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## More Beauty than Fall Colors came to Attleboro Again

Judy Welles and Art Severance

Perfect New England weather greeted us as we arrived at the LaSalette Center for another Fall Conference in Attleboro, Massachusetts. Friends from the TMP training, many of them new to the Attleboro conference, were already on the premises, ready to welcome us and join us for several days of programs, tours, and renewal.

Monday evening was a time of settling in, punctuated by a check-in for the whole group (sixty of us) and a worship service offered by Richard Speck. On Tuesday, after Russ Savage's morning worship service, the day was given over to the keynote program, led by Laurel Hallman (see related article). On Tuesday afternoon, various workshops were led by



UUA President Susan Frederick- Gray had lunch with Conference Co- Chair Phyllis Hubbel and other UURMaPA members.

UURMaPA volunteer members. The small group choices were appealing: A continuation of Laurel's program, with emphasis on actual spiritual practices; two workshops offered by Dick and Joyce Gilbert asking us for the music (Joyce) and the words (Dick) that we find comforting in hard times; a drumming opportunity offered by Richard Speck; support groups for caregivers (Sylvia Howe) and a bereavement group (Carol Taylor).

Something new for Attleboro was the visit from the new President of the UUA, Susan Frederick-Gray, who joined us for lunch on Tuesday, followed by a one-hour Q&A session. She answered our myriad questions thoughtfully and honestly, with full acknowledgement that UUA practices in many areas need to be changed,

and that she is still new on the job and hasn't figured everything out yet. Her visit appeared to signal the possibility of a renewed and healthy relationship between UURMaPA and the UUA.

Don Robinson gave his Odyssey on Tuesday evening, much of which was focused on his founding and continuing to work hard for Beacon House in Washington, DC. At his organization, over

200 at-risk youth participate in after-school and weekend activities, which are helping them to cope successfully with the various risk factors disproportionately impacting low income youth. A collection for Beacon House after Don's talk yielded \$2,200 in donations for Beacon House.

Wednesday was field trip day, with some of us taking a bus to Walden Pond and Orchard House in Concord, MA; some going on an architectural trip in Providence; some heading for Cambridge and the Harvard Divinity School Archives (see President's column, page 3); and probably some staying "home" to enjoy the quiet and beauty of the conference setting. The evening worship service, entitled "Do Not Fear the Time", was conducted

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## *From your Editor*

I don't know about you, but I rarely think of myself as 'retired'; rather, what about the idea of being in the *Fifth Season* of our lives? This time of life is different from all the others because, to a large degree, attention to our health becomes important. Joining and becoming a part of UURMaPA became valuable to me because, like the rest of you, I've never been a Senior Citizen before! We all need trustworthy and wise company on this part of life's journey, and you'll find them here... **Check out photos of your colleagues** that were in Attleboro throughout this issue of *Elderberries*.

I was recently diagnosed with a cancer that will be treated with major surgery. I've always been blessed with undeserved good health, and have worked as a hospital Chaplain for six years. The diagnosis came before the deadline for this issue of *Elderberries*, and I asked for help with articles from the UURMaPA Board. The fact that this issue is 20 pages long is completely reflective of the kind of help and support I've received in UURMaPA, as people I'd never met are now holding my hand! Old friends are indeed precious, but these new friends I've met through UURMaPA have become a valued treasure in my old age.

And I belong to a UU church that is healthy and has a commitment of service to each other and to our community. With my medical situation demanding attention, I needed help with the production of *Elderberries*. Bruce Bierce is the type of parishioner we all wanted to have in our congregations! A retired educator, he has talents in many areas, including desktop publishing. Our church has the most beautiful images on all our posters and pamphlets produced by Bruce, and this issue of *Elderberries* wouldn't exist without his expertise.

The assistance I received from the UURMaPA board and Bruce has warmed my heart, and proved, once again, that asking for and receiving help doesn't have to be painful. In any life review moments of Grace will pop up, and this issue of *Elderberries* is one of those moments. My age urges me to recognize Grace in the moment, not just in hindsight, and the wisdom of the Beatles rings true from the '60's: ***We get by with a little help from our friends.*** I urge us all to take advantage of the blessing that is UURMaPA.

Any questions or comments? Contact me at [nancee1944@gmail.com](mailto:nancee1944@gmail.com).

## *A Word from your President*

### Our New Archivists

During the conference in Attleboro, MA., three of us traveled to Cambridge to visit the archives (and the archivists) at the Andover-Harvard Theological Library. Our reasons for this visit were at least twofold: At its September meeting, your Board voted to make the Andover-Harvard Archives the official archivists for UURMaPA, so we wanted to meet them in person; and we have a big project coming up that we wanted to tell them about so that they could be helpful in executing it.

What a treat! The two archivists we met were enthusiastic about maintaining and increasing the archival materials already collected over the years from UURMaPA. (Many thanks to our first and now former historian, Liz Strong, and deep gratitude to Susan Lamar for agreeing to be our next one.) They assured us that “We don’t acquire materials to *hold onto* them, we acquire them so that people can *use* them.” They have cooperative agreements with archivists at other institutions to share information about their respective collections and to refer researchers if then need more than Andover-Harvard can provide.



L to R: Maureen Jennings, Head of Special Collections; Judy Welles, UURMaPA President; Ginger Luke, Board member, UURMaPA; Jessica Suarez, Curator of Manuscripts and Archives. Photo by Phyllis Hubbell, co-chair, 2019 UURMaPA Conferences

These are the official archives of the UUA, the UUSC, Beacon Press, and countless individual ministers and congregations, as well as smaller organizations like ours. Of course, they will welcome your sermons, study group papers, Odysseys and any other materials that you think might be useful in the future. Don’t worry about duplicating their materials or sending them things they don’t want; they told us “We’re archivists; it’s our job to determine what’s useful, not yours.”

I’ve been reading a wonderful novel, Jodi Picoult’s *The Storyteller*, which is a study in forgiveness, retribution, and redemption. Parts of the book are graphic and disturbing descriptions of life in Auschwitz from the perspective of a prisoner. One of her jobs was sorting through the belongings of prisoners who had been executed and culling out anything the Germans might find valuable. But when she finds photos of people, she slips them into her sleeve and saves them. “I didn’t see it as stealing,” she wrote in a memoir, “I saw it as archiving.” Every night she would take out the photos and whisper their names. “As long as I remembered them, then they were still here.”

Do you want to be remembered? Don’t we all? I encourage you to go through your own papers and send to the Andover-Harvard Archives anything that you find interesting or potentially of interest to someone else. You never know who might find your life the most fascinating one they’ve ever encountered!

After Attleboro, I spent the weekend with my best friend from childhood. We met at summer camp when we were ten, then discovered that we lived in adjacent towns and both were Unitarians. We were steadfast companions all through high school and LRY, talking on the phone nearly every night and spending weekend time at each other’s homes. We were bridesmaids in each other’s weddings. And then we lost touch for nearly fifty years, until I tracked her down through the Internet two years ago. We’ve been spending the intervening time reconnecting and recalling our earlier lives, often with laughter, sometimes with sadness and regret. I am heartened to realize that I had such good taste in friends, even as a little girl.

There’s nothing quite like a friend who remembers your parents and your siblings, your childhood home, your earliest crushes, your first job... They are like personal archivists, holding for you those memories that are so meaningful, and often recalling events that you yourself had forgotten.

This can be a function of UURMaPA as well, reconnecting us with beloved friends and colleagues we might have lost touch with over the years and decades. I hope that many of you will take advantage of our wonderful conferences and other events to rediscover old friends and make new ones.

Blessings,

*Judy Welles*, President

Dear UU friends in retirement:

We hope you are actively considering joining UURMaPA's first ever group tour to England, May 24 - June 3, 2018. A group of fourteen UU's from the Walnut Creek, CA congregation recently went on a **Discover Europe** tour of England with an itinerary similar to the UURMaPA tour next Spring.

**A few of their quotes:**

- "The trip was great - the format, the itinerary and the group worked well.
- "Sheer joy to just settle in and absorb an on-going visual, intellectual and spiritual feast."
- "Well planned, yet flexible and responsive. ... was an experience of a lifetime for me."
- "Very moving to be exploring not just Southern England in general, but the sites of all kinds of religious expression and history and change in spiritual life and thought and practice. I found that so meaningful."
- "Rev. David Usher made it absolutely wonderful. A perfect blend of touring, freedom to explore and group activity,"

The itinerary takes in some of southern England's most notable treasures. In addition to time in London, there will be:

- **Oxford**, the city of dreaming spires and ancient seat of learning;
- **Bath**, with its magnificent Roman ruins and splendid Georgian architecture;
- **Salisbury**, home of the breathtaking cathedral with an original copy of the Magna Carta and Stonehenge nearby; and
- **Windsor**, with Europe's oldest continuously occupied royal residence.

**Discover Europe** is now taking reservations. The complete brochure describing the trip in detail, as well as the registration form, is located on the UURMaPA website (<http://uurmapa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Unitarian-Britain-Brochure.pdf>) or contact **Discover Europe**. The UURMaPA tour will be limited to twenty to ensure the group's intimacy. Be sure to book soon!

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Salisbury, England



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Windsor, England

# Turning of our Lives

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Here's an update from your **Unsung UURMaPan** for 2016. Andy and I were delighted to be able to present our two-act musical play at The Sylvia Theatre in Bellingham, WA on May 17-21. "Older But Not Wiser, Younger But Not Cute" was well-received, which was a joy for us. Andy and I thank UURMaPA for cheering us on this past year. The funds from UURMaPA helped offset production costs.



With heartfelt thanks, *Christine Lilly Backus*

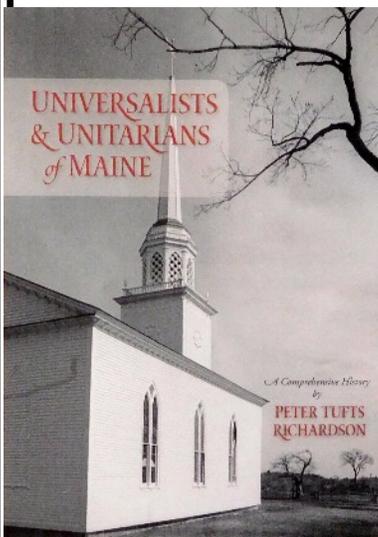
## REMEMBERING THE 1960s

by Dorothy Emerson

My retirement project has been writing a memoir about my life in the Sixties in California as an active participant in cultural change. As the book progressed, it turned into ministry, when I realized that our vision back then has major relevance for today. Here's a description of the book, which will be published in early December (or before).

*Sea Change* is an intimate exploration of a young life lived on the edge of radical hope, change, and possibility in the 1960's in California. It rekindles the spirit of the Summer of Love when anything was possible and idealism was the air we breathed. The health of our society continues to demand engagement with issues of social justice, cultural diversity, and environmental responsibility. This memoir is a call to action to succeeding generations to keep the dream alive. There is still much to be done.

Pre-publication sales are available on my website, [www.seachange1960s.net](http://www.seachange1960s.net). Books will be mailed to you in time for holiday giving. I'll even sign them and dedicate them, if you wish.



Have you ever served a church in Maine or preached in one of its summer pulpits? Then you know there is much more to UU here than meets the eye. The Maine frontier gave birth to a vigorous early Universalism. In a new book you will meet Maine's first governor and more than a dozen more, the church in which Maine adopted its constitution, the designer of Maine's state seal, numerous U. S. senators and representatives, ministers who often preached in barns and schoolhouses, great proprietors who owned many hundreds of thousands of acres in Maines interior, but mostly farmers. *Universalists and Unitarians of Maine*, by Rev. Peter T. Richardson, tells the story of 409 congregations in Maine's cities and towns over the past two centuries. The book is hardcover, 685 pages, with 438 illustrations. Cost is \$69.95 plus \$8.00 for mailing. To order contact the author at [ptemr@aol.com](mailto:ptemr@aol.com) or 22 Mechanic St., Rockland, ME 04841.

## Partner's Column

### The Caregiver

by Eleanor Motley Richardson

Peter is the best kisser in the world. We had three long kisses and as many I-love-you's before they wheeled him down the hall into a waiting helicopter. He was flown to Maine Medical Center with a dissected aorta. "My father died of this," he told the doctors. I became the Caregiver the moment I stood up from a neighborhood party to drive him on two wheels to the ER.

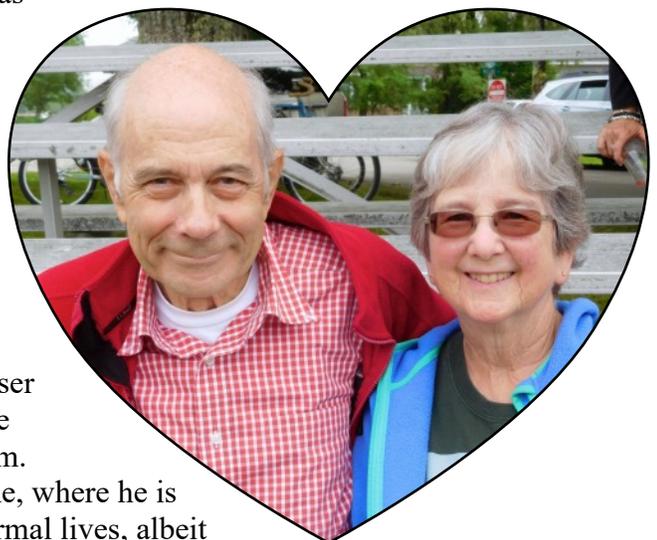
There was no room in the helicopter, so I drove two hours down Route 1 in a black night. My son called from Colorado and talked me through part of it. I spent the night with his children and grandchildren, dozing on a hard four-foot bench in the SCU waiting room. In my mind's eye was Justice holding the scales, 'Will he live or Will he die?' At 3 a.m., the surgeon, the miracle worker, said Peter had made it. When I could go see him, I fainted.

My role at first was just to be there when he opened his bleary eyes and scanned the room. When he saw me, there was a half-smile and he went back to sleep. What an amazing feeling! Just being there has been my main role ever since. Through two weeks of hospital and another two of rehab, I simply didn't want to be anywhere else, and I spent the time proofing *Universalists and Unitarians of Maine* on my laptop, which we had declared finished the morning he went to the hospital. I watched what the nurses were doing and how, getting ready for his homecoming. My friends and I used to swap baby furniture, now it's shower seats and toilet handlebars.

How was I feeling through all this? Everyone seemed to be worrying about me. But I was pretty much living through Peter, how terrifying it must have been to look death in the face. (He says not terrifying, just strange.) There was some post-traumatic stress. People from the church in Rockland brought beautiful gifts of food, gratefully accepted. Neighbors came to sit with Peter if I had to go for groceries. My doctor daughter helped with the medical aspect. Peter's strong 13-year-old grandson helped with yard work. His daughter brought a bed downstairs to the library, where he lay with his head in the psychology section. I spent the nights for a month in a sleeping bag on the sofa nearby.

It was a real paradigm shift. We have always shared cooking, laundry and housework. Now it was all mine, very 1950s. But it was a way to work off stress, something I could do (lizard brain). I built a railing on the porch to help him up the stairs. I cleared my calendar, which was very freeing, giving me time to work on my own book, finally finishing a 10-year transcription project of diaries 1795-1875, by Peter's ancestors in Rockland. It will run more than 1100 pages when published. Only occasionally do I let all this near my heart. Sometimes I touch on what life would be like without him. We have been Peter and Eleanor for 30 years, and losing him would be like amputating half of myself. Meanwhile, every day is a honeymoon. I chastise myself if I even say an unkind word.

All of us retired folks think about death. It just came a little closer this time. The hardest part was when Peter had to go back to the hospital in August for 5 days, as there was a new small aneurysm. Eventually they decided it wasn't "aggressive," so sent him home, where he is on a self-described plateau. We are pretty much back to our normal lives, albeit with a specter looking over our shoulder. It's like being in love all over again. Peter looks out at a beautiful garden and says, "And to think I might have missed all this."



## Little Rocks and Big Rocks

As Laurel Hallman began her program presentation at the Attleboro conference, someone's phone announced "Starting route to Attleboro..." It seemed like an appropriate way to begin, especially because she later encouraged us to figure out whether we had "arrived" yet.

Her early remarks reminded us of the fragmented and troubled times we have lived through in the past months: concern about the Trump Presidency; worry about the future of the UUA in the face of so many resignations and Jim Key's death; the terrible weather events of the summer; the confrontations with white supremacists around the country; and the very recent mass shooting in Las Vegas. "Troubled times became fragmented times, with our attention drawn to all directions at once," she reminded us.

Our dilemma in retirement becomes how to decide how much work for good is enough, given the simultaneous increase in our "free" time and the decrease in our energies, as well as the personal and family crises we all experience. She reminded us of the Steven Covey exercise involving big rocks and little rocks —if we fill the container of our day with little rocks, those little tasks that call to us regardless of their importance, we will have little time or energy left to address the "big rocks" of our deep commitments and concerns.

She said, "I am not here to say that we are too old to be involved in the issues of our time. I'm here to say that just as our faith calls us on, *so are we, as elders, called to deepen the context of our actions with attention to the Spirit which sustains us, and within which we live.*"

Laurel then went on to offer three stories of deep spirituality in troubled times, based on her personal experience, which we might find helpful in that discernment.

The first was to tell us of her experiences at Shalem Institute, which was founded in the 1980s as a place for deepening the spiritual lives of clergy. During several 10-day residencies and the times between, program participants met with a mentor, received and offered spiritual direction, wrote papers, and met monthly with a peer group for prayer and sharing.

She learned much from her mentor, Jerry May, whose experience as an Army psychiatrist in Vietnam created his desire to deepen his psychiatric practice with spiritual grounding. He taught the difference between willfulness and willingness, the latter being the practice of letting go of assumptions and judgments in order to create a space for new learning to emerge.

Of May's teachings on spiritual practice, Laurel said, "Spiritual practice — be it meditation, prayer, poetry, or a simple time of sitting — will bring reality closer to our consciousness. It will bring a layer of emotion close enough to feel: sadness, happiness, love, and pain, to name a few. And, in time, it will bring a depth of being beneath the surface of all of it, that creates a kind of equilibrium. A sense of stability in the midst of it all. It's not bliss. But it's important. And very needed in these difficult times in which we live."

The second story told of her experiences with Thich Nhat Hahn at Plum Village, the community he founded in Bordeaux, France. From him she learned to slow down her reactivity by "breathing and smiling" every time a phone rang (or some other claim for her attention occurred), thus delaying answering its demand so that she could better learn how to discern the best response.

The third story told of Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk in Gesthemani, Kentucky whose vows of silence and poverty did not prevent him from writing over 70 books and articles opposing the Vietnam war. His was a paradox of vocation — a contemplative who chose to live and pray at the margins of society, yet whose range of influence was world-wide.

Laurel approached the end of her presentation by saying "Each of these men I have lifted up provides us with a vision of spiritual depth out of which has come powerful action." Jerry May and Thomas Merton have died; Thich Nhat Hahn, at age 93, is very frail after a serious stroke; Rosemary Dougherty (another founder of Shalem Institute) has recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and has found a new calling in exploring and bearing witness to a "spirituality of diminishment."

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by Barbara Ten Hove with help from her husband Jaco. This service honored and remembered our UURMaPA members who have died in the past twelve months,

Thursday morning saw us packing up, then attending the business meeting. With such a scattered membership, UURMaPA doesn't hold a regular annual meeting; instead, business meetings at both conferences and full coverage in *Elderberries* keep our members abreast of UURMaPA activities and decisions. We heard a review of the ongoing programs that UURMaPA supports, got a taste of what's coming up for the Winter Conference in Tampa, Attleboro 2018, and both conferences in 2019 (more details to follow in the Winter, 2018 issue of *Elderberries*). Dick Gilbert called for nominations for several Board positions, and the meeting ended with a moment of silence for Helen Pickett, who had died the day before.

Our time together was beautifully wrapped up in a final worship service conducted by Kerry Mueller. These conferences are, in our humble opinion, the life blood of UURMaPA. We are very generous with financial assistance so that everyone who wishes to can attend an UURMaPA conference. Please put these on your schedule if you've never attended — you'll be glad you did!

### **Help was Always Waiting**

by Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells ten Hove (recently retired to Bellingham, WA)

When my father, the Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, died at the age of 60, my mother was left with very few resources. Like many in his ministerial generation, my dad was not encouraged to put money into retirement. There was no “Office of Church Staff Finances” when he began his ministry. When he died after nearly 25 years of service to our faith, he left behind a grieving widow who had to survive almost entirely on Social Security and a small annuity she bought with my Dad’s life insurance policy.

For a long time, anger and shame kept my mother from asking for help. As her daughter (who is also a UU minister), I didn’t really know the extent of her need until she finally was able to talk about it with me some years after my dad’s death. I was shocked. But, I quickly did the only thing I knew to do. I called Ralph Mero who was then the Director of Church/Staff Finances at the UUA.

Ralph was both sympathetic and helpful. He immediately explained what my mother needed to do, which was to fill out some information about her financial situation so he could better understand her needs. Sadly, it took me nearly a year to get her to do this. She was embarrassed to share with me her meager resources. But, with help from Ralph’s office, we sent her information off and within weeks help was on the way.

We discovered that there were several funds at the UUA designed to help ministers and their spouses in financial hardship. We found that we could turn to the UUA when, for example, my mom needed new hearing aids or dental care, things not covered by Medicare. When we asked, she also got help for things that were harder to ask for like money to help pay for a down payment on a new apartment. The best thing that happened was discovering that, because my dad served a congregation in Massachusetts, there was a very old fund (that predates the separation of the Congregational Church from the Unitarian) that provides for the “widows and orphans” of ministers who served in Massachusetts and Maine. That fund gave my mother steady extra income for over a decade, making her last year’s much easier.

I write this story because I think far too often we don’t ask for help to the one place designed to help us – the UUA. The Office of Church/Staff Finances (now ably led by Richard Nugent) is there to provide support not only to those of us who are working or retired but also to the widowed spouses of ministers who may need a little help in getting through hard times. My mom and I would never have known if we didn’t ask. Asking was hard – for me and for my mom. But, by the end of her life (in November 2016) all she felt towards the UUA was gratitude for supporting her during her lean times.

**A Helping Hand**  
by Kirk Loadman-Copeland

William Henry Ryder, a leading 19<sup>th</sup> Century Universalist minister and philanthropist, knew the challenges of ministry, especially when ministers retire and face financial challenges. He created a bequest to provide grants to ministers and their partners in times of need. The Ryder Fund is administered by the Midwestern Unitarian Universalist Conference and available to anyone.

Examples of grants include:

- \* Hearing aids
- \* Rent assistance
- \* Medical expenses
- \* Food subsidy
- \* Funeral expenses
- \* Utility subsidy
- \* Personal care assistance

Grants can be used to reimburse expenses recently incurred or pending expenditures, and are limited to one-time requests, not ongoing support. These confidential grants will be made based on need. Individuals can expect a decision on their application within 4 to 6 weeks.

To apply, send an email with the following information to the [RyderFund@gmail.com](mailto:RyderFund@gmail.com) or mail to The Ryder Fund, c/o MidAmerica Region, 2355 Fairview Ave. N., #312, Roseville, MN 55113

- \* Applicant's Name (If not a minister, the minister's name to whom you are related)
- \* Date of Birth
- \* Name of person submitting application *if not the applicant*
- \* Address, telephone # & email address
- \* List of congregations/organizations served including location and dates
- \* The amount being requested
- \* An explanation of the use of the grant
- \* A quote or a bill to support that amount
- \* An explanation of when the money is needed and any other sources of funds being requested to help
- \* Any other relevant information that will support your application

The size of grants vary based on the availability of funds. Typical grants ranging between \$500 and \$2,000. If a grant cannot fund the total request, a smaller amount can be distributed to help fund the total need.

*UURMaPA Nominating Committee*

Your Nominating Committee is soliciting names for the Board. The Committee – Dick Gilbert, chair, Bob Morris and Barbara Prairie – will recommend names for open positions. The Nominating Committee seeks to keep a balance of ministers and partners, of male and female members and to maintain geographic diversity. All nominations are for two-year terms. The slate of nominees will also be posted on UURMaPA-Announce, our e-mail list

for official business. If no other nominations are submitted by members to the Nominating Committee (Dick Gilbert at [585-244-7403](tel:585-244-7403) or [Rsgilbert@uuma.org](mailto:Rsgilbert@uuma.org)) for any position by April 1, the slate is considered elected and begins serving on July 1, 2018. Positions to be filled are Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, one Member-at-Large and two members of the Nominating Committee.

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By referring to Rosemary's new calling, Laurel lifted up an intriguing idea of one role as an elder, finding a model of living in the midst of our later years so those who follow us can be empowered to bring such spiritual curiosity into their later living, as well. Laurel continues to coach and mentor new ministers, saying of her work with them, "They need our loving care, as these are hard times to be a minister."

Laurel concluded by quoting some lines from Stanley Kunitz's poem *The Layers*:

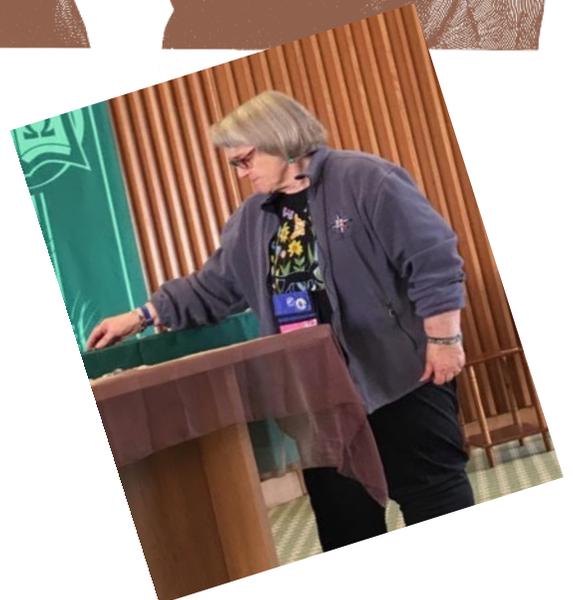
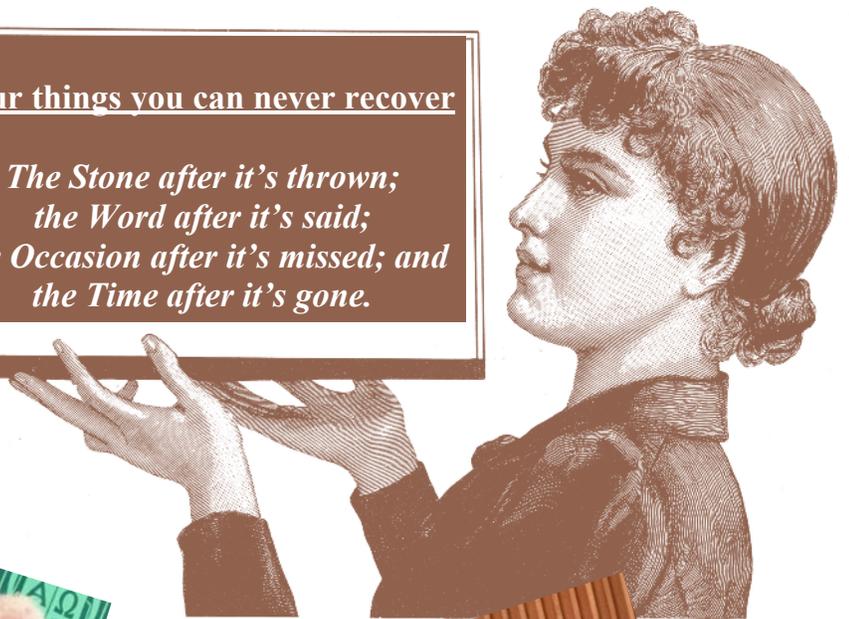
I have walked through many lives  
some of them my own  
and I am not who I was  
though some principle of being  
abides, from which I struggle  
not to stray.

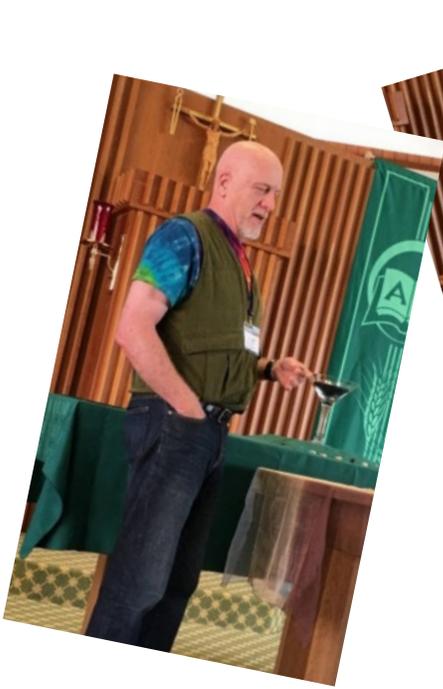
Her final words to us were these: "If you have been encouraged to get a sense of your own principle of being which abides, that is good. Because it is in that struggle to be most centrally who we are — in spite of years, the times in which we have lived and are living, the diminishment which sneak up on us, or stop us in our tracks — because we can abide in a principle of being that is our own, we can be strong in the midst of weakness, focused in the midst of fragmentation, and a blessing no matter what comes."



Four things you can never recover

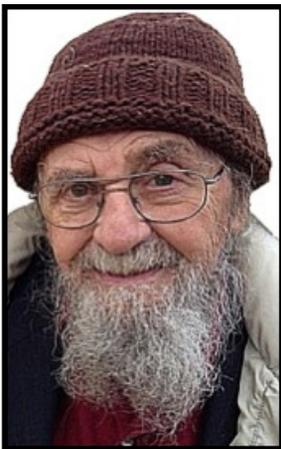
*The Stone after it's thrown;  
the Word after it's said;  
the Occasion after it's missed;  
and the Time after it's gone.*





## *In Memoriam*

*Longer and more detailed versions of all obituaries can be found on the UURMaPA web site at: <http://www.uurmapa.org/obituaries.html>. No password is necessary. Many thanks to Jay Atkinson and Roger Rochester for their careful and sensitive work writing the ministers' and partners' obituaries, respectively.*



### **MAURICE COBB (1918–2015)**

The Reverend Maurice Cobb of West Newfield, Maine—parish minister, religious educator, dedicated community social activist for justice and humanitarian causes, and DIY house builder—died at the Maine Medical Center on 10 September 2015, aged 97.

His lifelong love of rural living began as he worked every summer on his grandfather's farm—making hay, hitching up the horses to go to town, and bringing the cows home in the afternoon. Cold water in a tin cup was always Maurice's favorite drink.

Maurice Wendell Cobb was born on 4 March 1918 in Winchester, New Hampshire, but was raised in Brattleboro, Vermont, by his parents Richard Cobb and Lelia Lampson Cobb. Mr. Cobb studied at the Crane Theological School of Tufts University and was ordained in 1943 at the White Street Universalist Church in East Boston, Massachusetts,

where he served, 1942-44. Over the next four decades the Rev. Mr. Cobb served churches in North Carolina, Vermont, Ohio, New York, and Maine.

Retiring to Maine, Maurice took a course in house design and construction at the Shelter Institute in Bath to prepare himself to build the only house he ever owned, in West Newfield. The construction was an adventure he never tired of retelling, and he dearly loved his home. Gardening, letter writing, and the Red Sox were the relaxing pursuits of a long happy retirement. "He was deeply at peace with himself," affirms one of his nieces. and the Red Sox were the relaxing pursuits of a long happy retirement. "He was deeply at peace with himself," affirms one of his nieces.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Martha Gottlieb: 93 Head Tide Road, Whitefield, Maine 04353; Lawrence Cobb or niece Lynda Bigalow, both at 77 Cedar Ridge Drive, Shelburne, Vermont 05482. A memorial service was held in Sanford, Maine at the Sanford Unitarian Universalist Church on 24 October 2015. Memorial donations are encouraged to the charity of the donor's choosing.

## EDWIN A. LANE (1928-2017)



The Reverend Ed Lane—dedicated parish minister, bold and passionate activist for truth and social justice, supporter and volunteer for humanitarian causes, and devoted servant of liberal religion—died in hospice care on July 19, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio, at the age of 89.

The Rev. Mr. Lane protested against the Vietnam War and joined many of his colleagues in the 1965 Selma march. He fought for women’s rights, abortion rights, same sex marriage, income equality, and environmental protections. Twice he traveled to Africa to build houses with Habitat for Humanity. During his term as chair on the board of Beacon Press, the momentous decision was made to publish the classified *Pentagon Papers* in 1971. “Life is a gift of grace,” Ed Lane once wrote, “not something we have earned. We have a responsibility to use it with wisdom and to share it with love.”

Edwin A. Lane was born to Lester and Vera Lewis Lane on June 19, 1928. Raised in the Methodist church, Ed pursued ministerial study at Drew University Divinity School, but found and embraced Unitarianism while there and was ordained on 12 May 1957 by the Church of the Unity (now UU Church of Winchendon, Mass). He accepted a call as the first minister to the UU Church in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and in nine years (1958-67) helped the small fellowship grow into a thriving church with more than 400 members, 12 acres of land, and four buildings. The Rev. Mr. Lane went on to UU settlements in Westport (Conn), Cambridge (Mass), Bellingham (Wash), and a final call to First Parish Waltham (Mass) in 1987, where he was named Minister *Emeritus* upon retiring in 1996.

Edwin Lane is survived by his wife of 28 years, Helen, two sons, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Memorial donations are encouraged to First Parish in Needham, 23 Dedham Ave, Needham, MA 02492. A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at the church.

Notes of condolence may be sent to [HelenBLane@gmail.com](mailto:HelenBLane@gmail.com) at 66 Hastings St. Apt 106, Wellesley, MA 02481.



## WILLIAM R. MURRY (1932–2017)



The Reverend Dr. William R. Murry, Minister *Emeritus* of the River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda, MD, and former President of Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, died July 6, 2017.

During his 17 year tenure at River Road, Bill Murry had a strong pulpit ministry with a major emphasis on social responsibility. The membership nearly doubled in size and their community service and social justice work increased considerably. In his seven years as President and Academic Dean of the Chicago seminary, Bill led in the growth and revitalization of that graduate professional school affiliated with the University of Chicago and the Unitarian Universalist Association. He appointed six new faculty members, expanded the curriculum and saw the student body increase from 60 to 115 students.

He was the author of numerous articles and three books including: *A FAITH FOR ALL SEASONS: Liberal Religion and the Crises of Life*, in which he presents liberal religious perspectives on the question of life’s meaning, the problems of pain and suffering, loss and grief, and death and Dying;

*REASON AND REVERENCE: Religious Humanism for the 21st Century*, which articulates a humanism grounded in religious naturalism and responds to some criticisms of humanism; and *BECOMING MORE FULLY HUMAN: Religious Humanism as a Way of Life*, which treats humanism as both a philosophy and a way of living with joy and responsibility.

His work for the Unitarian Universalist Association included serving three years as Chair of the planning committee of the National Social Justice Workshop, six years as Ministerial Settlement Representative for the Joseph Priestley District, and President of the Chesapeake chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association.

Bill was born in Jefferson City, Missouri, in 1932. He held a B.A. from Oklahoma Baptist University, a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University and a Ph.D. in Theology and Culture from Drew University. He began his career as a Baptist pastor in Shelton, Connecticut, then accepted a joint appointment as University Minister at The Riverside Church and as the Campus Minister at Columbia University in New York City. Bill served from 1967 to 1970 as Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Religion at Goucher College in Towson, MD, and from 1970 to 1974 he was Assistant Professor of Religion at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg.

Bill became a Unitarian Universalist minister in 1977, and was called to the UU Church of Bloomington, Indiana, where he served on the Board of Planned Parenthood and helped to start hospice in that city. In 1980, he was called to the River Road Congregation in Bethesda where he also became active in affordable housing work. He was a founding member and first board chair of the Montgomery (County, MD) Housing Partnership, and also helped found the Unitarian Universalist Affordable Housing Corporation, which continues to serve the D.C. area. In 1995, he was recognized for his work in affordable housing by the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission.

After retiring from the Presidency of the Meadville Lombard seminary he continued his writing, speaking engagements and service as a board member of the UU Humanist Association. While living in Annapolis MD, he was a founding board member of the UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland and in 2012 was honored with the first “Creative Sage-ing Award” by the UU Retired Ministers and Partners Association. More recently he co-edited the anthology *Humanist Voices in Unitarian Universalism*.

At the last UU General Assembly in New Orleans, the UU Humanist Association honored him as the first recipient of its Lifetime Achievement Award “for extraordinary contributions to Religious Humanism and Unitarian Universalism.” Bill Murry was an inspiring teacher and mentor to a great many members of the UU clergy as well as countless laypersons and professed humanists across the country. The influence of his powerful sermons, lectures and books will continue to enrich and enlighten many.



### **MATTHEW MCNAUGHT (1937–2015)**



The Reverend Matthew McNaught—pastor, teacher, scholar, and religious pilgrim—died on 23 August 2015, aged 77.

Matthew absorbed a love of spirituality and liturgy from his grandmother, and later he preached on “the strangely formative influence of his early childhood where the singing of simple hymns created a lasting effect on [my] life and adult experience.” But he found the dour theology of Scottish Presbyterians much less appealing. Religious restlessness led him first to England, priesthood in the Anglican Church, and then to America, where he found a home in Unitarian Universalism.

Matthew McDonald McNaught was born in Glasgow, Scotland on 15 November 1937. He took a B.A. at Oxford University in 1962 and a Diploma in Theology from Wells Theological College in 1964. While serving two parishes over the next six years, he also earned an M.A. from Oxford in 1967.

With emigration to the U.S. in 1970, brief study at Meadville Lombard Theological School, and a year of interim ministry, the Rev. McNaught accepted a call to the Community Church (UU) of New Orleans and continued as their minister until 1979. Subsequent calls led him to ministry at the First Unitarian Church of Austin, TX (1979-88) and the Towson UU Church of Lutherville, M (1988-98). There he was named Minister Emeritus at his early retirement, after which he embarked on a series of interim ministries over the next nine years.

Matthew outlived a son Douglas, who died of colon cancer. He is survived by his wife, Anna Bennett McNaught, and a son, Mark Bennett McNaught.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Clare Petersberger at the Towson UU Church on 14 September 2015. Notes of condolence may be sent to Anna McNaught, 742 East Lake Ave, Baltimore, Maryland 21212; or to Mark McNaught, 15 Residence Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, 35000 Rennes, France.



#### **RUTH ELIZABETH LAWRENCE (1941 – 2017)**



Ruth Elizabeth Lawrence, age 76, died July 30, 2017, in Morrisville, VT. She was the widow of the Reverend Thomas Ahlburn.

Ruth grew up in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, and attended Connecticut College, where she majored in English. She was hired by the Providence Public Library as a children's librarian and earned her Masters in Library Science. She remained a librarian throughout her professional life, mostly in the Woonsocket, Rhode Island school system. She and her husband collected a personal library of more than 10,000 titles, which included religion, poetry, biblical archeology, zoology, and astronomy. They read every book.

While living in Rhode Island, they spent their summers in Vermont, where they bought some land and built a cabin. They spent two months there every summer for 20 years. They loved the peaceful life, grew a lot of their food, cooked on a two-burner Coleman stove, hauled water, and used kerosene lanterns.

Ruth's home was filled with animals in need, many of which were brought in by her elementary school. Over the years, she cared for a three-legged dog, goats, a squirrel, geese, a starling, a blue jay and an ancient box turtle named Gino.

Tom and Ruth retired to Greensboro in 2000. After Tom died in 2002, Ruth invented a new life for herself in Greensboro. She was active with the Greensboro Free Library and her many new friends became a family. She moved to the Craftsbury Community Care Center several years ago, and was happy there.

Ruth is survived by her stepdaughters, Heather Emerick and Megan Ahlburn, her son-in-law, Donny Emerick and her grandchildren Winnie, Charlotte and Phoebe Emerick. She is also survived by her sisters Marjorie Seabury and Virginia Buttrum and their children.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Craftsbury Community Care Center, 1784 E. Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury, VT 05827, or the Greensboro Free Library, 53 E. Craftsbury Road, Greensboro, VT 05841.

## **BETTY CAROLYN MURDOCK (1929 – 2017)**



Betty Carolyn Murdock died September 7, 2017, in Tulsa OK. The widow of the Reverend Dr. Virgil Murdock, she was 88 years old. Betty grew up in Hartshorne, OK where her parents, the late Elmer and Juanita Thrower, owned and published the Hartshorne Sun.

After high school, she attended Phillips University in Enid, OK and graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a BA degree in journalism. She worked as a reporter for The Daily Oklahoman and the Oklahoma City Times.

In 1955, she and her husband moved to Cambridge, MA where he attended Harvard Divinity School. They remained in Massachusetts, where he served a congregation for a few years, then became the Executive Director of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches. Betty was active in a number of charitable organizations in Massachusetts.

After they retired to Tulsa in 1986, she was a Gillie at the Gilcrease Museum.

Survivors include her daughter, Lisa Carolyn Ake, and her husband Tracy Ake, of Bristow, VA; grandchildren, Hayley Ake, Hannah Ake, and Sam Ake; a sister, Janice Elliott of Nashville, TN; and a brother, Frank Thrower of Dallas, TX.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in her name to All Souls Unitarian Church, Tulsa, OK. Messages of condolence may be sent to Lisa Murdock Ake, 9346 Angel Falls St., Bristow, VA 20136



## **JEANNE WASHEIM REED (1929 – 2016)**

Jeanne Washeim Reed, age 87, died on July 9, 2016. Jeanne was the wife of the Reverend Robert “Bob” Reed, whom she met in high school, dated through college, and married in 1950, when they both graduated. Shortly after Bob had enrolled in graduate school, the children started coming, and a change of plans was required. They moved to Arlington VA, where he found work, and Jeanne began teaching in the local schools. She continued teaching until she retired.

In Arlington, they found the Unitarian Church and became members. They served in the church school, and soon Bob felt a call to ministry. He enrolled at Meadville Lombard and they moved to Park Forest IL. After his graduation, they returned to Arlington for a year, then served in Bloomington IL for eight years, Louisville KY for seventeen years, and Shelter Rock for nine years. They returned to Louisville when they retired in 1994.

Jeanne was very busy most of her life, taking the bigger share of family and household duties while continuing her work in the schools. She kept the home running by being well organized and maintaining strict standards. Her career unfolded into working at a modified residency school for children with behavioral issues. She also remained engaged with the church, singing in the choir and becoming renowned for the biscotti she made and the cookies she baked each Christmas.

Aside from her work and church, Jeanne loved her summers in Wisconsin, where she would read voraciously. She enjoyed the local sports teams and the orchestra, and always had houseplants to attend to. She made friends wherever they lived, both within and outside the congregations they served.

Although she suffered from a cognitive decline in the last few years of her life, she is remembered as an amazingly capable woman who juggled career and family in a time before such a thing was common. She was survived by her husband of 66 years, Robert Reed (now deceased); four sons, Robert (Sherrille), Doug (Lynn), Jeff (Nancy) and David (Kathleen) Reed and seven grandchildren.

## PAUL MONTGOMERY SMITH-VALLEY (1941 – 2017)



Paul Montgomery Smith-Valley, 76 years, spouse of the Reverend Dr. Judith M. Smith-Valley died peacefully on May 9, 2017 at his home in Kennebunk, ME. Paul was born in Rochester NY, and graduated from the University of Rochester with a bachelor's degree, after attending Annapolis for two years. He completed his service in the Marine Corps Reserves, NY State.

Paul became a consultant and fund-raiser for organizations such as the March of Dimes and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. He worked at the Unitarian Universalist Association for more than 20 years and consulted in the UUA Building and Loan Program for another 10 years. He had a gift for guiding nervous congregations and dealing with cautious lending firms.

After moving to Maine and retiring, Paul joined the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary FLT 24. This brought him back to the sea, boating and a new vocation. He particularly enjoyed the training, search and rescue efforts and teaching safe boating classes. He volunteered extensively, participating in leadership and reaching the rank of CMDO for Northern New England in 2010.

He enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and reading; he was an avid swimmer. He had a small business working with wood and wood-turning and was a member of the West Virginia Wood Turners Association. He adored his grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife; his sons, physician Dr. Richard Smith, MD (Dr. Barbara Dill) of Norwood, NJ, Glenn Valley (Heidi Hermon Valley) of Wake Forest, NC; his daughters, Libby Valley Cirillo (Dr. L. Anthony Cirillo) of North Kingstown, RI and Susan Woodilla (LTC Tad Woodilla, USAF Ret.) of Hermon, ME; his brother Tim Smith (Vicki Lee) of Pittsford, NY; his sisters, Patricia Williams of Addison, TX and Marcia Joy (Ron) of Churchville, NY; 13 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.



## TERRY THRONE (1943 – 2017)

Terry Throne, 74, spouse of Reverend Bob Throne, died April 18, 2017 of heart failure, after several years of illness. Terry was born July 25, 1942 into a Jewish family, but became a “thoroughgoing UU” when she and Bob discovered the Hartford Connecticut Meeting House in the mid-1970’s.

At that time, Terry and Bob were among the pioneers of cross racial adoption, and Terry chaired the CT Open Door Society, nurturing many adoptive families and children. In that period they also signed on to a major open housing lawsuit. They delighted in the fact their home was in Bloomfield, CT, a well integrated town that welcomed their children, amidst many still segregated suburbs.

She had worked a variety of “people caring” jobs over the years, including directing the Children’s Program at Ferry Beach, Maine and as Director of Religious Education at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Delaware County from 1987 to 1995. Although she had suffered two heart attacks and a nasty stroke, Terry had fought back and resumed caring for a grandchild 13 years ago.

Terry was an extrovert, and she made and kept friends readily. She and Bob developed many relationships among neighbors and in their congregations, the many GA’s, District and cluster meetings, and Star Island.

She is survived by her husband Bob; two children, Daryn Roven and Cambria Hill; and four grandchildren, Mattie, Kareem Jr., Jonathan and Sophia, as well as “adopted” grandchildren among family friends.

Notes of condolence can be sent to Robert Throne, 1916 Fleming Avenue, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Memorial gifts may be sent to: The Unitarian Universalist Church of the Restoration, 6900 Stenton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19150

### **KARIN VAN STRIEN (1925 – 2017)**

Karin Van Strien died February 10, 2017 in Peterborough, NH at the age of 92. She was born in Thuringia, Germany, but economic difficulties caused her family to relocate to Berlin after WWI. Karin graduated from a girls' Lyceum in 1943, and entered the obligatory work service, followed by war service on the Berlin trolley cars. In spring of 1944, she left Berlin for Bavaria. There she graduated from the School for Infants and Children in 1948, and from the School of Social Work in 1954.

In 1959, she immigrated to the United States to marry Rev. David Van Strien, then pastor in Newburyport, MA, and later at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Peterborough, NH. In 1970, Karin received an MA from Boston University School of Social Work. She worked for the Mathew Thornton Health Plan in Nashua from 1977 until her retirement in 1991.

She was a peace activist and worked many years with her husband on Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East. Karin was a member of the Goethe Society, the Garden Club, and the Ikenobelkebona Society. She loved the Monadnock Region with its many nature walks, theatre, opera, and Kaffeeklatsches. She was also a longtime member of the Monadnock Chorus. Karin enjoyed traveling, especially to Germany to visit families and friends.

Survivors include her brother, Egmont Fortun, nephews, Steffen and Martin and their families, all in Germany; a niece, Vickie Chamberlain and family in Greensboro, NC; a nephew, David Ammerman and family in Maine.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made in Karin's name to the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church, 25 Main Street, Peterborough, NH 03458, or the Monadnock Chorus, PO Box 218, Peterborough, NH 03458.



### **BARBARA WAGNER (1937 – 2017)**



Barbara Wagner, 80, the widow of the Reverend William G. Wagner, died February 17, 2017, in Getzville, NY. Born Barbara McCarthy in Lockport, she earned a BFA from University of Buffalo, then went on to graduate studies at Westminster Choir College, as well as advanced organ study at the Munich Conservatory in Germany. She was noted for having both a wit and an ability to personally connect with people, and she employed those attributes as she pursued her passion – music, particularly choral music.

She was in her 50th year directing the choir of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Buffalo when she retired as the church's music director in 2012. During her tenure, the church became known for the high quality of its music. The church choir made two European tours, recorded for American Public Radio, and performed locally with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

Barbara also taught vocal music at Nichols School for 25 years and served for 12 years as Music Director at Temple Beth Am. She had shorter term positions directing other community choirs, but is especially noted as the founding director of the Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus, which she led for 10 years. Her vision for that chorus was that they would not be known for "camp and schlock," as many gay singing groups were, but would have a repertoire which included many challenging classics.

She was a founding member of the Unitarian Universalist Musicians Network, served on the Hymnbook Commission which produced "Singing the Living Tradition," and chaired the Task Force which compiled the hymnbook supplement "Singing the Journey." In 2002 she was awarded the Erie County Music Educator/BPO Award for Excellence in Choral Education. In recent years, as Wagner's health declined, she was able to hold onto music. As long as she could, she played the piano at her care center residence.

Barbara is survived by a sister, Jeanne Gunby; two daughters, Carrie Martin of Hamburg, Germany and Molly Wagner of Sydney, Australia; and six grandchildren.



**UURMaPA Winter Conference**  
**January 29-31, 2018**  
**Tampa, Florida**



Join us for a mid-winter gathering that will renew your spirit! This conference will give you lots of opportunity to catch up with new and old friends at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Tampa.

**Monday**, January 29<sup>th</sup>; Registration begins at 1:00 pm, a Social Hour at 5:00, dinner at 6:00, and Welcome and Orientation at 7:00. We'll then hold our Service of Remembrance for ministers and partners who have died during the past year.

**Tuesday**, after breakfast we will gather for our Keynote Presentation:

**“Ministry and the Broken Hearted: Healing Moral Injury”**  
**with Rebecca Parker**

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker served as president of Starr King School for the Ministry from 1989 to 2014. Currently, she is Theologian in Residence and Minister of Adult Spiritual Formation at All Souls Church Unitarian in Washington, DC. She says about her Keynote:

*“Ministry has always engaged us in caring for souls at a deep level. How might we think anew about the care of souls in light of new research and attention to “moral injury”? “Moral injury” is a concept first introduced by Jonathan Shay in his ground-breaking book, Achilles in Vietnam, which compassionately discusses the deep wounding to the human soul when a person participates in or witnesses events that profoundly contradict their conscience. Now recognized by the U.S. military as a hidden wound of war, moral injury contributes to the high rate of veteran suicides. Moral injury occurs in other areas of life as well, and health care professionals are turning to religious and spiritual traditions for wisdom on what we have long understood about the human soul – how the heart of a person can be broken and how it can be healed. How might our own theological understandings shift as we seek to respond?”*

**Tuesday afternoon** will feature three important dialogues:

- Conversation with Rebecca Parker on *“Spiritual Grounding for Dangerous Times”*
- Conversation with Melissa Carvill-Ziemer, Executive Director of the UU Ministers Association on *“The Future of the UUMA”*
- Conversation with several Candidates for UU Ministry on *“The Future of UU Ministry”*

**After dinner**, we will hear *Wayne Arnason’s Odyssey*.

After breakfast **Wednesday** morning we will conduct our Business Meeting, hold Closing Worship and then have lunch, after which we will say our good-bye’s.

The conference fee covers the program, six meals, refreshments, general expenses and two nights lodging (except for commuters). You will receive a confirmation after we receive your check and completed registration form. We expect to send out the final schedule and any late-breaking information by e-blast on *UURMaPA-Announce* in early December. You can also find up-to-date conference information on our website at <http://www.uurmapa.org>. Please complete the registration form **on the last page** of this issue of *Elderberries* and send it with your check to Lois Wesener (address on registration form) by December 15, 2017, at the latest. Space is limited, so don’t delay! We are looking forward to welcoming you to a wonderful gathering in Tampa!

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January 29-31, 2018

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**Lois Wesener, Registrar**  
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*The Retreat Center has limited room availability of the various room choices.*

*Register as soon as possible and no later than **December 15, 2017.***

*Questions? Call Lois at 414-963-9590 or email: [loisw99@hotmail.com](mailto:loisw99@hotmail.com)*



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