



April 2007

# The Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco & Biddeford  
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## Services

### April 1: Celebration Sunday

Rev. David W. Chandler

Please bring in your card to help us complete this year's Pledge Drive. Our homily will be, "A Faith with Feet." All members and friends are invited to celebrate at a brunch hosted by our Board of Trustees immediately after the service. **Church School.**

### April 8: "What Are We Owed?"

Rev. David W. Chandler

**Easter Sunday Family Service.** The alignment of human generosity with the generosity of the cosmos requires a radical change in our perspective – or just a simple lesson in labor relations. A famous parable of Jesus still helps our understanding of both. *Don't forget your Easter bonnet or chapeau – we will promenade!*

### April 15: "Time-honored Things"

Rev. David W. Chandler

Sometimes we may need to be reminded we are always in the midst of the eternal. We can look to the world around us, and respond

to the call of history. The past points to the future being created this very day, by each of us and by all of us. **Church School.**

### April 22: Celebrating the Earth

Worship Weavers

With lively songs, stories, special events – and even a parade – we will celebrate our global home. Join us to welcome spring and share the joys and some challenges of living in balance with all that abides on this glorious blue spinning ball. **Church School.**

### April 29: "Shake A Hand"

Rev. David W. Chandler

The richness of life requires willing partnership with other people. Growth of the soul requires spiritual search. What guidelines are there for the relationships we need in our church community? How can we fulfill our promises and our hopes? **Church School.**

## Sunday Services 10:00 AM

- Religious Education every week except Easter Sunday
- Children start in the sanctuary

## News

## The Parson's Packet

It's nice to have good neighbors, and this spring our circle of church neighbors is expanding dramatically. I am excited about that, and I hope you will be too.

We will soon be in closer conversation with more Unitarian Universalists, for one thing. Annual Meetings will convene this month for both the New Hampshire/Vermont District of the UUA, and our own Northeast District. Our meeting is at Allen Avenue UU Church in Portland, on Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27.

Congregational delegates at each meeting will be asked to vote to complete the consolidation of the two districts that has been under way in stages over the past several years. There are good reasons for them to agree.

A Joint Task Force representing both districts has carefully managed the process. There has been a remarkable amount of input, consultation and consensus building – not always an easy thing to pull off when each state has its own distinctive traditions and identity. One stellar accomplishment is a widespread feeling among church leaders that what is best about our cultures can thrive in the new alignment, while we can grow in size and effectiveness together.

I returned last week from a joint retreat with ministers from both districts, and the three-dozen of us who gathered at Crawford Notch expressed strong support. We agreed to convey our enthusiasm to the ministers who were not able to be present and to our congregations.

Crawford Notch is an amazingly beautiful place, and we all had a very good time, but there was definitely more to it than that. I was deeply nourished by my colleagues. I felt welcomed in every setting, whether large group, social activities or the tremendous small-group sessions. In various ways almost everybody who was there expressed the same conclu-

sion: “They may be from over the mountain (or across the river), but my, what nice folks!”

The Joint Task Force has voted in favor of being nice folks together, as have the Boards of each district. A joint District Executive, Rev. Mary Higgins, began work in July, as did a joint Small Church Specialist, our own Rev. Karen Brammer. A joint Program Coordinator will be announced this month, and a new joint district office was opened in February in Concord, NH. The service and support provided to congregations has expanded and more is to come. If you would like to be part of the historic moment on April 28, please see Rhonda M., chair of Denominational Affairs for the Northeast District. Both voting and non-voting representatives are welcome.

I am also grateful for strengthening relationships with our area UU ministers, including Rev. Myke Johnson of Allen Avenue, Rev. Sue Kingman of Sanford and Rev. Carol Strecker of Kennebunk. One thing we have been working on is helping each other with “building issues” – of which we all have our share. We have taken steps toward joint initiatives to secure more resources and better management to meet these challenges. We are fortunate to be UU congregations close enough to support each other, and confident enough to be our unique selves.

– Best wishes,

David

# Announcements

## Annual Budget Process

In March, the Finance Committee began developing our 2008 Budget, for the church year that begins July 1, 2007. In April, the Proposed Budget goes to the Board of Trustees. In May, the Trustees send the Proposed Budget to the congregation. Members create the Final Budget by vote at the Annual Meeting.

April 5: Finance Committee recommends Budget to Trustees.

April 12: Trustees review Budget recommendations.

May 10: Trustees recommend Budget to congregation.

June 10: Annual Meeting – Members discuss and vote on Budget.

## Wear Your Hat For Easter

Don't forget to wear your fanciest fedora on Easter Sunday, April 8. Whether it has "frills upon it" or not, your bonnet will be part of our church tradition, and we will take some time to cakewalk so that everybody can admire your finery and welcome spring.

Also, don't forget to bring some fresh flowers for our worship. Any kind is welcome, whether they are grand or modest, home-grown or not, in honor of Easter or spring or Persephone. Let's beautify our church home!

## RE News

*Thank You to Tarik S., Sally C., and Tracy G. for going to the Spirit Play Training! It is an exciting new curriculum that will be awesome for our children! Please talk to them about it and look for future trainings for others who are interested in being a part of our children's lives!!!*

Thanks to the Welcoming Congregation Committee for teaching RE the month of March! Membership and Green Committees are helping out in April!!!

Anyone interested in helping out for a Sunday in RE please contact Laurie S....

Religious Education Recognition Sunday is June 10...the children will be preparing for this in May!

## Shamanic Journeying Workshop

Taught by Laurie Sivonen, Shamanic Practitioner, Reiki Master

*New dates:* Friday 4/27, 6 PM—9 PM

In the Parish Hall at the UUCSB

### **This course will cover:**

- \* Journeys to the Upper and Lower Worlds
- \* Power Animal Retrieval
- \* Meeting your Spirit Guide

Mail registration to:

Laurie Sivonen,  
24 Beach Street,  
Saco, ME 04072

Make checks payable to: UU church of Saco/Biddeford

For more information call Laurie at 282-1201

## Events

## Clear The Clutter. Find What Matters

### A Green Committee clutter reduction workshop.

At one time or another most of us have found ourselves irritated, embarrassed or overwhelmed by clutter in our homes and heads. If this is your situation now, please come to the upcoming workshop sponsored by the Green Committee. This two-hour session will provide a forum for exploring the nature of clutter in our lives, including examining the spiritual impact and the unconscious messages that clutter can carry for us. We will discuss topics such as trust and letting go, energy, living in the present, abundance, and the alignment between our inner and outer clutter. Each participant will set clear goals and make an action plan and we will answer questions about how and where to relocate most clutter.

We want to encourage you to form a small Simple Living Circle of support. If you can, set aside the rest of the day on Saturday to get started on de-junking your home. To the extent possible, participants will partner with a de-junking comrade to create a work and support exchange.

It is no coincidence that this workshop is being held three weeks before our yard sale. We're hoping that you will be inspired by the workshop to clear some of your clutter to the benefit of this church.

#### Workshop details:

Saturday, April 14, 9-11 am  
In the Parish Hall  
Facilitated by Randa Thomas  
Bring: pad of paper, writing utensil, calendar



Come to this coffeehouse - even if you're unsure how to pronounce Ameranouche. You won't be disappointed!

Ameranouche, a nationally acclaimed Gypsy Jazz ensemble, is the feature for our April coffeehouse. Ameranouche plays acoustic hot jazz, both original compositions and unique arrangements by American and Gypsy songwriters. The music is universal and reaches diverse audiences worldwide.

Ameranouche performances are patterned with virtuosity, "eclecticity," and inspiring energy. Audiences are taken aback by Richard Sheppard's brilliant guitar work and the group's ceaseless musicianship.

Ameranouche's music has been regarded as reputa-

ble, genius, and able to generate extreme listening pleasure. The group is based in New England and tours regionally and nationally, from east to west, dazzling audiences everywhere.

Jon Nolan of the Wire Seacoast Entertainment Magazine, writes about Richard Sheppard, "His fingers dart across the strings faster than hummingbirds' wings".

[www.sacocoffeehouse.com](http://www.sacocoffeehouse.com)

Suggested donation \$10, children under 12 free

Delicious pies, cakes, and more baked by Time Bank members - \$1 each

## ZOË LEWIS A BAND IN A BODY!

Originally from England, Zoë now resides in Provincetown, Cape Cod. She plays jazz, jump jive, Latin grooves, swing, international folk, funk originals on anything from the piano to the spoons! She describes her blend of music as WORLD-BEAT-VAUDEVILLE.

Her music is upbeat, amusing and perfect for all ages. She's part troubadour, storyteller and accomplished musician and has toured internationally, picking up influences along the way. While at once setting listeners off balance with her quirky spin on things she sneaks in simple, potent messages, leaving audiences worn out and inspired.

She was CO-WINNER of the Colorado Rocky Mountain Folks Festival Troubadour award in 2003, NEW FOLK WINNER 2002 at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas

and 2001 Falconridge Folk Festival AUDIENCE FAVORITE and now she's getting booked to play many festival main stages with virtuoso jazz recorder player Roxanne Layton (from Mannheim Steamroller). Her latest CD "Small is Tremendous" is on Judy Collins' WILDFLOWER label and she'll be touring with her and Nanci Griffith this summer.

We hope to see you at this community outreach activity!

Tickets -\$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, under 12 free

Call: 207-602-1429

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office@sbtimbank.org

**Presented By:**

**The Welcoming  
Congregation Task Force Of  
the Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Saco & Biddeford**  
Sat., April 28, 2007 @ 7:30 pm in  
the Sanctuary

## Classifieds

### Cape's End

**It's not too early to make plans for summer 2007!** A roomy, sunlit cottage on the southern tip of Southport Island in the Boothbay Harbor region. Partial water views, large deck. With two bedrooms (one queen bed, one double bed), one bath with shower, living room with plenty of comfy seating, and a fully equipped kitchen. Includes a brick patio out back with a gas grill. Weekly rentals are available June through September for \$650 in June and September and \$750 in July and August. Call Anne and Conrad Cyr at 929-4478; Check out our website at [www.capesend.com](http://www.capesend.com), or e-mail us at [conann@sacoriver.net](mailto:conann@sacoriver.net)

### For Sale:

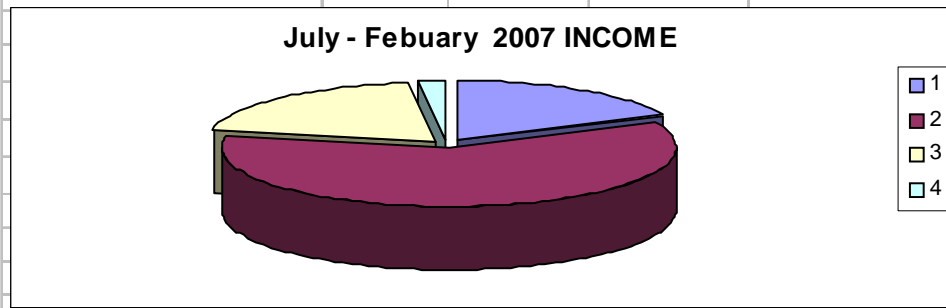
Coleman Generator.  
Gasoline powered.  
3500 watts. Very  
good condition.  
Used occasionally  
over about 10 years.  
\$100.

### C.J.'s Home Aid

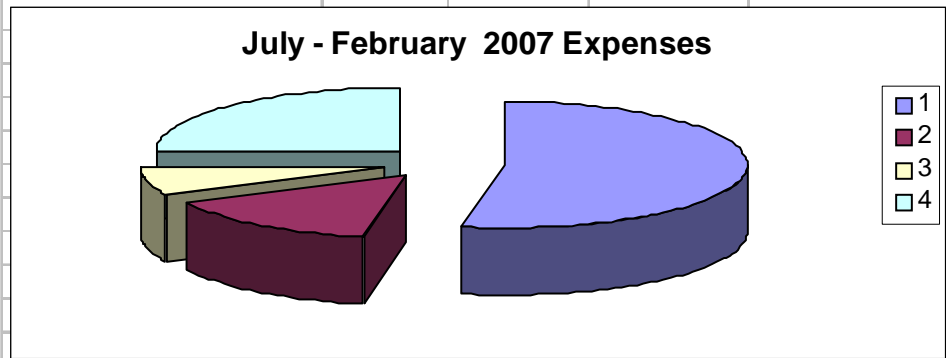
Quality home repairs,  
remodeling, renovations.  
Replacement doors and  
windows, decks, roofing.  
Free estimates  
Fully insured

Conrad Cyr  
590-1445

Business



- 1 - Investments
- 2 - Contributions
- 3 - Fundraising/Rental
- 4 - Other



- 1 - Personnel
- 2 - Facilities
- 3 - Programs
- 4 - Administration

## FEBRUARY 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 -- June 30, 2007

	BUDGET		ACTUAL		Y-T-D =
	Annual	Monthly	Feb. 2007	From July 1	
<b>INCOME</b>					<b>67%</b>
From Endowment	14,800	1,233	1,000	10,500	71%
Pledges and Plate	62,500	5,208	6,486	43,176	69%
Fundraising and Rental	17,940	1,496	783	11,554	64%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>95,240</b>	<b>7,937</b>	<b>8,269</b>	<b>65,230</b>	<b>68%</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
Compensation	62,550	5,213	4,908	40,499	65%
Building Operations	16,400	1,367	2,159	9,999	61%
Programs	5,550	462	518	3,384	61%
Administration and Denom.	10,740	895	17	9,299	87%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>95,240</b>	<b>7,937</b>	<b>7,602</b>	<b>63,181</b>	<b>66%</b>
			667	2,049	

OPERATING ACCOUNT		INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS	
Balance 2/01/2007	(429)	Balance 2/28/2007	236,980
INCOME	8,269	Due from Operating	3,000
EXPENSES	(7,602)	Total	\$239,980
Balance 2/28/2007	\$238		
Due to Endowment	(3,000)	Reserve Account	\$600

Questions? Please contact Dick S.

Sunday Tasks For April						
Day		Coffee Hour	Ushers	Flowers	Announcements	Greeters
<b>1st</b>	1	Carl Spirito	Richard &	Keith Walker	Al Casad	Membership Committee
	2	Dorinne Spirito	Joyce Beaulieu			
	3	Marilyn Stoesser-Casad		Edite Kroll		
<b>8th</b>	1	Sarah Wells	Richard &	Isah Ahmed	Jill Adler	Membership Committee
	2	Jeannine Wilson	Joyce Beaulieu	Diane Boutin		
	3	Anne Wilkinson				
<b>15th</b>	1	Peggy Belanger	Richard &	Mae Burnham	Pat Campbell	Membership Committee
	2	Alex Bradstreet	Joyce Beaulieu			
	3	Amy Bradstreet				
<b>22nd</b>	1	Dennis Carignan	Richard &	Carol Carlisle	Ellie Rolnick	Membership Committee
	2	Georgette Carignan	Joyce Beaulieu			
	3	Wendy Crowell				
<b>29th</b>	1	Anne Dobson	Richard &	Kathleen Hacker	Jane Funkhouser	Membership Committee
	2	Clarissa Frost	Joyce Beaulieu			
	3	Nancy Knights				

**Want to find out more about our church? Thinking about becoming a member?**

**To learn more about our congregation:**

Please speak to Rev. David W. Chandler after Sunday services. He is also available at church from Noon to 3:00 PM, Monday – Wednesday. Please call ahead. Other times can be arranged. David’s email is [dchandler@uuma.org](mailto:dchandler@uuma.org).

**To learn more about our faith and practice:**

Various aspects of Unitarian Universalism are explained in brochures kept in a rack in the front hall. You are welcome to take these home. You are also welcome to talk with our minister and with any member of our congregation.

**Our Church:**

We are a voluntary association of those committed to this special religious community. We share common values, but we do not require or expect conformity to any specific religious beliefs. We welcome each person’s spiritual exploration and expression. Our web site, [www.uuchurchsacobiddeford.com](http://www.uuchurchsacobiddeford.com), contains more information on the traditions, activities and people of our church. Our Membership Committee is identified before every Sunday service and will be pleased to assist you.

**Our Membership:**

Those who sign the Membership Book agree to sustain our church through continuing contributions of time, effort and financial support. All members are part of the non-profit corporation that owns the church, and they govern it through democratic process in which each one is entitled to be heard. Members elect a Board of Trustees and must also approve the “call” of a minister to our pulpit.

By participating in our worship, events and activities, you’ll get a sense of how this congregation might work in your life, and you in the life of the congregation. As you discover the privileges and responsibilities of membership, we recommend that you take the time to,

- Talk with our minister about your spiritual growth.
- Attend a Welcoming Sunday to find out more about Unitarian Universalism and our church’s history and traditions.
- Decide your financial commitment to this church community.

**When you’re ready, sign the Membership Book!**

# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:30 am: Choir 10:00 am: Worship 10:00 am: Church School 11:30 am: Green Committee	6:00 pm: Worship Weavers 7:00 pm: AA Group 7:00 pm: Bldg & Grounds	4:00 pm: Membership 6:30 pm: COM		7:00 pm: Finance Committee		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30 am: Choir 8:30 am: SGM1 10:00 am: Worship 11:30 am: Fund Raising	6:00 pm: TB Kitchen Table 7:00 pm: AA Group	7:00 pm: Sigma Delta	6:30 pm: SGM 2 7:00 pm: Welcoming Cong. Workshop	7:00 pm: Trustees	6:00 pm: TB Potluck	9:00 am: De-clutter Workshop
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30 am: Choir 10:00 am: Worship 10:00 am: Church School	7:00 pm: AA Group		7:00 pm: RE Committee			6:00 am: Democrats 4:00 pm: Coffeehouse Setup 7:00 pm: Coffeehouse
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:30 am: Choir 10:00 am: Worship 10:00 am: Church School	7:00 pm: AA Group		6:30 pm: SGM 2		6:00 pm: Shamanic Journeying	10:00 am: Shamanic Journeying 4:00 pm: Concert Setup
29	30					
8:30 am: Choir 10:00 am: Worship 10:00 am: Church School	7:00 pm: AA Group					