

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Thursday, February 6, 2025

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A Message from our Minister

The light slowly returns as the owl's shape gradually comes into view, perched outside the window in the backyard. The tree limbs fallen from past storms provide a resting place. The shape changes and I imagine what kind of owl it might be. The day begins to brighten, and I realize after it has taken flight that the owl might be a hawk or perhaps a crow. I know the identification of this bird would be instant for the birders in our midst. It doesn't matter though, the morning has invited me to imagine what might be, grounding me in a moment of freedom.

As the weeks unfold, perhaps together, we can imagine what might be possible even if right now, it seems out of reach. Perhaps together we will find our way forward through small acts of connection, sustaining us, inspiring us and encouraging us.

Share information, time, laughter and action. Here is a [link to Starhawk's substack](#) that offers some ideas for resistance. There are many opportunities through local organizations to engage, [Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network](#), and [Maine Peoples Alliance](#), are just a couple. And of course, know too, that joy is an act of resistance!

We are creating community together.

Love & Light,

Rev. Donna, she, her

Reverend Donna will be on vacation the week of Feb. 17th.
If you have a pastoral emergency please reach out by phone.



Join us at the State House for housing lobby day!

This session we're looking to build tenant power by enacting rent stabilization for mobile home parks statewide, and making sure communities know who owns the housing people live in.

We'll start with some training: we'll learn about the policies, how to have good lobbying conversations, how to find our way around the

state house complex, and who we need to talk to, and why. Then we'll seek out our legislators to persuade and gather intel. And finally, we'll debrief over lunch to share what we've learned.

Lunch is provided. [RSVP here!](#)

Upcoming Services

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday February 9 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meeting the World with Love</i> Reverend Donna Dolham</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Nan Bell will be our worship associate. Angie Blevins will run slides developed by Nan Bell. Lindsey Weihl will manage Boxcast technology.</p> <p>Our Choir, led by Music Director, Bridget Convey and accompanied by Morgan Lee, pianist, will present "Seasons of Love" by Larson. Martha Pelletier will lead the team that is hosting coffee hour. Our usher will be Catherine Palmer and our greeter will be Karen Allen.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday February 16, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Where is the Resistance Now?</i> Reverend Donna Dolham</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Marty Peters will be our Worship Associate. Nan Bell will run slides developed by Angie Blevins. Cheryl Ring will manage Boxcast technology and Karen Foust will be our pianist. Our greeter will be Nancy Fritz.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Join us after the service for Fellowship Lunch so we can serve you a lovely sit down meal. After lunch, stick around for another Sharing Café to share stories of enduring friendships, despite differences of opinion.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">SHARE THE PLATE: This month's recipient chosen by the Social Justice Committee is <u>Maine Equal Justice</u>. Maine Equal Justice is working toward economic security for all. It advocates for fair public policies, provide direct legal services and partners with diverse low-income communities and agencies through outreach, organizing, and education.</p>

Sunday worship service is held IN-PERSON in the Sanctuary. Please be aware that the church doors will be locked 10 minutes after the service begins. The greeter will be at the front door to let anyone in after that time.

As a community committed to “going green”, we do not hand out paper orders of service.

If you would like to print one at home or bring it up on your phone during the service, don’t hesitate to go to our online order of service.

The order of service is updated on Fridays. [Here is the OOS link](#)

If you want to watch the livestream of the service, please visit:
<https://boxcast.tv/channel/mtifpth0utvesjqgiyej>

If you missed a service or want to watch a service again, the link above also allows access to prior services. Click on the play button on the video of the “broadcast date” you are interested in watching. Services may be viewed by Boxcast for a week after the service is live.

Accessibility Reminders

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please leave the empty spots in the first two rows of the sanctuary seating for our folks using wheelchairs.• Due to fragrance allergies, we are asking people not to wear perfumes or natural scents when attending services and programming at UUCC. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you require one of our hearing assistance devices to access services, please ask the greeter for assistance.• Please let us know how we can help you engage with our community! |
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Important Announcement

ONLINE SAFETY

Due to the increase this year in scam emails, created in the name of church staff, UUCC is moving to remove email contacts from both our website and eblast. There are ways to connect! Where emails would have been, we are now placing links to a contact form. Each contact form will be forwarded to the individuals that are leading or organizing the program/meeting/event.

For instance, if you want to sign up for the share the pulpit class, there is a contact form for you to fill out that will be forwarded to Sara Hodgkins and Rev. Donna. If you want to help with the upcoming dance, there is a contact form that will be forwarded to Karen Foust and Nan Bell. And if you are interested in helping provide food or support for the February Fellowship lunch, this contact form will be forwarded to Marilyn Dunn.

UUCC seeks to offer opportunities, connection and online safety.

Special Events / Notices / News

Invitation from CANMP (Capital Area New Mainers Project) in honor of Chris Myers Asch:

Open House on Tuesday, February 11 (4-6 pm)

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 11, from 4-6 pm (comments at 5 pm) at the CANMP Hallowell Multi-cultural Center at 20 Union Street, Hallowell** (former Episcopal Church) to thank Chris Myers Asch for his inspiration and roles as co-founder and first executive director of CANMP. There will be light refreshments. In addition to honoring Chris, the open house will give us an opportunity to introduce CANMP's new executive director Jon Godbout.

To help organizers get a headcount, please RSVP to the Eventbrite invitation [here](#). Through this link you also can leave comments showing your appreciation for Chris.

SOME UPCOMING FUNdraising EVENTS and OPPORTUNITIES YOU WONT WANT TO MISS

-Put on your dancing shoes and come to the **Cabin Fever Valentine's Dance** on February 15th. Betsy Carolan will be our DJ from 2 to 7pm for a traditional style tea dance! You can bring something for a potluck and take a break from dancing whenever you feel the urge to have a few snacks or share a meal with friends.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES is collaborating with the Fundraising Committee on the Feb. 15th Valentines DANCE/ POT LUCK. I was asked to request that UCCers bring after dinner desserts. If you would be so kind as to bring your favorite dessert, large or small, to add to the POT LUCK DINNER it would be greatly appreciated. This is sure to be a fun-filled night.

Thank You.

Cheryl Clukey, Social Activities

-The **UCC Talent Show** is back by popular demand! Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to put your name on the list for the March 22nd Talent Show starting at 6:30.

Share a poem (or a few), a musical talent, a skit, tell a story, or...use your imagination! Acts will be limited to 7 minutes to make room for everyone who wants to participate and to keep things rolling along.

This promises to be a fun-filled evening of entertainment for everyone. Snacks and desserts will be provided!

-Spoiler Alert –

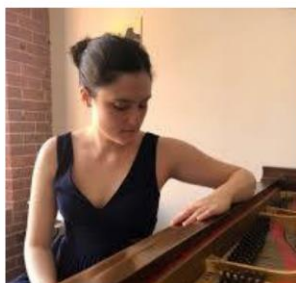
The much anticipated **UCC Auction** will take place on April 5th. We are seeking consumable items such as foods and fun experiences or talents to share, unique handmade items and any gift cards that people want to donate.

-**UCC Work Crews** are gearing up for this year. If you would like to purchase a 4 hour work crew that consists of six people doing whatever tasks you have that we might have the skills to take on, please let Karen Foust know (karmafoust@gmail.com). This adds up to 24 people hours to be spent working on projects that you want to catch up on. This can include yard work, cleaning, scraping/painting, preparing garden beds, some light carpentry or whatever you need done (as long as we have some people with those skills). People are genuinely amazed at how much gets done in four hours! Purchase price is \$400 and we plan to sell 10 crews total.

As with everyone it seems - there is LOTS going on in FUNdraising!

Saturday, February 22nd at 3:00pm

Join us at UCC for *Songs of the Sea*



Morgan Lee
Piano



Jazmin DeRice
Mezzo Soprano

Draw in close as we navigate the wondrous vastness of our open waters, meet some of the creatures who call it home, and share tales of harrowing nautical folklore through song and poetry.

Creating Community Together
There is no cost for this event!

Qigong for Health



True prevention of disease requires an active, life-enhancing process. From the ancient Chinese medicine perspective, when energy or *Qi* flows freely through the body, disease, illness, calcification, etc. cannot set in. Learning how to maintain the free flow of *Qi* through your energy pathways (meridians) is easy and fun to do. Throughout February and March we will be using seven self-healing Taoist *Wu Ming Qigong* movements.

Come join us! Tuesdays, 4-5pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Covenant Engagement Team (CET)

February Covenant Promise

Our Covenant promise for February is: “Because we value our relationships with our greater community, we promise to: Respond to the needs of our community and seek to engage with others in helping to make the greater Augusta area a safe and supportive place.”

There are many ways to envision what we mean by “our community” – our church community, our small circles of relationships, our neighborhood, our town or city, etc. To begin, let’s start with church and ask ourselves: how am I responding to the needs of our UUCC community?

One thing we learned during January is: more folks here at UUCC make meaningful connections doing the everyday work of our committees than in any other venue. What are your unique skills? Where at church might those skills be needed?

For instance, the Covenant Engagement Team is looking to expand. Join us for just one month to offer a new way to look at that month’s promise – or join the Team to work throughout the year to keep our Covenant alive.

Questions, talk to one of us: Michaela Loisel, June Zellers, or Rev. Donna Dolham

UPCOMING --- COVENANT ENGAGEMENT TEAM SAVE THE DATE EVENT

Sunday, FEBRUARY 16 - immediately following Fellowship Lunch

The Covenant Engagement Team is hosting a Sharing Café to listen to our stories of friendships that survive, or even thrive, through differences of opinions.

Zoom option: Kathy Shaw will be hosting a Café at noon in the Church Zoom Room for those who are away or who may not be traveling to church on the 16th.

You certainly don't need to write a story to attend. If you do write a story, try to edit it to 500 words, or timed to take less than 5 minutes to read.

Please join us in this opportunity to learn new ways to live fully into January's Covenant promise: "Because we value our relationships with each other, we promise to accept one another for who we are and not allows differences of opinion to affect our respect for the person."

**** Upcoming events to add to your calendar!****



**NEXT Game Day is Sunday, March 2nd
Join US!!**

**Tired of the devastating news?
Want to take action and affect change?**

JOIN US!!

Postcard Writing Event

February 18th at 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Join the Social Justice Committee as we write "get out the vote" postcards to Wisconsin residents regarding a very important election. "On April 1, Wisconsin will vote on important local and statewide races including another state Supreme Court seat.

A win is needed to maintain the 4-3 liberal majority. A loss would put all recent progress in jeopardy and further threaten reproductive rights."

An UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICE

Tuesday, MARCH 4 -7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. for "**Lament with the Earth**", a special one-hour contemplative service offered in the liberal Christian tradition through The BTS Center in collaboration with The Many.

The BTS Center is the successor organization to Bangor Theological Seminary and offers programs and support to "all with an intention to cultivate and nurture *spiritual leadership for a climate-changed world*." The Many is "an uncommon, intentionally diverse collective making music for people to sing together about peace and justice and a world where all belong."

If you have questions, reach out to Kathy Kellison or June Zellers at [Contact Green Team](#)

INQUIRERS SERIES

Designed for visitors, new church members and inquirers, this 9 session series will be offered continuously through the year. It will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, at 11:15 in the nursery/meeting room.

Next 2 sessions: Feb 9th-Faith Development for Children and Adults. Facilitated by Donna Dolham.
Feb 23 Campus Tour and recent church history. Facilitated by Susan O'Keefe

Questions-refer to Susan O'Keefe, Global Hospitality Chair at [Contact Global Hospitality Chair](#)

DONATION BOXES IN COATROOM

**We Need
Your
Help!**

Donation boxes have been placed in the church coat room for Augusta Food Bank (non-perishable food items), Bridging the Gap/Essential Hygiene Pantry (items requested are listed on front of box) and Overnight Shelter at South Parish Congregational Church (list of needed items is on the church bulletin board).

All are worthy organizations that provide much needed services to our community. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

Stephanie Barley and Susan Shaw

The Shared Pulpit Class Starts February 27th!

In our Unitarian Universalist tradition, we speak of shared ministry-the belief that everyone, not just the ordained minister, can take part in the ministry of the congregation. To support the shared ministry effort, we are pleased to offer a Shared Pulpit course which will be an in-person class offered for 6 sessions, twice a month. The meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall at UUC from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm on the third and fourth Thursdays in February, March and April 2025. The program will be facilitated by the Rev. Donna Dolham and Sara Hodgkins, Worship Arts Chair.

Using a series of small group meetings, this program is designed to deepen connection with group participants and support participants who want to learn to craft thoughtful, faithful sermons/reflections anchored in their own experience. You don't need to think of yourself as a writer or be an established worship leader to attend.

Participants who completed this program report that it transformed their relationship to their congregations and to Unitarian Universalism. The program is limited to 8 participants and the registration link will close when 8 participants are registered. The link to the registration form for The Shared Pulpit class:

<https://uuccme.breezechms.com/form/TheSharedPulpit>

For more information, please contact Rev. Donna or Sara Hodgkins.

REMINDER -- Church Leaders:

Contributions to the Winter 2025 Flaming Chalice newsletter are due Monday, February 17th. For this edition we invite you, as leaders of committees, groups and programs, to update us on the status of your activities since the Fall edition. We would also like to hear about your plans for the next few months.

Please reflect on the following questions as you write your article to share with our community.

- How has the work of your group unfolded since the last newsletter?
- What have you discovered about how the work contributes or connects to the mission and vision of UUCC?
- What are your expectations for the remainder of the church year?

Thanks in advance,

The Communication Workgroup (Helen Zidowecki, Kathy Kellison, Lynn Smith)

<p><u>Are you interested in offering programming or scheduling an event for the UUCC community?</u></p>
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<p>Please use this program request online form to help guide the process.</p>

Connections by Day of the Week

ALL church events and meetings are reflected on the UUCC calendar
Click below to view ALL events, including any group meetings or other business meetings.



<https://www.augustauu.org/calendar-and-communications/>


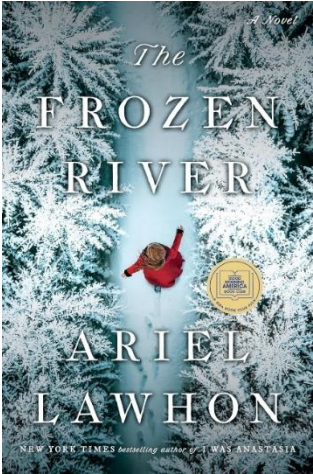
[Click here to join Events in the Zoom Room](#)

For other ways to join Zoom, see [General Information](#)

Zoom meeting id: 823 807 0673 – Password: 6971

<p><u>Monday</u> Each week <u>6:30 – 8:00</u> <u>p.m.</u> See details</p>	<p><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u> We meet EVERY Monday online. You may join us at 6:15 to settle in. PLEASE NOTE: Starting on December 2, the group will also meet in-person in the Sanctuary (not hybrid), ONLY on the first Monday of each month.</p>
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	<p>Please contact Marty Soule for updated Zoom login information at: email: martysoule@gmail.com. FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com <i>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</i></p>	
<p>2nd & 4th Monday 9:30 – Noon</p> <p>Next Meeting is Feb 10th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sewing/Craft/Hobby Group</u></p> <p>Sewing/Craft/Hobby Group meets in the Fellowship Hall the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon. We ask that attendees help set up and put away tables and chairs.</p> <p>Just bring whatever you'd like to work on, machine or hand sewing, craft or hobby item you are working on, and we will all help one another as needed. Be sure to let us know if there is anything you need from one of us...we are likely to have whatever it is! Questions: Contact Martha or Nancy at Contact Sewing/Craft Group All are welcome. Bring a friend, if you like.</p>	
<p>Tuesday 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>UCC Virtual Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lectio Divina</u></p> <p>A weekly Lectio Divina program will be offered weekly on Tuesdays beginning on September 10th from 10:30 to 11:30. Lectio Divina can be translated as divine reading. We will share a chalice lighting, centering meditation, sharing and reflection time based with a variety of sources.</p> <p>This program will be facilitated by Rev. Donna Dolham and Lori Milner and is open to the wider community. Join as you're able, you do not need to attend every week, although you are welcome to!</p>	
<p>Wednes- day 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UCC Choir Rehearsal</u></p> <p>Our weekly choir rehearsal takes place from 6pm to 7:30pm in the sanctuary. We look forward to welcoming new members! Inquiries to Bridget Convey at Contact Music Director.</p>	
<p>Wednes- days Each Week 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gentle YOGA</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosted by Debbie Mattson</p> <p>UU Yoga is offered as a hybrid gathering. People can choose to gather in the Fellowship Hall for yoga, Wednesdays 5 PM-6 PM or join via zoom. Here is the zoom link:</p> <p>https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVEjVFJGb3dMWmZoOT-RXa3VoUT09 ----- Password: 174192</p> <p>Please join us a few minutes before 5:00 to settle in so we can begin class right at 5 p.m. FMI: Contact Yoga Class</p>	

<p>2nd & 4th Wednesday</p> <p>1:00-2:30pm</p> <p>2nd and 4th Zoom ONLY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seasoned Souls</u></p> <p>Seasoned Souls is a group of participants in the UCC community who are over 65 years of age and meet as a study/support group to talk openly about topics related to the aging process. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the UCC Zoom Room only. We will not meet in the Fellowship Hall until future notice.</p> <p>FMI: For more information please contact Hal Booth at Contact Seasoned Souls.</p>
<p>Thursdays Each Week</p> <p>8:00 – 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p>You may join us at 7:45 a.m. to settle in. Meet from 8-9:30 -- IN-PERSON every Thursday at the River Studio, 332 Water St. Hallowell (except the last Thursday of the month) --BY Private ZOOM – last Thursday of the month</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at martysoule@gmail.com. FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com <i>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</i></p>
<p>1st Thursday</p> <p>Noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Next Meeting is Mar 6th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Read Learn Share Book Group</u></p> <p>We are a group of booklovers. Once a month between October and June we meet to discuss a book chosen by the group in our summer ballot.</p> <p>Our multiplatform meetings occur on the first Thursday of the month from noon until 1:30 in Fellowship Hall and in the church Zoom Room. Anyone is welcome to join for one discussion or all of them. Join us on February 6 to discuss <u>Grandma Gatewood’s Walk</u> by Ben Montgomery.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>We will meet on MARCH 6 to discuss <u>THE FROZEN RIVER</u> by Ariel Lawhon, set right here in the Kennebec Valley.</p> <p>A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history. ~Goodreads</p> <p>Our title for April 2 is <u>Following Ezra</u> by Thomas Fields-Meyer. If you would like more information, please reach out to June Zellers and Kathy Kellison at Contact Bookgroup Leaders.</p> </div> </div>
<p>Fridays Each Week</p> <p>6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fabulous Friday AA Meeting</u></p> <p>Join us for this Alcoholics Anonymous meeting from 6-7pm in the church at 69 Winthrop St. Please enter through the Summer Street door and join us in the room straight ahead and through the double doors.</p>

<p><u>4th</u> <u>Friday</u></p> <p><u>6:30 – 8:30</u> <u>Sanctuary</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Feb. 28th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Free Style Drum Circle</u></p> <p>The Augusta Community Drum Circle is a free style drum circle welcoming people of all ages, walks of life, and abilities. Free style means no one is assigned ‘pieces’ to play. Just play! Or don’t play! Just come watch, sing, dance, or bring your own instruments. No one cares if you’ve never played before or if you make a mistake. As long as you are having fun you can’t get it wrong! <u>ALL are welcome.</u> Event is FREE, No RSVP, just come!</p> <p>The Drum Circle meets the fourth Friday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information you can contact Mike Moody at mtmoods@gmail.com or 229-1118.</p>
<p><u>Every</u> <u>Saturday</u></p> <p>9:00–11 am in the Sanctuary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUCC Occasional Orchestra</u></p> <p>Rehearsals are held Saturdays in the Sanctuary from 9:00-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Come and share your musical talents with our UUCC community. All are welcome, please join us!</p> <p>Questions: please contact our UUCCOO Orchestra Director, Michael P. Atkinson at: Contact UUCCOO Director</p>
<p><u>3rd</u> <u>Sunday</u></p> <p><u>11am-</u> <u>12:30 p.m.</u></p> <p>Next Lunch is Feb 16th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FELLOWSHIP LUNCH 3rd Sunday (October – June) 11:30-12:30pm, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Enjoy community at a restaurant style sit-down meal – no need to register – just join us in Fellowship Hall after the service. We generally have a "base" kitchen crew but need a few extra volunteers to help set up and serve. To sign up to help set up or serve, please email Marilyn Dunn at Contact Fellowship Lunch.</p>
<p><u>4th</u> <u>Sunday</u></p> <p><u>1-2:30</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Feb 23rd</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, February 23 1-2:30pm on UUCC zoom ONLY</p> <p>Topic: Turning of the Year toward Hope. Focus on elements of earth-based spirituality: How do they relate to our connection with life, and especially with Hope? And what about symbols of Hope, like dandelions. We hope to have the Wisdom Books available for distribution.</p> <p>Goddess/Earth Circles focuses on the phases of our lives and earth-based spirituality. All ages and genders are welcome FMI Contact Helen Zidowecki at Contact Goddess/EC.</p>

Social Justice Updates

Capital Area New Mainers Project (CANMP) was created during a snowy, January meeting in 2016. This date coincided with the election of Donald Trump as president of the United States. Capital area people, gathered that night worried and scared for the growing number of immigrants in our area. New immigrants attended this meeting and have been part of the structure of CANMP since its inception. Many members of the UUCC were present and became the first wave of volunteers to welcome and support immigrants, refugees, and asylees as they found home in the Capital Area.

The 2nd Trump administration is making new threats towards immigrants and revoking sanctuary status to churches, schools, medical centers. There are many ways to act with CANMP as it supports and advocates for immigrants. Please visit the website: <https://www.newmainersproject.org/>.

Postcards: The Social Justice Committee has purchased 250 “Get out the Vote” postcards for an important election in Wisconsin. Here is a quick description of what is at stake: “On April 1, Wisconsin will vote on important local and statewide races including another state Supreme Court seat. A win is needed to maintain the 4-3 liberal majority. A loss would put all recent progress in jeopardy and further threaten reproductive rights.”

Look in [Notices] above for your invite
to a postcard writing event on Feb. 18 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Board of Trustees

Agenda
Thursday February 13, 2025
5:00 to 7:00 pm
in-person & Zoom



Board Members (Read)
Michaela Loisel
Michaela Loisel

Present:
[Board Covenant](#)
Chalice Lighting:
Check-in: [breathe with me]

New Business

1. Approve [prior month minutes](#) -
2. Personnel Committee Report Jane Gilbert/Harold Burnett
3. Finance Committee Report Harry Grimmnitz
4. Treasurer's Report Nancy Fritz
5. Clerk Report Cheryl Ring
 - How Our Church Works
 - Policies
6. President's Report Michaela Loisel
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7. VP Update Karen Allen
 - Committee of Committees
 - 8th Principle Task Force
 - Greeter schedule
8. Minister's Report Rev. Dolham
 - Website update
 - Breeze update
 - ICE and be prepared, steps
9. Safety Committee Update? Jim Caldwell

Old Business

Chalice Extinguishing: Karen Allen
ADJOURN:

Board meetings are open to ALL. If you have an item that you would like the Board to consider, please contact Michaelatloisel@gmail.com **Next Board meeting: March 13, 2025**

All are welcome to attend but please see the [UUCB Policy for Board Meeting Visitors](#).
If you have an item that you would like the Board to consider, please contact michaelatloisel@gmail.com.

General Information

Worship Services are held IN-PERSON
Events may still be held virtually in the
UCC ZOOM ROOM

Other ways to UCC Zoom Room Zoom:

- 1. Join from your internet browser by clicking this link or typing this into your browser:**
<https://zoom.us/j/8238070673>, launch Zoom, then enter **passcode: 6971**
- 2. Select “Join Meeting” from the Zoom application on your computer or mobile device.**

UCC Meeting ID: 823 807 0673 – then enter **passcode: 6971**

- 3. Join by phone:** dial 1 646 558 8656 (**NOTE:** toll charge may apply)

At first prompt (meeting id: 823 807 0673#)

At second prompt: press # (no personal id needed) <No passcode needed when joining by phone>

NOTE---*6 is mute AND un-mute on your phone. The host cannot mute or un-mute people who phone-in.

HOSTS: Once in your meeting, claim the host using the **HOST KEY** as you have done in the past.

UCC Pastoral Ministry Team

We are here for you. Feel free to reach out in times of need for compassionate listening, for casual conversation, to share some good news, to share your struggle or just to say hello.

Martha Pelletier, Chair	207-685-9592 (h)	pellsav64@gmail.com
Helen Zidowecki	207-582-5308 (h)	hzmre@hzmre.com
Peggy Lamb	207 622-5174 (h)	plambflowers@outlook.com
Lori Milner	520-437-3442 (c)	lmilner3@gmail.com

Caring Cooperative support includes rides, meals, errands, get well and condolence cards as well as companion visits.

If you would like to request or suggest meal support: contact Martha Pelletier 685-9592.

If you would like to request or suggest cards: contact Peggy Lamb 622-5174.

UCC Small Group Ministry



Looking for greater human and spiritual connection during this most disconnected of times? Small Group Ministry offers this vital need in our spiritual community, and so much more! For more information, contact Linda Findlay and Helen Zidowecki [Contact SGM Leaders](#)

UCC Office Hours & Notes

UPDATED E-blast & Office Hours

E-blasts will be produced on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The upcoming schedule is:

- E-Blast (2/5)
- NO E-Blast (2/12)
- E-Blast (2/19)
- NO E-blast (2/26)

EBLAST SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Articles due by noon on Tuesday, the day before the E-blast is distributed. Articles received after this time may not be included in the E-blast. Send articles to admin@augustauu.org

UUCU Office Hours NEXT WEEK

Church Administrator

Open office hours <CHANGED effective 2/5/25>

Open office hours will now be limited to:

Tues or Thurs – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

---- Or by appointment ---- [Contact me for appt](#)

Rev. Donna Dolham

Minister's study – (207) 623-3663

Pastoral Emergencies only - use cell phone

Email: minister@augustauu.org

Visit [Calendly Scheduling Link](#) to schedule an appointment with Rev. Dolham.

Minister's Fall schedule

Mondays will be Rev. Donna's Sabbath. If you are having a pastoral care emergency, please call her cell phone and leave a message at: 207 701-1581.

Fridays will be a writing day and Rev. Donna will not regularly be checking emails or returning non urgent calls.

Staff Contact information: Church Administrator, Lynn M. Smith, [Contact Admin](#), Phone (207)622-3232

Music Director, Bridget Convey, [Contact Music Director](#)