Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church Wednesday, October 16, 2024



I am still away from the office, returning on Oct 20th. Please contact the pastoral care team for any pastoral care needs you may have. The Rev. Marty Pelham, of the Rockland UU Church will be covering for professional ministry needs. Rev. Marty's phone number is: 813 205-6910.

Text is the best contact method; however, Rev. Marty does have voicemail.

See you all soon... Love and Light,

Rev. Donna, she, her

Upcoming Services

Sundari	UU Climate Justice Revival	
Sunday	Rev. Donna Dolham with	
October 20, 2024	Social Justice Committee, Kathy Kellison & June Zellers	
Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.	We join over 350 UU congregations in beginning the important work of "Reimagining Together: From an Extractive Age to a New Era." We will collaboratively create a representation of the possibilities and vision for a flourishing future and actions we can take to make that vision a reality.	
As a community committed to "going green", we do not hand out paper orders of service.	This is the beginning of our movement. We will have a large and small group discussion following Fellowship Lunch, open to all. Our March 30, 2025 Climate Justice Service will be led by former UUCC members Miriam Nielson and Josh Caldwell.	
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. <u>Here is the OOS link</u>	A special thank you to our worship arts team. Kathy Kellison will be our worship associate. Marty Peters will manage Boxcast technology and will run the slides prepared by Rev. Donna. Our Choir, led by Mu- sic Director, Bridget Convey and accompanied by Lee Morgan on piano, will sing <i>Earth Song</i> by Ticheli. Our greeter will be Cheryl Ring.	
	Join us after the service for <u>Fellowship Lunch</u> so we can serve you a lovely sit down meal. After lunch, join us in the Sanctuary for engaging conversa- tions about climate justice. <more below="" both="" events="" on=""></more>	
	SHARE THE PLATE: This month's recipient chosen by the Social Justice Committee is the <u>Maine Youth for Climate Justice (MYCJ)</u> . MYCJ is a coalition of over 400 youth from all over Maine who fight for bold climate action, a just transition, and a livable future in Maine. MYCJ was founded in 2019 and is open to anyone under the age of 30 who is interested in engaging at the local or state level on issues related to climate justice.	
Sunday	Rev. Donna Dolham	
October 27, 2024 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.	More information about this service will be posted on the website as it becomes available. A special thank you to our worship arts team. Nan Bell will be our worship as-	
	sociate. Cheryl Ring will manage Boxcast technology and Nan will run the slides she prepared. Karen Foust will be our pianist and our greeter will be Ka- ren Allen. Jim Caldwell will lead the team that is hosting coffee hour.	

Sunday	Music Sunday
November 3, 2024	Rev. Donna Dolham
Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.	Music Sunday is my favorite of the church year. Music connects us to the healing power of the Universe, our feelings, and each other.
	You may have noticed that Music Sunday 2024 is two days before the Nov 5 Presidential election. We have been living for months under the stress, fear, and trauma about the outcome of the election. We need a balm to soothe our souls.
	Soin addition to the uplifting music from the UUCC Orchestra and Choir and two short reflections that are traditionally part of this special Sunday, we will sing a plea for the courage and wisdom to meet this hour. Bob Dylan will join us spiritually in a prayer, and in the words of the 14 th century theologian and mystic, Julian of Norwich, "All will be well again."Dale McCormick
	A special thank you to our worship arts team. The team includes Brid- get Convey, UUCC Music Director and the UUCC Choir accompanied by Morgan Lee on piano. Our UUCC Orchestra will also be present led by Conductor Michael Atkinson. Many thanks also to Sara Hodgkins for serving as our worship associate and Lindsey Wiehl for managing Box- cast technology and running the slides prepared by Rev. Donna. Our greeter will be Jim Caldwell and Hilary Neckles will lead the team that is hosting coffee hour.

<u>Sunday worship service</u> 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/mtifpth0utvesjqgjyej

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

- 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.
- 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!

Special Events / Opportunities / Notices

The Covenant Engagement Team (CET) would like to remind us of this month's Covenant Promise?

It is: "Listen to each other with intention and curiosity and respond thoughtfully."

** WANTED **



Small natural tuned baskets with handles desired by fundraising.

Maybe 7 to 9 inches in diameter. Please set on top shelf of coat room for Marilyn Dunn. The baskets will be used for Christmas centerpieces.

A thank you from our fundraising chair:



Thank you to all who participated in the 1st of what may be more, Farmer's Markets. The donations were amazing and it was so great to share and see everyone's talents in the garden and beyond. We raised almost \$600 – what a phenomenal community we are! If you don't use the canning jars we will re-use them. Please just put the clean containers in the coat closet.

~Karen Foust

SOCIAL ACTIVITY Thursday, Oct. 17, 5:30 p.m.

"LEARN, MAKE, EAT"

A 2 hour cooking session will be held to make and eat POPOVERS.

It is very easy to make these delectable, mouthwatering treats, especially with honey or maple syrup. When they come out of the oven, they are "BEAUTIFUL", just to look at, really! All ingredients provided. So, bring your apron and come hungry.

> Please RSVP to Cheryl Clukey, <u>cherylclukey5@yahoo.com</u>

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH begins THIS SUNDAY, October 20th.

The wildly popular monthly fellowship luncheon season begins after service on October 20th. Please join us for a sit-down restaurant style meal on the 3rd Sunday of each month. <u>This is not a potluck</u>. Stay seated and enjoy fellowship choosing from a menu. This is a great chance to get to know each other.

Two of our regular kitchen crew have retired so we are asking for volunteers to sign up to set up, serve and clean up. I am not asking that you to join the kitchen crew for every luncheon but please help out with one or two luncheons if you can. We start setting up at 9:45 and are usually done by 1 pm. Please call or text Marilyn Dunn at 207-344-4980 to be put on the volunteer list.

UU CLIMATE REVIVAL Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024 (After Fellowship Lunch)

On Sunday, October 20, everyone is invited to join The Social Justice team as we continue our congregation's work addressing the climate crisis. We will meet after Fellowship lunch, at 12:00 in the sanctuary before we break into small groups for a creative activity. We will finish by 1:30.

Our intention is to reimagine the work of addressing the climate crisis in community. Our goals are: to be less isolated and more committed, less anxious and more nourished, less limited and more visionary.

We hope you'll join us net Sunday for the kick off service and creative sessions to follow Fellowship Lunch. There will be an opportunity to sign up to continue this work going forward.

For more information, speak to Mary Kane, Debbie Matson or any member of the Social Justice Team.

*** Save the Date EVENTS ***

November 16, 2024	Worship Arts Retreat 10:0	00am – 2:30pm	Contact: Sara or Rev. Donna
November 17, 2024	Beginning to Listen A Pas To pre-register, plea		orkshop 12:15 – 2pm - nna at <u>minister@augustauu.org</u> .
November 22, 2024	Harvest Supper – 5:30 in Fe	llowship Hall (Bri	ing a dish to share, turkey provided)
November 23, 2024	<mark>Pie Sale</mark> at Longfellows Gree Sign up in Fellowsh		1:00 pie, dessert, cheesecake, etc.
November 30, 20024	Holiday Fair at the church	• •	t in Fellowship Hall for donations, help you can share.
This winter – Date t/b/a	The Shared Pulpit Class A	winter opportuni	ity

"Using a series of small group meetings, this program aims to deepen connection and trust among participants—the seeking minds and caring hearts of Unitarian Universalists.... Along the way, you'll discover your authentic voice by writing a sermon to deliver to the congregation." ~ Erika Hewitt from her book and program guide, <u>The Shared Pulpit, A Sermon Seminar for Lay People</u>. Watch for more information about dates and registration. Class size will be limited due to the nature of the process. The class will be facilitated by Rev. Donna Dolham and Sara Hodgkins.

<u>Are you interested in offering programming or scheduling an event for</u> <u>the UUCC community?</u>

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/

> <u>Click here to join Events in the Zoom Room</u>: For other ways to join Zoom, see <u>General Information</u> Zoom meeting id: 823 807 0673 – Password: 6971



** For more information about the following connections, click here. **

DAY of WEEK / TIME	EVENT / GROUP	CONTACT INFO
EVERY Monday 6:30-8:00pm,	Peaceful Heart Sangha	FMI: peace-
1 st /3 rd Mon. – Hybrid		fulheartsangha@gmail.com
Other Mondays – Only Private		
Zoom		
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2 nd and 4 th Monday NEXT Oct. 28	Sewing/Craft/Hobby Group	Martha 887-1104 or 303-5859 /
9:30 am – Noon, C-FH		Nancy 213-3047
EVERY Tuesday	Lectio Divina	FMI: Lori Milner
10:30-11:30am, Zoom only		lmilner3@gmail.com
EVERY Tuesday	Sustainable Health Qijong Drop-in	FMI: Susan Roberts
4:00-5:00pm, C-FH	Group	(<u>slrotr1@gmail.com</u>)
4.00 9.00pm, e 111	Group	(Shou (leginari.com)
EVERY Wednesday	UUCC Choir Rehearsal	Bridget Convey at musicdirec-
6:00-7:30pm		tor@augustauu.org
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EVERY Wednesday	Gentle Yoga	FMI:
5:00 – 6:00pm, C-FH and Private		DebbieMattson@hotmail.com
Zoom		
2 nd and 4 th Wednesday	Seasoned Souls	Hal Booth at
1:00-2:30 p.m., C-FH	<self-select 65="" over="" y.o.=""></self-select>	halbooth1@yahoo.com
	Description of Constant	FMI:
EVERY Thursday 8:00- 9:30 am, River Studio,	Peaceful Heart Sangha	
Hallowell		peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com
1 st Thursday, NEXT Nov. 7	Read Learn Share Book Group	June Zellers at
Noon – 1:30 p.m., C-FH	How to Read a Book by Maine	jzellers@roadrunner.com or Kathy
	author, Monica Wood	Kellison at kell6787@gmail.com.

EVERY <mark>Friday</mark> 6:00-7:00pm, C-FH	Fabulous Friday AA Meeting	
4 th Friday, 6:30 – 8:30pm, C-Sanct	Free Style Drum Circle	Mike Moody: <u>mtmoods@gmail.com</u>
EVERY <mark>Saturday</mark> 9:00 – 11:00 am, C-Sanct	UUCC Occasional Orchestra Rehearsal	Michael Atkinson mpatkinson@gmail.com
3 rd Sunday, Next Oct 20 11:00 am – Noon, C-FH	Fellowship Lunch	Marilyn Dunn Maine2007@hotmail.com
4 th Sunday, Next Oct 27 1:00-2:30, C-FH & Zoom	Goddess / Earth Circles	Helen Zidowecki hzmre@hzmre.com

** For more information about the above connections, <u>click here</u>. **

Board of Trustees

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At the October 10 meeting the Board:

- Heard from the Leadership Development Team about changes they wish to make in recruiting church leaders.
- Heard a report from Buildings and Grounds on the status of Drew House tenants and repairs
- Discussed repairing the ramp into Judd House which is not in use because of its poor condition
- Discussed the need to refresh the church kitchen
- Voted to allow the church administrator viewing access to all bank accounts
- Ended our tenure as fiscal agent to the United Community Living Center as they have received their 501c3 status
- Will continue to explore ending our role as fiscal agent for MUUSAN as they pursue 501c3 status
- Outlined a plan to be ready for new tenants in Drew House by December 1
- Agreed to provide financial support for the 4 delegates to GA which our size allows us
- Voted to affirm support for the new United Community Living Center plan

Complete minutes will be posted on the UUCC website when they are available.

The next board meeting is Thursday, November 14, 2024.

All are welcome to attend but please see the <u>UUCC Policy for Board Meeting Visitors</u>.

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 UUCC ZOOM ROOM

Other ways to UUCC Zoom Room Zoom:

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

UUCC Meeting ID: 823 807 0673 - then enter passcode: 6971

3. <u>Join by phone</u>: 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. <u>HOSTS</u>: Once in <u>your</u> meeting, claim the host using the HOST KEY as you have done in the past.

UUCC 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.

<u>UUCC Small Group Ministry</u>



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, <u>linda.findlay@gmail.com</u>) or Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308. <u>hzmre@hzmre.com</u>)

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 (10/16) Abbreviated E-Blast
- NO E-blast (10/23 or 10/30)
- E-Blast (11/6) Full E-Blast
- NO E-Blast (11/13)

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. Send articles to <u>admin@augustauu.org</u>

UUCC Office Hours NEXT WEEK

Church Administrator - Open office hours:

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

Rev. Donna Dolham

I will be away from Oct 5th, returning on Oct 20th See page 1 for whom to contact when I am gone.

<u>Staff Contact information:</u> <u>Church Administrator</u>, Lynn M. Smith, <u>admin@augustauu.org</u>, Phone 622-3232 <u>Music Director</u>, Bridget Convey, <u>musicdirector@augustauu.org</u>