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WE ARE A VIBRANT, inter-generational faith community, inspired by thought and spirit and grounded in love. Our mission is to honor differences and to foster peace, justice, and sustainability in ourselves and in our world.

Life of the Church

By Chris LeGore, President

When I started thinking about this article, what came to mind is all the amazing range of activities that have taken place within our church in the last month or so.

This morning, I brought Avery to the church at 5:50 AM so he could join 11 other kids from four area Unitarian Universalist churches heading off to New Orleans for their spring break service trip.

They piled their luggage into the back of a van and a car and pulled out at 6:15, bound for Portland on the first leg of their journey, which includes a night in New York City before they fly to New Orleans where they will spend a week painting and repairing houses in the 9th Ward.

Last Wednesday, I attended a lovely tea put on by the Membership Committee for members of our church who are over 70. There were 20 attendees (not all of us were over 70!) who sat and chatted at four small tables at the back of the sanctuary. The spring sunshine

was streaming through the windows reminding us that spring has finally sprung! We drank tea from the most marvelous collection of delicate bone china teacups lent for the occasion by Karen Wigglesworth (thank you, Karen!) and ate lemon bars, cucumber sandwiches, and other assorted treats. What a delight!

Two weekends ago, I was one of a half-dozen people who helped move the toddlers and infants from the upstairs room they have outgrown to half of our former hospitality room. Last Sunday there were 11 little ones there along with three care-givers. We are growing!

Meanwhile, the Space Needs Task Force arranged two activities in April to encourage people to experience our building in new ways, both of which were well attended, and followed those activities with an overwhelmingly positive congregational vote on April 12th to re-engage the services of the architects, Barba & Wheelock, in imagining a future space for ourselves that will meet the needs of all our members.

It's Annual Meeting Time!

Calling all members: please set aside Sunday, May 17th for Annual Meeting. We will discuss and approve a budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year, and elect Church Council officers and members-at-large, plus members of the Endowment Committee. We will begin at 11:30 and probably will need no more than an hour. Childcare will be provided. Your ideas and votes matter – please come! We need to establish a quorum of our membership.

And through it all, our industrious Stewardship Team has quietly run the Annual Budget Drive. We have almost reached our budget goal.

Truly we are an amazing group of people!

May is bustin' out all over!

In past years, the month of May was often a time to begin winding down our church activities. NOT THIS YEAR! If you are looking to become more involved in the life of

UUCB, May is overflowing with opportunities.

May 8th and 9th:

UUCB's Annual Booksale. Stay after church on the 3rd to help with

setup, and get a glimpse of what's for sale. If you have time, volunteer to help during the week or at the sale. Then choose from among thousands of books! Most books are \$1 or less.

May 1st:

Our UUCB Online Auction goes live for the month of May. This year's auction is not just about "things," but includes dozens of services donated by members and friends. Watch for the opening announcement on the UUBB, click on the link, and scroll through an amazing array of goods and services.

May 15th and 16th:

A Taste of Italy! This fundraiser features phenomenal Italian food cooked by master chef Sue Cobb. The evening's entertainment will be a host of Broadway hits, courtesy of UUCB choir members. Want to help out? Sign up to cook with Sue on Thursday or Friday – it's a fun experience that you'll never forget!

May 17th:

UUCB Annual Meeting. If you're a member, come discuss and vote on the budget and a slate of officers for next year. If you're not a member, come see what membership entails.

Late May:

It's time to select the 11 monthly recipients of next year's shared offerings. If we receive more than 11 qualifying nominations, members will be invited to log on to Survey Monkey and vote for the organizations they wish to support through our Shared Plate Ministry.

And every month, including May, there are regular opportunities for connecting with fellow UU's:

Mondays at noon – enjoy a brown bag lunch with Reverend Deane.

May Sunday Services

Services start at 10:00 AM at the UU Church of Belfast, 37 Miller St., behind the Belfast Free Library. Please call 338-4482 for more information.

Children, infants and new faces are always welcome. Please join us!

MAY 3**New Member Sunday**

Rev. Deane Perkins

MAY 10**Our Service Trip to New Orleans**

Rev. Deane Perkins and youth who went to New Orleans

MAY 17**Rev. Deane Perkins****MAY 24****Thy Will Be (Almost) Done!**

Lane Fisher

For the past year and a half, Lane has been executing the will of a friend. In this service, she will reflect on the substantial spiritual lessons available in what has been largely a legal and material process.

MAY 31**Speaking our Silent Slants**

Ian Howard

All communities have unspoken understandings. Things that members do not need to say out loud or things that members do not feel comfortable saying out loud. Even we as an open, loving and liberal faith community have these. To practice our Principles we must speak about these unspoken thoughts together so that we may truly be an open, loving and liberal faith community. What are our silent slants in the UUA?

JUNE 7**All Choir Sunday**

Rev. Deane Perkins

Tuesdays at noon – sit for an hour with UUCB friends and enjoy the quiet, sacred space of our sanctuary.

First Saturday of the Month – May 2nd – potluck supper for parents with young children

Second Saturday of the Month – May 7th – lesbian potluck dinner.

Fourth Monday of the Month – (but changed to May 18th because of the Memorial Day holiday) – enjoy the company of fellow knitters while creating shawls that will

bring comfort to members and friends.

All of these activities and more can be found by going to UUBelfast.org and clicking on the Calendar of Events. There are so many ways to be involved – hopefully some of these will sing to you!

Happy May!!

Chris LeGore

Seeking Book Sale Volunteers

Is your "Good Deeds" resume a bit shabby? Have there been no new

additions for a month or two?
 Now's the time to spruce it up for free. All you need to do is sign up to help sort books Sunday, May 3 - Friday, May 8, or sign up to help at

the sale May 8 & 9, Friday 4:00-7:00 or Saturday 9:00-3:00. Satisfaction guaranteed! Really! And volunteers get first choice at thousands, yes, literally thousands

of books! Don't let this opportunity slip by!
 Sign up now, with Debbie or Francine.
 (We really would love your help.)

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