

UUCC President's Message August 2017

Wow...Has summer flown as fast for you as it has for me? It seems like yesterday that the days were still getting longer, and not we are heading to fall...It is such a reminder for me that we live in cycles. For so many years August was leading up to the beginning of another academic school year. Now with retirement that is no longer a marker of time. But it does mean the beginning of another church year!

So what are we looking forward to starting again? The *choir and orchestra* will begin to rehearse again in Sept. Are you interested in joining either or both of these groups? Music is so highly valued in our congregation's life together that there are many opportunities for you to participate. Please give yourself time in August to really consider this....

Religious Education (RE) will start again in Sept. Do you have a love of the younger folks in our church to whom you would like to pass on the UU values and ideas? RE needs all of our help to be a strong program on Sunday mornings for the children in our congregation both in class time and during Spirit Play. What about playing with and caring for the youngest amongst us in the nursery? The new pilot venture of having all church Faith Cafés needs lots of support as well. The first one will be held Sept. 8, so get it on your calendars. Please give yourself time in August to really consider this....

Worship services begin with the ingathering Sunday on Sept. 9. We realize many of you still have summer activities planned, but maybe you can figure out how to join us as UUCC kicks off the fall season. Filling the pews, filling the sanctuary with song, filling yourself with the elements of worship will reconnect us all as we begin the church year. Greeting old and new friends can **fill** us as we begin the fall. Please give yourself time in August to really consider this....

Fundraisers are all organized for the entire church year by the chair of fundraising, Catherine Palmer. (Catherine has already published a calendar of all the events.) Maybe this is a way you want to step out and become more involved in UUCC. I know your help and support will be much appreciated. Please give yourself time in August to really consider this....

Routine maintenance of our 3 building campus is ongoing, no matter what time of year it is. We can look forward to the leaf raking fun soon! The building and grounds work group and the Facilities Committee can use more voices, arms and legs to keep UUCC's property strong and safe and useful for us all. Please give yourself time in August to really consider this....

I do not intend to rush you through August, but do want to encourage you to think of what comes next at UUCC. Lots of preparation work will be going on during August to ensure we all have a meaningful experience as we begin the church year in Sept. Please give yourself time in August to really consider this....

Sincerely,
Martha Naber
President, UUCC Board of Trustees

BOOKS FOR SERIOUS READERS is coming back!

You are invited to join us anytime we are reading something that you would like to discuss. We meet in Fellowship Hall on the first Thursday of the month from 12:30 until 2:30 between October and June. (We do take December off.) Our first selection for October 5th is A Book of American Martyrs by Joyce Carol Oates. We will be diving into a fictional exploration of the culture wars that occupy so much of our public discourse. On November 2nd we will explore Homo Deus by Yuval Noah Harari. He sounds a warning about the implications of technology for humanity and humanness. More information about this group will be available in the Adult Enrichment Guide coming soon.

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Kathy Kellison kell6787@gmail.com or 445-4415.



UUCC CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

The UUCC choir is looking for new members, the more the merrier! **All levels welcome, reading music is NOT required.** Come and share your voice with our UUCC community. We have some wonderful music planned for the 2017-2018 season, including several collaborations with our orchestra. Rehearsals are

Wednesdays from 6pm to 8pm, in the sanctuary. Rehearsals will begin on August 23rd, 2017. All are welcome, join us! Please contact Bridget Convey at:

musicdirector@augustauu.org

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soul to the *universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination,
and life to everything”*

Plato

Goddess/Earth Circles will be leading the August 27th Summer Service, with a focus on Harvest Goddesses. Harvest has many implications and goddesses from around the world. If you would like to participate in planning or participating in the service, please contact Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hamre.com) Goddess/Earth Circles Summer Connections will follow the service, at 11:30am around the picnic table in the yard, weather-permitting, or the Fellowship Hall. The plans for the sessions for 2017 are on a flier in the Vestibule

Worship Arts Retreat

You're Invited!

August 26th

9:00am – 3:00pm (tentative) Fellowship Hall

Members and friends of the congregation are invited to join the Worship and Music Committee, along with the choir, pianists and UCC program staff in the exploration of what makes worship meaningful, inspiring and transformative. This retreat will explore the elements of worship, the role of the leaders and the congregation. We will actively engage the questions of integrity, authenticity, and quality in worship. This is your opportunity to bring your voice and vision to the conversation on crafting and leading worship.

Coming this Fall..... Faith Cafés

What is a Faith Café?

This is the name of a monthly community event for all ages that will begin in the Fall at UCC.

Faith Café is a pilot program developed by the Wisdom Weavers group in response to information gathered at the Religious Exploration Retreat attended by about 70 people in March.

The first **Faith Café** will be Friday, September 8th (See notice on next page). Wisdom Weavers will host this event that will include food, music, and activities developed around the first UU Principle: *The inherent worth and dignity of each person*. All ages, from infants and toddlers through our oldest community members, are encouraged to participate.

There are seven principles which UU congregations hold as strong values and moral guides. Each month, from September through April (excluding December), there will be a **Faith Café** that focuses on one of the principles. Members of the Wisdom Weavers group will recruit and mentor team members to organize and host each month.

While the first **Faith Café** will be held on a Friday, dates for future Cafes will be determined by the results of a congregational poll. Watch for more details as plans for the **Faith Cafés** continue to develop.



WE ARE ANTICIPATING YOUR ATTENDANCE AT SEPTEMBER'S

Faith Café

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF AUGUSTA
Friday, September 8, 2017 (5:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

POTTERY NIGHT
MAKE YOUR OWN CHALICE

THIS MULTIGENERATIONAL EVENING OF FAITH FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP WILL INCLUDE:
FRUIT, CHIPS, BEVERAGES, AND DESSERT.
WE ENCOURAGE EACH HOUSEHOLD TO BRING SANDWICHES AND A PICNIC BLANKET.

***Unitarian Universalist Community Church
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Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline for SEPTEMBER newsletter: August 21st.
Submissions received after this date may not be able to be published.

Please submit all articles as an attachment in a Word document using Arial font size 11. Don't forget to give your article a title and sign it. Send an email to newsletter@augustauu.org with the article as a word attachment! ***Photos of church activities welcome! *** You will receive a confirmation e-mail of receipt of your submission.

Minister: Reverend Carie Johnsen

Board President: Martha Naber

Sunday Morning RE Coordinator: Brigid Chapin

Youth Advisor: Monique McAuliffe

Choir Director: Bridget Convey

Contact information for Committee chairs and other leaders can be found in the UUCC directory or obtained by contacting the Office Administrator.

Office Administrator: Lynn Smith
Phone: (207)622-3232 or email: admin@augustauu.org

Office hours: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (Tues, Wed & Thurs)
No office hours: Monday or Friday

Reverend Carie's office hours:

Tuesday 1-5 pm and Wed 2-6 pm and by appointment

Friday is Rev, Carie's Sabbath. She does not attend to e-mails, phone calls or meetings.

For Pastoral Emergencies please call Rev. Carie on her cell phone (508) 221-5295 and she will return your call as soon as possible.

Social Media links: Professional Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/revcarie.johnsen>

** Rev. Carie also keeps a personal/private Facebook page. If you have requested to be her Friend, please do not feel slighted by her decline or Unresponsiveness. Instead, take a minute to friend her at RevCarie Johnsen

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