



A Stable Faith-Rev. Shayna Appel

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In "To Be of Use", Marge Piercy writes;

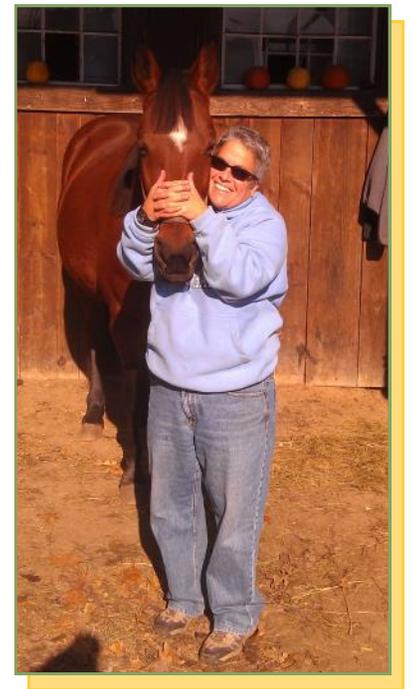
*I want to be with people who submerge in the task,
 Who go into the fields to harvest and work in a row
 and pass the bags along,
 who stand in the line and haul in their places,
 who are not parlor generals and field deserters
 but move in a common rhythm when the food must come in
 or the fire be put out.*

Thankfully, we have people like that here at PUUC and today I am feeling particularly grateful for all of them - those who submerge in the task, be it fundraising or the search for a new minister.

Thanks to the many people who helped out with the rummage sale last weekend we have \$4,000.00 more to put towards the many ministries we are engaging in here at PUUC. And thanks to the Search Committee, Donna Dolham and all those who took part in the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop this past weekend, we have a better sense of who we are and where some of our boundaries are...and we may even understand something about how to get beyond some of those boundaries.

And that was just one weekend here!

Seriously friends, I want you to know how grateful I am for all of you who helped out in big ways and small this weekend. Yes, in the words of Marge Piercy, the work of the world is common as mud...but the thing worth doing well...has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.



Thank you, thank you, thank you! And if you are reading this but were unable to participate in any of the activities here last weekend, please thank someone who did!

Shalom-
 Shayna

Cresset Deadline:

November 20



Be sure to get your articles and calendar items in on time.

Your prompt action makes it easier for all.

Thank you.

Holiday Stroll-November 21

The PUUC will once again be participating in the town wide Holiday Stroll which will take place on Saturday November 21st. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to join with other churches for some camaraderie and good "old Fashioned fun" This event is a very important fund raiser for our church and we depend on help from as many people as we can gather together for the occasion. Please help us! We have a great venue and our craft items sell well. If you would like a table to sell your creations please contact Jenny Brinsdon by November 1st. Tables are inexpensive. We will be needing baked goods and preserves for our bake table, not forgetting those very special delectable cookies you produce every year for our famous "cookie walk." Don't let us down...

our reputation is flawless! Get baking! In addition to all of this (no we are not through yet!) we are asking all church members and friends to bring in a small inexpensive gift item for our gift table. There will be a couple of boxes in the Parish Hall for these items starting November 1st. And oh yes, we need plants. This year the garden club will not be joining us, so bring along some greenery please...plants, arrangements, anything but wreaths (Windy Row will have a wreath stand) Now that we no longer have an active Women's Alliance, we need you more than ever! Are you feeling pressured yet? If so, you are doing great...go to the top of the class and give us a call!

We are hoping that all church members will be able to bring a

small gift for our gift table at the Holiday Stroll. If it's easier for you, small donations of a dollar or two would also be wonderful and would help build our "Pumpkin Patch" which is new this year. The pumpkin patch will offer "everything pumpkin" (Thanksgiving not Halloween) so if anyone has a pumpkin item to donate that would be great too.

Thanks in advance. All proceeds from our sale go directly to the church. Boxes for donations and gifts will be in the Parish Hall starting this Sunday.

Any questions please call Jenny Brinsdon. 924-0980 or e mail jmbrinsdon@comcast.net.

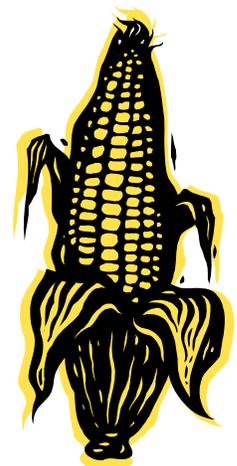
Pancake Breakfast

The Property Committee has volunteered to provide a pancake breakfast during the Holiday Stroll, November 21st. So far we have three volunteers, but we need five more from the church at large. We had good fun last Spring doing a breakfast and helped the church coffers. Please contact breakfast coordinator Phil Jones and offer help! 525-4485 or pjonessped@gmail.com.

Harvest Dinner-November 22

Our Harvest Dinner will be happening as usual on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22nd. It will again be potluck style. Plan to bring a dish to share with everyone so we can dine together after service. Also, if we want free range turkeys, we will plan to collect funds for these as we have in the past.

For more information, please contact Peter Harrison. 924-9884 or peter.trailhiking@gamil.com.



November Services

November's Services of Worship will continue our theme of exploring our Unitarian Universalist Principles - seven principles we covenant to affirm and promote in our in our personal lives, in our congregations and in the world at large. This month then the focus will be on our second principle, "Justice, equity and compassion in human relations," or, as our RE Program is framing it, "Orange is for offering. We offer fair and kind treatment to everyone."

NOV 1st: We will be treated to guest preacher and author Rev. Kalen Fristad's reflections on "**Universalism; Past, Present and Powerful.**" What better place for us to begin our exploration of our second principle than in our Universalist roots, from which the idea of Universal Salvation first sprung?

NOV 8th: As we continue along in this transitional year and think about who to call as your next minister, AND while we're on the subject of "offering", it seems like a good time

to ask the question "**Who Are We and What Do We Have to Offer?**" Rev. Olivia Holmes and Rev. Shayna Appel will co-lead this service of community reflection.

NOV 15th: This Sunday former UU Moderator and current Director of Advancement at Meadville Lombard Divinity School, **Denny Davidoff** will invite us focus on **what really matters** to us here at PUUC as we kick off this years stewardship campaign.

NOV 22nd: On this **Harvest Supper Sunday**, Rev. Shayna Appel will be preaching a sermon called, "**A Guest at Your Table**". How do notions of scarcity and abundance influence what, how and when we offer kindness to others?

NOV 29th: "**The Saving Power of Love**" is a dynamic thing, capable of creating radical transformation...just ask someone who has experienced it. Where is it happening in our world, in our congregation(s), and in our lives? Come find out!

Buddhist Meditation Group

"Meditation practice is a method for being with ourselves fully and completely, allowing the time and space to see it all with gentleness, kindness, and dead honesty. It is the safest environment within which to undertake this mission impossible, and when meditation practice has helped us to be honest and courageous enough to know ourselves in a deep way, we can begin to extend out and help others..." -- Pema Chödrön, from The Best Buddhist Writing 2012.

In November, we will only be meeting at the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church on the second Thursday, November 12th, because the fourth Thursday is Thanksgiving. We will continue in *The Best Buddhist Writing 2012* edited by Melvin McLeod by reading *Smile at Fear* by Pema Chodron. As always, the reading is not required as it will be summarized during the discussion.

Meditation begins at 7 pm in the stage area of the Parish Hall (way in the back). We meditate for one hour (approximately 25 minutes sitting meditation followed by 10 minutes walking meditation followed by another 25 minutes of sitting meditation). Meditation instruction is available at the beginning of the session for those who are interested.

After a brief break for tea and homemade refreshments, we spend the remaining time discussing the reading. We are a small, friendly, informal, eclectic group -- our members range from beginners to long time meditators.

There is no charge, but we encourage small voluntary donations to the church in recompense for their donation of the space we use.

Directions: Please enter the church by the back door which is lighted and accessible from the church parking lot. To get to the stage area of the Parish Hall, go up the stairs, turn right to go towards the Parish Hall, then turn left and follow the short corridor to the end. The stage area is on your right. Because we often close the door to keep in heat and keep out noise, the area may seem dark and empty. No need to knock, come in and be welcome! If meditation has begun, just take a seat silently. Someone will attend to you if you need help.

Email pb.buddhist.meditation.group@gmail.com or phone Nori Odoi or Rags Gilmore at (603) 547-2650 for more information. If you would like to share your email address, we will add you to our announcements email list. These are sent out at the beginning of the week prior to a meeting.

Search Committee News

The “Beyond Categorical Thinking” (BCT) presentation was held last Sunday, October 18th after church. 34 people attended a very enlightening and well-run meeting. Thank you, Merry Stockwell, for setting up our lunch.

The Survey Compilation is still posted in the Fellowship Hall, with hard copies available to borrow and take home. We hope you can find some time to read the survey. It’s about us! The Survey Interpretative Document is being finished up.

The Ministerial Packet, Website and Congregational Record continue to be our main business, with more work needed.

We are meeting with the Standing Committee, Olivia and Shayna to discuss a number of topics prior to our regular Wednesday night meeting.

Comments? Please see one of your Search Committee members!

PUUC Search Committee

Sunday Morning Worship Volunteers Needed:

- ◆ Greeters
- ◆ Community Hour Hosts
- ◆ Sunday Flowers

in November and for the rest of the year. Please consider volunteering your time to make our church a welcoming place on Sunday mornings. You can sign up with Sign up Genius, or contact me in the office. Email me at puuc@uupeterborough.org. ~Vanessa

Greeters, Community Hour, Flowers

November 1

Greeters: **Barbara Harlow**

Community Hour: **Please sign up!**

Flowers: **Please sign up!**

November 8

Greeters: **Please sign up!**

Community Hour: **Audrey Carvalho and**

Margaret Warner

Flowers: **Please sign up!**

November 15

Greeters: **Please sign up!**

Community Hour: **Laura Gourlay**

Flowers: **Please sign up!**

November 22

Greeters: **Please sign up!**

Community Hour: **Harvest Dinner**

Flowers: **Please sign up!**

November 29

Greeters: **Please sign up!**

Community Hour: **Please sign up!**

Flowers: **Please sign up!**



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From the DRE

Our faults and weaknesses, and we all have them, die with us; but our victories of character and spirit remain to bless all humanity forever. For if what a person has done is good, and if what a person has said is true, then that goodness and truth remain to bless all humanity forever. —from Landscapes of Aging and Spirituality, edited by Kathleen Montgomery

Than these November skies is no sky lover.

*The clouds are deep;
into their grey the subtle spies of colour creep,
Changing their high austerity to delight,
Till ev'n the leaden interfolds are bright.
~John Freeman*

In November we look deeper into the second Unitarian Universalist principle: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations. In our religious education program for children and youth we continue to build a rainbow beginning with the first principle: Red; Respect the importance and value of every person, on to Orange; Offer fair and kind treatment to everyone. I haven't heard four year olds use the words equity and justice lately but they certainly speak of these concepts often. "That's not fair!" and "Why does she get to do that?" So you see that from a young age we all grapple with this principle.

"Our (second) principle speaks to our goal of promoting "equity" - a desire to see fairness built into the

Our Mission Statement

Respect the importance and value of every person.

(October)

Offer fair and kind treatment to everyone. (November)

Yes to spiritual growth and learning. (December)

Grow by exploring ideas and finding your truth. (January)

Believe in our ideals and voice your vote. (February)

Insist on justice, freedom and peace for all. (March)

Value our responsibility in the web of life. (April)



system so that people get what they need. In this way, we acknowledge that some people, in order to enjoy the fruits of life, need more and different kinds of help and support than others. Our second principle speaks to our commitment to see that resources are provided equitably."

-from a sermon by Victoria Ingram

November is our month to realize this principle.

~Char

New Group Forming

Sydney Wilson Smith, Louise Malcolm and Elsa Voelcker are interested in starting a small group to discuss aging. We have chosen to meet the first Thursday of each month. The first organizational meeting will be Thursday, Nov.5th at 2PM at the Carll House. Anyone interesting in joining our group call Elsa at 588-6336 and/or come to the meeting.



Granny D Play Coming to New Hampshire

Doris "Granny D" Haddock, a lifelong New Hampshire activist, famous for her cross-country walk to champion campaign finance reform at age 90, will be memorialized in the play, "Granny D: The Power of One". Dixie Tymitz, a professional actress, wrote and stars in this one act 40 minute play. Dixie traveled to New Hampshire to study and meet with Doris Haddock, who was herself an actress. Dixie and her husband, John Tymitz, have performed for several dozen New Hampshire schools the past few years. Just recently PACE decided to broaden the scope of their audiences to include museums, churches, senior centers and libraries.

There will be twenty performances by the Tymitz's this trip, including one in Maine between October 27th and November 13th. These performances are free of charge because the Tymitzes want to do them as a public ser-

vice. They do, however, accept donations toward their travel expenses.

Performances have been scheduled in partnership between two organizations, Open Democracy. and Promoting Active Civic Engagement--PACE. Granny D was active in both these organizations before her passing in 2010.

PACE focuses on programs and projects that educate and encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to make a positive difference in their communities in an effort to preserve the legacy of Doris "Granny D" Haddock. Open Democracy, which was initially founded by Mrs. Haddock, works to reduce the corrupting influence of money in politics to ensure an equal voice for all. It currently runs the NH Rebellion.

For more information about performances, please call Carol Wyndham at 924-3037 or Beth Grunewald at 930-6765.

Granny D: The Power of One

A one-woman play by Dixie Tymitz
Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church
Wednesday, November 4th 7:00PM



Doris "Granny D" Haddock
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