**Unitarian Universalist Community Church**

**Worship Service - Sunday, February 14, 2016**

**TODAY at UUCC (February 14, 2016)**

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

 “The Invitation”\*, Rev. Carie Johnsen

 <NO Religious Exploration O.W.L. Classes >

 Members/Friends (Photo Session SIGNUP), During Coffee Hour

 <see UUCC Photo Directory Notice>

 Elder Lunch (Hosted by Peace Jam), Noon, FH

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

\*More than sixteen years later, the words of Oriah Mountain Dreamer continue to call us to live more deeply, passionately and honestly.

**NO Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) Classes TODAY**

There will be **no** O.W.L. classes today. Classes will commence next week. Children attending the 9:15 a.m. service will be dismissed after the wisdom story to make a “Stone Soup” for the Elder Lunch.

**TODAY Elder Lunch, Noon, Fellowship Hall**

Plan to relax and socialize with your friends after the second service. Our lunch this week will be hosted by the Peace Jam youth and will include a “Stone (vegetable) soup” made by the RE youth. Our lunch will also include our usual menu items. Church elder lunch is not exclusive to Senior Citizens – we have regular attendees in their 40s and 50s too, so please self-select and join us. Thank you to all the volunteers that contribute to this event.

**Notices**

**TOMORROW-New Unitarian Universalist Class BEGINS**

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

New to this Faith or familiar with UU’sm but wish to re-focus? Join us as we learn the beginnings of Unitarians and Universalist religions and how they merged. We will discuss how our principles guide us in our work in the local community and wider world. **<Forgot to sign up for the class?? No worries, just show up!!>**

**UUCC Photo Directory**

Members and friends of our church! You will have the once-every-several-years opportunity to shine your face and personality on the pages of our next UUCC Photo Directory.

We will be taking the photos on Friday, March 18th from 2:00 to 9:00 pm and on Saturday, March 19th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Time slots with the photographer at the church are 10 minutes each, and the **signup sheets** for appointments will be available between services **TODAY and for the next three Sundays**. People should plan to spend an hour, however, to include check-in, the photo session, and viewing them afterward.

***Every Photo = free picture & directory***

If you’re unable to sign up at the church on February 14, 21, 28 or March 6, please call the church office **after** those sign-up dates.

**An EASY Way to Support the Augusta Food Bank**

The UUCC has a long history of partnering with the Augusta Food Bank to alleviate hunger in our local community by donating food, volunteering and serving on the board of directors. Please help the UUCC support the Augusta Food Bank by voting in the Bangor Savings Bank Community Matters More campaign. Your vote helps determine which organization wins $5,000. By voting for the Augusta Food Bank, you are voting to ***help alleviate hunger in our community*** as $5,000 will put a lot of meals on a lot of plates. Stop by any Bangor Savings Bank to vote or vote online at [www.bangor.com/cmm](http://www.bangor.com/cmm). Thank you! – Pam Lombard

**Uniting For Racial Justice – Coffee and Conversations – BLACK LIVES MATTER**

The February 21st worship service at UUCC will engage the rallying call for ALL Black Lives striving for liberation. You can help shape our dialogue by considering:

What is on your mind? What breaks your heart? What calls you to be engaged and to take action? What overwhelms your spirit? What immobilizes your otherwise engaged self? Where do you part company?

You are invited to grab a cup of coffee and bring all these questions and more to one of these conversation times with Rev. Carie. Drop in at your leisure for 30 minutes or two hours or anything in between.

Monday, February 15th, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. –

 Slates Bakery, Water Street, Hallowell

Tuesday, February 16th, 10:00 – 12:00 a.m. –

 Downtown Diner, Water Street, Augusta

Tuesday, February 16th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. –

 Barnes and Noble, Marketplace Drive, Augusta

**Display Case in Hallway:**

Contact the church office or Helen Zidowecki (hzmre@hzmre.com) to schedule a display around a theme of the month, a special theme from Small Group Ministry, a focus from a committee or church group, or for a special interest......

**This Week at UUCC …**

**Monday, February 15, 2016**

 <Newsletter articles DUE newsletter@augustauu.org>

 New UU Class STARTS, 5:30 pm, Drew House (1st Flr)

 SGM Ellis McKeen (D. Maddi), 6:00 pm, CR

 SGM (T. Cairn), 6:00 pm, Drew House (2nd Floor)

 Sangha Meditation, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016**

 ALANON, Noon, Robbins Room

 SGM Committee Mtg, 5:30 pm, CR <chg f. 2/9>

**Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

 Bridget (Planning Meeting), 1:00 pm, Nursery

 Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

 RENTAL-Just Guys, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

 SGM (P. Lamb), 6:30 pm, Drew House (1st Floor)

**Thursday, February 18, 2016**

 SGM (Zidowecki), 10:00 am, Robbins Rm

 History Committee Mtg, Noon, DH (Olson Rm)

 STAFF Meeting, 2:30 pm, DH (1st Floor, Parlor)

**Friday, February 19, 2016**

Nonviolent Comm, 1:15 pm-3:15 pm, RR

**Saturday, February 20, 2016, 2016**

 UUCCOO Rehearsal, 8:30 am, Sanctuary

 Private Piano Lessons, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Sunday, February 21, 2016 <CHOIR Sunday>**

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

 “Black Lives Matter”\*\*, Rev. Carie Johnsen

 Members/Friends (Photo Session SIGNUP),

 During Coffee Hour

 <see UUCC Photo Directory Notice>

 Goddess/Earth Circles, 12:15 pm, FH

\*\*Black Lives Matter is not a moment but a movement. This service engages the national conversation broadening to include all the ways Black people are intentionally left powerless at the hands of the state. **See Uniting for Racial Justice in the NOTICES Section above to explore ways you can help shape this important dialogue.**

**Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, February 21, 2016 - Goddess/Earth Circles, 12:15 pm – 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

We will continue Directions, Elements and Stages of Our Lives that we started in January, and move into Imbolc, which celebrates the movement from winter toward spring with Brigit, the young goddess. The dates and topics for the year are found on the UUCC website (Church Life). Youth and adults, all genders, are welcome. For more information, contact Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com).

**Friday, March 11, 2016 – 6:30 – 8:30 am, FH**

**Family Bingo/Dessert Night** in Fellowship Hall.

 <More information to come>

**Sunday, March 13, 2016**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES -** Columnist JP DEVINE, Book Discussion

JP Devine will be at UUCC to discuss his new book, "WILL WRITE FOR FOOD". JP Devine is a Waterville writer who writes movie reviews and other interesting/humorous essays in a weekly KJ column. Devine will present at 1:00 p.m. after Elder Lunch in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for an hour of humor and entertainment.

**Friday., April 8 - Earth Month UUCC AUCTION & CAFÉ**

Silent Auction from 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

Live Auction at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your Family and Friends. We welcome donations of experiences, services and items. Contact Hannah at hannahuu3@fairpoint.net or Terry at tlcnaturalhealth@yahoo.com for more information.

**Sunday, April 10th, 1:00p.m. (After Elder lunch)**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: "Weathering Shame"** by Kevin Mannix (Channel 8 weatherman) and Linda Rota.

They will discuss their personal journey of the shame and stigma throughout their childhood and adult lives. They will share their experiences, struggles, and feelings of shame that results from growing up exposed to alcoholism, severe depression and suicide. They hope to offer awareness and inspiration through their personal stories. Their book will be available for purchase.

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

**Budget Report**

**Deposit (week beginning 2/7/16):**

 Pledge Payments (2015-2016) $ 1,871.00

 Rental (Nancy Hathaway & ALANON) 32.50

 Donations (Misc) 77.00

 Ballard Trust Distribution 1,584.89

 Total income for week $ 3,565.39

Avg budgeted wkly expenses for 2015/16 = $ 4,176.20

 ($217,162. divided by 52 weeks)

At the Feb 7th service, our **Share the Plate** offering collected $353.92 for the St. Mark’s Public Suppers. At the Feb 7th Power of ONE event, $664.08 was donated by event attendees for the **Mid-Maine Youth** safe passage to Guatemala trip.

 Thank you all for your generosity to support these causes!!

\*\*\*Please consider automatic monthly deduction to make your pledge payments.

Please see Treasurer, Janine Bonk or the Office Administrator for the simple enrollment form.

**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

Small Group Ministry Coordinator, Luke Curtis, SGMCoordinator@augustauu.org

Sunday Morning Religious Exploration Coordinator, Brigid Chapin, SundayREcoordinator@augustauu.org

Music Director, Bridget Convey, musicdirector@augustauu.org

Office Administrator, Lynn M. Smith, admin@augustauu.org,

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