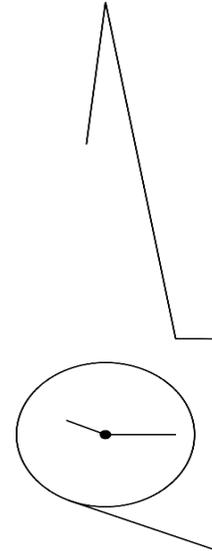


“Precious Lord, take my hand,  
 lead me on, let me stand, I am  
 tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 through the storm, through the  
 night, lead me on to the light:  
 Take my hand, precious Lord,  
 lead me home.”

*Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932*

The Reverend  
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
*by Olivia, age 5*  
 CUF Sunday School



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Dear Friends,

When all is said and done, aren't we all "headed home"? Aren't we all searching and yearning for that particular wholeness that makes us feel complete? Epiphany is a season for revelations, a season for "aha" moments, a season for new discoveries, a season for change, a season for moving out and up. As our magi with their camel caravans "head home a different way", this is also the time for us to think about some new and different pathways for ourselves.

My hope for each of us this Epiphany is that we are looking for new paths through which to address the sacred. May we intentionally search for ways to leave behind the business and confusion of our schedules and routines. May we find new ways to feed the human spirit's craving for silent space in which to connect with the sacred—go for a walk, attend a meditation group, light a candle and sit with it for a few minutes. Open yourself to the other dimension, listen to and speak with the Ground of Our Being—and be welcomed home.

Perhaps you think it might just be too late to find any newness on your life's spiritual journey? Well, it's not. I remind you of the late British journalist Malcolm Muggeridge. According to writer G. Curtis Jones, Muggeridge was an eloquent and influential writer. He was also a confirmed atheist, hearty drinker and womanizer. At the age of 79, inspired by Mother Teresa, Muggeridge gathered up his beliefs and cynicisms and contradictions and marched down to the small, local chapel in Hurst Green, Sussex--and joined. These are his own words describing the event: "a sense of home-coming, of picking up the threads of a lost life, of responding to a bell that has long been ringing, of finding a place at a table that has long been left vacant."

Home! The old hymn at the top of this page was the favorite of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. No matter what our age, the rolling words call each of us to listen to and to speak with the sacred, the holy, that which is wholeness, that which is home.

See you in church,  
 Lorna  
 The Reverend Lornagrace Grenfell

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## Around CUF . . .

After almost a month and many visits from repairmen to the poles outside, our church is grateful to be back online with internet and phone service! Thank you all for your patience!... We thank Rori Knott and Will Hunter for the bare tree in the Gathering Place on which we have been hanging our "green ideas" for our 2014 "Hanging of the Greens"!... We thank all who participated in sharing Christmas card greetings on the church bulletin board!... The Advent/Christmas seasons were remarkable and meaningful here at CUF for so many reasons. Yet again, we thank our musicians—the Senior Choir with Director Molly Webster; our Organist Laura Artesani; our Bell Choir with Director Rachel Dobbs; and our special musicians, Susan Heath and Simon Bilyk, on whom we count so much, and Laura Artesani and her daughters Carolyn Artesani and Emily Artesani Walton; and vocalists Catharine Cloutier, Ira Kramer and our own Molly Webster!... We thank Director Fran Vogt and *Euphony*!... We thank the Mount View Chamber Singers for their beautiful, candlelit *Concert in the Round*!... A Children's Christmas Eve was such a delight with their music and the magi rap "Stranger in the Manger"! Even the *Bangor Daily News* liked it!... Our Traditional Christmas Eve *Lessons and Carols* was "the best ever" according to one member! We thank readers Mark Bilyk, Abigail Curtis, Alexis Dixon, The Reverend Thomas Halkett, Joanne Harriman, Jon Hawley, John McCormack, Judy Perkins-Walker and Jillian Woodward! And as always, we thank the Carter-Braze Family for the Wassail Bowl afterwards!... So very many CUFers enjoyed bringing in the New Year at Ted and Rose Marie Curtis' traditional New Year's Eve party with Mark Baker at the piano and Sarah Marx leading the singing!... We thank Trudy Tremblay and Shelley Gilman for creating Christmas Tree ornaments for all of us from the hammers and whippens, the replaced "action" parts of our beautiful Steinway grand piano! Now we can hang music on our trees at home each Christmas to remind us of our church community!... January came quickly and representing CUF at The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at UMaine with Reverend Lorna were The Reverend Darren Morgan, Dave Cox, Connie Carter, Kathryn Olmstead, Catherine Packard, Sarah Marx, Brian McGill, and Sandy Caron!... If you have not yet seen Mark Bilyk and Sandy Cyrus in *Death of a Salesman*, do go! The production is fabulous, and Mark and Sandy are superb!... Thank you to all the Mystery Friends! The great revealing on February 1<sup>st</sup> is almost here!

The Church of Universal Fellowship welcomes

### **New Members in 2014**

Sonja Birthisel  
Warren Black and Jennifer Parks  
Dwight and Emily Hasbrouck  
*and Leo and Stuart*  
Donald Howe  
Jonathan and Lori Smith  
*and George, Henry and Elizabeth*  
Sammee Quong

### **Condolences on the death of Anne Mawhinney to Meredith Anson (daughter)**

81 Winnocks Neck Rd., Scarborough ME 04074  
Mark Mawhinney (son)  
14 Kirkland Ave., S. Portland ME 04106  
Vincent Dowling (brother)  
P.O. Box 147 Jonesboro ME 04648

### **Condolences on the death of Earl Ullman to Dorothy Turner (sister) and Barbara Turner (niece)**

57 College Ave., Orono ME 94473

### **Gospel Readings for February 2015**

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|--------------|--------------|
| February 1:  | Mark 1:21-28 |
| February 8:  | Mark 1:29-39 |
| February 15: | Mark 9:2-9   |
| February 22: | Mark 1:9-15  |

### **Cards of love and encouragement to Jayne Bartley**

9 Alumni Drive, Orono ME 04473

### **Maddie Emerson**

35 Wagner Drive, Orono ME 04473

### **Janet and Horace Givens**

75 Bennoch Rd., Orono ME 04473

### **Carl Gridley**

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### **Lorraine Lick**

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### **? Who ? Who ? Who ? Who ?**

How well do you know your church family? Each month, the WIND asks a question about someone in our congregation. See if you can find the answer! Ask around! Talk to people!

**February Challenge:** Whose granddaughter plays with the *Amarantos String Quartet* whose mission is "to reinvent the role of the string quartet in the modern cultural landscape" and was featured online on TEDxDirigo?

**December Challenge:** What CUF member zips around town in a tiny, black, sporty convertible?

Answer: Molly Webster

# **CHURCH OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP**

## **ADULT EDUCATION ~ SPRING 2015**

***All are welcome to all programs and events!***

- \*January 25, Sunday, #12:10 in MacKenzie Room:** Dr. John Jemison, UMaine Cooperative Extension, Topic: his work at the University of Perugia in the green heart of Italy and Orono Community Gardens
- \*January 26, Monday, at 5:30 in the Gathering Place:** State of Grace Women's Book Group: *Living with a Wild God* by Barbara Ehrenreich; Host: Johanna Szillery
- \*January 30, Friday at 6:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room:** Movie & BYOWhatever! Hosts: Ed Brazee/Connie Carter
- \*February 3, Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 in The Gathering Place:** *Private Time for Parents!* Presenter: Dr. Bob Peddicord A time for parents and children! Come and learn!
- \*February 6, Friday, at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place:** Friday Book Group: *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Host: The Reverend Lorna Grenfell
- \*February 8, Sunday, #12:10 in The Library:** *Who Is Theologian Barbara Brown Taylor?* Host: The Reverend Emily Taylor
- \*February 16, Monday, at 5:30 in the Gathering Place:** State of Grace Women's Book Group: *Three Junes* by Julia Glass Host: Johanna Szillery
- \*February 20, Friday, 7:00 pm in The Gathering Place:** *The Transparent Budget* Come and find out the financial workings of our church. Hosts: The Board of Trustees
- \*February 22, Sunday, 11:45 in The Vestry: CUF ANNUAL MEETING and Soup Luncheon!**
- \*February 27, Friday, 6:30 in the MacKenzie Room:** Movie & BYOWhatever! Host: Willow Divine
- \*March 1, Sunday #12:10 in The Library:** A Look at Sacred Texts: Hinduism & Zoroastrianism  
Presenter: Brian McGill
- \*March 6, Friday at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place:** Friday Book Group  
*Shipping News* by Annie Proulx Host: Fred Irons
- \*March 15 Sunday #12:10 in The Library:** A Look at Sacred Texts: Buddhism Presenter: Brian McGill
- \*March 22 Sunday #12:10 in The Library:** A Look at Sacred Texts: Taoism Presenter: Brian McGill
- \*March 29 Sunday #12:10 in The Library:** A Look at Sacred Texts: Islam Presenter: Brian McGill
- \*March 23, Monday at 5:30 in the Gathering Place:** State of Grace Women's Book Group  
*Shipping News* by Annie Proulx Host: Johanna Szillery
- \*March 27, Friday at 6:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room:** Movie & BYOWhatever! Host: Fred Irons
- \*April 3, Friday at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place:** Friday Book Group  
*Abide with Me* by Elizabeth Strout Host: Betty Carr
- \*April 12, Sunday, #12:10 in The Library:** *Who Is Theologian C. S. Lewis?* Host: Will Hunter
- \*April 13, Monday, at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Place:** State of Grace Women's Book Group:  
*The Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiron Host: Johanna Szillery
- \*April 25, Friday at 6:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room: Movie & BYOWhatever!**  
Movie: TBA Host: Maddie Emerson
- \*April 26, Sunday, #12:10 in The Library:** *Page 4 of the Sermon*  
Host: Reverend Lorna Grenfell Come and talk back to the sermon!
- \*May 1, Friday at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place:** Friday Book Group  
*Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl Host: Fred Irons
- \*May 3, Sunday, #12:10 in The Vestry:** *Slideshow of European Trip*  
Hosts: Irene von Hoffmann and John McCormack
- \*May 15, Friday at 6:30 pm in the Mackenzie Room:** Movie & BYOWhatever! Movie: TBA Host: TBA
- \*May 17, Sunday, #12:10 in The Library:** *Who Is Theologian Marcus Borg?* Host: Barbara Turner
- \*May 18, Monday at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Place:** State of Grace Women's Book Group  
*Philomena: A Mother, A Son, and a Fifty-year Search* by Martin Sixsmith Host: Johanna Szillery

## **CUF and YAWP ~~ Lenten Offering** **Acadia Hospital and Mental Health**

*A note of explanation from Cami Carter, Co-Leader of Young Adults With Pizzazz --*

As a teacher I have become intimately familiar with how Acadia steps into young people's lives and helps them start to piece their world back together at crucial times. The *next to normal* fundraiser for Acadia Hospital came about one early Sunday morning as I was sipping coffee contemplating a recent altercation between a school and a student. The student, struggling with anxiety and depression, had an episode during a theatrical rehearsal, and the school, scared of the implications of another episode, asked her not to participate in the theatrical production. It was a decision based in fear. I contemplated this and thought about the stigma and misunderstanding that exists around mental health. I called a friend and started to talk about the show *next to normal* and its power in showing the many sides of mental illness. It is a thought provoking musical that follows a "normal" family as the mother struggles with bipolar disorder dating back to a family tragedy 16 years earlier. It is a heartbreakingly and beautifully alive story. It creates awareness, encourages conversation and in the end preaches that life - with its many ups and downs and difficulties and triumphs -- is better to be lived than not.

That Sunday morning led to a few more phone calls, some emails, some conversations, some meetings, some more meetings and eventually a fundraiser for Acadia Hospital. The one time performance of *next to normal* with professional actors, musicians, technicians, and producers donating their time is hoping to raise \$10,000 for Acadia Hospital, but, more importantly with the help of the expert doctors from Acadia it is going to raise awareness, create dialogue, and eradicate the stigma of mental illness.

The Church of Universal Fellowship through its benevolence giving during Lent and through the sale of Valentine's Day cards by YAWP will be a significant support of the Acadia Hospital fundraiser by helping to fund some of the production costs for this show. While the actors, musicians, crew members and director are all donating their time, there are still costs to make this happen - renting a space, purchasing the rights to the show, publicity. Your donation during Lent or by purchase of a Valentine's Day card from YAWP is greatly appreciated and will help make this incredible event happen. Thank you!

### **Alliance**

Alliance will meet **February 10 at noon** in the Gathering Place. If inclement weather cancels Orono schools Alliance will cancel also.

**Thank You! Thank You!** Lyn, Randy and I delivered gifts for 30 residents in Orono Commons. Every gift was there; not a single reminder necessary. This is the group I'm happy to be part of. Lyn beamed telling me about selecting two necklaces for her lady. Alma shopped to be sure the sweatpants had pockets. I trust the residents will feel the love and caring each of you have given.

Happy New Year! Judy Whitney

## *...from the Commissioned Minister*

Ah, January, the month of new beginnings. As we recover from the holidays and begin to reflect more quietly on our lives, I thought perhaps a poem could speak to every heart where words could not. (<http://christianity.about.com/od/newyearsprayersverses/qt/newyearspoems.htm>)

*With prayers for God's richest blessings of joy, health, success – whatever you need. Anne Borreggine*

### **The New Year** (by Martha Snell Nicholson)

Dear Lord, as this new year is born  
I give it to Thy hand,  
Content to walk by faith what paths  
I cannot understand.  
Whatever coming days may bring  
Of bitter loss, or gain,  
Or every crown of happiness;  
Should sorrow come, or pain,  
Or, Lord, if all unknown to me  
Thine angel hovers near  
To bear me to that farther shore  
Before another year,  
It matters not—my hand in Thine,  
Thy light upon my face,  
Thy boundless strength when I am weak,  
Thy love and saving grace!  
I only ask, loose not my hand,  
Grip fast my soul, and be  
My guiding light upon the path  
Till, blind no more, I see!

### **Hospitality and Greeting Schedule**

#### **Hospitality (refreshments)**

#### **Greeting**

|        |                                      |                                      |
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| Feb 1  | Tricia and Thomas Griffith           | Jennifer Parks and Warren Black      |
| Feb 8  | Leah Vetelino and Melba Wallace      | Johanna Szillery and Joanne Harriman |
| Feb 15 | Emily Taylor and Stefanie Egenhofer  | Beverly Antonitis & Dorothy Turner   |
| Feb 22 | Annual Meeting Soup Luncheon         | Anne Borreggine                      |
| Mar 1  | Phyllis Borns and Stefanie Egenhofer | June Fiske and Dee Virtue            |

If you need some guidance in setting up the coffee and snacks for hospitality or have questions about greeting, please call Stefanie Egenhofer (#866.3862) or Ed Brazee (#576-8401).



#### **New Addresses**

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**Sandra Warner**  
Sylvia Ross Home  
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Bangor, ME 04401



## MYSTERY FRIENDS REVEALED FEB 1st!

Book your calendars for the Mystery Friends Celebration on February 1st directly after church. After 10 weeks of writing back and forth, we will finally find out to whom we have each been writing. Any guesses yet? Lunch will be potluck style, so please bring a food item to share. Parents, children, siblings and adult mystery friends all invited!

If you will not be able to attend the party for any reason, please notify Brian McGill at [mail@brianmcgill.org](mailto:mail@brianmcgill.org) or 866-8615. Partners tend to be very disappointed if their mystery friend will not be present, so we try to prepare people in advance and set up another time to meet.

Thank you for participating!  
Sarah

The Advent Workshop was a great success again, with many people assembling wreaths, decorating cookies, and creating crafts. Thanks to Rick and Jill Gilman for the greens and to Woody Carville for cutting and delivering them. Thanks to Eva Szillery for teaching origami. Thanks to Jon Hawley for bringing the Christmas music. And special thanks to all those who helped with cleanup: Alma, Ann, Johanna, and Jules.



Paul and Joyce Harris' new  
Florida phone number is 727-376-3649.

### **Friday Book Night**

7:00 pm Gathering Place

February 6: *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor  
March 6: *Shipping News* by Annie Proulx  
host: Fred Irons  
April 3: *Abide with Me* by Elizabeth Strout  
host Betty Carr  
May 1: *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl; host: Fred Irons

### **State of Grace Women's Book Group**

**5:30 pm Gathering Place**

Come join us. Call Johanna Szillery at 827-4172 for more information.

February 16, 2015 - *Three Junes*, Julia Glass  
March 23, 2015 - *Shipping News* by E. Annie Proulx  
April 13, 2015 - *The Poacher's Son* by Paul Doiron  
May 18, 2015 - *Philomena: A Mother, A Son, and a Fifty-year Search* by Martin Sixsmith



### **Friday, Jan 30, 6:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room**

Please join hosts Connie Carter and Ed Brazee for a fabulous movie from 2012! This film is an eccentric pubescent love story...funny, quirky, and sweet. The best movie you will have seen in 2015! BYOW (whatever!) to share! Tea, coffee and popcorn provided!

### **Friday, Feb 27, 6:30 pm in the MacKenzie Room**

A well-educated psychiatrist leaves an academic career to work at a mental institution where his father, a novelist, was a patient, before writing a renowned children's book. Acclimating to his position, he encounters a patient who helps him to discover the book's secrets and his place in the story. Starring Aaron Eckhart, Ian McKellen, Brittany Murphy, Nick Nolte, Jessica Lange, and William Hurt.  
Host: Willow Divine

So much happens here in our church! Did you ever wonder how it all gets funded? Now is the time for you to find out! The **CUF Trustees and Deacons** cordially invite you to please bring your questions, your affirmations, and your concerns to:

### **The Transparent Budget!**

A Pre-Annual Meeting Dessert & Coffee

Friday, February 20 7:00 pm

in the Gathering Place

### **Church of Universal Fellowship** **Annual Meeting**

and Soup Buffet Luncheon

February 22, 2015 (*immediately after worship*)

*in the Vestry*

All are welcome!



## **CALLING ALL EXPLORERS AND ADVENTURERS!**

### **COMING-OF-AGE CLASS FOR CUF YOUTH GRADES 6-12**

Nearly all spiritual traditions have coming-of-age processes and ceremonies – confirmations and bar/bat-mitzvahs are the ones with which you might be most familiar. This class is the CUF's version!

Since we are non-creedal and want to encourage both youth and adults to think for themselves, this class will be primarily a time to ask and explore questions together. No one will tell you what to think or what to believe.

Some of the questions we will explore together are: how do we build community at our church? how do we decide how to act in the world? what beliefs, values and ideas are most important to each of us? what spiritual practices do we have that support these beliefs, values and ideas? in whom or in what do we trust?

We will spend some time on these “big” questions each week, play a lot of games, laugh, eat and explore the practicalities of church life as well. Finances, trustees, deacons, where we buy the communion juice – no question is too big or too small!

The class will be co-led by The Rev. Lorna Grenfell, Minister, and Sarah Marx, Director of Children and Youth Ministries. We will meet from 4-5:30pm on five Sundays in Lent – Feb 22 to March 22<sup>nd</sup>. On Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, youth will have the option to join the church if they so choose – as FULL voting members. Joining or not joining are both perfectly fine choices. The point of the class is to explore!

#### **COME BE PART OF THE ADVENTURE!**

If you have questions or if your youth would like to join the class, please email Sarah Marx at [smarxmgill@gmail.com](mailto:smarxmgill@gmail.com)  
or Rev. Lorna Grenfell at [lornagrenfell@gmail.com](mailto:lornagrenfell@gmail.com)

### ***Dorothy Clarke Wilson's Legacy Lives On!***

The Maine Christian Association's Wilson Center was established from the proceeds of the old *Ten Commandments* movie with Charlton Heston! The movie was based on the book by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, author of over thirty volumes and resident of Orono. Many of her books have now been republished! The proceeds from the book sales continue to go to the Wilson Center which serves the spiritual journeys of all those on the UMaine campus in Orono. Here are some of the titles now back in print *General Moses Captures Saba, The Gifts of the Wise Men, Jesus and James had a Special Relationship, Queen Dolley Meets James Madison, Abraham Lincoln's Two Mothers, Nancy and Sally, Young Lady Washington, and I Would Rather Read Than Eat*. Looking for a good read? Try one of Dorothy Clarke Wilson's books!

*Safe Passage empowers the poorest, at-risk children, whose families live in the Guatemala City garbage dump, by creating opportunities and fostering dignity through the power of education. The Rev. Emily Taylor participated on this "Safe Passage" mission trip to Guatemala and gave a talk about this program here at CUF in the fall. There is information about Safe Passage in the Gathering Place. Please take some time to read the materials. If you are at all interested in going on this mission trip, please contact The Rev. Emily Taylor 889-9101 for more information. Parents and children are always welcome to go together! Thank You.*