

Union Coffeehouse 2025 – Our 19th Year

The **Union Coffeehouse** comes back this summer with a wonderful lineup of talent set for your listening pleasure including the return of a headliner group that we haven't seen since before the pandemic. The Coffeehouse is a part of Union Church's community outreach program offering wholesome musical entertainment at a bargain price. We invite everyone to mark their calendars and plan to attend the following outstanding concerts:



Saturday, May 10
– The **Union Coffeehouse** is proud to open our 2025 season with **The Racket Factory** bringing their good-time toe-tapping music back to Belgrade Lakes. The Racket

Factory is five musicians who blend their instruments and their voices to create a fun evening of folk songs, country tunes, and rollicking instrumentals. Their repertoire includes traditional New England fiddle tunes as well as Celtic, French Canadian and "Old Timey" music and songs. Stop in and let the Racket Factory put a smile on your face and some spring in your step!



Saturday, June 14 - The **Union Coffeehouse** welcomes **Mark**

Mandeville and Raienne Richards returning to headline our June concert. Raienne and Mark are clearly inheritors of a timeless legacy, creating music that is both original and evocative of a rich tradition. Blending distinctive voices and a wide range of accompaniment (guitar, harmonica, ukulele, clarinet, penny whistle, electric bass), their songs have been well-received by audiences around the eastern United States and Canada since 2010. Transcending the genre of folk Americana, their music echoes inspiration from traditional folk duos and singer/songwriters like Ian & Sylvia, Kate Wolf and Neil Young – combining beautiful harmonies and a lyrical intensity, while establishing a unique sound of their own.



Saturday, July 12
– The **Union Coffeehouse** is pleased to welcome **Maple and Pine**, a dynamic musical duo featuring Carole Wise and

Mark Abraham. They blend their unique backgrounds and talents to produce wonderful music. Carole is an award-

winning singer-songwriter from Maine known for her poignant lyrics and captivating melodies. With her solo albums bassist of the internationally renowned band Enter The Haggis. Mark, also a talented recording engineer, co-produced Carole's recent North Star album. Together, they create a rich tapestry of sound that resonates with audiences, showcasing their passion for music and collaboration.



**Saturday,
August 9 -
The
Union**

Coffeehouse finishes the 2025 season with **Stan Davis**, a talented singer/songwriter and story teller, who has been a favorite with Coffeehouse audiences since he first joined us in 2023. He has performed for all ages throughout Maine including at One Longfellow Square, the Pumpkin Fest, the Common Ground Fair, the Alewife Festival, and the Turner and Winthrop gazebo concert series. A life-long storyteller, Stan writes and sings quirky, heart-felt songs about real peoples' lives across the human

lifespan. His finger-style, slide, and electric lead guitar playing spans the blues, ragtime, jazz, and folk music spectra. A multi-instrumentalist, he also plays bowed psaltery, blues harmonica, autoharp, mountain dulcimer, and trichordo bouzouki. His performances mix storytelling, audience interaction, original songs, and reinterpreted classics.

Please show your support for this wonderful Union Church community outreach program by coming to the **Union Coffeehouse** concerts and bringing your friends. The concerts will start at 7 PM in Friendship Hall and the featured performers will start the show. They will be followed by the serendipitous group of performers who show up for the Open Mic time. We'll offer the wonderful baked goods, and fresh coffee, tea, and lemonade that have become a hallmark of the **Union Coffeehouse**. We hope you will come and enjoy the wonderful concerts that we are able to offer this year. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please direct any questions about the programs to Don Petersen. We look forward to seeing you there.