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## THE ARTS

**The Sacred Art of Storytelling** with Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy is being hosted by the Concord Unitarian Universalist Church in Concord, NH on Saturday, April 21. As spiritual teachers and leaders, it's our responsibility and privilege to preach, inspire, teach, help, challenge and heal. We can do this especially effectively through stories. In this workshop we'll explore the differences between oral and written culture, the human propensity for stories (including some current research findings from psychology and neuroscience), the role of stories in religious traditions, and some fundamentals of engaging storytelling. Fee: \$50. To register: <https://uuspringfieldvt.org/about/staff/rev-dr-mellen-kennedy/>

## NON-PROFIT FUNDRAISERS

From March 23—April 2: **the Allen Avenue UU Church (Portland, ME) online auction!** Please help us in our fundraising effort – and take advantage of this opportunity for some great buys! Just a few of the exciting items available for bid:

- Overnight stays in several Portland-area hotels
- Boston Duck Tours tickets
- Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens passes
- Hand-dipped chocolates from Dean's Sweets in Portland
- Two-night stay at the Fort Hill Inn in Boston
- A North Country Rivers whitewater rafting trip
- A two-night stay in a yurt at the Nurture through Nature Retreat Center in Denmark, ME
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum (Boston) membership
- Gift certificates to many great Portland-area restaurants including David's, the Green Elephant Vegetarian Bistro, and Local 188.

Participating is easy. Visit [www.biddingforgood.com/auction/browse/current.action](http://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/browse/current.action) and then select "Maine" from the "Filter by State" drop down menu. Then click on Allen Avenue UU Church. Browse through our offerings and if you see something you like then click on the "Register To Bid" button and set up your bidding account. The auction ends April 2 at 10:00 PM.

The 14th Annual **Safe Passage 5K & Fiesta** is happening on Sunday, May 6 at Greely High School in Cumberland. Registration opens at 1:30 pm and the 5K Run/Walk begins at 3:00 pm. There's also a Kids Fun Run and Live Music and free Nacho Bar. \$20/adults, \$8/students, \$45/family. Register at: [www.sagepassage.org/5k](http://www.sagepassage.org/5k)

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## WORKSHOPS & EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

**Make Shift Coffee House** is a face-to-face place, in real time, with inspiring civic dialogue. These events include refreshments and are free and open to the public. The following opportunities for dialogue are coming up in April:

**\*Gender Across the Ages** at Portland Public Library, One Monument Square on April 3, 2018, 6 pm—8 pm, featuring questions like: How do people of different ages see gender roles differently? What do you think of #MeToo?

**\*Let's Talk About Guns** at Bowdoin College in Brunswick on April 4, 2018, 7:30 pm—9:30 pm, featuring questions like: Why is it so important to allow guns? Why is it so important to limit them?

**\*Reflections on Race in a Sea of Whiteness** at the University of New England in Biddeford on April 19, 2018, 2:00 pm—5:00 pm, featuring questions like: How do you think your racial identity plays a role in your everyday life? How does your understanding of race impact how you see yourself relative to others?

**\*Political Divide** at Rockland Public Library on April 26, 2018, 6:30—8:30 pm, featuring questions like: Do you think people have less tolerance today for people with different views? Do you think we are becoming more politically polarized? Why?

To learn more about these events, visit: <http://makeshiftcoffeehouse.com/>

And Rev. Jennifer notes: "If you've enjoyed our Adult RE discussions this year, you might try these conversation opportunities as well!"

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**Raising Sexually Healthy Children, Ages Birth - 8 Years** is a workshop event offered by Therapist Jennifer Wiessner on Thursday, April 5, 6:30 - 9:00 pm, \$40/participant. Early registration is suggested as the workshop is limited to 12 participants. For more information and to register: <https://jenniferwiessnerhealthysexuality.com/event/raising-sexually-healthy-children-workshop-parents-educators-providers-children-birth-8-years-2/>

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The Northern New England District of the UUA presents this year's **Spring Assembly and Annual Meeting**. Join fellow UUs from around the Northern New England District for inspiring worship, a thought-provoking program led by Aisha Hauser and Liz Loeb, time to connect with one another, and our annual business meeting! People of all ages are invited to attend. Youth (ages 14-18) are welcome to be a part of our regular programming. Children (ages 2-13) will have their own fun programming for the day, led by Religious Educator Sandra Greenfield. Registration fees: \$85 adults, \$25 youth (ages 14—18), children (ages 2—13). For more information and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nned-uua-spring-assembly-annual-meeting-dismantling-white-supremacy-and-building-liberation-as-tickets-41509606350>

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The Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, Local Domestic Violence Resource Centers, and Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence present the workshop **Partnering to Address Domestic Violence** on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 9:30 am—4:00 pm at Woodfords Corner Church in Portland. This is a free training for faith leaders (clergy and lay leaders), domestic violence advocates, and anyone interested in understanding the importance of a faith-based response to domestic violence. For more information or to register, contact Samaa at 207-430-8334 x.6 or [samaa@mcedv.org](mailto:samaa@mcedv.org) or register online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-havens-interfaith-domestic-violence-training-portland-partnering-to-address-domestic-violence-tickets-43963410745>

The New England Region of the UUA is back from its workshop hiatus to offer the following classes: **Growing Racial and Cultural Equity Webinar** on April 19, **Claiming Your Spiritual Leadership** on April 28 in Rhode Island and on May 12 in Nashua, NH, **Legacy Giving** on May 5 in Bangor, ME, and **Cycle of Song: UU Choir Festival** on May 19 in Haverhill, MA. To learn more and register for workshops, visit: <https://www.uua.org/new-england/workshops-webinars>.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Furniture Friends** is hiring a full time **Operations Manager**. The Operations Manager must be skilled at overseeing and managing a busy furniture acquisition and delivery program. S/he also must be a strong communicator, organized, able to multitask, comfortable working with volunteers from a variety of demographics and able to represent Furniture Friends in a variety of settings. Basic computer skills are a must as well as a friendly, customer service-oriented attitude. In addition, the Operations Manager must hold a valid driver's license, have a clean driving record, a proven ability (or willingness to learn) to drive a 16' box truck, and the ability to lift 30 pounds. For more information and how to apply, visit: [http://furniturefriends.org/site/wp-content/uploads/Furniture-Friends-Operations-Manager\\_3.18.pdf](http://furniturefriends.org/site/wp-content/uploads/Furniture-Friends-Operations-Manager_3.18.pdf)

The UU Ministry for the Earth is hiring! There are two open positions: a part-time **Communications Coordinator**, a contract position to support UUMFE's website, mass email, and social media presence and communications, and a part-time **Outreach Specialist**, a contract position to manage strategic outreach for the launch phase of a new web platform to catalyze and support Unitarian Universalist and allied/coalition community organizing for climate justice: CreateClimateJustice.net. For job descriptions and how to apply, visit: <https://www.uumfe.org/about/position-openings/>

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## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Allen Avenue UU Church in Portland is pleased to announce the revival of the **Audrey B. Seale Service Program**. The Program was established in 2006 by a generous gift from Audrey B. Seale. The purpose of the program is to enable individuals ages 14 to 24 who are or have been active participants in a high school youth group in a Maine UU congregation to perform a significant community service project, up to one year in duration. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 21, 2018 for consideration for this year's awards. To be emailed a full copy of the information and application, contact Gwen Matthews at [gwenatfirstu@gmail.com](mailto:gwenatfirstu@gmail.com). If you have questions about the Program, please contact Program committee member Julie Harrison at [harrison@maine.rr.com](mailto:harrison@maine.rr.com).

## SURVEYS

Participants Needed: **Seeking Unitarian Universalist Parents** (includes biological or adoptive parents, legal guardians, foster parents, and step-parents) to participate in a study focused on parent-child communication around sexual health. Parents interested in participating in this study will need to meet the following criteria: (1) Attend a Unitarian Universalist congregation in the United States (2) Have at least one child between 12- and 15-years-old. If you are interested in participating, please go to [https://gmucehd.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9nTiaihc2bBbm0B](https://gmucehd.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9nTiaihc2bBbm0B) to complete the online survey. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Amanda Gordon, M.S. at [agordon8@gmu.edu](mailto:agordon8@gmu.edu). The survey should take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete.