

# Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church  
Wednesday, March 23, 2022

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## A Message from the Minister

Happy Spring! As a part of Lent, I have attended a weekly meditation group. The teacher opens with a brief reading, and then we sit for 25 minutes together on Zoom. It's been a fitting practice for my sabbath on Mondays. While I am not good at meditating alone, I have found myself looking forward to this temporary meditation group. It feels like a reprieve from the chaos.

The worship committee and I are in the final steps of planning reopening. The plan is primarily dependent on some last technological logistics. Once we have the technology set, hopefully, this week, we will be announcing a reopening date. We expect to have worship available via an online video stream (like watching tv) and in-person worship with a limited number of attendees. We need your help to prepare the church building for reopening! There will be a **reopening clean-up** of the inside of the church this **Sunday, March 27, from 2-4 pm**. Please RSVP to me or Marilyn Dunn ([maine2007@hotmail.com](mailto:maine2007@hotmail.com)).


As always, you are invited to reach out to me for any reason. I am available for a conversation by appointment. As an interim, I am especially interested in getting to know individual members and hearing your thoughts. Additionally, I am available for pastoral care conversations on a range of topics. I continue to offer weekly "Coffee with Chloe" sessions on Tuesdays from 10-11 am on the church zoom.

Sending warm wishes,  
Chloe Briede, Interim Minister  
[chloeucc@gmail.com](mailto:chloeucc@gmail.com)  
207-623-366

## Upcoming Services

Worship Theme: March - Renewing Faith  
April - Awakening

*Join us as we explore the challenges and adventures of these themes.*

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday March 27, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 a.m. via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"A Leap of Faith"</b> Chloë Briedé, UUCG Interim Minister</p> <p>Sometimes in life, we can carefully plan out our next decision, our next move. But, sometimes must take a leap of faith. Chloe will reflect on the theme of faith and how having faith can help us through transitions or uncertain times.</p> <p>Special thanks to our worship associate Susan Claska Burnett, our Sunday tech Marty Peters, and our pianist Stef Barley. We may also have a new video from the choir.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT Sunday April 3, 2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 a.m. via Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>"Awakening to Now"</b> Chloë Briedé, UUCG Interim Minister</p> <p>Our April theme is "Awakening." As we make changes, with both the coming of spring and our move to hybrid worship, let us awaken to now. We will ground in what is true for us at this moment, both celebrations and sorrows.</p> <p>Special thanks to our worship associate Marilyn Gordon, our Sunday tech, Marty Peters, and our pianist Karen Foust.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>What's On Your Mind?</b></p> <p>Join us after coffee time as we meet for this regular monthly listening session. The UUCG Board wants to hear what you are thinking, your ideas, your concerns, your suggestions about how UUCG is doing. Board members will be present to hear your questions and concerns.</p> <p>Do you have questions about how UUCG operates? Do you wonder "Why?" about something? Are there things you would like to learn more about? We will not be making decisions during these times, but will listen intently and take all comments and ideas back to the board. See you there!</p>

***All services and events are held in the UUCG Zoom Room unless noted.***

**[Click here to join:](#)**

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



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## **Did you miss the following services?**

**Sunday 3/13/22 – "Invitations to Faith"** with Visiting Minister, Rev. Meg Mathieson\*

Watch the complete service by clicking the following link: [Link to 3/13 "Invitations to Faith" service](#)

**Sunday 3/20/22 – "Wonder and Awe"** - with Chloë Briedé, UUCC Interim Minister

Watch the complete service by clicking the following link: [Link to 3/20 "Wonder and Awe" service](#)

## **Special Events / Opportunities**

The Sunday March 20th **What's on Your Mind/Listening Circle** went so well that the Board and Committee on Ministry would like to offer another opportunity for you to attend.

**PLEASE JOIN US TONIGHT**

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 – 6:30 pm.**

Our goal for tonight's session is twofold.

- Primarily, we want to give congregational members and friends a chance to discuss transitions in our shared ministry and Minister Chloe's plans to leave at the end of the church year.
- Secondly, we want to ask what you would like to see happen in the church before the call of our settled minister.

Join us by logging on to the church's zoom room at <https://zoom.us/j/8238070673>, then enter passcode: 6971 (you can also click on the Zoom Room button/link on Pg2 of this E-Blast).

Join by phone: dial 1 646 558 8656, at first prompt (meeting id: 823 807 0673#)

Questions? Contact Kathy Ann Shaw, Board President at [kathyannshaw@roadrunner.com](mailto:kathyannshaw@roadrunner.com).

**PLEASE SEE – Notices / Updates / News for the discussion and comments made at the 3/20 meeting.**

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## **"Coffee with Chloë **CONTINUES**"**



Minister Chloe will continue (through March) the informal church zoom room on **Tuesdays from 10-11 am** to chat and check in with UUCC-ers.

No RSVP required; drop in when the spirit moves. Chloe is calling this event "**Coffee with Chloë**," but feel free to bring a beverage of your choice.

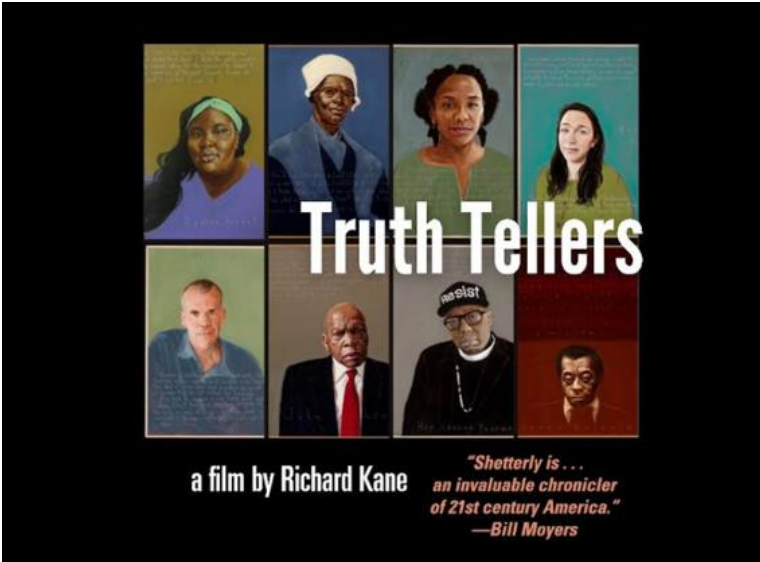


## Plans to reopen are still moving forward

There will be a **reopening clean-up** of the inside of the church this **Sunday, March 27, from 2-4 pm**. We need 5 or 6 volunteers to help with this task.

Please RSVP to Minister Chloe or Marilyn Dunn ([maine2007@hotmail.com](mailto:maine2007@hotmail.com)) or text to 207-344-4980.

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## TRUTH TELLERS

On Line Screening and Live Q&A  
Thursday, March 24 7-9pm EST

Includes artist Rob Shetterly and activists Reggie Harris and Maulian Dana, both of whom are featured in the film

You are invited to a screening of the film: Truth Tellers followed by a live question and answer session with artist Rob Shetterly and activists Reggie Harris and Maulian Dana, both of whom are featured in the film.

Truth Tellers is a new documentary film about

Maine artist and activist Robert Shetterly and his project Americans Who Tell the Truth. In the film, Shetterly uses art to celebrate the voices of courageous past and present activists fighting for racial equity, environmental justice, and indigenous rights.

The film chronicles the work of Shetterly along with nine subjects of his portraits to educate and inspire around models of moral courage throughout U.S. history. The film premiered in September 2021 at the Camden Film Festival in Maine, and The BTS Center is pleased to offer this public screening in partnership with the Maine Council of Churches.

Use the following link to register AND see the film trailer. <https://thebtscenter.org/truth-tellers-online-film.../>

This event is free, but contributions will be gratefully received to support The Wabanaki Alliance, one of the local efforts spotlighted in the Truth Tellers movie.

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## SAVE THE DATE

On SATURDAY MAY 21, PAUL LANGSTON-DALEY will offer us an experience of restorative justice around the conflict that has simmered in our congregation for several years. The Board and Committee on Ministry know that some of you have come to terms with what happened. At the same time, there are people who remain deeply unsettled by those events.

We are offering this opportunity to hear from one another so that we can learn more about being a community of mutual support and grace. We expect that this will be an in-person event following the protocol in place at the time for Covid precautions.

We will also be offering this opportunity on Zoom and will let you know as soon as that date is set.

More information will follow as we get closer.

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## Join UCC's Social Justice group Sunday, March 27th, 11:30 on the Church Zoom

Discussion will include:

- Where are we with the 8th Principle and where do we want to be?
- Opportunities to join with local and national groups working for our democracy to get out the vote and work at the polls.

All are welcome.

Debbie Mattson & Michaela Loisel, Co-chairs

## ACTIONS FOR YOU FROM MUUSAN

### Week of March 21, 2022

From DEMOCRACY IN ACTION:

Now is the time to write to your legislators regardless of their committee assignments, asking them to support these bills, especially those on the Appropriations table waiting for funding.

LD 1779: Protection of Possession of Ballots and Voting Devices - **On the Appropriations Table**

LD 231: Semi-open Primaries - **On Appropriations table**—please support funding. [send this link](#) to the LWV site for a quick online action for your congregations

LD 1155: Post-election audits - **On Appropriation table**

LD 1830: Amend Election Laws (Tribal ID and nursing home access)  
Divided report (2/7) still awaiting vote

LD 859: Ranked choice voting for municipalities  
Work session 3/7: Divided report: 7/5 - Awaiting house vote

## 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/>

<p><b><u>Monday</u></b> Each week</p> <p><b><u>6:30 – 8:00</u></b> <b><u>p.m.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></b></p> <p>You may join us at 6:15 to settle in.</p> <p>Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at email <a href="mailto:martysoule@gmail.com">martysoule@gmail.com</a>. FMI: <a href="mailto:peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com">peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</a></p>	
<p><b><u>Wednesdays</u></b> Each Week</p> <p><b><u>5:00 – 6:00</u></b> <b><u>p.m.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Gentle YOGA</u></b></p> <p>Hosted by Debbie Mattson</p> <p>Please join us a few minutes before 5:00 to settle in so we can begin our class right at 5:00 p.m. Click the link below to join. <a href="https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09">https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09</a> Password <b>174192</b> - FMI: <a href="mailto:DebbieMattson@hotmail.com">DebbieMattson@hotmail.com</a></p>	
<p><b><u>2nd &amp; 4<sup>th</sup></u></b> <b><u>Wednesday</u></b></p> <p><b><u>10:30 a.m. -</u></b> <b><u>Noon</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Seasoned Souls</u></b></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 meet in the UUCC Zoom Room.</p> <p>FMI: please contact Diane (<a href="mailto:dmoongrove@gmail.com">dmoongrove@gmail.com</a> or 446-6162) or Stefanie (<a href="mailto:stefbarley@gmail.com">stefbarley@gmail.com</a> or 629-8890)</p>	
<p><b><u>Thursdays</u></b> Each Week</p> <p><b><u>8:00 – 9:30</u></b> <b><u>a.m.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></b></p> <p>You may join us at 7:45 a.m. to settle in. Meet from 8-9:30</p> <p>Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at <a href="mailto:martysoule@gmail.com">martysoule@gmail.com</a>. FMI: <a href="mailto:peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com">peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</a></p>	
<p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup></u></b> <b><u>Thursday</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Noon-1:30</u></b> <b><u>p.m.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b> <b><u>is: April 7</u></b></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Our next meeting will be April 7, 2022. We will meet in the UUCC zoom room from Noon – 1:30 p.m. to discuss <u>The Ninth Hour</u> by Alice McDermott. Anyone interested in this book is welcome to join us whether or not you have attended before. FMI about this or any meeting of the group, contact June Zellers at <a href="mailto:jzellers@roadrunner.com">jzellers@roadrunner.com</a> or Kathy Kellison at <a href="mailto:kell6787@gmail.com">kell6787@gmail.com</a> We would love to have you join us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A magnificent new novel from one of America's finest writers—a powerfully affecting story spanning the twentieth century of a widow and her daughter and the nuns who serve their Irish-American community in Brooklyn. -- Goodreads</i></p> </div> </div>	

	<b>- More Connections by Day of the Week -</b>
<b><u>2nd &amp; 4<sup>th</sup></u> <u>Thursday</u></b>  <b><u>9:00 – 10:30</u></b> <b><u>a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>Writing Group</u></b>  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. We meet in the UCC Zoom Room.
<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</u></b>  <b><u>1-2:30 p.m.</u></b>  <b>Next Meeting is March 27</b>	<b><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></b>  We are continuing exploration of Wicca: March 27 - Mysticism and Spirituality, and Karma and the Afterlife April 24 – Ancestry May 22 - Magic, Ethics and Morality June 26 - Other Topics for Consideration  Resource: A Beginners Guide to the Wiccan Religion: <a href="https://wiccaliving.com/what-is-wicca">https://wiccaliving.com/what-is-wicca</a>  Goddess/Earth Circles focuses on Goddess, women’s lives and earth-based spirituality. All ages and genders welcome. More information on UCC website. Leader for the series is Mary Shifman (213-9760, <a href="mailto:shifmanmary@gmail.com">shifmanmary@gmail.com</a> ).

**Notices / Updates / News**

**What’s on Your Mind/Listening Circle  
March 20, 2022**

Reactions about transitions in our shared ministry and the news of Chloe’s departure were freely expressed as we started the meeting. Most attendees had concerns to begin with at hearing the news and later saw some hope for the future. But first reactions included:

- *“I was dismayed.”*
- *“Stunned.”*
- *“Not joyful.”*
- *“Worried about continuity.”*
- *“I thought of quitting the church.”*

After some time, members felt less nervous:

- *“We are in pretty good shape. We will struggle as we reopen, so, it is a perfect time as we work with the UUA process to start with a new interim for a 1- or 2-year period. We need to be grounded in the interim process and we ‘have’ Chloe through the end of [church] year.”*
- *“We are going through the [new] interim process as the path to heal.”*
- *“Quick, fast and furious reaction [and] now [we] are open to opportunity. Galvanize and we can do this together.”*

Although the Board and CoM purposely did not ask for advice on how to move forward--the Board will be meeting later this week to discuss such decisions--those thoughts burst forth rapidly.

- *“The Board should continue with a [new] interim process for 1-or 2-years as we move toward with our settled ministry.”*
- *“No more lay ministers or a contract minister, this would only push us back.”*
- *“We need a new interim; it is a commitment to self-care.”*
- *“We need a 2-year interim process because we are not ready to organize our search committee.”*

Questions did come up about what contract ministry was and how it differed from interim ministry. The Board, and others who had been through the process, explained that contract ministers can be with a congregation for a shorter amount of time, but a contract minister can go through the UUA interim minister training, as Chloe did.

The majority of participants expressed a preference for a new 2-year interim ministry rather than 1 year for congregational healing and the critical nature of the settled ministry process.

The group seem clear and passionate. It was interesting how vividly they spoke in one voice.

***AN INVITE -- If you missed Sunday's meeting, you have a second opportunity...***

Please join us *tonight at 5:00 pm* for another special What's on Your Mind/Listening Circle to discuss the same transitional issues about our shared ministry. See Special Events / Opportunities above for the complete notice.

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### **Financial information from UUCC Treasurer for February 2022**

At the recent What's on Your Mind? session, a request was made that information about the finances at UUCC be put into the e-blast. SO....Here it is!

As the treasurer, I present a draft of the monthly report to the finance committee on the first Thursday of the month meeting. Edits, corrections, questions are shared, and a final report is done for the Board for the meeting on the third Thursday of the month. Each report is for the previous month's income and expenses. This changes as new expenses are paid and new income is deposited into the bank accounts.

The figures below are from the Feb. Board meeting report. They represent all activity through Feb 28, 2022. This is 67% of the fiscal year. There are 4 months to go to the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

Pledges paid to date: \$126,789 which is 87% of the goal of \$145,500.

Annual appeal: Donations of \$6,180 without the match added yet.

Offering received during services: \$65.00

Total income from all sources: \$187,821 which is 727% of budget goal of \$241,880

Total expenses to Feb 28, 2022: \$137,116 leaving a positive balance of \$50,705.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Martha Naber, Treasurer, at [marthanaber73@gmail.com](mailto:marthanaber73@gmail.com).





## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We have just learned that Rita Moran passed away on March 14<sup>th</sup> after a short illness. Rita was a friend of the UCC and had (pre-COVID) offered our community ritual celebrations from the Pagan tradition (Yule and Imbolc for example). Click the below link to read her memorial.

<https://earthtides.org/in-memorial-rita-moran/>

As we know, UCC member Robert (Bob) Rand passed away on Sunday, January 30, at MaineGeneral after a long illness. Bob's obituary is now available at <https://www.centralmaine.com/2022/03/10/obituaryrobert-a-rand/>.

Information about a celebration of life will be forthcoming.

## It's Auction Time



We announce a "Special Auction" this year, for one week, during which we will auction off ONLY two Work Crews (no other services or items).

One work crew will be led by Marilyn Dunn and the other by Michaela Loisel. Each work crew will be made up of 8-10 able-bodied members and friends of the church. You will decide ahead of time the chores to be done and the tools that we will need.

The work crew arrives at your property ready to fix, paint, assemble, rake, trim, plant, wash, scrape and much more! We can accomplish almost any chore. Just ask people who have won previous work crew bids, such as Nancy Fritz, Kathy Ann Shaw, Kevin Kane and Hannah Faulkner.

You will be asked to provide paint, if needed, and we would all appreciate it if you made lunch for the crew.

Here's how it works:

**Beginning March 25**, at 5 p.m., you may bid on a work crew (we will let you know who will be your team leader). [Email your bid](mailto:palmercatherinemaine@gmail.com) to the auction coordinator, Catherine Palmer, at [palmercatherinemaine@gmail.com](mailto:palmercatherinemaine@gmail.com). **Anyone can bid, whether or not you are an active participant in our community. So... if you know anyone that needs work done, let them know about this opportunity!**

She will let you know if you are outbid, so you can increase your bid and win the Work Crew! The auction **ends on Thursday, March 31, also at 5 p.m.**

If there is a friendly bidding contest occurring at the end of the week, Catherine will keep it open until no one sends a higher bid for three minutes. Then she will announce the winner to all bidders! Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

Your work crew leader will recruit all volunteers. **Bid high as this is our only auction fundraiser this year!**

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## Board of Trustees

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS for the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be forthcoming.

At the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board approved a new Reopening Plan.

The plan is summarized by the COVID-19 Advisory Group in its article below. The full Reopening Plan was attached to last week's E-Blast and is available on the church website ([www.augustauu.org](http://www.augustauu.org)) or from the church administrator [@admin@augustauu.org](mailto:@admin@augustauu.org) or 622-3232.



**Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta**

**SPECIAL Board Meeting A G E N D A**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/8238070673>, then enter passcode: 6971

Join by phone: dial 1 646 558 8656, at first prompt (meeting id: 823 807 0673#)

Chalice lighting

Check-In

Introductions with special guest, Joe Sullivan, NE UUA

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Outline of NE UAA experience with the Interim Process

Discussion of UUCC options for FY22-23 Interim Minister selection process

Adjourn

### Update from COVID-19 Advisory Group

We bring you glad tidings of great news. On Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, the UCC Board of Trustees adopted a new plan to reopen the church to in person gatherings.

This reopening plan makes use of a brand new metric for determining the local risk of community transmission of COVID-19. We have adapted the recently released United States CDC Community Level assessment guide as our metric for phased reopening. This assessment guide rates each county on three separate metrics and assigns a color code of green, yellow or red based on the level of COVID risk in that county.

We will be using those color codes to determine what level of physical distancing is necessary to minimize the risk of COVID exposure to our attendees during in person church gatherings. Green = 3 foot distancing, yellow = 6 foot distancing and red = no in person gatherings. Kennebec County is currently yellow.

#### UPDATE for 3/23/22:

Kennebec county is presently **Green** per the CDC COVID Community Level color code.

We are investigating the installation of a church ventilation system &/or other ways to further reduce COVID risk to our attendees. Currently, our reopening plan requires that we open all the doors and windows to allow natural ventilation to reduce virus aerosols. Additionally, we will be requiring all attendees to wear high quality masks as defined by the CDC at all times while inside the building.

**We strongly urge all attendees to be fully vaccinated including all appropriate booster shots.** It is very important that each person fully evaluate their personal health risk factors as well as their own risk tolerance related to COVID-19 to decide if in person attendance is right for them.

We will be hearing lots of additional information on the plans for reopening from the Board and Worship team over the next few weeks.

### Dr. Don on Covid-19

Dr. Don on COVID-19

What Makes A Virus More "Transmissible?"

This week the federal CDC has categorized much of Maine in the 'green' low-risk category. Aroostook and Washington counties continue as high-risk for COVID-19 and Penobscot, Piscataquis and Hancock counties are at medium risk. This good news is tempered by learning that the more transmissible Ba2 Omicron variant of COVID is rapidly spreading here. So discussing what makes a virus more transmissible seems timely. An article in Scientific American 'Why Is Omicron So Contagious?' informs this writing.

The new variant is spreading rapidly worldwide. New travel restrictions and mounting anxiety have followed infection by this heavily mutated version of the virus, now reported in over 60 countries. In South Africa,

where Omicron’s mutations were first identified, the more transmissible Ba2 variant has shown that it can reinfect people who have recovered from earlier versions of COVID, as well as those who have been vaccinated against it. What is going on?

Transmissibility reflects the virus’s ability to replicate in human cells and move from person to person. “It depends on all sorts of biological processes,” explains Jeffrey Shaman, an infectious disease modeler at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health. Questions he asked were: “Does it bind more easily to receptors in people’s lungs? Do you shed it more efficiently and spew more of it out so you can infect more people?”

First, since the virus increases the irritation of the lungs or throat it is more easily spread by coughing, talking or even just breathing, and more become infected. There is an important second part to increasing infections, immune system evasion. This is the capacity of the virus to avoid antibodies that mark it for destruction by various immune system cells, and also slowing the destruction of infected body cells producing the virus. Antibodies attaching to the specific structure of the virus mark it like a red flag for white blood cell attack. Likewise, virus infected cells are marked for attack. Any mutation change in virus structure or its infectious pattern while growing in our cells aids the virus in spreading.

Evidence that Omicron Ba2 does evade human immune responses is accumulating. A study led by Alex Sigal, a virologist at the Africa Health Research Institute in Durban, South Africa, found that neutralizing antibodies in people inoculated with the Pfizer vaccine were roughly 40 times less potent against Omicron Ba.2 than they were against other variants. But whether Sigal’s lab experiments foretell reduced vaccine protection in real life is still uncertain, says Sarah Cobey, an epidemiologist and evolutionary biologist at the University of Chicago because “immune escape is about much more than neutralizing antibodies.” Vaccines also activate specialized immune cells that destroy infected cells, so Omicron would have to avoid them as well. “Immune escape cannot be definitively measured in a lab,” Cobey says. So we continue to count infected individuals.

Statistics, ever the most reliable tool in medicine, show that vaccination, even if imperfect, is still highly effective in preventing COVID hospitalization and death. When the second COVID booster becomes available I will have it.

Send your questions, comments or suggestions to [donnaber1364@gmail.com](mailto:donnaber1364@gmail.com)

## **General Information**

**All worship services AND virtual events (unless noted) are held 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.**

## Ad-hoc Covid-19 Advisory Group

This group has generously volunteered to be available to support members with personal safety, health or travel questions, concerns, or anxieties. Feel free to reach out to one of them directly.

Betty Cairn, RN	<a href="mailto:StonehengeMaine@yahoo.com">StonehengeMaine@yahoo.com</a>	207-215-6394
Terry Lee Cairn, ND, MSOM, Lac.	<a href="mailto:tlcnaturalhealth@yahoo.com">tlcnaturalhealth@yahoo.com</a>	207-557-2557
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Marty Soule, PA-C	<a href="mailto:martysoule@gmail.com">martysoule@gmail.com</a>	207-685-9270

## 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)	<a href="mailto:Mjpell14@roadrunner.com">Mjpell14@roadrunner.com</a>
Helen Zidowecki	207-582-5308 (h)	<a href="mailto:hzmre@hzmre.com">hzmre@hzmre.com</a>
Tracy McNaughton	207-623-3110 (h)	<a href="mailto:tracy.mcnaughton@yahoo.com">tracy.mcnaughton@yahoo.com</a>
Peggy Lamb	207 622-5174 (h)	<a href="mailto:plambflowers@outlook.com">plambflowers@outlook.com</a>

**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 Angie Blevins, 592-5655 or 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 Michael Conley at 207-248-7948 or at [es-therpearl67@gmail.com](mailto:es-therpearl67@gmail.com).

## **UCC Office Hours – NEXT WEEK**

### UCC Office Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday

8:00 am to 1:00 pm. <plus 7 flex hrs >

**Church Administrator:** Lynn M. Smith,  
[admin@augustauu.org](mailto:admin@augustauu.org) or 622-3232

**Interim Minister,** Chloë Briedé

Email: [chloeuucc@gmail.com](mailto:chloeuucc@gmail.com)

Office: (207) 623-3663

For pastoral emergencies please call her cell phone (757) 234-1303. She will return your call as soon as possible.

### Minister Briede's office hours:

Monday No office hours - Sabbath

Tuesday Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Friday No office hours – Writing day

<Other hours available by appointment>

### Staff Contact information:

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Music Director, Bridget Convey, [musicdirector@augustauu.org](mailto:musicdirector@augustauu.org)