

The Weekly Flaming Chalice Unitarian Universalist Community Church

January 12, 2014

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION TODAY:

9:15-9:40: First Service: We'll all begin in the Fellowship Hall with young UU worship.

9:45-10:30: Classes: UU Sources - World Religions; Islam Part I

Chalice Children/Explorers - ages 5-6 (K-1 grade), Judd House, 2nd floor; with Molly Quintal and Susan Caldwell.

Navigators - ages 7-11 (2-5 grade) Drew House, 2nd floor back room with Christine Little and Lorana LaLiberte.

Seekers - ages 11-14 (6-8 grade) Drew House, 2nd floor, front room with Pam Lombard and a helper.

10:30 Coffee Hour: Parents of Chalice Children/Explorers and Navigators - please meet your children before enjoying coffee and conversation.

11:00 Second Service: We'll begin in the Sanctuary with a "Time for all Ages". From there any children ages 5-18 are welcome to join Carol Strecker and Liz Johnson for "Spirit Play" upstairs in the Judd House.

12:00 Parents of children under the age of 11, please meet your children immediately following the service.

Nursery Care is available for children 4 and under during both services. Today's Nursery Care workers are Shannon McAuliffe and Kathryn Wright.

12:30 Religious Exploration Committee, Judd House 1st floor.

5:30 Jr. Youth Movie Night - 5:30 to 8:00, Drew House.
Movie: "The Avengers" Bring \$3-5 for pizza.

TODAY'S GREETERS:

First Service: The Jennifer Johnson Family
Second Service: Melanie Lanctot/Mary Perkins

THIS WEEK AT UUCC:

Monday: **Long Range Planning Committee** (J. Bonk) ~ 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M., Drew House, Downstairs
Board Meeting ~ 6:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall
SGM (D. Scully) ~ 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M., Committee Room
Mindful Meditations ~ 6:30 P.M., Sanctuary

Tuesday: **Loving Kindness Meditation** ~ 9:30 A.M. – 10:30/11:00 A.M., Drew House
Calendar Meeting ~ 11:00 A.M., Judd House (71)
Open Alanon Meeting ~ 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M., Robbins Room
Energy Committee (M.Dunn) ~ 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Immigration Committee (S. Ralph) ~ 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., Olsen Room
Leap of Faith ~ 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: **Seasoned Souls** (Rev. C. Strecker) ~ 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall
SGM (D. Sorenson) ~ 1:30 P.M., Off Premise
Choir Rehearsal (J. Morris) ~ 6:30 P.M., Sanctuary
SGM (P. Lamb) ~ 6:30 P.M., Olsen Room
Just Guys ~ 6:30 P.M., Fellowship Hall

Thursday: **SGM** (H. Zidowecki) 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., Committee Room

Friday: **NVC** ~ 10:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., Robbins Room
Chocolate Auction (S. Stratton) ~ 6:30 P.M., Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary

Saturday: **MUUSA** (D. McCormick) ~ 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall

TODAY AT UUCC:

Elder Lunch ~ 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall

RE (Rev. C. Strecker) ~ 12:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M., Judd House (71)

Jr. Movie Night (Rev. Carol Strecker) ~ 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., Drew House. Movie "**The Avengers**"

NEXT SUNDAY AT UUCC:

January 19 "Speaking Truth to Power" (Part 1) Rev. Carie Johnson.

The Wabanaki-State Truth and Reconciliation Commission has begun their work of bearing witness to the countless stories of native children who were taken from their homes. What responsibility do we bear? How do we acknowledge our role in the colonization and genocide of a people? How shall we take action?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE BOXES:

Please return your GAYT Boxes to either Young UU Worship or Worship in the Sanctuary this Sunday. Please fill out the form on the back of your box and consider becoming a member of UUSC: Donations of \$10 = student/youth membership, \$20 = senior membership, \$40 = individual membership and \$75 = dual membership ❖

DONATIONS NEEDED:

The Augusta Warming Center is open for business. It is a cozy, safe place for individuals and families to gather throughout the day to stay warm; socialize and get referrals to social services if needed. The Center is located at 44 Front Street on the back side of the Masonic Building. They are open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. every day of the week, and remain open through inclement weather.

Our church has supported them in the past, and we again want to reinforce their mission. The Warming Center is in need of all kinds of supplies, such as coffee, tea, hot chocolate, sugar, sweeteners, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, conditioner, personal razors, sheets, towels.

They also would appreciate donations of healthy snacks, such as fruit, juice boxes, peanut butter crackers, boxes of raisins, etc.

There is a container marked "Warming Center" in the front coat room for your donations. We will be delivering them each week to ensure the freshness of items brought in on Sunday. Any questions? Contact Nancee Campbell at 621-7727 or nancee1944@gmail.com

It's Cold Outside!

Clothing Drive to Benefit Warming Center

We would like to invite you to donate warm clothing, especially mens clothing, children's clothing (ages 2-9) and women's large clothing to the Warming Center here in Augusta. You can bring clothes to church on January 19th, 26th and February 2nd. Leave them in the boxes we'll provide in Fellowship Hall. We'll deliver them to the Warming Center. Purchase a Peace Jam water bottle any of those Sundays and the proceeds will also benefit the Warming Center.

Thanks, PeaceJam ❖

Loving Kindness Meditation - 5 winter sessions Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30/11am, Jan 7 - Feb 4 Drew House (white building next to UUCC on Summer St)

I hope that this message finds you with a warm place to rest in the midst of all the ice and snow. Before Christmas, a UUCC member expressed interest in exploring Loving Kindness (Metta) Meditation as shared in Sharon Salzberg's book, *Loving Kindness*. It is a simple meditation that I have found very helpful to open my heart more fully to myself and to others.

We have come up with a plan and would like to invite others to join us in exploring this practice. We will have some quiet time for sitting, time to get up and move, time to share. There are chairs available. Cushions or benches may be brought, if that is what you prefer.

You might want to explore this meditation through Sharon Salzberg's book (*Loving Kindness*) or Thich Nhat Hanh's book (*Teachings on Love*) or Jack Kornfield's introduction to the practice (*The Path with Heart*). I'm sure there are many many other sources to explore, if you are so inclined. However, you do not need to do this.

No preparation is necessary. We'll just explore the practice together on Tuesdays. ❖

DISPLAY CASE:

Thanks to Abby Lorie for the January display regarding Beginnings.

We are looking for your additions, such as:

- Birthday cards and candles
- hats and whistles
- pictures of sunrises
- calendars
- branches with buds
- doorways and gates
- sayings, poems about Beginnings

Please put your name with the items so that they may be returned. Items may be left in the Display Basket in the Committee Room. Or contact Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com) ❖

CAKES FOR THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN

See the flier for this energizing, enticing, and evocative curriculum for older youth and adults (all genders). Sessions are being held the first Sundays of the month, starting February 2, 12:30-2:30pm. Sign-up on the Bulletin Board, or contact Helen Zidowecki 582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com) A minimum of 5 participants are needed to offer the course. Ensure that it will happen - sign up today! ❖

Bal Folk (French Dance)

Join us and dance to music provided by the band Le Bon Truc, including our very own accordionist Gary Chapin and singer Joelle Morris with the fabulous caller Marie Wendt!

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church of Augusta Maine
69 Winthrop Street, one block up the hill from Lithgow Library

When: Saturday January 18, 2014 7-9 pm

This event is PAY WHAT YOU CAN, but suggested donations are

Adults \$15
Children 10-18 \$8
Children under 10 free
Bring finger food for the buffet table if you wish! ❖

Social Activities:

OPEN DISCUSSION:

On JANUARY 19 you will have an opportunity to join the OPEN SMALL GROUP and discuss January's theme of NEW BEGINNINGS. Kathy Kellison will lead a session for anyone who is interested using our Small Group Ministry process. We will meet at 12:15 in Judd House and begin promptly at 12:30, finishing at 2:30. Come find out about Small Group Ministry, find out about others in our church, find out more about yourself. See Kathy with any questions.

COMMON READ:

The UUA common read is *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. The author, Michelle Alexander is an attorney, civil rights advocate, litigator and professor. She writes about how our prison system is a cast system that disproportionately and intentionally affects people of color. There will be a book discussion led by Sharon Piantedosi and co-facilitated by Grainne Dunne, justice organizer for the Maine chapter of the ACLU, on **Tuesday, February 18th**. The brown bag meal discussion options are noon to 1:30pm, or 5:30-7pm at the Fellowship Hall. Books will be on sale at coffee hour starting January 12th and ending February 9th. ❖

MLK Speaker Breakfast

Monday, January 20, 2014
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Winthrop, ME

Living the Dream: A Multi-faith Community Dialogue

PANEL PRESENTATION BY PARTICIPANTS IN A
MULTI-FAITH TOUR OF ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Rabbi Hillel Katzir, Temple Shalom, Lewiston

Rev. Dr. Scott Dow, Transformation Travel, Augusta

Rev. Carie Johnsen, Unitarian Universalist Community Church,
Augusta

Reza Jalali, Multicultural Student Affairs, USM, Portland

Join the Winthrop Area Ministerial Association for this conversation celebrating religious diversity. Imaging a world where we are judged by how our lives speak.

Imaging a world where people connect across their differences.