

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Wednesday, February 7, 2024

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A Message from our Minister

Greetings!

Joy and anticipation abound as we continue through the candidating process for settled ministry together. These weeks with intentional focus on getting to know one another more deeply have offered moments of curiosity, joy, and anticipation. Our path together in ministry and search have been unique. In our Unitarian Universalist Association, the search process unfolds in unique and different ways. The way this search has unfolded, is of those possibilities.

Our ministry together surprised me! I arrived with a short-term mindset as we began our one year part-time ministry together at the beginning of August. At every turn I noticed your commitment to living our Unitarian Universalist faith. I noticed your kind welcome and actions centered on growing and opening UUCC's community to others who have not yet found it. I noticed your love of justice and equity.

Every Sunday I am with you; I notice new people attending worship. Team meetings, committee meetings and programming are centered around relationships and congregational health. Together we are exploring what you long for as a community, reflecting on who you are, who you want to be and how you want to live our faith beyond what any of us alone can imagine.

I am grateful and honored to have this opportunity to be UUCC's candidate for settled ministry. I can't wait to hear more about what you imagine for the next settled ministry at UUCC... May this week unfold with curiosity & joy!

Love and Light,
Rev. Donna, she, her

Creating the way forward together....

Come
imagine together



Lifespan Spiritual Development Conversations

February 28th @ 6pm – 7:30pm, online only at the UUCC Zoom Room.

Link found in the E-blast.

February 29th @ 1:30 – 3:00pm, In Person only in the Fellowship Hall.

UUCC has space to imagine a way forward meeting the lifespan spiritual development needs in our UUCC community and the surrounding Augusta area. Please come join one of these two beginning conversation as we imagine together new ways to do "Church." More information to come regarding other opportunities to participate in the conversation.

I hope you'll join in! ~ Rev. Donna

Upcoming Services

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday February 11, 2024</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Are Pigs Flying a Miracle? ~ Anna, age 7 Reverend Donna Dolham</p> <p>In the Words of Will Cather, "Where there is great love there are always miracles." Where do we witness and when do we offer the miracles of life?</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. Karen Allen will be our pianist. Fellowship Hour will be hosted by Susan Burnett and Pam Lombard. Our greeter will be Jim Caldwell.</p> <p>PLEASE... Stick around after the service for the Congregational Meeting that will begin at 11:30. See below for more details...</p>
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The Ministerial Search Committee would like to, ONCE AGAIN, stress the importance that all members attend this 2/11/2024 special Congregational Meeting at 11:30 AM.

We will discuss and vote on the decision to Call Rev Donna to be our next settled minister at UUC. It is super important that all members attend as we need a quorum of 50% to take a vote.

Sunday worship service is held IN-PERSON in the Sanctuary. Please be aware that 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/mtifpth0utvesjqgjej>

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

Final Opportunity -- Leading up to the Feb. 11 -- Call to meeting

All are welcome to attend, in person or on Boxcast, an open-ended Question and Answer session with Rev Donna in the Sanctuary on Friday, 2/9, from 5 to 6 PM.

Boxcast Link → <https://boxcast.tv/channel/mtifpth0utvesjqgjej>

"February 17th Post-Valentines Tea Dance and Italian Dinner at the UUCC!"

Here is your excuse to get out and shake off the winter doldrums! Dance from 2pm to 6pm - \$10 suggested entrance and 5:30 to 7:00 Italian dinner with lasagna options for vegetarians and meat eaters; pasta, red sauce, and vegan pesto options for vegetarian and vegan preferences; salad, garlic bread, desserts and drinks will be included.

Dinner donation is \$12 for individuals; discounts will be given for couples, families and those attending both.

Come and nourish your body and soul!

Social Activities

Chinese Cooking Class

→→ NOTE: Sunday 2/4 Announcement had the wrong Date ← ←

Correct DATE is Thursday, February 22nd

5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Samee Quong, of Augusta, will share 2 or 3 of her Chinese recipes. Participation is required to help prepare so we can eat and enjoy. Please email soon to reserve your spot.

Limit is 10 participants!

SO FAR DEB.M, KAREN F. EOWYN, AND MARILYN D. have signed up.

Please register soon if you are interested. We need a definite count to purchase the right amount of ingredients.

FMI and to sign up: cherylclukey5@yahoo.com

Sharing Café Survey Request

“The Restorative Justice Committee, now Congregational Engagement Team has presented a series of Sharing Cafes for over a year. These Cafes have offered the congregation the opportunity to discuss a variety of important churchwide issues in intimate groups guided by established questions. Important work have already resulted from these opportunities such as advice to the covenant writing team, dialogue about the value of pledging and affirming the congregation’s commitment to the Saturday Breakfast program for the unhoused.

Now it is your turn to help us to choose topics for future Sharing Cafes. Please complete this survey (<https://forms.gle/gt6cSVE3MAKJGATv7>), and rank, 1-5, some of the topics that have already been suggested to us. You will find that there is also your opportunity to suggest your own topics. ***Please complete the survey no later than 5:00 Sunday, February 18th.***”

An opportunity for reflection...

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



“All that you touch You Change. All that you Change Changes you. The only lasting truth is Change. ”

~Octavia Butler

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:](#)


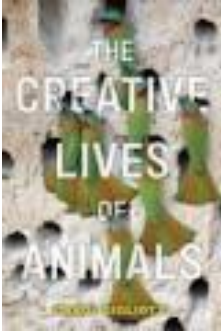
For other ways to join Zoom, see [General Information](#)

Zoom meeting id: 823 807 0673 – Password: 6971



<p><u>Monday</u> <u>Each week</u></p> <p><u>6:30 – 8:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p><u>Private Zoom</u></p>	<p><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p>BY Private ZOOM –EVERY Monday. You may join us at 6:15 to settle in.</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>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Monday</u></p> <p><u>9:30 – Noon</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Feb 12</p>	<p><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!</p> <p>Martha at 887-1104 or 313-5859, or Nancy at 213-3047. All are welcome. Bring a friend, if you like.</p>	
<p><u>Tuesday</u> <u>10:30 a.m.</u></p> <p><u>UUCC</u> <u>Virtual</u> <u>Zoom</u></p>	<p><u>Lectio Divina</u></p> <p>Lectio Divina will be a weekly group facilitated by the Rev. Donna Dolham and Lori Milner, Pastoral Ministry Associate. The group will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 on the UUCC zoom account beginning on January 9th, 2024.</p> <p>The group invites you to join divine reading and lived experience through a practice called Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina originated as a monastic practice of scripture reading, meditation, prayer and action. The group utilizes various authors and scripture as our written word for reflection. Please feel free to join as you can. All are welcome.</p>	
<p><u>Tuesday</u> <u>4:00 pm</u></p>	<p>LIMITED TIME COURSE – Registration deadline has passed.</p> <p>Introduction to Sustainable Health: Feb. 6 – April 9</p> <p>10 Week Course at UUCC Augusta on Tuesdays from 4 to 5pm, starting February 6, 2024</p>	

<p><u>Feb. 6 –</u> <u>Apr. 9</u></p>	<p>and running through to April 9, 2024. Registration deadline has expired.</p> <p>Have you started the new year with health concerns? Come explore how changing some simple low-cost/no-cost habits can help you heal and thrive. This 10 week class includes learning a five element (wuming) qigong practice called Energy, Everybody, Everyday. Emphasis on learning to listen to our bodies and tapping into our natural ability to heal and enjoy life.</p> <p>Taught by Susan Roberts, author of SustainableHealth: Simple Habits to Transform Your Life, and 14 year student of wuming qigongwith Dr. Nan Lu, OMD. FMI: Susan at SLROTR1@gmail.com or (718)517-0807.</p>
<p><u>Wednes-</u> <u>day</u> <u>6:00 -</u> <u>7:30 p.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUCC Choir Rehearsal</u></p> <p>Choir rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Questions? Please reach out to Bridget Convey at: musicdirector@augustauu.org.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All are welcome!</p>
<p><u>Wednes-</u> <u>days</u> <u>Each Week</u> <u>5:00 – 6:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gentle YOGA</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosted by Debbie Mattson</p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div> <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=UWJpOVEjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09 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> <u>1:00-2:30pm</u> 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 UUCC Zoom room.</p> <p>FMI: please contact John Seksay (netmotel@gmail.com or 317-69-3636).</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 style="text-align: center;">You may join us at 7:45 a.m. to settle in. Meet from 8-9:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-- 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: 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>2nd & 4th Thursday</p> <p>In the UUCC Virtual Zoom room</p> <p>9:00 – 10:30 a.m.</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. Come and try it out; there is no obligation to come each time we gather. This group will be meeting in the UUCC Virtual Zoom Room.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FMI: please contact Debbie at (207)557-2697 or debbiemattson@hotmail.com</p>
<p>1st Thursday</p> <p>Noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Next Meeting is March 7th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Read Learn Share Book Group</u></p> <p>READ LEARN SHARE is a group for booklovers. Once a month between October and June we meet to discuss a book chosen by the group in our summer ballot. Our multiplatform meetings occur on the first Thursday of the month from noon until 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and in the church zoom room. Anyone is welcome to join for one discussion or all nine.</p>  <p>We will meet on March 7 to discuss <u>The Creative Lives of Animals</u> by Carol Gigliotti.</p> <p><i>Drawing on a growing body of scientific research, Carol Gigliotti unpacks examples of creativity demonstrated by animals through the lens of the creative process, an important component of creative behavior, and offers new thinking on animal intelligence, emotion, and self-awareness.</i> ~Goodreads</p> <p>Our book for April 4 is <u>Mad Honey</u> by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan.</p> <p>For more information or to receive email related to the group, contact June Zellers: jzellers@roadrunner.com jzellers@roadrunner.com or Kathy Kellison: kell6787@gmail.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 Feb. 22nd</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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUCC Occasional Orchestra</u></p> <p>The UUCC Occasional Orchestra rehearsals will be held each Saturday until Easter in the Sanctuary from 9:00-11:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come and share your musical talents with our UUCC community. All are welcome, please join us!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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></p> <p><u>Zoom only</u> <u>Feb &</u> <u>Mar</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Feb 25th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">February 25, 2024 1:00-2:30pm by UUCC Zoom Pagan and Earth-Centered Voices in Unitarian Universalism, Skinner House Explore religious foundation for earth-centered and UUism: feminine aspect of the divine, cycles of nature, honoring our ancestors, and the inherent divine and creative potential in all people. Participants are encouraged to read at least one of the short essays in the book before the session.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You are welcome to attend, even if you have not participated before. For more information see https://augustauu.org/minister-staff-and-church-life/goddess-continuing/ If you would like to purchase or borrow a book, contact Helen Zidowecki 207-582-5308 or hzmrehzmre.com. The book is published by Skinner House.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We will meet by Zoom ONLY for February and March meetings.</p>

Notices / Updates / News

ATTENTION: Committee and Workgroup Leaders, Board Members, Minister, Affiliate Minister and Staff:

--Monday February 19th is the DEADLINE for submissions to the Winter Newsletter.--

PLEASE submit your articles to newsletter@augustauu.org. THANK YOU!!

Questions, please call the church administrator at (207) 622-3232 or admin@augustauu.org.

The Stewardship Campaign is about to begin!

In the upcoming weeks you can look forward to:

- testimonials from your fellow congregants
- a packed Stewardship service March 3rd which will include music from the orchestra and the choir
- a Stewardship kick off with pizza and a “Fun with money” game in the Fellowship hall following the March 3rd service.

Leading up to all of this will be an informational video about the proposed new budget. You should get a link to this in the next eblast.

We look forward to sharing the upcoming year with all of you!

Service project from Thursday SGM: Medicine Bottles for Kennebec Valley Humane Society (KVHS)

Empty brown prescription medicine bottles can be used for medications for animals are being collected by Thursday Morning Small Group Ministry. If you can donate, please 1) Wipe out the empty bottles; 2) Remove the labels. (Try peeling from a corner of the label. Some labels will need to be soaked and scrubbed.) 3.) Bring bottles to the collection basket in the Library (Committee Room) on a shelf under the Free Book Section.

We will take what has been collected to KVHS and visit the facility on Wednesday, February 28.

Thank you for your contribution.

An Invitation from the Worship Committee

Are you interested in the process of worship? Would you like to learn how to be more meaningfully present in a worship service? The Worship Committee invites UUCC's Worship Associates and others interested in worship to a workshop led by Rev. Donna on Saturday, February 24, from 10 to 1. If you have ever considered joining the Worship Committee, this workshop would be a good place to begin. If you are simply interested in learning to worship more mindfully, you are welcome as well. For questions, please contact Rev. Donna at minister@augustauu.org.

Karen Allen, Worship Committee Chair

**Are you interested in offering programming
or scheduling an event for the UUCC community?**

Please use this [program request online form](#) to help guide the process. UUCC is growing and administratively, we are growing with it. Events that used to be scheduled by casually mentioning it to someone no longer work for a congregation that has a membership of 170 people plus approximately another 50 to 75 active friends. Thanks for your help in making growth and programming sustainable.

Rev. Donna Dolham and Lynn Smith, Church Admin.

UU Connections ---Just received!

Amplifying the Charge, a four-week, small group ministry discussion series equips Congregations to explore Article II Changes to the UUA Bylaws in anticipation of the upcoming vote on the bylaws at General Assembly. Adoption of the revised UUA Bylaws is a major consideration for our delegates who attend General Assembly virtually in June.

See Amplifying the Charge (PDF, 33 pages)*

https://www.uua.org/files/2024-01/amplifying_charge_resource_kit.pdf

There will be more information about offering this series at UUCC in next E-Blast and newsletter.

Helen Zidowecki

ACCESSIBILITY UPDATES!

*In the spirit of accessibility, we are currently focusing on how to make our space accessible for those who are chemically sensitive. In this process, Lynn Smith, UUCC's Church Administrator has reached out to our cleaning company to request that they use low smell/green products.

To help with this focus, we ask that you not wear perfumes to congregational events.

*Accessibility for our online members and friends. The worship and tech teams have been working to create ways for our online folks to participate with more ease. Some of these efforts include, practicing sessions with how to use our online platforms and equipment as well as using slide decks during worship. Thank you everyone who has helped us understand ways we can increase accessibility as we practice with new ways of doing things.

And thank you for your generosity of spirit as we inevitably will "fail our way forward" as we adventure into new ways of doing things.

Rev. Donna, she, her



We were absolutely blown away by the enthusiasm and productivity of the volunteers who attended our Make a Bag - Save a Life event on January 11th! Together with their amazing help, we assembled approximately 2,800 bags. The best part of all was we met new friends who are driven like we are about saving lives.

Many of our volunteers for this event came from the group training sessions we held at two area churches and from the homes we visited this summer. We are grateful for volunteers -- with their help we reach more people with life-saving Naloxone.

Social Justice Updates

Saturday Breakfast Update: Thank you to all who contribute to the Saturday Breakfast program. More and more people are entering our doors. This past Saturday we saw record attendance—65 guests! Our guests come for food and shelter; they come for community and friendship; they come eager to contribute; they come to mourn and memorialize deaths within their community; they come to engage in theological discussions and find some quiet prayerful time. In other words, they are like us, they come for church.

MUUSAN’s February Network Meeting on Zoom: Advocating for New Gun Safety Laws for Maine

Saturday, February 10th, 2024

[Register Today and Join Us on Zoom](#)

10am - noon

The Maine State Legislature is back in session. How can UUs support the efforts for common sense gun safety reform? Come learn at February's virtual Network Meeting.

Guest Speakers will include:

Senator Anne Carney - Chair of Judiciary Committee and Co-chair of the Gun Safety Caucus. *Sen Carney will speak about the key gun safety bills before the Maine legislature in 2024.*

Betsy Sweet - Lobbyist for the Maine Gun Safety Coalition *will talk about how we can advocate most effectively for these important gun safety bills.*

MUUSAN Team updates: Week of Feb 5, 2024

From the Wabanaki Sovereignty Ally Team (WSAT):

- Priority Bill: [LD 2007 - An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations](#)

The Chiefs decided to “go all out” on LD 2007 and include ALL 22 Task Force recommendations, even gaming. The resulting bill will be very similar to LD 1626 in the 130th legislature, though the language has not yet been printed.

- The WSAT will hold a **testimony writing workshop following their monthly meeting on Monday, February 12th from 6-7 and 7-8 PM** in the [MUUSAN Zoom room](#). Everyone is welcome to attend!

From the Climate Action Team:

- Priority Bill: [LD 2007, An Act Regarding Customer Costs and the Environmental and Health Effects of Natural Gas](#)
 - Here is a [link](#) to a fact sheet created by the Maine Environmental Priorities Coalition.
 - Contact members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee to voice your support. Click [here](#) to see EUT Committee members (scroll down to see list of committee members & click on their names to reveal their email addresses.)
- A number of important bills passed the Maine Legislature last year. Some of those bills are stuck in limbo and can't move forward until they receive the funding they need. **[Sign the Petition](#)**: *Tell the Appropriations Committee to fund these environmental bills!*

From Housing and Homelessness Team:

- Priority Bill: [LD 1710](#) “An Act to Establish the Maine Rental Assistance and Guarantee Program and Amend the Laws Regarding Tenants and the Municipal General Assistance Program, (also referred to as **the HOME Act**)

Please show your support of rental assistance for those renters most in need:

1. Write (email is fine) or call your legislator - **especially** if they are on [the Housing Committee](#)! Make clear that you want to see a strong rental assistance program as close as possible to that proposed in LD 1710. [To find your legislator](#).
 2. Write or call the [Governor's office](#).
 3. Send a Letter to the Editor of your local paper.
- **Next Housing & Homelessness Action Team Meetings**: Thursday, February 8 & 22 at 5 pm at [this Zoom link](#). Everyone is welcome to attend!

POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN Upcoming Event
March 2nd at 10am
At the Maine State Capital Building

We will gather for the Maine State House Assembly at Capitol Park in Augusta at 11 AM. You can learn more about and register for the Maine Assembly [here](#).

And folks who want to know more about the Poor People's Campaign can find it [here](#).

See you in Augusta March 2nd!

Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' State House Assembly | [RSVP HERE](#)

Start: Saturday, March 02, 2024•10:00 AM

Location: Capitol Park•33 Union St, Augusta, ME 04330 US

Forward together, Not One Step Back!

Board of Trustees

From the Board President

Over the past three weeks, many of you have met one on one with Rev. Donna, or engaged with her at your various activities- choir, orchestra, sewing group, zoom discussions and more. This is “Candidating Week” during which the Settled Ministry Search Team is holding varied opportunities for us to get to know Rev. Donna better prior to our congregational vote on Sunday, February 11. I think it is pretty cool to be part of a church community that gets to make the decision about who to call as our minister.

On another note, I am proud to be a part of our dedicated and hard-working Board. In the past two weeks, board members made membership outreach calls, attended Sunday’s session with Rev. Paul on how to live our covenant, served at Saturday’s Breakfast in addition to their regular church duties. I am humbled by their devotion to our UU Principles and deeply admire and respect this board.

Please know that you are all welcome to attend board meetings if you are interested in seeing what we are up to. This Thursday, February 8, we are meeting in the Fellowship Hall from 5-7 PM. (zoom also) [See agenda here](#)

These are some of the discussions we had or decisions made at January’s meeting:

- Discussed developing a vision and plan for caring for our physical plant.
- Set a pledge goal of \$180,500.
- Established the Safety Committee as a standing committee of the Board.
- Appreciated the good work of the Leadership Development Team: Kathy Ann Shaw and Hilary Neckles and for focusing on developing leaders and succession planning.
- Unanimously voted to endorse the work of the Poor People's Campaign.

In gratitude,

Michaela Loisel, Board President

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.

UUC 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.

UUC 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 (207-377-8028, linda.findlay@gmail.com) or Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com)

The UUC Website

The Website has two primary functions:

--Inviting people who are searching for information about Unitarian Universalism and/or a connection to come and see what we have to offer.

---Providing a communication network and prominent resource for people who are already involved with UUC.

ACCESSING THE UUC WEBSITE

-Go to www.augustauu.org

-*Sections* are in bold capital letters at the top. Click on a section.

-Left side of page has a menu. Click on an *item*. If there is > next to the title on the left, click for more options.

You are invited to try another way for accessing the UUC Website.

Go to the UUC address, www.augustauu.org

At the very bottom of the Home page, click on Sitemap.
Scroll down the Sitemap (basically a Table of Contents) and click on the
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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 (2/7)
- NO E-Blast (2/14)
- E-Blast (2/21)
- No E-Blast (2/28)

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.

UCC Office Hours NEXT WEEK

Church Administrator - Open office hours:

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

Rev. Donna Dolham

Minister's study – (207) 623-3663

Pastoral Emergencies only – (207) 701-1581

Email: minister@augustauu.org

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

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