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MOVING OUT!

Life of the Church

by Marty Daniels

The church is almost empty! Thursday, June 23rd, the last items, including the sanctuary chairs and sound system, were moved to Jan and Dean Anderson's basement or to the East Belfast School. What an effort it has been!

On Wednesday, June 15th, a crew of five headed up by our custodian, Mike Hornick, came down from the Waldo County Reentry Center to help us move things out of the church. These five gentlemen shifted nearly the entire contents of the

church, including 10-foot sections of kitchen counter and a 17-foot pew, into U-Haul trucks to be moved to storage. They also moved the 500 lb. spinet piano from upstairs down to the first floor! And all this in less than seven hours!

Marty Daniels and Linda Buckmaster oversaw the operation. Linda arranged for six drivers to work two-hour shifts each, either manning the 20-foot U-Haul trucks or shuttling the WCRC crew from one site to another. While they were waiting for the trucks to be loaded or unloaded, these volunteers carried countless smaller boxes and items



This is the grand piano being moved out of the church for its roll down Miller Street to Matthews Bros.

onto or off the trucks. Kudos and many thanks to Douglas Coffin, David Smith, Betsy Reed, Cris Hughes, Deidre Sousa, and Sue Cobb!

Meanwhile, Maret and Danielle waited at the Belfast Center for the trucks to arrive, and directed the men where to put things. Jim Rhodes, Karen Wigglesworth, Arthur Richardson, and Jeffrey Mabee all pitched in at the church, shifting boxes and smaller furniture from upstairs, sorting out trash, and carrying in (yes, I said in!) items for the Yard Sale that took place on Saturday, June 18th. Judith Grace

and Jane Dopheide sorted and organized the yard sale items while Deane Perkins sorted and packed the last items in his office.

By the end of the day, half the kitchen and one pew were safely stashed in Karen Wigglesworth's garage; the other half of the kitchen, all the RE furniture, and many bookcases were stashed in one of the Spring Street storage units; and Maret's, Danielle's, and Deane's offices were set up at the Belfast Center in Suites #318 and #319, along with an entire year's worth of RE supplies and activities.

Thursday and Friday were spent

setting up and pricing items for the Yard Sale on Saturday, June 18th. The sale brought in over \$1,400. The remainder of the items were offered at the service on Sunday, June 19th, and then transferred to Su Wood's barn where they have another chance of being sold later this summer.

Sunday's service was amazing! It was the perfect way to say "good-bye" to the sanctuary and church as we know it. The choir sang five glorious and inspiring songs, including Vivaldi's "Gloria" and "Why We Sing". This year's many RE guides, mentors, and leaders were recognized before the children went upstairs to paint the walls of the old RE rooms. Josh Deprez gave an amazing testimonial during Joys and Sorrows, and Rev. Deane delivered a sermon called "In Gratitude." Karen Nelson was recognized for her year as Music Director, and the service finished up with a rousing rendition of "Siyahamba" while the members of the congregation formed a line and wended their way upstairs and down and around and around the sanctuary in a final tribute to the old building. It was a fantastic way to end our time in our current building!

And still we weren't done... After a picnic lunch, a slew of volunteers tackled the piano under the direction of Ellie Daniels. Using a furniture dolly, come-alongs, blankets, and a ramp lent to us by McLeod's, the baby grand was carefully tipped onto its side, wrapped in blankets, and strapped onto the dolly. The lid, legs, and pedals were removed first and set aside. Chip Curry, Ando Anderson, Bob Harbour, Paul Shepherd, Ezra Kreamer, Jeffrey Mabee, Ben Shepherd, and Avery Kreamer gently rolled the piano down the ramp onto the floor of the sanctuary.

July/August Sunday Services

Services start at 10:00 AM at the East Belfast School. Please call 338-4482 for more information. Children, infants and new faces are always welcome. Please join us!

During July, members and friends of the congregation tell the story of their spiritual journey. August has an international flair as we hear from those who have been abroad recently.

July 3

Sarah Nicholson

July 10

Frets Halligan

Favorite Hymns

July 17

Jacqui Lee

July 24

Amy Fiorilli

Amy is a seminary student from UU Church in Ellsworth.

July 31

Chris Goosman

August 7

Rev. Deane Perkins

August 14

Max Howard

August 21

Rev. Deane Perkins

August 28

Rev. Nancee Campbell

September 4

A poetry Sunday with the Worship Arts Group

As the piano was wheeled out the side door, groups of bicyclists from Trek Across Maine made their way down Miller Street. What a sight we must have been! While Ellie directed the operation, the seven volunteers eased the piano down the hill towards the former Matthew Bros. building while cyclists zipped by. Sarah Nicholson and Jan Anderson followed, carrying the lid, and Eileen Wolper, Marty Daniels, and Anna Wood-Cox brought the legs and pedals. The policeman directing traffic waved us over High Street, and the

race organizers opened the barricade to allow us access to the side door of the warehouse.

Once inside, Ellie reattached the legs and pedals, the piano was set upright in a cozy corner of the former showroom, and the lid was set in place. There it will remain until we are ready to move back into the renovated building. Many thanks to Paul Naron, the new owner of the facility, for allowing us to store it there!

Our empty church, our sanctuary, awaits its rebirth.

Going, going, gone!

The UU Church offices have moved to the Belfast Center at 9 Field St. It is known as the red & white building located by the entrance ramp to Rte. 1 North onto the bridge. Rev. Deane Perkins' office is #318, and the

administrative office and meeting space is #319. Office hours for Maret will be Monday and Thursday from 9:00-1:00 through the summer, and I will be happy to meet you outside to show you the easiest way to reach the church office on the third

floor.

Calendar: Maret will maintain the church calendar and update the web-site calendar listing weekly. Please contact me at 338-4482 or office@uubelfast.org to schedule any church activities or to access the meeting space outside of office hours.

The meeting space in the office has tables and chairs for up to 20 people and we expect to have a white board installed in the room soon. This is the only room that we can use for scheduling church meetings this summer, so please be sure to contact Maret to book the room.

As this is temporary space, I ask people using the room to please pack in/pack out any food or beverages. We will not try to provide refreshments such as coffee or tea at this time. There are snacks and drinks available in vending machines in the building.

Our moving adventure begins!
Maret Knight, administrative assistant

Minister's Report

DEAR FRIENDS,
 After five years of full-time service to a congregation, the minister is usually granted a sabbatical by the church's Board or Council. This coming church year, from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, marks my sixth year as minister of UU Belfast. I have asked our Council for a sabbatical, to be divided over two years, and they voted in favor of my request.

So this year (and it will be similar the following year), I will be on sabbatical from the middle of February to the middle of April. I will combine these two months with my usual winter vacation month. My hope is that by the time I return in April, we can celebrate our return to our new building, though clearly I have no control over that!

As a student of religion, I have always been interested in the

relationship between violence and religion, and the causes of violence. Riane Eisler, in her work, *The Chalice and the Blade*, suggested that there were periods of time in the past that were essentially non-violent, in which the worship of the mother-goddess was dominant. I will be studying a few of those cultures during my sabbatical, and will be traveling to both Turkey and Crete.

In Crete, for example, I plan to visit as many Minoan sites as possible over the course of a month. And yes, Sue and I will be going together. A sabbatical is also a time to relax and be with family.

I thank you all for this—a sabbatical is a gift given by the congregation to its minister.

Thank you!
 --Deane

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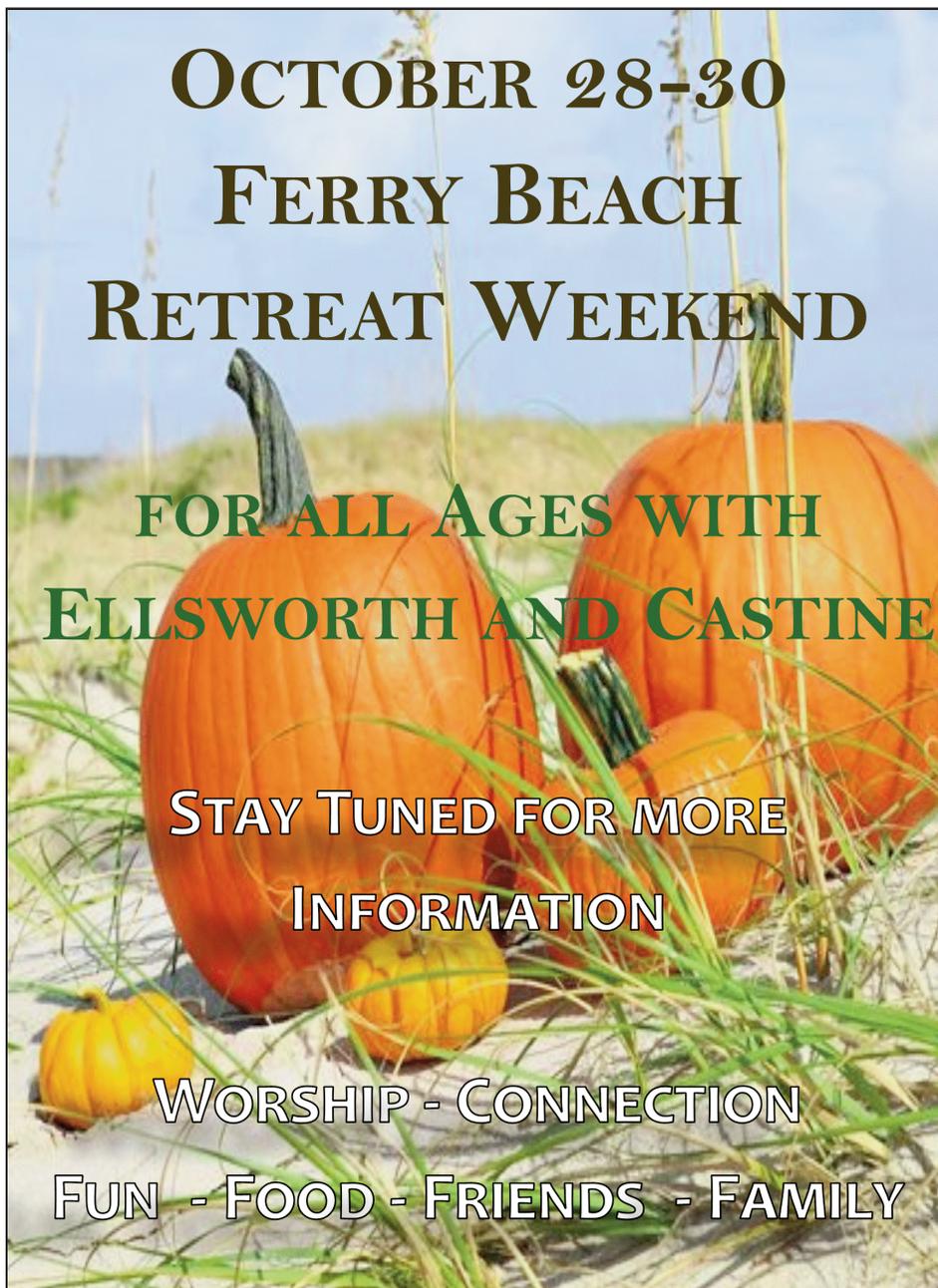
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OCTOBER 28-30

FERRY BEACH

RETREAT WEEKEND

FOR ALL AGES WITH

ELLSWORTH AND CASTINE

STAY TUNED FOR MORE

INFORMATION

WORSHIP - CONNECTION

FUN - FOOD - FRIENDS - FAMILY

Please join Congregational Life for a “Cocktail/Mocktail” party at the home of Chris Goosman and Chip Curry on Saturday, July 16th, 6:00 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share and your choice of beverage. Children are welcome!

Goosman/Curry: 13 Parkside Lane, Belfast

Cheryl Richardson
207.342.4649 Home
207.213.7334 New Cell#

CongoLife will also host a picnic after the services on August 7 at Moose Point State Park. It will be a bring your own lunch, beverages and blankets or chairs. It will be Rev Deane's first service after his July sabbatical - Please join us!!!

Your Congregational Life Committee

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ANNUAL UU YARD SALE

Aug. 12/13 are the tentative dates for this year's sale.

It will be held at the East Side School. Storage is available. Stay tuned to the UUBB for more details!

UU writing group

The UU writing group (meeting for a whole year now – wow) will be moving to room 319 at the red & white building in Belfast during reconstruction of our church building.

The red & white building is at the mouth of Route 1 as it pours into Route 1 on the way to Searsport

We welcome all interested people to come and join us for one or all of these weekly discussions. We generally begin each session by talking about our progress in the writing process since our last meeting and read from what we are working on.

Talk about the writing process ensues and quotes that we want to share with the group, followed by 20 minutes of boots-on-the-ground writing. Lastly, we give audience to each other, reading what we wrote together.

Tuesday: noon to 1:00

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00 PM

Friday: noon to 1:00

Great way to boost your writing habit; no fee charged for this gathering.

If you have any questions about the UU writing group, please contact Jan Anderson at 207-338-1429 or email her at jdanders5@gmail.com