

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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A Message from our Minister

Dear Ones,

I want to share a link to a November 2024 “Words to Live By” message from the New England Region of the UUA.

The message entitled [“How We Begin to Repair the World”](#) provides hope and inspiration as we continue to grieve, heal and regain our strength and determination.

I remind you all again to take care of yourselves, each other and remember that we are in community, connected and sustained by a faith that centers love.

Love and Light,

Rev. Donna, she, her



How We Begin to Repair the World

by wren bellavance-grace

Upcoming Services

<p>Sunday November 24, 2024</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>The Open Table Rev. Donna Dolham</p> <p>More information about this service will be posted on the website as it becomes available.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Marty Peters will be our worship associate. Angie Blevins will manage Boxcast technology and Nan Bell will run the slides prepared by Rev. Dolham. Our Choir, led by Music Director, Bridget Convey and accompanied by Morgan Lee, pianist, will present "We Shall Be Known" by Mamuse. Betty Cairn will lead the team that is hosting coffee hour. Our greeter will be Nancy Fritz.</p>
<p>Sunday December 1, 2024</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>Safe Harbor Rev. Donna Dolham</p> <p>More information about this service will be posted on the website as it becomes available.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Sara Hodgkins will be our worship associate. Marty Peters will manage Boxcast technology and Nan will run the slides prepared by Hanna Brown. Stefanie Barley will be our pianist and our greeter will be <UNKNOWN>. Karen Foust will lead the team that is hosting coffee hour.</p>

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

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

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

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

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

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

Accessibility Reminders

- Please leave the empty spots in the first two rows of the sanctuary seating for our folks using wheel-chairs.
- 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 Church office will be closed on Thurs Nov. 28 thru Dec. 2nd so the Church Administrator and Rev. Donna Dolham can spend time with their families over Thanksgiving weekend. The office will reopen Dec. 3rd.

**The Covenant Engagement Team (CET) would like to remind us
of our November Covenant Promise.**

It is: “forgive ourselves and others when we do not live up to this Covenant
and begin again in love.”

Peaceful Heart Sangha – UPDATE

After experimenting with hybrid sangha for several months, Peaceful Heart Sangha decided to stop using hybrid. We have decided to gather in person in the sanctuary on every first Monday.

We will also continue to have online sangha every Monday, so online and in person will be available on first Mondays.

Come and join us any time.

From Small Group Ministry Committee

We hope that you enjoyed the Service that was lead by Small Group Ministry participants last Sunday morning, November 17. It has generated inquiries from people about joining groups. Hopefully more of you are interested in participating in an existing or new group. Please talk with Linda Findlay or Helen Zidowecki.

We are reviewing opportunities. Please look for more information in the next E-Blast. We hope to have some plans in place early in the New Year.

Thank you for your interest.
Linda and Helen

***** Save the Date EVENTS *****

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

ONCE AGAIN IT IS TIME FOR THE
UU TRADITIONAL ALL-CHURCH

HARVEST DINNER



**PLEASE JOIN US:
NOVEMBER 22, 2024
AT 5:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**BRING A FRIEND
AND, OF COURSE,
A FAVORITE DISH TO
SHARE.**

(We will supply the turkeys)

Contact Cheryl Clukey if you are available to assist with set up on Friday afternoon and clean up after the dinner.

Cheryl: 441-0337 or cherylclukey5@yahoo.com

Join us for this sit down community style pot luck dinner.



to SETUP tables and chairs –and—
To CLEANUP after the dinner.

If you can help, please contact Cheryl Clukey at:

Cheryl: 441-0337 or cherylclukey5@yahoo.com

***** PIES and other goodies are DUE
this same evening between 2:30 and
5:00 p.m. in the Robbins room.**

November 23, 2024

Pie Sale at Longfellows Greenhouse 8:30-1:00pm

Your pies can be dropped off Friday evening (before the Harvest Dinner in the Robbins room between 2:30 and 5pm) – OR – drop your pie off at Longfellows Greenhouse, at 81 Puddledock Rd, Manchester on Saturday 11/23 at 8:30 a.m

November 30, 20024

Holiday Fair at the church

Donations for the UCC craft Fair would ideally be dropped off Friday evening 11/29 between 4 and 7 with soups to be dropped off Saturday morning between 9 and 10:30. Baked good can be dropped off at either time. Thanks to our many artisans, crafters and DIYers for offering their crafts and talents.

Here is the link to the online order form for the wreaths: [Wreath Order Form 2024](#)



January 12, 2024 **Inquirers Series:** The Inquirers Series is a rotation of 9 conversations about church and Unitarian Universalism. This series is designed for visitors and newcomers who are looking for a general introduction. Old timers may attend occasionally if they have an interest in the topic. The series will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. The kick off will be January 12th, led by Rev. Donna Dolham. The subject will be Q & A with the minister. Grab your coffee after church, we will meet at 11:15 in the meeting room next to the nursery. FMI: Global Hospitality Chair, Susan O’Keefe, slcburnett@me.com or 242-9100.

This winter – Date t/b/a **The Shared Pulpit Class... A winter opportunity**

“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, [The Shared Pulpit, A Sermon Seminar for Lay People](#). 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.

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/>

[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

**** For more information about the following connections, [click here](#). ****

DAY of WEEK / TIME	EVENT / GROUP	CONTACT INFO
EVERY Monday 6:30-8:00pm, 1 st Mon. – Hybrid Other Mondays – Only Private Zoom	Peaceful Heart Sangha	FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com
2 nd and 4 th Monday NEXT Nov 25 9:30 am – Noon, C-FH	Sewing/Craft/Hobby Group	Martha 887-1104 or 303-5859 / Nancy 213-3047
EVERY Tuesday 10:30-11:30am, Zoom only	Lectio Divina	FMI: Lori Milner lmilner3@gmail.com
EVERY Tuesday 4:00-5:00pm, C-FH	Sustainable Health Qijong Drop-in Group	FMI: Susan Roberts slrotr1@gmail.com
EVERY Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm	UUCC Choir Rehearsal	Bridget Convey at musicdirector@augustauu.org
EVERY Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00pm, C-FH and Private Zoom	Gentle Yoga	FMI: DebbieMattson@hotmail.com
2 nd and 4 th Wednesday 1:00-2:30 p.m., C-FH	Seasoned Souls <self-select over 65 y.o.>	Hal Booth at halbooth1@yahoo.com
EVERY Thursday 8:00- 9:30 am, River Studio, Hallowell	Peaceful Heart Sangha	FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com
1 st Thursday, NEXT Dec. 5 Noon – 1:30 p.m., C-FH	Read Learn Share Book Group <u>Tattoos on the Heart</u> by Gregory Boyle.	June Zellers at jzellers@roadrunner.com or Kathy Kellison at kell6787@gmail.com .

EVERY Friday 6:00-7:00pm, C-FH	Fabulous Friday AA Meeting	
4 th Friday, 6:30 – 8:30pm, C-Sanct Nov. 22 & Dec. 27 cancelled Next Meeting is Jan 24th	Free Style Drum Circle	Mike Moody: mtmoods@gmail.com
EVERY Saturday 9:00 – 11:00 am, C-Sanct	UUCC Occasional Orchestra Rehearsal	Michael Atkinson mpatkinson@gmail.com
3 rd Sunday, Next Dec. 15 11:00 am – Noon, C-FH	Fellowship Lunch	Marilyn Dunn Maine2007@hotmail.com
4 th Sunday, Next Nov 24 1:00-2:30, C-FH & Zoom	Goddess / Earth Circles	Helen Zidowecki hzmre@hzmre.com

**** For more information about the above connections, [click here](#). ****

Board of Trustees

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At the November 14 meeting the Board:

- Heard an update from Debbie Mattson about the Saturday Breakfasts.
- Heard an update on the progress the Maine UU State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) is making toward getting is 501c3 status approved as that has an impact on our serving as their fiscal sponsor.
- Learned that our phone system has to be updated.
- Set a date for the Annual Appeal.
- Heard an update on Drew House and the Capitol Area New Mainers Project.

Complete minutes will be posted on the UUCC website and on the Board of Trustees bulletin board in the church vestibule when they are available.

The next board meeting is Thursday, December 12, 2024.

All are welcome to attend but please see the [UUCC Policy for Board Meeting Visitors](#).

If you have an item that you would like the Board to consider, please contact michaelatloisel@gmail.com

General Information

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

Other ways to UCC Zoom Room Zoom:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UCC Pastoral Ministry Team

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

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

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

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

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

UCC Small Group Ministry



Looking for greater human and spiritual connection during this most disconnected of times? Small Group Ministry offers this vital need in our spiritual community, and so much more! For more information, contact Linda Findlay (207-377-8028, linda.findlay@gmail.com) or Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com)

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 (11/20) – Abbreviated E-Blast
- NO E-blast (11/27)
- E-Blast (12/4) Full E-Blast
- NO E-Blast (12/11)

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

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 - use cell phone

Email: minister@augustauu.org

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

Minister's schedule

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

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

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