

The Weekly Flaming Chalice Unitarian Universalist Community Church

January 19, 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.
Music, Movement, and Art activities for
all ages in Drew House.

10:30 Coffee Hour: Parents of Chalice Children/Explorers and Navigators - please meet your children at Drew House 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 Christine Little 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 Kathryn Wright and Isabella Ucci.

TODAY'S GREETERS:

First Service: Brigid Chapin/Emma Chapin
Second Service: Charlene Cleven/Sunshine Perlis

THIS WEEK AT UUCC:

Monday: **SGM** (D. Maddi) Ellis McKeen ~ 6:00 P.M.,
Committee Room
SGM (M. Naber) ~ 6:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall
Mindful Meditation ~ 6:30 P.M., Sanctuary

Tuesday: **Loving Kindness Meditation** ~ 9:30 A.M. – 10:30
A.M., Drew House
WAMA ~ 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M., Off Premise
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., Committee Room
SGM (T. Cookson) ~ 6:00 P.M., Committee Room

Wednesday: **SGM** (S. Burnett) ~ 2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M., Off
Premise
Just Guys ~ 6:30 P.M., Fellowship Hall

Thursday: **Safe Congregation Task Force** (Facilities Group) ~
2:00 P.M., Judd House (71)
Safe Congregation Task Force ~ 3:00 P.M., Judd
House (71)
Choir Rehearsal (J. Morris) ~ 6:00 P.M., Sanctuary
Drum Circle ~ 6:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall

Friday:

Peace Jam (Rev. C. Strecker) ~ Meeting at St. Marks
at 12:00 P.M then traveling to Leeds, ME at 3:00 P.M.

TODAY AT UUCC:

Elder Lunch ~ 12:00 P.M - 1:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall
Open Small Group (K. Kellison) ~ 12:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M., Judd House
(71)
Internship Committee ~ 12:15 P.M., Olsen Room

NEXT SUNDAY AT UUCC:

January 26 "Speaking Truth to Power" (Part 2) Sharon Piantedosi

The incarceration system in the United States disproportionately and intentionally affects people of color. This mass incarceration is called "The New Jim Crow." What are the ways we can respond? How can we build a movement to dismantle a system that has manipulated fear and taken advantage of indifference?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS:

Thank you Ansley Sawyer for your design, execution and installation of the new Nametag Racks. Ansley worked with Rita and Cheryl in the design, and even through challenging weather and power outages, the wall was patched and painted by Cheryl and Stef Barley and magically the racks appeared! Thanks for adding this special touch to welcome us all into Sunday morning. The bottom rack has been dedicated for children's nametags! Let us know what you think....

The Goodie Cabinet for Hospitality sharing on Sunday morning is **ALMOST EMPTY!** It's so important to keep this pantry full. Please make a donation this Sunday and as often as you can...cookies, chips, crackers and all non-perishable items are truly appreciated. Fellowship can't happen without the involvement of many.

Your Membership Committee, Jim, Rita, Cheryl and Nancee ❖

FUNDRAISING NEWS:

A warm thank you to UU Community Church members and friends who steadily bring income to our church. This week Apple Valley Books contributed \$100 they gained from their holiday fundraising appeal. Marilyn & Tom recently sold special boots on E-Bay, earning \$110 for the church. ❖

ATTENTION CHURCH MEMBERS:

January 31st is coming up quickly. If you can, please give Terry or Hannah a decision on your personal May 9, 2014 Auction contribution by that date. Are you an artist, a baker, a quilter, a writer, a jewelry maker, a woodworker, a musician, a logger, a babysitter, a language or dance teacher, a gardener or an elder companion? Which of your talents would you like to share with the people from the general public who will attend our widely publicized **May 9 Church Fundraising Auction**? Please give it some thought.

Work is starting in late January on the booklet that describes your donations. We are aiming to sell \$10,000 worth of goods and services. Please see or contact Hannah Faulkner 293-9377 or hannahuu2@fairpoint.net. Or Terry Cookson 445-2942 or tlcnaturalhealth@yahoo.com by January 31st to tell us what your talent contribution will be. Watch for forms to be available at the Fundraising bulletin board.

Terry and I also ask that you bring us a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant before February 28. We suggest that you take your family out to eat at that restaurant during February, and before you leave, ask the manager for a gift certificate for our church. We have forms available for you to fill out and give to the business as an acknowledgement for the gift certificate. ❖

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 men's 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, Peace Jam ❖

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. ❖

New UU Classed:

Tuesdays, February 11th, 25th & March 11th
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. In Fellowship Hall

Are you new to Unitarian Universalism? Are you new to Unitarian Universalist Community Church? Are you curious about this odd and wondrous faith, this uncommon denomination? Do you have questions about what it means to be part of a liberally religious and diverse faith community? Do you want to meet other members, friends and newcomers? Are you hungry for connection with other people with the larger UUCC community? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this class is your next step in your journey of connection and

belonging. Please join Rev. Carie Johnsen and Nancee Campbell for this three class series to meet other UU's, explore your spiritual odyssey, and find community. Sign up for this class by calling Mary T. Simpson at 622-3232 or send an email to admin@augustau.org. We look forward to getting to know you and helping you to find a religious home that is both meaningful and connected. ❖

Sign up Today for Cakes for the Queen of Heaven:

5 sessions - Sunday's after second service, February to June. What difference does identifying deity as feminine make for women and men? See Helen Zidowecki or Rita Moran at Fellowship Hour, or sign up on the bulletin Board. ❖

Sunday, January 26 Join Goddess Continuing/Earth-Centered Circle:

12:30-2pm in the Fellowship Hall, for Imbolc. What is awakening for us as spring approaches from the depths of winter? Who was Brigid and what is her message for us today? ❖

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, and 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. ❖

ART CLASS:

On Saturday, Feb 1st from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. there will be an art class working in the medium of clay with Liz Johnson and Cheryl Clueky. ❖

DISCUSSION on “THE RADICALIZATION OF JOURNALISM”

On Sunday, February 9th at 1:15 P.M., Lance Tapley, award winning Maine Journalist, (who lives in our UU neighborhood) will present a discussion on “*The Radicalization of Journalism*.” This presentation will take place after the Elder Luncheon. ❖

MLK Speaker Breakfast

Monday, January 20, 2014

8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

CANCELLED

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. Imagining a world where we are judged by how our lives speak.

Imagining a world where people connect across their differences.