

## FIRST U TRADING AT RECORD HIGHS

### OPPORTUNITY

#### Invest in Local Farms, Local Church

Are you considering purchasing a decommissioned missile silo in the Midwest to turn into your doomsday bunker? Tom Settlemire of the Stewardship Committee suggests keeping your funds and plans local instead. While Settlemire did not address bunker plans, he is promoting greater food self-sufficiency for the state, noting if Maine could increase its current rate of local food consumption from 17% to 33%, that would result in \$1.2 billion of economic growth for the state and healthier Maine families. You can offer your support to First U and local farms at the Maine Farm Supper—with vegan, gluten-free, and carnivorous options as well as local wine and beer—on February 11, 2017 from 5-7pm.

### CELEBRATION

#### Stock in Junior Youth Group Is Climbing

Financial advisors are setting their sights on First U's junior youth group which has had steady growth since September 2016. Analysts point to the middle schoolers' social justice and volunteer activities as the main driver—they've donated to and toured the Animal Refuge League of Portland, assisted in making gingerbread houses for the Holiday Fair, and drawn chalk messages of love and acceptance on the sidewalk to be read by passersby.



### TRANSPARENCY

#### Significant Returns on Investment at First U

Marge Titcomb, Board President, announced at today's press conference that the 2017 Annual Campaign begins on Sunday. "This year we need to raise 10% more in pledges in order to keep doing what we're doing—Why?" Marge rhetorically asked. "Last year, we were able to hire four terrific part-time staff. Now that they'll be with us a full fiscal year, we'll need an extra \$11,000 to pay them." Excitedly, Marge added, "Prepare to make your commitment!" Local shareholders in First U say they've been pleased with their dividends—paid out in feelings of wholeness, connection, love, and solidarity. Admitting that those feelings are an untraditional form of currency, shareholders, nonetheless, were happy with the return on their investment.