**Unitarian Universalist Community Church**

**Worship Service - Sunday, January 24, 2016**

**TODAY at UUCC (January 24, 2016)**

 Services, 9:15 & 11 am, “The Church is Dead. Long Live the Church”\*\* Rev. Carie Johnsen

 O.W.L. R.E. (Grades K-2), 9:15 am – 11:00 a.m.

 O.W.L. R.E. (Grades 4-6 & 7-9), 9:15 a.m. - Noon

 Goddess/Earth Circles, 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

 Adult RE Class “The Four Agreements”, 6:00 pm, CR

\*\*The religious landscape is changing. The spiritual needs of the people are in transition. What shall we do? What is to become of church as we know it? How shall we deepen and stretch and ground ourselves for the unclear times ahead.

**TODAY Our Whole Lives (O.W.L) R.E. Classes BEGIN**

O.W.L. Religious Exploration classes will begin TODAY. Grades K-2 classes will be held from 9:15 to 11:00 a.m. Grades 4-6 and Grades 7-9 will be held from 9:15 a.m. to Noon. Kiddos should enter the 9:15 a.m. service and will be dismissed to the RE programs after the Wisdom Story. Please contact Monique McAuliffe at YouthAdvisor@augustauu.org or 242-6415 if you have any questions.

**TODAY- Goddess/Earth Circles, 12:15-2:00pm, FH**

Topic: "Directions, Elements, and Stages of Our Lives". We honor the directions and elements of the universe, and our own life stages, when we meet. Come, explore more deeply, with meditations and actions for spiritual living. Based on writings of Starhawk.

**Notices**

**NOTICE** – The February 7th **UU’s Praying session has been CANCELLED** to avoid any conflict with the Stewardship kick-off event*THE POWER OF ONE, Be an Upstander, Not a Bystander*. We want all persons to be able to attend this important event. We will continue our UU’s Praying discussion on Sunday, March 6th.

**Leadership Council Meeting - SCHEDULE CHANGE**

The Leadership Council Meeting previously scheduled for Sunday Feb 7th has been changed to NEXT SUNDAY, Jan 31st at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Would like to see you all there! Questions: please contact Martha Naber at naber@midmaine.com or 872-0913​

**Guest at your Table (GAYT) collections due**

Thank you to those of you who have returned your GAYT collections already. Any other participants in the collection, please turn in your collections TODAY. We would like to combine all UUCC collections and send to GAYT sometime next week. You can also bring collections to the office this week during regular office hours.

**Update on NEW Church Keys**

We are finalizing our work with the locksmith after the break-in. Permanent keys may be available late next week. I will contact you to come in and (return your temporary key if you have been issued one) AND to complete a new key application form. Your patience during this ordeal has been VERY MUCH appreciated!

**Update and news on Allan Watson:**

The cancer which Allan was having treated by multiple doctors is back. There are no more operations or treatments. Things turned pretty quickly this past couple weeks and hospice started on Sunday. He has moved into needing 24-7 care. They have plenty of people helping and more asking what they can do. Jill assures people she will ask if she needs something. She is grateful for all the thoughts and prayers. Emails and cards are welcome at allan3842@roadrunner.com or jillwatson223@gmail.com or 41 Belgrade Road, Manchester, ME 04351.

**Fellowship Refreshments Needed.** The kitchen corner cupboard is full of crackers and rice cakes but we need some cookies. Dollar Tree is very reasonable source for goodies- their fudge stripe cookies are a big hit with the kids and the ginger snaps are great as well. Dollar Tree often has shelf stable milk which is very handy to have in the cupboard. Of course, home baked goods, fruit, or baby carrots brought on any Sunday are always a welcome addition. Individually wrapped/labeled teas for the wooden tea caddy are needed as well.

**Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed.** Everyone enjoys coffee hour so please help by taking a turn making it happen. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

**Mark Your Calendars**

Sunday, Feb. 7th, Annual Stewardship Kick-Off Event

Sunday, Feb 15th, New UU Class Begins

**<FMI: See Upcoming Events below>**

**This Week at UUCC …**

**Monday, January 25, 2016**

Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 Sangha-Meditation, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

 SGM (Scully), 6:30 pm, DH (Olson Room)

**Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

 SGM (D. Sorensen), 10:00 am, Off Premises

 ALANON, Noon, Robbins Room

 SGM (M. Stengel), 2:00 pm, Off Premises

 RENTAL- Jacqui Clark Class, 5:00 pm,

 Drew House, 2nd Floor front Room

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Thursday, January 28, 2016**

 Power of One Planning Committee (with Stewardship Committee), 1pm, FH

**Friday, January 29, 2016**

 <No meetings or events scheduled>

**Saturday, January 30, 2016**

 Sangha – Closing Ceremony (January Intensive),

 8:30 am – 3:00 pm (FH/Sanctuary)

 RENTAL – AFS, 9 am – 4:30 pm, DH (ALL)

 RENTAL – Maine Recovery Community

 Coalition, 1:00-5:00 pm, Committee Room

 Private Piano Lessons, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Sunday, January 31, 2016**

 Services, 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., “Utopian

 Negotiation: The Yes-ness of No”\*\*, Gary Chapin

 O.W.L. R.E. (Grades K-2), 9:15 am – 11:00 a.m.

 O.W.L. R.E. (Grades 4-6 & 7-9), 9:15 a.m. - Noon

 Leadership Council, Noon, Fellowship Hall

 Adult RE Class “The Four Agreements”, 6:00 pm, CR

\*\*Is there a presence to absence? Is value to be found in the lack of value? “So many bottles, so few messages.” Join me to explore the beauty of a bell unrung. Some holes you need to keep digging. It's not what you think it is, and, at the same time, it isn't.

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, Feb 7, 2016, Annual Stewardship Kick-Off Event (12:30 – 3:00 pm)**

**THE POWER OF ONE, Be an Upstander, Not a Bystander**, Buker Community Center, Augusta

This multigenerational event will offer age appropriate opportunities for people of all ages to engage in educational activities and raise awareness around issues of bullying, teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, domestic and relationship violence as well as Elder abuse. This event is sponsored by the Family Violence Project and the UUCC Stewardship Committee.

**Sunday, February 15th, New Unitarian Universalist (new to UUCC) Class BEGINS**

February 15TH, 29TH Drew House AND March 21ST Fellowship Hall (All classes 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

The New UU Class is an opportunity to get together with those who are new to this Faith or those who are familiar with UU’sm and wish to re-focus. The beginnings of Unitarians and Universalist religions, their merge and how we see our work in the local community and wider world will be discussed and how our principles guide us. Participants will share their religious journeys in a safe and supportive environment. Sign up for the class with Lynn Smith at admin@augustauu.org or 622-3232.

**For the complete calendar of events, visit the UUCC website: www.augustauu.org**

**Budget Report**

Deposit (week beginning 1/10/16):

 Pledge Payments (2015-2016) $ 2,979.00

 Offering 148.35

 Rental (ALANON & JustGuys) 70.00

 Fundraising (Hannaford Bonus Cards) 255.00

 Fundraising (Fair Sale) 4.00

 Adams Trust Distribution 1,225.50

 Donation (Sangha) 50.00

 Total income for week $ 4,731.85

 Average Weekly Budgeted expenses = $ 4,176.20

 (2015-16 expenses $217,162. divided by 52 wks)

**Office Hours:**

Monday ----------------------------------<No office hours>

Tues, Wed and Thurs -------------- 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday -------------------------------------<No office hours>

**Rev. Carie’s Office Hours:**

Monday No office Hours (Writing Day)

Tuesday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday No office Hours (Sabbath day)

 <other hours available by appointment>

Our **Pastoral Ministry** Team is still here to provide confidential, caring and compassionate presence

during times of grief, loss, life changes and stress.

To request support or share pastoral concerns, please contact Nancee Campbell at (207) 621-7727 or pastoralministers@augustauu.org.

**Caring Cooperative** support includes rides, meals, errands, get well and condolence cards

 as well as companion visits. If you need Caring Cooperative support or know someone that needs support, contact Cheryl Abruzzese at cam1nik2@gmail.com. If you do not have email you may reach Cheryl at (207) 858-5340.

**Sunday Services / Staff Contact information:**

Youth Advisor, Monique McAuliffe youthadvisor@augustauu.org

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