

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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A Message from our Minister

To Be Truly Radical is to Make Hope Possible, Rather than Despair Convincing.
~ Raymond Williams

Raymond Williams' words invite us to consider how we want to engage in life. As the new church year begins, I'm aware that everything we do is our curriculum. Even the smallest interactions are reflections of how we want to be in community together. How will we choose to interact with each other, share the responsibilities of living in a community of connection and compassion? In what ways will you center hope and possibility in your life? Your engagement at church? The greater community?

The new church year has begun with some transitions in leadership and there are many major initiatives underway. Some of the new programming will include invitations from the 8th Principle Task force, the Covenant Engagement Team and some re-structuring of how to meet our ongoing ministries as we grow and continue to welcome new people in our midst every week! If you have questions, I invite you to ask. I was reminded recently of a lapel pin I received early in my ministry which staid: More *Curiosity, Less Judgement*. The pin offers sage advice, especially during times of growth and change.

Please watch for opportunities to be involved, have meaningful conversations and experience the transformative power of love at the center of our UU values.

Love and Light,
Rev. Donna, she, her

Upcoming Services

<p>Sunday August 25, 2024</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Re-storying Our Lives, A Story of Grace and Hope Rev. Donna Dolham and James Riot</p> <p>As we greet each other at the intersection of world news, our daily lives, this congregational community, and our Unitarian Universalist faith how we choose to tell the story of our lives can ground us in our way forward. In what ways will we live into hope and grace?</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Jamez Riot will be our worship associate. Priscilla J. Jenkins will manage Boxcast technology and a member of the team will run the slide deck developed by Nan Bell. Our pianist will be Karen Allen. We need a volunteer for Coffee Hour. If you can help, please contact Susan Claska at 242-9100 or slcburnett@me.com. Our greeter will be Jim Caldwell.</p>
<p>Sunday September 1, 2024</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A Moment of Rest Rev. Donna Dolham</p> <p>Please join us for this service offering readings, music and moments of contemplation. We will also hold space in this service for you to share your <u>Joys and Sorrows</u> with our community.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Lori Milner will be our worship associate. Angie Blevins will manage Boxcast technology. Hannah Faulkner will be our pianist and our greeter will be Kathy Kellison. Our coffee hour will be hosted by Eowyn Levene and Stefanie Barley.</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.

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

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

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

Yard Sale with UCC Table



At the home of Hannah Faulkner

Saturday morning, August 24

9 a.m. to 12 noon

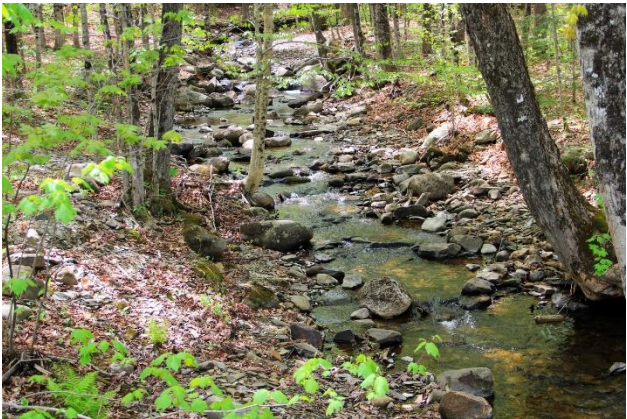
Dry, Sunny Day Only

Rain Date September 7

1162 Pond Road, Mount Vernon,
(207) 485-4335, Ample Parking in Yard

***Baskets, Books, Dishes, Glassware, Pet Care, Puzzles,
Holiday Decorations, and much more!***

Ingathering/Water Communion Service on September 8th!



One of the Unitarian Universalist celebrations is the Water Communion ceremony symbolizing our gathering as community and our connection with the earth.

Please send water pictures you may have taken this summer to Rev Donna, and she will incorporate a special water video into the service.

Please send your images to minister@augus-tauu.org by Aug. 29th for inclusion in the service and please bring a small amount of water

with you to the service. It may be water from your faucet, a pond, river or rain...

Please join us for this special service which will, once again, include UCC's choir, Morgan Lee, pianist and Bridget Convey, Dir. of Music.

Please see the Social Justice section in **Notices/Updates/News** for opportunities for enrichment and action including MUUSAN's UUtheVOTE drive at the MUUSAN Network Meeting on September 7th, an upcoming overdose awareness event AND there are still a few upcoming Wabanaki cultural awareness and Historical & Ecological Recovery events happening.

Everyone is Invited Workshop

Give Light: Spiritual Support for Climate Engagement

Date: Saturday, September 28th

Time: 10am – 3:00pm

Location: Second Congregational Church, 51 Main St.,
Newcastle, ME

Workshop fee: \$20 (*no one will be turned away
for inability to pay*)

Rev. Fred Small



The Workshop is an interactive, multi-faith experience led by **Rev. Fred Small**. He is a minister, singer-songwriter, former environmental lawyer, and Minister for Climate Justice at Arlington Street Church, Boston. Cited by Bill McKibben as “one of the key figures in the religious environmental surge.” Participants of all faith traditions (or none) are welcome.

Registration in advance for the workshop is required, as we have limited space. To register, please contact Workshop Coordinator, Jill Linzee by email at jlinzee@comcast.net and indicate that you wish to register for the Give Light workshop.

Sponsors:



Midcoast Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship



Second Congregational
Church



St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Brand New Fundraising Event – “Farmers Market” to be held after the Sun. Oct. 6 service

Looking for donations of items from your garden or larder: Veggies, Fruits Preserves (Jams, Jellies, Canned Fruits or Veggies, Pickles, Relishes, Mustards), Breads, or whatever you can imagine. Your donation may be as little as one item or as many as 3 or 4. We will be selling them in a UUCC Farmer’s Market in the Fellowship Hall after the October 6th service. If you have donations or questions, please contact Karen Foust at karmafoust@gmail.com or via text at 207-441-8971.

New on-line yard sale for fundraising!

Do you have an item that you would like to get out of your space that you think might fetch over \$25?

Please contact Marilyn Dunn. Marilyn and her husband Tom Waddell have agreed to sell items online for the church via Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist and occasionally Ebay!

Tom has volunteered to pick up your item to post for sale; proceeds would be donated to the UUCC.

Getting to Know Dementia: Community Training Positive Approach to Care® Dementia Awareness in Bite-Sized Pieces (Four Saturday sessions). The sessions will be Oct 12th, Oct 19th, Nov. 2nd and Nov 9th 2024 from 5:30-7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Participants will start to appreciate what happens when a brain is changing due to some form of dementia, versus other factors, such as normal aging or a high-stress lifestyle. By learning about brain function and changes during dementia, we can begin to understand not only what is lost, but what is retained, to effectively provide that just right support.

Participants will be introduced to the GEMS® State model of the progression of dementia and learn how we can adapt our approach to create positive relationships. The concept of using visual, verbal, and touch cues to approach and connect with a person living in any state of dementia through the Positive Physical Approach™ will be demonstrated and practiced.

We will learn about how we, as care partners, can become advocates for people, as relationships and tasks of daily living are impacted.

Presenter: Betty Cairn RN, PAC trainer

Audience: Anyone who is interested in learning more about dementia.

Program is limited to 15 participants. Pre-registration is required. Please email Betty Cairn at stonehengemaine@yahoo.com.

- Session 1** What is Dementia, Really? What Brain Changes and Shifts in Ability are Noticed When Dementia Happens?
- Session 2** Looking at Progression and Seeing More than Loss: The GEMS® State Model. The GEMS® State Model: In the Right Setting with the Right Care, all GEMS Can Shine
- Session 3** New Skills for Helping and Supporting and Being an Advocate and Building a Support Team
- Session 4** Using A Positive Physical Approach™

This content is based on the work of Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Care® methods and education. <https://teepasnow.com/>

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

UU Climate Revival
 Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024
 (After Fellowship Lunch)

This is an all-church event. All of us will learn new frameworks at the intersection of climate and justice and have the chance to weave together the threads that have always linked our deepest commitments. The [UU Climate Revival](#) will equip UU congregations to enter into a new era of climate action—one that intentionally and faithfully breaks down silos and cultivates relationships that lead to flourishing collaborations that transform our congregations through climate justice. See more details at the UU Climate Justice Revival [website](#) and [FAQs](#).

We hope you'll join us for the Sunday kick off service and discussion sessions to follow Fellowship Lunch. If you are interested in helping with this important work in the congregation, please reach out to Rev. Donna, Mary Kane or Debbie Mattson.

Shared Ministry and Installation Celebration

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024

An installation is the congregational act of formally entering into shared ministry with their professional minister.

Our celebration service and reception will be held Saturday, October 26th at 1:00pm at South Parish, United Church of Christ Church in Augusta. We hope you'll join us.

Sincerely,

Martha Naber, Nancy Fritz and Nan Bell
 Members of the Installation Team

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

Please use this [program request online form](#) to help guide the process.

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</p> <p><u>6:30 – 8:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p><u>Private</u> <u>Zoom</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><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 NOTE: Starting on September 16, the group will meet in-person in the Sanctuary and online, on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Other Mondays, they will meet online only.</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 August 26</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! Martha 887-1104 or 313-5859 / Nancy 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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Lectio Divina</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><Group on break for the summer months></p> <p>The Lectio Divina weekly group held its last session for the church year on June 18. The group will now break for the summer months until it <u>resumes on September 10th.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stay tuned for more information.</p>
<p><u>Tuesday</u> <u>4:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>Weekly</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Drop-in Sustainable Heath Oijong group</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><Group on break for the summer months></p> <p style="text-align: center;">May resume after Labor Day. Stay tuned for more information.</p>

<p>Wednes- day 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Resumes Aug 28th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUC</u> Choir Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UUC CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH!</p> <p>Our weekly choir rehearsal will take place from 6pm to 7:30pm in the sanctuary beginning on August 28th. We look forward to welcoming new members! Inquiries to Bridget Convey at musicdirector@augustauu.org.</p>
<p>Wednes- days Each Week</p> <p>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>No class 8/28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gentle</u> YOGA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ATTENTION: Yoga class will be cancelled for August 28 and will resume weekly thereafter.</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: https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOT-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: DebbieMattson@hotmail.com</p> 
<p>2nd & 4th Wednesday</p> <p>1:00-2:30pm</p> <p>2nd Wed. – C-FH 4th Wed. - C-FH</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seasoned</u> Souls</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. We will now be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.</p> <p>FMI: For more information please contact Hal Booth at halbooth1@yahoo.com or (207)623-8383 [land-line, no text].</p>
<p>Thursdays Each Week</p> <p>8:00 – 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Peaceful</u> Heart Sangha</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>Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at martysoule@gmail.com. FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com <u>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</u></p> 

<p><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Thursday</u> <u>In the</u> <u>UUCC</u> <u>Virtual</u> <u>Zoom room</u></p> <p>9:00—10:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Writing to Wake the Soul</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><Group on break – information about when it will resume will be in a future E-blast.></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><u>1st</u> <u>Thursday</u></p> <p><u>Noon-1:30</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Oct 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Read Learn Share Book Group</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><Group on break for the summer months BUT... see UPDATE below></p> <p>A lot happens over the summer as books get chosen for next year by a voting process.</p> <p>UPDATE: The votes are cast and counted! We have our list of books for the year and the order in which we will explore them. As is our custom, we will resume meeting both in Fellowship Hall and the UUCC Zoom room from noon until 1:30 in October. This is a drop-in group although there is a core group which is almost always there. Anyone is welcome to join us when we are discussing a book that interests you.</p> <p>The full list will appear in the fall issue of the Flaming Chalice, the church newsletter. For now, so you can plan ahead, on October 3 we will discuss <u>Secrets of the Sprakka</u> by Eliza Reid, and on November 7 our book is <u>How to Read a Book</u> by Maine author Monica Wood.</p> <p>We are a friendly and thoughtful group. We'd love to have your company. FMI: contact June Zellers at jzellers@roadrunner.com or Kathy Kellison at 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 August 23rd</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>Resumes Sept 7th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUCC Occasional Orchestra</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The UUCC Occasional Orchestra will take a break over the summer months.</p> <p>Rehearsals will resume Saturday, Sept 7th 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>Questions: please contact our UUCCOO Orchestra Director, Michael P. Atkinson at: mpatkinson@gmail.com.</p>
<p><u>4th</u> <u>Sunday</u></p> <p><u>1-2:30</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is August 25th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Goddess / Earth Circles Summer Connections Meetings are 1-2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>August 25</u> Crone phase: Our Inner Realms</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In our focus on the phases of our lives, we come to the crone phase. This is a time to reclaim our own focus after decades of caring for others. Reflect on the shift of the life from the exterior world of conventions to the freedom of being the ruler of your own inner realms.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 22</u> Autumn Equinox/Mabon; Invitation to Croning; Keeping connections</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 27</u> Samhain; Ceremony for New Crones and Renewals</p> <p style="text-align: center;">More information is available at Goddess/Earth Circles on the website. Goddess/Earth Circles focuses on the phases of our lives and earth-based spirituality. All ages and genders are welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FMI Contact Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308, mailto:hzmre@hzmre.com).</p>

Notices / Updates / News

UUCC Share the Plate Giving

During the past fiscal year that ended June 30, the generosity of our congregation provided the following organizations with contributions totaling \$5,951.52:



UUCC's Website is currently under development and construction. There is a small website work group meeting regularly including Helen Zidowecki, Randi Brown and Rev. Donna. We will keep you posted.

Wabanaki Alliance	193.12
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee	300.00
Maine Children's Home (Journey Program)	314.00
N.E.Grassroots Environmental Org.	335.00
KVCAP Poverty Action Coalition	538.00
Mobilize Recovery	624.00
United Community Living Center	785.00
Maine Equal Justice	361.00
Kennebec Land Trust	288.90
Amy Buxton Pet Pantry	438.00
Maine UU State Advocacy Network	275.00
Maine Conservation Voters	369.50
Project Fresh Start	359.00
World Central Kitchen	771.00

Title: Sewing Threads of Community Together

Several people gathered at UUCC on Aug. 20 and 21 to participate in a Quilting Workshop sponsored by UUCC's Sewing Group!



News from the Covenant Engagement Team (CET)

Over the summer, the Congregational Engagement Team reorganized ourselves into the Covenant Engagement Team – and just, coincidentally, got to keep the same acronym! Regrettably, Kathy Ann Shaw and Susan Claska both left the Team as they moved on to other leadership activities with our church. We will miss both their wisdom and their comradery.

As we all begin to shift our focus to Ingathering Sunday and a new church year, the CET will be coordinating various ways for us to weave our Covenant into both the church year and our individual lives. Building on your feedback from our April Sharing Café, each month we will select one of the ten promises from our Covenant and offer a variety of opportunities to engage with that promise and its deeper meaning and lessons, both interactively and reflectively. Watch for more details in the next E-Blast.

As the CET is changing its focus, the Sharing Café format will shift from a program offered by the CET to a template available to other committees and groups as a model for investigating important questions. As we make this transition, we will remain available to help others utilize the template. For additional details, please contact one of us.

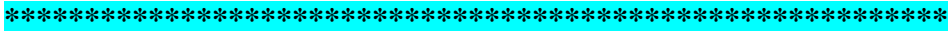
We hope you each had a meaningful summer.

In fellowship.

June Zellers, Michaela Loisel, and Rev. Donna Dolham



Social Justice Updates



Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network will be holding a UU the Vote Network Meeting on September 7th. Live link to register below image. To read more about MUUSAN's commitment to justice visit their webpage at www.muusan.org.

MUUSAN
Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network

Save the Date!
UUtheVoteME Network Meeting
September 7th, 2024
10:30 - noon
Hybrid! Brunswick UU and Zoom

Join us - either in person at the Brunswick UU church or on Zoom - to learn how we as Maine UUs can impact voters across the country. Hear from Rev. Lisa Garcia-Sampson from North Carolina about how we can support GoTV efforts there, learn how to support Maine efforts with the League of Women Voters of Maine, get inspired by what other Maine UU churches are doing, and participate in a postcard-writing or other action!

Questions? Contact admin@muusan.org.

See you in person or on Zoom on September 7th!

p.s. Note MUUSAN's new logo at the top of this email, designed by the multi-talented Brunswick UU Minister, Rev. Kharma Amos!

Click [HERE](#) for the Calendar of UUtheVoteME-related Activites and Opportunities

Click [HERE](#) to Register for the Sept 7th UU the Vote ME Hybrid Network Meeting

Volunteer with the League of Women Voters of Maine (LWVME), MUUSAN's partner in strengthening democracy here in Maine! **Volunteer Orientation takes place every Monday 5:30 - 6:00 pm. Click [here](#) and choose the date you want to attend.** From GoTV with new Mainers to distributing voter guides, the League will help find the best volunteer fit for you!

Upcoming Day of Action: Overdose Awareness Day Canvass

MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY: Join us to go door to door to train our neighbors on the lifesaving medication, Naloxone.



Be part of Project Doorstep and help save lives!
Where: Hallowell City Hall, 1 Winthrop Street, Hallowell
When: August 31st, 11-2PM
What: Naloxone Community Canvass - bring good shoes!
Questions: Call Jon at 207-242-9691 or jon@mobilizerecovery.org

WHERE2024 (Walks for Historical & Ecological Recovery)

Atlantic Blackbox is organizing a series of Seven Walks for Historical & Ecological Recovery over seven months from June through November 2024. Detailed info can be found here: [WHERE2024 – Atlantic Black Box](#). The Legacy Work events have already happened and many of them were recorded and can be accessed on the website. The remaining walks are listed below:

The First Parish Portland Wabanaki Allies Team will participate as a group, other UUs from around Maine may want to do the same. The Pejepscot Portage Walk on October 5 in Brunswick is co-organized by the Pejepscot Mapping Project in which members of the Brunswick UU church are participating. [The Pejepscot Portage Walk — The Walk for Historical & Ecological Recovery \(walkwhere.org\)](#)

The Inclusive Walking Tour in Saco-Biddeford on October 19, is co-organized by Portland area SURJ chapter (Showing up for Racial Justice). [The Inclusive Walking Tour Walk — The Walk for Historical & Ecological Recovery \(walkwhere.org\)](#).

All the Walks combine an actual walking tour retracing some historical / colonial event combined with a program with guest speakers and some have an art element - so even folks who cannot do the walking have plenty of opportunity to participate by listening and learning.

Remaining Wabanaki Cultural Events Summer 2024

Wabanaki Arts Market August 24, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village, New Gloucester.
Email info@maineshakers.com for more information.

The Maine Climate Council is coming to a town near you!

We're excited to meet you in person and hear what's important to you and your community as we update the **Maine Climate Action Plan** later this year. Here is a list of dates and locations where we'll be holding public meetings during our September tour to hear feedback on which recommendations are most important to you and your communities.

- **VIRTUAL** | Sept 4th @ 6PM | *Online via Zoom*
- **PRESQUE ISLE** | Sept 5th @ 6PM | *Presque Isle Community Center*
- **LEWISTON** | Sep 10th @ 6PM | *Lewiston Public Library*
- **PORTLAND** | Sept 12th @ 6PM | *King Middle School*
- **BANGOR** | Sept 17th @ 6PM | *Bangor Public Library*
- **ELLSWORTH** | Sept 18th @ 6PM | *Ellsworth Public Library*
- **BIDDEFORD** | Sept 19th @ 6PM | *Biddeford Middle School*

For more information contact: <maineclimatecouncil@maine.gov> or visit the Maine Climate Council website.

Board of Trustees

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At its August 8 meeting, the Board:

- Voted to rent Drew House beginning in November for \$1300.00 per month
- Voted to begin a fund to cover expenses incurred during a minister's sabbatical.
- Learned that our solar share has resulted in a monthly electric bill of \$32.00 to cover the cost of the transmission line.
- Learned that installation of the Rev. Donna Dolham will take place on October 26 at 1:00 pm at the South Parish UCC Church.
- Voted concurrence with the recommendation from the minister to reallocate \$16,017 currently in our personnel budget among the Music Director, the Church Administrator and a new hire for religious education.

Full minutes can be accessed online by clicking here: [August 8, 2024](#).
Minutes can also be found on the Board of Trustees bulletin board at the church.

The next board meeting is Thursday, September 12, 2024.
All are welcome to attend but please see the [UUC Policy for Board Meeting Visitors](#).

General Information

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

Other ways to UUC 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.**

UUC 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)



UUC 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 (8/21)
- NO E-Blast (8/28)
- E-Blast (9/4)
- NO E-blast (9/11)

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

UUC 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 - use cell phone

Email: minister@augustauu.org

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

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