

## COME IN OUT OF THE COLD

### OPPORTUNITY

#### Come one, come all

##### *Maine Farm Supper Feb 9 5-7 pm*

Enjoy this fabulous locally sourced feast at First Universalist Church. Tantalize your taste buds while supporting local farmers. The popular menu features a personal pot pie (GF chicken or vegan), curried apple coleslaw, rosemary roasted root veggies, and berry apple crisp a la mode. Add-on beverage options include beer and wine.

You will enjoy the frolicking company of foodies of First Universalist and the wider area community. To top that off you will also be supporting First Universalist fundraising goals and hence our many programs that benefit the community. Tickets (\$15) available at the door, or in advance at Yarmouth's Rosemont Market. Bring your friends!

For other opportunities on the horizon, read Transparency section below.

### CELEBRATION

#### Dynamic Discussions Abound!

##### *Circle Suppers & World Café*

Two Circle Suppers took place recently. We spoke with one of the hosts to learn how it went. "We had a great time! Wide ranging conversations, long time and new friends; a classic potluck (delicious) dinner." She added, "Now can I go to someone else's circle supper please? Seriously, I had forgotten how much fun these are!" Circle Suppers will be held each month from now into June. Sign up for your supper today!

World Café style was introduced for the well-attended congregational Mid-Year Meeting Jan 27. After a delicious potato bar lunch and a few remarks from the board, a World Café style dynamic discussion assessed the draft 2019 goals of committees and councils. Much enthusiasm for greater participation was expressed. If you missed it, grab the ear of any board member to catch up.

### TRANSPARENCY

#### The Future is up to YOU – Engage!

##### *Revelation: First Universalist's success is up to the entire congregation*

As reported at last Sunday's Mid-Year Meeting, finances so far (July – Dec) are in good shape, but there are still 5 months to go. Challenges ahead but opportunities abound, as revealed by treasurer, Marge Titcomb:

"To make the numbers work, each of us must show up for at least 4 of our remaining fund-raising events, including next week's Maine Farm Supper, the four March-June 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays Music on Main

concerts, and the big Heart-in-Hand Gala in April. Oh, yes, and each can look forward to a great year ahead with a generous financial commitment to the Annual Campaign rolling out this month."

In other news, the 8-year tenant of the church's parsonage (the rental property) has down-sized, leaving the parsonage available for a new tenant. The board welcomes assistance in finding a new tenant for this lovely 3-bedroom home.