributed to my medical expenses during my recent health crisis, I'm recovering quickly and credit this to the prayers and support I've been fortunate to experience from everyone.

Kay Gardner

Come to the NED Annual Meeting on May 12th and 13th. You don't have to be a delegate to the Annual Business Meeting to attend. It's happening right here at our Park Street Church. Pretty convenient. Plan to come, learn more about the UUA, and especially how we are going to respond in the NED to the growing threats to the civil liberties of women, gays, lesbians, and bisexuals. Abortion clinics are under attack. There is a referendum coming up next Fall which threatens the civil rights of our people. Denny Davidoff's theme talk on Friday night is: "CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL!"

Happy May Birthday to: Sue Jamieson, Caitlin Guthoff, Don Weston, Kathy Yanny, Gary Sage, Rachel Wentworth, Georgia Braley, Hugh Anthony, Ruth B. Weeks, Deborah Cox, Beverly Shepard, Kathryn Bourgoin, Catherine Graves, Colleen Voigt, Mathew Grondin, Neil Comins, Victoria Loring, Catherine Foxson, Liza Levering, Julianne LaBrecque, Steve Ouillette, Marcia Jordan, Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer, Carol Michaud, Ben Edes, Brandon Jones, Bob Foss, Nancy Hunter, Carlene Sage, Robert Roper, Randall Loring, Tom Duplissie!

Congratulations to Anita Crane for graduating from Syracuse University with honors.

Congratulations to all other students who are receiving degrees this Spring.

Congratulations to the new officers of Guild:

President Mary Jane Sheldon
Vice President Sheila Libby Lynne
Secretary Jane McGlaughlin
Treasurer Dorothy Hawkes

Best wishes to Dorothy Hawkes on her retirement; may her trip to England be fun.

Sympathy is extended to Ethel Blanchard on the recent death of her brother, Hubert Hamm. *Gwen Shepard*

RE NEWS It is time to complete our 94-95 RE year this month. On Sunday, May 21, we will recognize all the people who have supported our program this year: Kids, Parents, and Teachers! Following the service we will celebrate with a Souper Sunday. Please plan to attend and share in this celebration.

It is also time to consider volunteering to be a teacher for next year. The spiritual "food" downstairs may be different from that offered upstairs, but it is no less nourishing! Being with the children for a portion of the year can teach an adult quite a bit. If you are interested in learning about different holiday celebrations or exploring ideas about God, please volunteer to help with next year's program. You won't be disappointed.

This month, I will be visiting each classroom to review the past year and sort out goals for each group. We will talk about this church, why they come here on Sunday, and what they like and/or dislike about their classes. This information and parent feedback will be used to plan the program for next year.

IF WALLS COULD TALK... Part of the May 21 service will be a time for sharing thank you's and lessons learned this year at church. All members are encouraged to participate by writing about some person, thing, or event at this church that they are thankful for, or a description of a "lesson learned" at this church and then add it to the Talking Wall in the sanctuary; the kids will be working on their own walls downstairs. I hope everyone will enjoy this project and help to create walls that speak about the diversity of our community.

My children and yours have grown so much over the past year. We will be saying goodbye to many church friends for the summer and return to greet them in the fall grown taller (and no doubt-smarter!). Their growth and ours is a miracle we are privileged to witness. Blessed Be.

Pam Gross, Religious Education Director

34th Annual Meeting and Spring Conference: Workshop Options

Morning Workshop Options for Non-Delegates

A. A Writer's Workshop: Led by Larry Murphy, this is for beginners and those who wish to hone their writing skills. Please bring a sample of your writing to share, as well as a piece by someone you like. Also, come prepared to write (i.e. pencil, paper). I shall delve into my years of teaching writing to high school students to share ideas that may prove helpful.

B. Dialog about Denominational Affairs: Conversation with Denny Davidoff, UUA Moderator, who will review the issues before the UUA Trustees and the upcoming General Assembly in Spokane, WA. She will also listen. How can we work effectively to achieve our goals? How can the UUA help you and your society?

Afternoon Workshop Options:

A. Helping Maine Won't Discriminate: Led by Amy Pritchard, Campaign Manager for MWD, this workshop answers the questions Where is help needed? How do we organize?, and explains specific ways to be involved.

34TH ANNUAL MEETING AND SPRING CONFERENCE

MAY 12 AND 13, 1995

FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH 120 PARK ST. BANGOR, MAINE

CONFERENCE THEME: CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL

Speaker: Denise Davidoff, UUA Moderator

Title: "But We Have Only Begun...." from Denise Levertov's poem, "Beginners".

Denny Davidoff, UUA Moderator, has held UUA leadership positions for over 20 years. She began her career in advertising in 1960 as a copywriter, founded her own agency in 1967, and grew it to a \$20 million organization before selling in 1990. She is currently a consulting Vice President of Gregory & Clyburne in Stamford managing accounts in education, financial services and civic enterprise. Denny is also currently the chair of The Workplace, Inc., formally the Private Industry Council of Southern Connecticut, Inc., Moderator of the UUA, and Chair of the Board of Media Vision, a subsidiary of Connecticut Public Broadcasting. She is also a Director of, and Chair of the Finance Committee for the Interfaith Alliance, a national organization of religious leaders united for response to the radical Christian Right. She is married to Attorney Jerry Davidoff, resident of Westport.

Friday Program

Saturday Program:

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION-MAY 12 & 13, 1995

Please indicate your reservations below and send your check to the Northeast District Office, 227 Industrial Way, Portland, Me., 04103 by Monday, May 8th. Checks should be made payable to the Northeast District UUA.

Home Hospitality will be available for Friday night. Please call Rhonda Millett-Telephone No. 941-2336 on or before Monday, May 8th.

Name _____

Address _____

Society Affiliation _____

I will bring our church banner. Yes _____ No _____

Are you a delegate? Yes _____ No _____

Will you attend Friday dinner? _____ Saturday lunch _____

Regular _____ Vegetarian _____

Special needs or dietary requirements? _____

MORNING NON-DELEGATE WORKSHOICE CHOICE: A _____ B _____

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP CHOICE: A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____

Will you require child care on Saturday? Yes _____ No _____

Child's name _____ age _____

Child's name _____ age _____

No. of children attending Friday dinner? _____ Saturday lunch? _____

Payment included: Adult Registration Fee (Both Days) \$25.00 _____

(1 Day) \$12.50 _____

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1:00 NED-UUMA Chapter Meeting

5:00 Registration -- Refreshments

6:30 Supper (reservation required)

7:30 Worship - Rev. Susan Jamieson

Ms. Sarah Colby, Pianist

7:45 Keynote Address: Denise

Davidoff

8:00 Registration (muffins/Drinks)

9:00 Welcome - Ms. Kelly Kellison,
NED President

9:05 Worship - Rev. Dick Woodman,
Ms. Lois Lecky, Organist

9:30 Ministry Days -- Ms. Ann Spencer
and Rev. Judith Smith-Valley

9:40 Annual Meeting and Workshop
Options for Non Delegates

11:40 Awards and Announcements

12:15 Lunch (reservations required)

1:00 - 2:50 Afternoon Workshop

Options

3:00 Closing Worship - Rev. Johanna
Nichols

Representatives from congregations are invited to bring church banners for display during the conference.

CHILD CARE: Available Saturday 9:00 to 3:00 for toddlers through grade 5 at a cost of \$12.50 to cover food and child care workers. (See Registration Form)

B. Reproductive Choices: Keeping What We Have, Getting What We Need. Focus on strategies for assuring access to reproductive choices for men and women. Led by Ruth Lockhart, Executive Director of the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center.

C. Welcoming Diversity: Undoing Years of The Melting Pot. Ludger H. Duplessis, a man who comes from a family of 15 bilingual Franco-American children for the St. John Valley leads this workshop that focuses on what we need to do to welcome people in our churches and asks the question "Is sensitizing the same as welcoming?"

D. Welfare In Maine: Who Receives it and Why. A workshop to educate and advocate. One out of 8 children in Maine receives welfare, Maine welfare benefits are the lowest in the New England states, and are lower today than they were 5 years ago. Led by Shari Brinkman, an attorney, former school teacher, and volunteer for the Maine Council of Churches on Welfare Issues, this workshop will examine many of the punitive stereotypes and prejudices currently fueling the welfare debate. It will also review current welfare legislation in Maine and consider ways in which we can advocate for children, who have no political voice of their own.

THANK YOU
for your help in Religious Education

to those who took responsibility for a class:

Wendy Erickson
Peggy Genest
Duane Hanselman
Scott Howell
Lydia Mussulman
Colleen Voigt

to those who added their assistance when needed:

Terri Badger	Chris Kramer
Mike Boyle	Jeannie Mooney
Pam Braley	Lauren Nichols
Deb Chapman	Rob Roper
Debbie Cox	Jim Tatgenhorst
Lurene Ekwurtzel	Janeen Teal
Tamara Goodwin	Norm Vincent
Debbie Harvey	Susan Wishkoski
Phyllis Havens	Carolyn Kinnard-Ziffer
Suzanne Kelly	

to those who supported adult education programming:

Deb Chapman
Joyce DeVries
Pam Gross
Pat Hofmaster
Susan Hoovler
Suzanne Kelly
Joyce Malory
Amy Peterson-Roper
Paul Reichmann
Colleen Voigt
Dick Woodman
Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer

LETTER TO THE BANGORIANS:

From Glenn, the apostle, bearer of the faith in the possibility of the power of love and justice, District Minister of the Northeast District, UUA, and friend.

Being present at your meeting, in which you struggled with how to witness to the truth as each of you saw it, was not the first time I've been privy to the difficult issues you've tried to resolve. You are hearing each other now. You are taking steps to learn how to better hear what is happening among you. I will do all I can to help in that process.

I described the cartoon of the dog in the pulpit of a church, the pews filled with other dogs, who, read from the great book saying: "And he said unto them, 'Bad dogs! Bad dogs!'" And, I said you were not bad dogs, but then again, maybe as you find yourselves making the mistakes that we inevitably make you could laugh at yourselves and each other saying: "Bad dog!" A little humor wouldn't hurt. Act it out in pantomime, exaggerate the symptoms. Yes, it's serious. But, lighten up - humor is a saving grace.

And the energy with which you turn inward to wrestle with your issues, turn some of that outward where love and justice are needed in the world and where all of you together can help make a difference. Our Northeast District Meetings are going to be held at your church, and there are going to be workshops on "Maine Won't Discriminate," "Welcoming Diversity," "Welfare in Maine," and keeping "Reproductive Choices." These meetings are on May 12 and 13, in your backyard, any of you can sign up and come. We need you to help us. You are a beacon in eastern Maine and you have many good people to contribute to the cause.

Be patient with one another. Be clear. Remember that our truth is partial. Keep in mind the larger faith to which we must all witness. And, when you get out of line, or someone else does, try "Bad dog. Bad dog!" We are all bad dogs at times, however self-righteous we may feel. And then is when we most need reminding.

Glenn H. Turner

News From The Past:

May 2, 1965 Standing Committee Report (Excerpts)

Robert Drinkwater, treasurer, reported \$2029.37 as a bank balance with \$5,300 due on the Merchants National Bank note.

Mrs G. Homer Frasier donated a piano for the church Sunday School.

The parsonage roof has been repaired.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Shepard reported on the May 1st Northeast District Meeting.

The mimeograph machine still does not produce satisfactory work, More parts are on order.

It was suggested that the Youth Director not be retained, even though liked, because he does not produce what is expected.

Carolyn Kinnard Ziffer



NEWS & NOTES from Union Street

***This is our first combined newsletter with Park Street. ***THANKS...Lois Reed and the Options Committee... helpers with the monthly Public Suppers...River Vulture Cafe workers on 4/22...

Easter Brunch: Set up/Emily Farrell-Guthoff & family, Sara & Gary Keegan, Suzanne Kelly, Natalie Gregory and Phyllis Havens; Clean up/ Don Parsons, Jeff Crandall, Patrick Skidgel, Elizabeth Bush, Phil Walton, Diane Campbell and Anne Borreggine, and those others who helped without signing up.

***OOPS! Correction in Sue's 4/4 letter regarding the Hersey Retreat weekend/date is June 2 to 4.

***THE ALLIANCE, Monday May 8, 1 p.m. at 20 March Circle will meet jointly with the Universalist Guild and will enjoy a pot luck luncheon. Women from both churches are invited whether or not they presently belong to either group. Perhaps we can explore ideas of what a woman's church group can do for itself in its parent church. All women are welcome. Call 942-6503 (church) for information.

***On 4/9 the congregation elected: Transition Council- Mike Czarniecki, Emily Farrell-Guthoff, Jane Wellman-Little, Paul Little, Phil Walton, Lloyd Goodine; Board of Trustees- Gary Keegan, Connie Ehrenfried; Nominating Committee- Charlotte Lehmann, Marge Lawrence. Congratulations and thank you all for your willingness to serve.

***LOST last October, a Lawrence Hurd (made) rectangular basket with a handle, 18"long, 10-12" wide and 8-9" deep. ___Welcome to our new custodian Nick Minuti. Thanks to Mitch for his service. ***The week after the consolidation vote we sang "The Twelve of Consolidation" (to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas.")

On the ___ day of consolidation my parish gave to me* (repeat after each "day's gift.")

1 Retreat Center named Hersey.*

2 church buildings and 1 Retreat Center named Hersey.*

3 sets of Bylaws, 2 church buildings and 1 Retreat Center named Hersey.*

4 Seminarians, 3 sets of bylaws, 2 church buildings and 1 Retreat Center named Hersey.*

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Beth El Board Opposes Anti-Gay Referendum

On Monday, March 6th the Beth El Board of Directors unanimously approved the following policy statement:

"The Board of Directors of Congregation Beth El opposes the civil rights limitations referendum proposed by the group Concerned Maine Families. The referendum, which would deny civil rights to a group of people based on sexual preference and repeal any local ordinances which already provide for those rights, runs counter to our religious and ethical traditions as Jews, and it threatens the civil rights of all people.

We also deplore the tactics used by the supporters of this referendum, which attempt to frame the question in terms of "special rights" and to objectify and dehumanize homosexuals, thereby creating an atmosphere of intolerance which only serves to increase the physical and emotional threats and outright violence for which homosexuals are unable to seek redress under present Maine civil law.

As Jews we are sensitive to the kind of charges being leveled at the homosexual community by Concerned Maine Families such as 'inordinate wealth and mobility' and 'hidden agendas' and we find these inflammatory phrases frighteningly similar to those used in Europe 55 years ago. We urge our members to actively oppose this referendum and we urge all citizens of Maine to vote to increase, not decrease, tolerance and caring in our state by defeating it in November."

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I want to express my personal gratitude to you and the members of the Unitarian Church for granting us permission to place our Ark on the altar during the next few months. This year we have a particularly large number of students who will be celebrating a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. I work with each student in the sanctuary, rehearsing for the service that s/he will conduct. Having the Ark in place will enable them to be much better prepared for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Thank you so much for your generosity of spirit. The Unitarian Church has once again extended itself most graciously to make Beth El feel welcome in this sacred space.

Shalom,

Rabbi Laurence Elis Milder

cc: Dr. Irwin Gross



"ISRAEL AMONG THE NATIONS"
**A lecture discussing Israel's diplomatic
relations to help advance international peace
and progress.**

**Presented by Asher Yarden,
Consul of Israel to New England,
as part of
Congregation Beth El's Shabbat Services.**

**Friday, May 12th, 1995
126 Union Street
Bangor
7:30 P.M.**

**Please join us for this interesting and
informative evening.**

May



Birds have 940 to 25,000 feathers, depending on the species.

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Look for bird feathers.

Birds are the only animals that have feathers. They serve as insulation and aid in flight. As the feathers wear, they are periodically replaced. During a partial molt, only some of the feathers are replaced (such as when males don colorful plumage during mating season). A more complete molt takes place after breeding, and before migration (see October 4). Feathers are lost a few at a time from both sides of the body, so that a bird is still evenly balanced. Look on the ground for the fallen feathers.

Feathers are of two basic types, contour and down. Contour feathers are those found on the body, wings and tail. Notice how the individual strands (called barbs) lock together. Separate one of the barbs from the rest. It's like unlocking a zip-lock bag, isn't it? Birds spend a lot of time getting the barbs realigned (see May 7 for more on preening). Tail feathers have the shaft running exactly down the middle; the shafts of wing and body feathers are slightly off-center. Down feathers are the fluffy feathers you may know from down coats, comforters, and pillows.

It's harder to tell what bird a feather has come from, unless it's an obvious one like a blue jay feather. What can you tell about the feathers you have found?

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Make a birdbath.

To keep their feathers in peak condition, birds spend many hours each day preening them. They pass their bills over the stiff contour feathers to realign the barbs (for more on feathers, see May 6); some spread water-proofing oil on their feathers (the oil comes from a gland at the base of the tail). But did you know that many birds like to bathe as part of their preening ritual? Some even "bathe" in dirt! This helps keep down insect pests, and may serve to fluff the down feathers.

Watch how birds splash around in puddles! You can provide shallow water (which many birds prefer) by making a birdbath. One of the simplest to make is an up-turned garbage can lid filled with a layer of pebbles to give the birds firm footing. The pebbles also weight the lid so that it won't blow away. Birds like a place to perch after bathing, so place the lid near some brush or under a tree. Put it on the ground (in an open area so the birds feel safe) or on a pedestal. A tree stump will do, or rig the lid by tying a rock to the handle and placing it on top of a length of clay drainage pipe. Check the level of water occasionally, and watch the birds have a blast!



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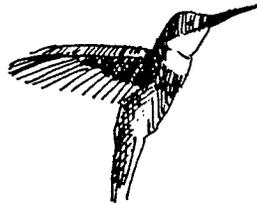
Watch birds in flight.

You have probably noticed that birds fly in different ways. Those birds that ride thermal currents (see September 19) hardly ever flap their wings at all. Hummingbirds, on the other hand, beat their wings an incredible 70 times per second, enabling them to fly forward, backward, and even hover in place!

Crows and robins beat their wings about two times every second; starlings beat theirs 4 to 5 times each second. Chickadees are almost up there with the hummingbirds, flapping their wings at least 27 times each second. How do they do it?

Well, birds have tremendously powerful chest muscles. And they are built for flight (at least the ones that fly are). Their bones are hollow (see May 9), and they are streamlined.

Try beating your arms as fast as a robin or pigeon does (pigeons clock in at 3 beats per second). How long can you keep up the flapping?

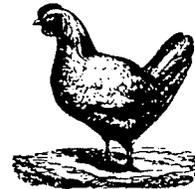


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Saw a chicken bone in half.

The power for flight may come from the powerful chest muscles that enable birds to take off, maneuver and land (see May 8), but this muscle is sufficient only because birds are light enough to become airborne. Birds are light, in part, because their bones are hollow, strengthened by an inner network of tiny cross pieces.

Saw a chicken bone from the dinner table in half to see what this looks like. Compare bird bones to those from other animals. (Examine the bones from a cut of beef or pork.) Remember that chickens have lost much of their flying ability over the years through selective breeding. The bones of flying birds have an even more exaggerated inner structure.



There are laws that prohibit collecting bird feathers. But it's okay to keep those that have naturally molted, or that you have plucked from road-side kills.

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Cinco de Mayo Projects

PAPEL PICADO

May 5 is a big holiday in Mexico. On May 5, 1862, Mexican forces withstood French forces who were trying to take over Mexico for Napoleon. You can create Papel Picado and some paper bag pinatas to have a party of your own.

“Papel Picado” means “pierced paper” in Spanish and is created by skilled artists using layers of tissue paper and sharp instruments like nails to punch designs. The paper is used to decorate homes and shops in Mexico.

To create some for your own home, use brightly colored tissue paper. Cut a sheet into smaller sections and fold the sheet, smaller and smaller. Using sharp

scissors, cut out designs along the folded edges. Cut small, geometric shapes. When the paper is unfolded, the cut designs will appear in interesting patterns.

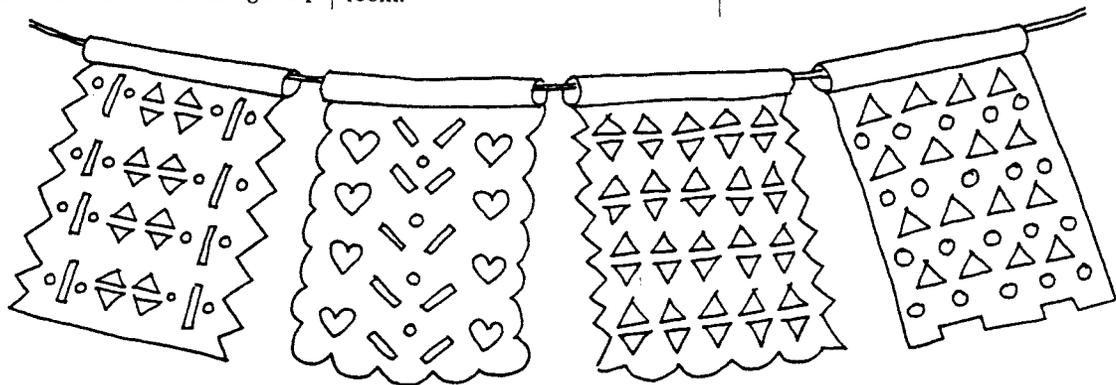
To hang your papel picado, fold the top edge over a long piece of string. Fold the paper over about $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and tape it securely. Add more pieces, until your string is full and tack it up across your room.

✿ MATERIALS ✿

Colored tissue paper

Scissors

String or yarn if you want to hang your creations



May Calendar-Union Street

- 4 Bar/Bat Mitzvah, 10-11am
5 Service of Union, set-up all day; Service, 7pm
6 Shabbat Morning, 10am
Isaac Kestenbaum
7 Combined Service at Park Street, 10am
8 Alliance, 1pm at Velma's (see News and Notes)
10 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rehearsal, 1pm
11 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rehearsal, 3pm
12 NED Annual Meeting at Park St, begins 7:30pm
and continues on Sat; Erev Shabbat, 7:30pm
13 Downeast Gay and Lesbian Organization Pot Luck
Supper Meeting, 5:30pm
14 Mother's Day Lay Service, 11am
Sue at Waterville UU
18 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rehearsals, 10-11am and 3-4:30pm
20 Havdallah/Kris Fleisher-Durbin, 5:30pm
21 Service 11am; Sue will preach. "Feminism in the
Middle Ages"
24 Bat/Bar Mitzvah Rehearsal, 3-5:30pm
25 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rehearsal, 3-5:30pm
27 Shabbat Morning, 10am
Max Brooks
Public Supper, 4-5:30pm
28 Service 11am; Rev. Joe Majeau returns!
30 Bangor Community Chorus Rehearsal (all day)
31 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Rehearsal, 3-5:30pm

Ongoing

AA, Sundays, 4pm

Roberts Room reserved, Thurs 1-3pm

May, 1995 Calendar-Park Street

- 5 Silent Auction (Set-Up), 7pm
- 6 Silent Auction, 7-9pm
- 7 Music Committee Meeting, 11:30am
Membership/Fellowship Meeting, 7pm
Crop Walk
- 8 Budget/Finance Committee, 7pm
- 10 Penobscot Breakfast Group, 7am
- 12,13 UU/NED Annual Meeting
- 14 Mother's Day
Men's Fellowship Meeting, 7pm
- 15 Chimes Deadline
- 17 AUW Guild, 6pm
- 19 Women's Spiritual Circle, 7pm
- 20,21 Healing with Music and Sound (Kay Gardner)
- 21 Souper Sunday, 11:30am
Council Meeting, 7pm
- 23 Soup Kitchen (cook)
- 24 Soup Kitchen (serve), 11am
- 26 Game Night at Unitarian Church, 7pm
- 28 Men's Fellowship Meeting, 7pm
- 29 Memorial Day (observed)
No Dad's Parenting Group

Ongoing Items

- Choir Rehearsal, Thurs 5:30-7pm and Sun 9am
- Women With Wings Chorus, Thurs 7-9pm
- Rise Up and Call Her Name, Mon 7pm
- Cakes For the Queen Of Heaven, Mon 7pm
- Dad's Parenting Group, Mon 7-9pm