

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
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A Message from our New Minister

Greetings UUCC Members and Friends,



What a joy to arrive today August 1st for the first day of our one year together. UUCC is a wonderfully active and engaged community. The congregational calendar reflects the commitment of UUCC's leaders and the liveliness of the congregation's programming. Please take a moment to go out to the congregational calendar to learn about what's happening!

I look forward to getting to know you! Some folks have already scheduled time with me individually, and if you'd like to as well, please feel free to use this [scheduling link](#), email me at minister@augustauu.org or call the office phone ~ (207) 263-3663.

Please watch the E-Blast for an upcoming schedule of listening circles in person and on zoom! This will be an opportunity for us to get to know each other, explore what has been meaningful to you about congregational life and what your hopes are?

Blessings,

Rev. Donna (she, her)

And here is the long scheduling link:
<https://calendly.com/revdolham/conversation-with-rev-donna>

Upcoming Services

We are now in “Summer Mode” for worship services which means that lay leaders in our community offer services throughout the summer. The varied worship leaders offer an exciting period with variety in topic and style. Please join us for these compelling and unique service offerings.

<p>Sunday August 6, 2023 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>“The Joy of Singing” Harold Booth</p> <p>Hal has assembled a number of hymns from different sources [none in our book]. He's been through them, removing things that [he thinks] would offend UU sensibilities. Each of the hymns will be preceded by a tale explaining something about the selection. Come for the stories, come for the music [all 'standard hymnody'.] Yes, there will be booklets with the hymns.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Sara Hodgkins will be our worship associate and Marty Peters will manage technology. Stefanie Barley will be our pianist. Fellowship Hour will be hosted by Jim Caldwell and Michaela Loisel.</p>
<p>Sunday August 13, 2023 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>“How Well Is Your Being? Choosing Self-Care” Karen Allen</p> <p>In the UUCU Annual Report, Karen wrote that Rev. Christina had been helpful in pointing her toward self-care at a time when she was feeling overwhelmed. What is good self-care? Why does it sometimes feel so difficult? How can we as a church community encourage each other's well-being? Karen offers some reflections.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Lori Milner will be our worship associate and Priscilla J. Jenkins will manage technology. Hannah Faulkner will be our pianist. Fellowship Hour will be hosted by Kevin and Mary Kane.</p>

Sunday worship service is now being held IN-PERSON in the Sanctuary.

IMPORTANT UPDATE: The church doors will now be locked 10 minutes after the service begins. The greeter will be at the front door to let anyone in after that time.

If you want to watch the livestream of the service, please visit:

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/mtifpth0utvesjggjyej>

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.

Special Events / Opportunities

“SEWING ADVENTURES”

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Hello everyone:

By popular demand, we are continuing our Sewing Adventures for an additional four Mondays this summer: July 10 and 24 <and> August 14 and 28. The time is 9:30 to noon and all are welcome. Bring a friend, if you like.



There will be some changes for these next few weeks. We ask that attendees help set up and put away tables and chairs. We will not be setting up ahead of time. Also, Nancy and Martha have been facilitators/teachers for the first month. As we move forward, we ask that participants bring whatever they'd like to work on, either machine or hand sewing, and we will all help one another as needed, so that Martha and Nancy can also participate in sewing. Be sure to let us know if there is anything you need from one of us we are likely to have whatever it is! Martha at 887-1104 or 313-5859, or Nancy at 213-3047.

Hope to see you at one of these sessions. -- Nancy and Martha

An opportunity for reflection...



An opportunity to reflect on the latest wayside pulpit message being shared on the corner of Winthrop and Summer Streets.

“The greatest gift you can give another is the purity of your attention.”

~Richard Moss

Thank you to Angie Blevins for maintaining the wayside pulpit and providing us with messages to ponder.

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/>


Some events are still being held in the UUCC Zoom Room.

[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> <u>Please note:</u> <u>location</u> <u>changes</u></p>	<p><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p>NEW SCHEDULE, effective Jan 30th: -- BY Private ZOOM –EVERY Monday (we will no longer meet in person at the UUCC on the last Monday of the month). You may join us at 6:15 to settle in.</p>  <p>See Events / Opportunities about an open house at the River Studio in Hallowell. Sangha meets there in person on most Thursday mornings.</p> <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><u>Wednes-day</u> <u>6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</u> Will resume Aug. 30th</p>	<p><u>UUCC Choir Rehearsal</u></p> <p>Our last choir rehearsal was May 31 and our final performance was the Flower Communion service on June 11. We are now on a break for the summer. Rehearsals will resume Wed. Aug. 30th. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm in the sanctuary</p> <p>Questions? Please reach out to Bridget Convey at: musicdirector@augustauu.org.</p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
<p><u>Wednes-days</u> Each Week <u>5:00 – 6:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p>	<p><u>Gentle YOGA</u></p> <p>Hosted by Debbie Mattson</p>  <p>UU Yoga is now 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: https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09 Password: 174192</p> <p>Please join us a few minutes before 5:00 to settle in so we can begin class right at 5:00 p.m. FMI: DebbieMattson@hotmail.com</p>

<p><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Wednesday</u></p> <p><u>10:30 a.m. - Noon</u></p> <p>2nd Wed. – C-FH 4th Wed. - Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seasoned Souls</u></p> <p>Seasoned Souls is a group of older church members that meet as a study/support group to talk openly about topics related to the aging process. Seasoned Souls is open to any church member over 65 years of age. On the 2nd Wednesday monthly we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and on the 4th Wednesday, we will meet in the UUCS Zoom room.</p> <p>FMI: please contact John Seksay (netmotel@gmail.com or 317-69-3636) or Stefanie (mstefbarley@gmail.com or 629-8890)</p>
<p><u>Thursdays</u> <u>Each Week</u></p> <p><u>8:00 – 9:30 a.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p>You may join us by Zoom at 7:45 a.m. to settle in. Meet from 8-9:30</p> <p>-- IN-PERSON every Thursday at the River Studio, 332 Water St. Hallowell (except the last Thursday of the month)</p> <p>--BY Private ZOOM – last Thursday of the month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at martysoule@gmail.com. FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</i></p> 
<p><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Thursday</u></p> <p><u>In the UUCS Zoom room</u></p> <p><u>9:00 – 10:30 a.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Writing to Wake the Soul</u></p> <p>This is an open group that gathers and writes together to explore spiritual themes. The writing is used as a conveyance to connect more deeply with ourselves and each other. We are not writing to develop skill.</p> <p>Come and try it out; there is no obligation to come each time we gather. This group will be meeting in the UUCS Zoom Room.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FMI: please contact Debbie at (207)557-2697 or debbiemattson@hotmail.com</p>
<p><u>1st</u> <u>Thursday</u></p> <p><u>Noon-1:30 p.m.</u></p> <p>Will resume Oct. 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Read Learn Share Book Group</u></p> <p>The READ LEARN SHARE book group is now on break for the summer months. The group will resume Oct. 5th. We meet the first THURSDAY of each month (Oct. thru June) at noon in the UUCS ZOOM ROOM and in FELLOWSHIP HALL using the OWL technology to have a hybrid meeting.</p> <p>Right now the group is choosing books for next year. For more information, contact Kathy Kellison at kell6787@gmail.com or June Zellers at jzellers@roadrunner.com</p>

<p><u>4th</u> <u>Friday</u></p> <p><u>6:30 – 8:30</u> <u>Sanctuary</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Aug. 25th</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! ALL are welcome. 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>Saturday</u></p> <p><u>9:30–11 am</u></p> <p>Will resume Sept. 16th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUCC Occasional Orchestra</u></p> <p>The UUCC Occasional Orchestra is now on break for the summer months. We will resume rehearsals on September 16th. Rehearsals are in the Sanctuary on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Join us this September. Come and share your musical talents with our UUCC community. All are welcome, please join us!</p> <p>Questions: please contact Dale McCormick at: dmmccormick11@aol.com.</p>
<p><u>4th</u> <u>Sunday</u></p> <p><u>1-2:30</u> <u>p.m.</u> <u>In-Person</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Aug. 27th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT Goddess/Earth Circle Summer Gathering <u>August 27</u> Fellowship Hall and zoom: 1-2:30pm: Summer Connection, Creating Gatherings for Fall</p> <p>Goddess/Earth Circles focuses on Goddess, women’s lives and earth-based spirituality. All ages and genders welcome. Contact: Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.om) for more information.</p>

Notices / Updates / News

In thanks...

Priscilla Ashton thanks the UUCC for meals and other assistance as she recovers from spinal surgery. (207-520-0110).

Condolences to Susan Claska Burnett and her family

Joseph Claska, brother of Susan Claska Burnett, passed away on July 9, 2023. He was 78 years old. Joe was the oldest child, followed by 8 sisters. He lived in Eugene, Oregon. He will be greatly missed.

Last Sunday's service entitled *Justice for All*

referred to two books that Jenny McKendry wanted to relay to you all. 😊

The books were:

- 1) WOKE, A Young poet's call to Justice, by Mahogany L. Browne, Elizabeth Acevedo and Olivia Gatwood, illustrated by Theodore Taylor III,
- 2) CHOOSING BRAVE, How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement, By Angela Joy, illustrated by Janelle Washington



Introducing our Choir Accompanist and “Choir Sunday” pianist



Morgan Lee has built a dynamic career as a soloist, collaborative pianist, and teacher. She graduated in 2022 with her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance, where she studied with Angelina Gadeliya. Morgan also holds a Master of Music from Mannes School of Music and a Bachelor of Arts from Brown University. She has participated in numerous music festivals in the US and abroad and has performed recitals in New York City, Italy, France, Spain, and the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

Morgan has nearly ten years of private teaching experience and has served as an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Connecticut State University, piano faculty at the Bronx Conservatory of Music, and a teaching fellow at Mannes School of Music.

Morgan currently serves as staff accompanist at the University of Maine Osher School of Music, teaches piano at Stone Coast Music, regularly performs as principal keyboardist with the Portland Symphony Orchestra, and will be accompanying the Maine Music Society Chorale starting this fall.

Social Justice Committee

Thank you!

Wound Care Items were collected for our Unhoused Neighbors July 23 & 30

A huge thank-you to those who contributed wound care items to help our unhoused neighbors with whom we share breakfast each Saturday morning. Last Saturday, we distributed two dozen wound care kits, each containing band-aids, antibiotic ointment, lip balm, pain relievers and more.

We also have enough supplies to replenish the kits in the weeks ahead. Our friends were very grateful and so is the UUCS Social Justice Committee. Thank you for your generosity.

Ongoing efforts from our Social Justice Committee

Donation boxes have been placed in the church coat room for non-perishable food items to go to the **Augusta Food Bank** and for toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tampons, sanitary pads, diapers and wipes, which are high priority needs right now, to go to the **Essential Hygiene Pantry at Bridging the Gap**.

The Augusta Overnight Emergency Warming Shelter (located at South Parish Congregational Church) has many needs which frequently change. Go to their Facebook page and check "Our Needs" to find out what's urgent. There is a donation box for the Shelter in our coat room, too.

All are worthy organizations that provide much needed services to our community. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. For more information, contact co-chairs Stefanie Barley (stefbarley@gmail.com) and/or Susan Shaw (susanmaine@gmail.com), who will make regular deliveries of items that you contribute or email Susan Shaw, susanmaine@gmail.com regarding food donations.

Board of Trustees

Draft Board Meeting AGENDA
Thursday, August 10, 2023 - 5:00 to 7:00 pm (UUCS Zoom)

Chalice Lighting Rev. Donna Dolham
Board Covenant Board Members (Read)

New Business

1. Welcome Rev. Dolham Michaela & Board
2. Finance Committee's Report: Harry
3. Treasurer's Reports Nancy
4. President's Report:

- a. Board Retreat - August 18 Michaela
5. Minister's Report: Rev. Dolham
 - a. Hosting UUA/Church Boards Retreat October

Old Business

1. Drew House Rental agreement

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: Thursday, September 14, 2023**

TO SEE COMPLETE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS,
VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE: www.augustauu.org

General Information

Worship Services are now being 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)	Mjpell14@roadrunner.com
Helen Zidowecki	207-582-5308 (h)	hzmre@hzmre.com
Peggy Lamb	207 622-5174 (h)	plambflowers@outlook.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.

UUCC 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 (207-337-8028, linda.findlay@gmail.com) or Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com)

UUCC 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 (8/2) NO E-Blast (8/9)
- E-Blast (8/16) NO E-Blast (8/23 or 8/30)
- E-Blast (9/6) NO E-Blast (9/13)

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.

UUCC Office Hours NEXT WEEK

Church Administrator - Open office hours:

Tues, Wed and Thurs – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

No open office hours on Fridays

Rev. Donna Dolham began her ministry at UUCC on August 1st. See her article on Page 1 for info on contacting her by phone or email. You can also schedule a time to meet with her if you wish.

If you have a pastoral emergency please contact Martha Pelletier mjpell14@roadrunner.com or Helen Zidowecki hzmre@hzmre.com.

If you have a church related question or emergency please contact UUCC president, Michaela Loisel michaelatloisel@gmail.com.

Staff Contact information:

Church Administrator, Lynn M. Smith, admin@augustauu.org, Phone 622-3232

Coordinator of Lifespan Faith Formation, M. Monique Bergère, LifespanFF@augustauu.org <Off for the summer>

Music Director, Bridget Convey, musicdirector@augustauu.org <Off for the summer>