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COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS

The First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in downtown Portland is hosting a discussion and Q&A on **English Colonization and Wabanaki Persistence in Casco Bay** on Friday, July 27, 5:30 pm—8:30 pm. Lisa Brooks, Professor of English and American Studies at Amherst College, will raise questions and offer insights into the complex histories of English colonization and Wabanaki adaptation and resistance in the region of Caskoak, or Casco Bay. As a starting point for discussion, we will consider the “scalp money” received by the Reverend Thomas Smith, when scalp bounties in New England were at their highest point, and the location of the First Parish Church in Caskoak. The conversation will range from Wabanaki women’s diplomacy in the seventeenth century to Wabanaki dam protests and treaties in the eighteenth century, as well as the continuance of Wabanaki people in the face of the myth of “disappearance.”

The **Central Men’s Club of Yarmouth** will be meeting the third Tuesday of each month, October—April at the Community House, 179 East Main Street, in Yarmouth, for dinner (at 6:00 pm), conversation, fellowship, education, and information from guest speakers. Those from Yarmouth and surrounding towns are welcome. For a place at the table, call Reg Wentworth (847-3379), Nelson Haynes (829-5867), Richard Lippencott (846-4767), or Joe Saunders (688-4177).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The sixteenth annual **Greater Portland Festival of Nations** will take place on Saturday, July 28, 11 am—8 pm, at Deering Oaks Park in Portland. This year’s open to the public, free, and family-friendly festival has the theme, **“From Many Different Nations, to One Maine.”** There will be music and dance performances all day, food and vendors from different nations and people of many ethnicities, and a children’s entertainment area that will include face painting, games, crafts, and train rides.

Village Harmony Teen World Music Ensemble returns to Yarmouth on Sunday August 5, 2018, at 7 PM at First Universalist Church. Twenty-four brilliant teen singers from six states, South Africa, and the Republic of Georgia will deliver an eclectic mix of South African songs and dances, traditional secular and sacred songs from Bosnia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, the Republic of Georgia, Corsica, and Sardinia, shape-note songs, and songs of struggle and resistance. Ensemble members will accompany some songs on folk instruments. Admission at the door is \$15 adult/\$5 children. This group will be led by renowned South African choir director Matlakala Bopape, along with three accomplished young Village Harmony alumni, Avery Book, Lysander Jaffe, and Sinead O’Mahoney.

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Village Harmony Teen World Music Ensemble happily have host families lined up for when they visit Yarmouth, but would still happily accept donations of food for the potluck before the concert. There will be almost 30 to feed, with the youth singers and their leaders! There are some volunteers signed up already, but they could use a few more! If you want to help with the potluck, please contact Joy Ahrens at 207-807-6899. **Please note, there is a severe peanut allergy, so nothing with nuts, please.

HOST FAMILIES SOUGHT

CIEE is searching for **host families** for two boys who were just accepted by Yarmouth High School beginning this August. Both boys are from Brazil and will arrive on August 10th to try out for Fall sports. Host families will be compensated at \$1k per month to offset the costs associated with hosting. Host families come in all shapes and sizes and does not require a high school student or child at home. Here are the profiles of the boys seeking host families:

Adriel — One Semester

Well, I am a polite and social person. I don't have difficulty to keep a good relationship with my friends, but I am shy with who I don't know well. I love sports in general. I like to play and watch soccer, basketball and swimming. I like to play videogame too. In my free time I like to go to shopping malls, watching movies, go to restaurants, go to parks, etc. I love animals and I have a pet (dog) and her name is Mel. Sometimes I enjoy to prepare some meals and I like all kinds of food.

Isaac — Full Year

Hey there my name is Isaac, I am naturally from Brazil but I've lived a while in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Florida. My favorite part of the country is the northern part (I don't know if it is because that's basically where I found myself as a person or if it is because I love the fact that there are the 4 perfect seasons over there). I am very proud of my decision in joining as a student-athlete, I have plenty of friends from school and they told me plenty of good stuff about the state itself so I am very excited for it. My mom lives in Brazil and my dad in Boston so often I am a person that enjoy to be with my family. I don't have any blood siblings but step siblings and real friends. None of this experience is pretty much new to myself, transferring, different state, weather, language so I'm pretty much chasing a good spot for myself where I can stay and enjoy. I play Football and that's one of the main reasons I'm moving. I have been talking to some colleges about enrollment as in the 2019 class (cont.)

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(Pitt, Boston College, Oregon, University of Kentucky and a couple more) so I'm finishing my last year as a high school student (senior year). Hope this fills expectations about myself and I look forward to what it comes ahead, have a great one.

For more information about being a host family, contact Carolyn McKibben at cmckibben@ciee.org or call 207.274.5662. Website: ciee.org.

MAINE UU NEWS

The **Midcoast UU Fellowship** in Damariscotta, ME was founded 35 years ago as a lay-led congregation, and eventually hired a string of quarter-time consulting ministers. In 2013, the congregation went through its first formal search committee process and hired Rev. Erika Hewitt as a half-time consulting minister. Both of us — congregation and minister — quickly realized that our shared ministry was a perfect match between beautifully imperfect parties. The Fellowship voted unanimously to call Erika as their first settled minister in December 2017. Now we're pulling out all the stops to celebrate this milestone in our congregation's life.

This ceremony will be following the time-honored Unitarian Universalist tradition of celebrating settled ministry. Our principles and values will be present in the ceremony, with visiting UU clergy invited to speak, intentional hospitality to the surrounding congregations and community and with a worship service celebration of the congregation. Acclaimed UU singer Joe Jencks will provide the music for the ceremony, as well as a mini-concert preceding the service.

The installation service will take place on August 19, 2018 at 4 pm at Second Congregational Church in Newcastle, Maine.

For those who wish to contribute to support the installation of Rev. Erika Hewitt, they can donate via Faithify: <https://faithify.org/projects/installation-of-our-first-settled-minister-in-35-years/>

Thank you for your generosity! Any amount will be gratefully appreciated.