



# The Flaming Chalice

The newsletter of The Unitarian Universalist Community Church  
69 Winthrop Street ~ PO Box 8 ~ Augusta, ME 04332-0008

November 2013

**Worship Services 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Children's Religious Exploration classes 9:15 a.m. & Spirit Play 11:00 a.m.**

**Nursery Care available at both services**

## **Theme Based Ministry**

In September of 2013, UUC of Augusta will begin transitioning to a model of theme-based ministry in worship and programs. This new model is intended to provide members and friends with an opportunity for deeper interaction with worship themes. Instead of moving along from seemingly random topics each week, we will engage the following themes each month:

September	Fluidity & Forgiveness	February	Heritage & Legacy
October	Honoring Our Connections With The Universe	March	Loss
November	Radical Hospitality	April	Power of Myth
December	Unitarian Universalist Sources	May	Peace
January	New Beginnings	June	Community

## **Harvest Weekend A UUC Family Tradition**

Harvest Feast  
Dinner & Community Drumming  
Friday, November 22nd

Harvest Communion  
Sunday Worship  
November 24th  
9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

## **Soul Matters: An invitation**

A monthly Soul Matters packet will be developed as a tool for members, friends and small groups to use as they explore how the theme is intricately woven into the tapestry of our days.

A Soul Matters packet is your invitation:

- To explore theme-based spiritual practices.
- To encounter the complexity of living a moral life.
- To wrestle with life's many contradictions.
- To practice intentional and guided spiritual and theological reflection.
- To mine the moments of your life for wisdom, courage, hope and love.
- To cultivate conversations that opens the heart and soul to our common humanity.
- To swim beneath the surface of daily life and engage in conversations that matter.
- To meet human longing by cultivating connections and a sense of belonging.

As you explore this month's theme, Forgiveness and Fluidity, I invite you to go as the way opens. Be curious. Allow yourself to be surprised by what you find. Share it with someone you meet along the way. Have fun and keep your spirit dancing with life and all that you encounter along the way.

To request a copy of the Soul Matter's Packet, please contact Mary T. Simpson at 622-3232 or [admin@augustauu.org](mailto:admin@augustauu.org)

## A Faith Journey by Rev. Carie Johnsen...

Can leaders from one congregation grow to care deeply about another congregation and the success of its mission?

This is just one of the questions the New England Leap of Faith travel teams were asked at the launch conference back in August. Five teams of mentoring and aspiring congregations gathered in Bedford, MA and began exploring the profound consequences of this question. By the end of the weekend the experience of having a group of five listen attentively, engage curiously and care deeply about UUCC's story affirmed what some of us had already imagined.

As we weave our partnership into a deeper relationship, both congregations are growing in confidence and mission. By bearing witness to another congregation's journey, we've opened up new paths of joy, enthusiasm and mutual caring, pathways that even seekers venturing through our doors for the first time can see and feel."

~ Rev. Carolyn Peterno, minister All Souls New London CT, a mentor congregation

On November 15th, the UUCC Leap of Faith travel team goes to Milton, Massachusetts. Our mentor congregation, First Parish Milton (FPM) is busy preparing a time of learning. As the mentor congregation, FPM is eager to share their Leap of Faith experiences and accumulated wisdom. Over the weekend the Milton congregation and the Augusta travel team will deepen their bonds and commitment to growing Unitarian Universalism. In this circle of mutuality both congregations have the opportunity to grow, enliven leadership, engage creative conversations, discuss difficult topics and improve congregational capacity.

Over the past several weeks UUCC leadership and members have reflected together and identified the adaptive challenges and learning goals to be engaged over the next year or more. The Milton congregation has now received this information and will begin to focus the learning opportunities and relationship building around our aspirations, challenges and dreams for the future. This is the grace of Leap of Faith wherein one congregation cares deeply about another. They are committed to advancing who we are, our sense of place and purpose, and our ways of living our faith.

Our monthly theme for November is radical hospitality. With First Parish Milton as a model and in the spirit of Leap of Faith, I ask each one of us:

What would happen if one person cared deeply about the stranger?

Every day the opportunity to care deeply about another human being is presented in a myriad of ways. How might our faith community be enlivened by simple acts of love toward the stranger in our midst? How would you engage differently if you elevated acts of love that embodied caring deeply about the stranger?

As we explore the theme of radical hospitality this month, may we generously serve Love in ways that see our common humanity, touch the depths of the soul, and advance grace. At the end of the day may our heart prints be a visible expression of our faith lived well.

In faith, Rev. Carie

## Religious Exploration Report....

By Rev. Carol Strecker, Director of Religious Exploration

To see the world in a grain of sand, and heaven in a wildflower,  
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour.

William Blake

For me, exploring connections is a good bit of what Religious Exploration is all about. This fall our children and youth have been exploring our connections with “The Universe Story”; beginning with the Big Bang. We learned how intimately connected we are to the stars and to all living things. The elements that make up our bodies were created in a crucible of an exploding star. We learned how stars are born. We learned that they breathe and eat and that they die. It’s renewed my sense of wonder when I look into the night sky and realize the stars are our most ancient ancestors.

**This month the Religious Exploration Program will host an opportunity for all of us to renew that sense of wonder with an evening of Stargazing. Gary Nielsen has offered to share some of what he knows about the night sky with all of us. We’ll gather on Wednesday, November 6th (Friday, November 8th if the weather doesn’t cooperate on Wednesday). We’ll meet at the church at 5:30 and head up to the cemetery, where’s there’s plenty of sky. We’ll return to the church to warm up with some hot chocolate.**

An important part of the Universe Story is that all life shares a common ancestry - we’re literally part of the “Interconnected Web” of all existence. Life on earth grew out of the primordial soup of the ancient ocean. All life is born. All life breaths and eats and dies and all life is interconnected. We depend on one another.

As our theme shifts from our connections to the Universe to welcoming the stranger, it’s interesting to note that in some ways our relationships with one another aren’t really all that different from our relationships with other living beings. Just as trees clean the air by breathing in carbon dioxide and breathing out oxygen. We can be there for other people by listening and offering words of kindness when another person is in pain. We can help them feel welcome when they’re feeling alone. We all have the same feelings. We all need and want the same things.

Sometimes we forget that we’re all connected and that we all want and need the same things. There are things we can do to help us to be more mindful, paying closer attention to who we are, how we’re feeling and how we’re all connected. If you’ve ever said something unkind in a moment of anger, or judged someone and closed your heart – and regretted it later - you know what it’s like to be out of touch with what’s happening inside you in the moment. You know what it’s like to lose touch with how you want to treat others. We can learn to be kinder and more open hearted. It all begins with learning to pay attention to what’s going on in the moment and there are all kinds of ways to do that.

During the month of November the children and youth will be learning more about mindfulness practices they can use to learn to pay closer attention to what’s going on inside themselves so they can choose how they want to relate to others. These practices are grounded in the Buddhist tradition but they have found their way into all kinds of practical applications as tools for living more intentionally and more peacefully in the world.

**On Saturday, November 9th, from 10 - 12:30 the Religious Exploration Program will be hosting a “Morning of Mindfulness” for all ages, children and families are especially welcome. In addition to sharing a variety of mindfulness practices, we’ll share a story or two and a couple of craft projects that help illustrate how the practices can help us in our daily lives. This is a great opportunity for families to learn to practice being kind and more peaceful at home. Plan to bring a bag lunch so we can share a meal together at the end of the morning. Please let me know if you are able to attend so we know how many people to expect. RSVP to [dre@augustauu.org](mailto:dre@augustauu.org)**

As we enter the season of gratitude and thanksgiving, may our hearts open to those both near and dear to us and those beyond our immediate circle of care.

Faithfully Yours,  
Carol

## Leading and Listening...

By Doug Rooks, President

The reason Leap of Faith is difficult, but also potentially rewarding, is that it seeks to identify the questions that go deeper than the technical challenges the church faces in, for instance, balancing the budget and ensuring that programs are well-organized and effective.

These deeper questions involve the church's identity, past, present and future, what its calling is in the world, and how we can create more intimate connections between members in a faith community we are all part of. Language is important, and, as of this writing, we are still working to refine the statements we hope will guide us in the search ahead, for the rest of this church year and beyond.

But relationships are even more important. How our vital programs, including Sunday worship, small group ministry, and religious exploration, relate to each other and the rest of the congregation will determine, in large part, how successful we are in taking on the challenges of growth and change that we know lie ahead. But perhaps my favorite comment from the retreat is that the real work of Leap of Faith will take place "one conversation at a time."

It is in those conversations that we learn from each other, build trust, find new ideas and grow closer to each other. I'm looking forward to many more of those conversations during our Leap of Faith year. If you have questions, please ask. If you have something on your mind, tell us. It's the only sure formula for success we have.

## **DO YOU EVER SHOP AT HANNAFORD WITH A CARD PURCHASED FROM THE UCC?**



If so, we thank you for the \$1,102.25 in fundraising bonus money coming into the church between July 7 and October 20, 2013. Hannaford gives the church a 5% bonus for every \$1,000 in card sales through the church. Payments from people buying bonus cards at face value (no fees) have been made to the church as follows:

July 7, 2013	\$210
July 28	\$50
August 11	\$54.50
August 18	\$67.50
August 12	\$75
September 12	\$149
September 16	\$90
September 22	\$107.50
September 10	\$50
September 30	\$50
October 6	\$107.50
October 20	<u>\$91.25</u>
Total	<b>\$1,102.25</b>

We thank you for supporting the church this way.

Fundraising Co-Chairs

Terry ([tlcnaturalhealth@yahoo.com](mailto:tlcnaturalhealth@yahoo.com)) and

Hannah ([hannahuu3@fairpoint.net](mailto:hannahuu3@fairpoint.net))

## Common Read Discussions...

The UUA has chosen Behind the Kitchen Door by Saru Jayaraman as the common read for 2013-2014. The book reveals how restaurant workers live on some of the lowest wages in America, and how poor working conditions, discriminatory labor practices, exploitation, and unsanitary kitchens affect the meals that arrive at our restaurant tables. The author, who launched a national restaurant workers organization after 9/11, tells the stories of ten restaurant workers in cities across the United States as she explored the political, economic and moral implications of eating out.

What's at stake when we chose a restaurant is not only our health or "foodie" experience, but also the health and well-being of the second largest private sector work force---10 million people---many immigrants and people of color who bring passion, tenacity and insight into the American dining experience.

Behind the Kitchen Door invites UU's to intentionally consider their practices in restaurant dining. It makes available lives of people who are subject to discrimination and oppression based on economic status, race, ethnicity, gender and/or immigrant status.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Jane Gilbert and I will co-facilitate a book discussion. Jane held the position of deputy commissioner in the Department of Labor here in Maine for seven years and will bring her experience and offer suggestions for positive action. Books will be on sale in the fellowship hall at the coffee hour every Sunday until Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. There are also two loaner books.

There are two options for participating in the book discussion on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Brown bag lunch from noon-1:30 or brown bag supper from 5:50-7pm. Both sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please leave a voicemail message for me, the intern minister, as to which session you will be attending.

I look forward to your participation in this common read experience which can inspire follow up, such as advocacy for just working conditions for restaurant workers as part of a commitment to ethical eating.

Sharon Piantedosi  
Intern Minister

## Mark Your Calendar....

**Pre-holiday Sale of Decorations, Re-giftables and Books Saturday, November 2, 2013, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

On Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> between 2 and 6 p.m. we will attractively arrange and price the holiday decorations and re-giftables on the tables for the Saturday sale. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet soon to be posted on the fundraising bulletin board.

Please bring your holiday decorations and re-giftables to the church on or shortly before November 1<sup>st</sup>. The definition of a re-giftable is an item that either is new, or looks new enough to give someone else as a gift, especially for Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Before he moved to Rhode Island, Joe Laferriere donated a generous supply of books for the church to sell. Some of Joe's books will be available for sale November 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have books the church can sell, please bring them in during the afternoon of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

As soon as you can, please contact Hannah Faulkner at (207) 293-9377 or [hannahuu3@fairpoint.net](mailto:hannahuu3@fairpoint.net) to let her know what you will be bringing.

### **Gaslight Theatre and Luncheon**

**Sunday, November 17** after church Judy and Bruce are hosting a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall prior to the matinee, "Promises, Promises" at the Gaslight Theatre.

Please contact Judy and Bruce at [jsembierce@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jsembierce@myfairpoint.net) or 897-3683 to reserve your tickets for the play.

### **Annual Pie Sale at Longfellow's Greenhouse**

**Saturday, November 23** Bruce and Judy will present our annual Pie Sale at Longfellow's. Please contact them as soon as you can to tell them what pies you will make for the sale. As usual, this promises to be a highly successful event.

## Augusta Food Bank Dinner and Auction...

This year's event is being held at The Calumet Club on Fri. Nov. 1st. Doors will open at 5pm, with the buffet dinner starting at 6, and the live auction to follow. This year we will also be having a silent auction, in addition to the VERY popular Silent Dessert Auction! There will also be a 50/50 Raffle going on, as well as a cash bar.

This year's auction includes some great items already, including an iPad and "Red Barn for Life" Gift Card!

Tickets are \$25, or a table of 8 can be purchased for \$175. Tickets can be purchased by calling Marcella at 623-9232, by stopping into the Town of Manchester Town Office, or by emailing [augustafoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:augustafoodbank@gmail.com).

In addition, like in years past, we would very much welcome any donations from your congregations towards the auction. For example, we have received some very nicely done baskets that were included in the auction. And finally, we would welcome any dessert donations that we could use in the silent auction. (Please let us know by Oct. 18th if you would like to donate something to either of these)

Thanks so much for all of your support!

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## Buildings and Grounds...

Annual Leaf Raking is November 16th, 9-12 AM. Please help put the grounds to bed. A good turnout makes this a two hour job. We have a compost heap so no bagging involved.

This is the third Saturday in November. There will be no second Saturday workday in November.

## Unitarian Universalist Staff Hours...

### **Rev. Carie Johnsen:**

Tuesday and Thursday – 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. or by appointment

Friday: Off

### **Intern Minister – Sharon Piantedosi**

Tuesday and Thursday – 10:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., and by appointment

Friday: Off

### **Director of Religious Exploration – Rev. Carol Strecker**

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and by appointment

Monday: Off

### **Mary T. Simpson – Office Administrator:**

Monday and Tuesday – 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Thursday – 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday and Friday: Off

Drop-Ins are always welcome, however at times we may be in a meeting or not in the office. Calling ahead for availability is the best way to confirm that we are here and available.

Rev. Carie, Rev. Carol, and Sharon practice a Sabbath on their day off. They do not attend to emails, phone calls, or meetings.

For pastoral emergencies call Rev. Carie at 508-221-5295. Leave a message, and she will return calls as soon as possible.

## Fundraising...

### TWO FUNDRAISING EVENTS

#### **LUNCHEON / MATINEE (*Promises, Promises*)**

A Luncheon/Matinee will be held on Sunday, November 17th. The menu will be Quiche, Salad, Beverage and Dessert and will be held at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The play, "Promises, Promises" will follow at 2:00 at the Gaslight Theater in Hallowell

The cost, which includes luncheon and tickets to the matinee, is \$18 for Adults and \$16 for Seniors and Students. Reservations are required and are limited to 26 guests. A sign up sheet is on the Fundraising Bulletin Board.

#### **ANNUAL PIE SALE**

The Annual Pie Sale will be held at Longfellow's Greenhouses in Manchester on Saturday, November 23rd beginning at 8:30 AM. Your pie(s) can be brought to the Harvest Dinner at the church on Friday, November 22nd, where they will be labeled and boxed - or you may take them to Longfellow's on Saturday morning. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fundraising Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to have at least 50 home made pies.

FMI regarding these two fundraisers, please contact Judy McCown or Bruce Bierce at 897-3683 or [bbierce@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bbierce@myfairpoint.net)

## Elder Lunch...

Elder Lunch is the second Sunday of each month at noon. Contributing cooks are needed for November and December.

If you are able to contribute one of the following:

- a salad for 20 small servings or
- an entree for 8-10 or
- a dessert

Please speak with Marilyn Dunn 512-5382 or [maine2007@hotmail.com](mailto:maine2007@hotmail.com).

## UUCC Web...

See the new video about UUCC at the Visitors and Newcomers section on the Home Page. It's a great portrayal of our vibrant community,

Thanks to the Leap of Faith Travel Team. A new section gives an overview and background for the Leap of Faith program. It can be accessed from the Home Page, and found under Church Life and Events.

Comments on the website are welcome.

To participate on the Website Committee regularly or on special projects, contact Helen Zidowecki, Website Committee Chair (582-5308, or [website@augustauu.org](mailto:website@augustauu.org)

We look forward to your joining us.

## Goddess Continuing....

Goddess Continuing invites you to join us on November 24, after Second Service in the Fellowship Hall. Following the monthly theme of Radical Hospitality, our topic is "Food for Goddesses and Gods". Bring stories of foods and, when possible samplings. We will include "cakes for the Queen of Heaven" – literally!

Contact: Helen Zidowecki for more information, [207-582-5308](tel:207-582-5308) or at [hzmre@hzmre.com](mailto:hzmre@hzmre.com)



**UUCC of Augusta  
Ongoing  
Fundraising  
Program...**



***HANNAFORD CASH CARDS***

**Sold or reloaded SUNDAY during  
coffee hour**

**NO FEES**

**EVERY PURCHASE HELPS THE  
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
COMMUNITY CHURCH**

***BUY CARDS FOR YOUR OWN  
GROCERY SHOPPING OR  
DONATE A CARD TO  
AUGUSTA FOOD BANK***

***RELOAD YOUR GROCERY CARD  
THIS WEEK***

For more information, contact Hannah Faulkner at 293-9377 or  
[hannahu3@fairpoint.net](mailto:hannahu3@fairpoint.net)

## Membership Committee...

### **Membership Matters –** **Try A Little Radical Hospitality**

We think membership at UUCC is a privilege, and, even close to a joy! What could be better than the 7 principles of Unitarian Universalism to lead our way to offer Your Hand in friendship, interest and discovery....

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in this congregation;
- The right of conscience and use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

There are more people out in the wider community who would like to be part of our Fellowship, who also embrace these same principles, but who just haven't met us yet or walked through our doors. If they do come into our space, how about making them feel welcome. If speaking to anyone who is new or unfamiliar to you, takes you out of your comfort zone....get uncomfortable!

Even if you are shy, remember, others are too, especially those who come into Coffee and are intimidated by all of the conversations that are going on that don't include them. A simple warm smile, introduction, offering your hand, asking a question, may be the key to supporting that person coming back to our church or wanting to know more....YOU could make that difference to some feeling connected.

**PLEASE TRY TO SAY HELLO** to someone new to you next Sunday and every Sunday you're in church. Be bold enough to sit in a different pew and see a new face close up. Make yourself the Pathway To Discovery for others seeking what you have found here. Try a little Radical Hospitality and you may be surprised at how much you will receive in return.

Cheryl Ring and Rita Cherubini  
The Membership Committee

## Display Case...

Contribute items for the Theme of the Month Display! The chart of the themes for the year is posted in the display case, so look ahead!

For November, the theme is RADICAL HOSPITALITY. Share photographs, personal artwork including three dimensional pieces of art. Submit a piece yourself, as a family, or as a small group.

Drop items off at the Judd House during office hours, or leave with the Display Basket in the Committee Room, clearly identified with your name so that items can be returned.

The Display will be up assembled the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month (Oct. 26). You may add to the display throughout the month.

## History Committee...

Greetings from the History Committee!!

We are working on the ongoing process of collecting our history as it happens. To that end, we would love to have any news articles, pics, or other bits of history to put in our scrapbooks or other appropriate places. We have a slot in the Committee room, or you can speak to one of us directly. (If sharing articles, PLEASE make sure there is a date and origin somewhere, and let us know if you want it back.)

We also invite you to join us at a meeting (usually held once a month) and help us recognize, record, and celebrate our enthralling history and our enthusiastic present. We are always looking for new members. Our next meeting is set for Dec. 5, 1:30 in the History room (Drew House).

We, the committee, also extend a special thank you to Heide Munro, who is leaving the committee after several years. Your insight and suggestions have been invaluable, Heide. We appreciate your commitment to preserving our stories.

Krista Zidowecki, History Committee Chair

## Fundraising Recognition...

**Charlene Clevon:** We appreciate your crafting of beautiful greeting cards for all occasions. In October you created and sold more than 24 cards, donating at least \$60 to the church.

**Marilyn Dunn & Tom Waddell:** We are fortunate that you sometimes sell items on Craig's List to help the church. Recently you brought in \$40 from selling a convection oven.

**Mary T. Simpson:** Thank you for your careful minding of detail in recording and depositing the Hannaford cash card checks each week.

**Treasurer Mary Simpson:** We appreciate your ongoing work in maintaining the Hannaford Cash Card Account, reviewing and making payments for complex Hannaford orders and assuring the accuracy of our records.

**Bruce Bierce:** Thank you for making the beautiful posters for the November 2 Jumble Sale, the upcoming November 17 Luncheon/Matinee (Promises, Promises) and the November 23 Pie Sale.

**Judith McCown:** We appreciate your creative planning and organizing of elegant occasions and your welcoming touches which invite everyone to join in.

### Social Activities Chair

**Cheryl Clukey** Thank you for working with Fundraising to combine the delightful October 18th steel band concert with a satisfying spaghetti dinner.



## Apple Valley Books UUCC Holiday Fundraiser...

We are pleased to announce a new fundraising opportunity for UUCC of Augusta! Starting Sunday October 27th, coupons will be available to use at Apple Valley Books in Winthrop. The coupon will allocate 15% of your purchase to our church! The coupon fundraiser will run from Friday November 1st until Tuesday December 24th.

Start making your holiday gift giving list and keep in mind the wonderful shopping that can be done by supporting a local small business, and also benefit our church community. These coupons can be duplicated and shared with family and friends who wish to help with our fundraising efforts. If you would like a coupon emailed to you, or you have other questions, please contact Eric Robbins at: [applebooks@fairpoint.net](mailto:applebooks@fairpoint.net).

We want to especially thank Rita Moran and Eric Robbins, owners of Apple Valley Books, for this new fundraising opportunity.

## Nonviolent Communications...

The Nonviolent Communications (also known as Compassionate Communications) Practice Group is meeting on Friday, November 1, 10:15am-12:15pm, in the Robbins Room. We are continuing the theme of "Nonviolence: The Natural State of Compassion." We will also be planning the schedule for the year.

Cathryn Wilson will be facilitating. For more information or to attend, contact Helen Wing at 685-3804, or at [hcranewing@roadrunner.com](mailto:hcranewing@roadrunner.com)

## Donations Needed...

The ministries at St. Mark's Episcopal Church ( on Summer st. across from our church) and the Augusta Food Bank are in need. Food is collected at our church in the coat closet.

The Essentials pantry needs diapers, all sizes, but especially the largest kids sizes and adult Depend-type. The Food Bank is housed at the St. Mark's parish hall, but is a separate financial entity. They need food. They pack food into backpacks for kids, Kid-packs\_ to provide for them on weekends and vacations. They need individual items like Easy Mac, soups, granola bars, juices etc.

From the food banks website comes this message. We are in HIGH need of the following items!

Cereal (both hot & cold)  
Canned Soups  
Canned Fruits  
Spaghetti--1 pound packages  
Rice & Rice Mixes  
Spaghetti & Tomato Sauce-Canned

To help maintain the food supply, here is a list of suggested basic foods that are always needed and much appreciated.

- Tuna Fish
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Baked Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Vegetables
- Coffee and Tea
- Baking Mixes (cake, brownie and muffin)
- Canned Meats
- Canned Milk
- Personal Care Items (especially toilet paper)

Donated food may be left at St. Mark's Parish Hall on Mondays from 8-2pm or 5-7pm, Tues-Thurs from 12-2pm. To arrange for other drop off times, please call 622-5225 or email [augustafoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:augustafoodbank@gmail.com).

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Donations to the Augusta Food Bank are tax deductible and may be mailed to:

Augusta Food Bank  
9 Summer St.  
Augusta, ME 04330

Thank you!

## Treasurer's News...

Tired of Writing Checks?

You can now pay your pledge via a monthly electronic transfer (EFT). Our trial has gone well, and we are now able to offer the option to all members. If you would like to change your pledge payment to a direct debit, please contact Mary Petersen Simpson, Treasurer, by phone (207 620-6664, or email ([mary.simpson753@gmail.com](mailto:mary.simpson753@gmail.com)) for the required form.

Update: The September 23<sup>rd</sup> Share the Plate collection raised \$288.39 for the Augusta Food Bank. Thank you!

Mary Simpson  
Treasurer

## UCC CLYNK Fundraising Brings in \$300...

Between July 2013 and October 2013, the CLYNK program sponsored by Terry Cookson's small group has brought a total of \$300 in fundraising money to the church. \$100 came in on July 28, \$100 on August 25, and \$100 on October 13. Some of you have contributed CLYNK bags, which we appreciate.

Thank you all for contributing your bottles and cans!

## Help for Jill Watson's Class...

Can you imagine learning to cook when the food you purchase either freezes or gets too hot when you put it in the refrigerator?

My students need a refrigerator to store food that they use to learn how to cook. If you'd like to chip in, you'll get photos and our heart felt thanks.

Click here to learn more:

[To Freeze or Not to Freeze, That Is The Question!](#)

Thank you.

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: **Newsletter articles are due the third Monday of each month.** The next  
: **newsletter deadline is November 18.** Please submit newsletter  
: **articles by email, to [newsletter@augustauu.org](mailto:newsletter@augustauu.org).**  
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Thursday 11:00 - 5:00  
or by appointment

Friday is my Sabbath. I do not attend to emails, phone calls or meetings. For pastoral emergencies please call my cell phone (508-221-5295) and I will return your call at soon as possible.

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