



The Flaming Chalice

The newsletter of The Unitarian Universalist Community Church
69 Winthrop Street ~ PO Box 8 ~ Augusta, ME 04332-0008

August 2018

Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 A.M.

August 5th

“Reading Alone in a Cafe?”

Jim McKenna

What do St. Augustine, Dunkin Donuts, John Dewey, McDonald's, Abelard and Heloise, the Downtown Diner, Karl Marx, Bagel Mainia, and Hemingway have in common? If anything?

August 12th

“Laughter, Loss and the Realities of Aging” Seasoned Souls group

How do you feel about getting old? Are you a little anxious about the ‘Fifth Season’ of life and all it has to offer? Come meet UUCC’s Seasoned Souls, a group of church members age 65+, who have discovered support, reassurance and laughter when discussing the various aspects of aging and death. Join us to discover how we have created a safe and Sacred place to tell it all.

August 19th

“The Hard Conversations”

David Greenham and Gary Chapin

The Hard Conversations: They get harder and harder, these conversations that you have to have with family, friends, colleagues, and perfect strangers. It’s no exaggeration to say that lives are at stake. David Greenham (director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine) and Gary Chapin will bring thoughts and strategies for talking about racism, #metoo, immigration and too much else.

August 26th

“The Tools UUs Use”

Charlene Cleven

Join Charlene Cleven, Marilyn Gordon, and Annie Nessen Voorhees for a discussion of the tools we use to cope with our ever changing and complicated world, nation, and church. How do we interact with our community, our peers, our children on our journey to putting people before programs as we have been charged to do? Come join us for music, poetry, and reflection.

Save the Date

The 2018 fall Leadership Retreat

will be held on: Saturday September 15th from 9 am to 3 pm.

Please join us for a thoughtful day of discussion on how we "do church": the discernment of our shared ministry and sustainability. We welcome all members for this retreat!

Message from the President, UUCC Board of Trustees

As I sit here in the heat of July and relish the outside activities that the Maine summers provide, I'm reminded of the many changes that will be happening just around the corner. Summer will quickly fade into fall, school will start again and church will welcome back our family and friends to another year.

We will be beginning a year that will have us exploring how we want to do church and how do we meet the changing needs of our congregation. The deliberate conversations will expand our vision for meeting the spiritual needs of our congregation. Please be looking for opportunities to be part of these discussions so that we move together as a church family.

I hope you enjoy the rest of what summer veins and come back to church renewed and ready to worship together. I look forward to talking with you and getting to know you all better. Please feel free to come up to me or contact me anytime.

Peace

Jill

THANK YOU. Thank you... Thank you.

To our Newsletter Editors

Bill and Roxanne have resigned from producing the monthly Flaming Chalice newsletter after completing the July newsletter. Thank you both for your commitment to producing the newsletter for the last year! We appreciate the time you spent to prepare a well-designed newsletter to keep us informed. The Office Administrator will prepare the newsletter until a new plan can be formulated.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

ASKING OUR UU COMMUNITY FOR ANY AND ALL SUGGESTIONS FOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES NEXT YEAR.

Music,

An author, book, talk,

An old movie or a new movie,

Circle Suppers,

Anything else????

Please email cherylclukey5@yahoo.com with your suggestions
Looking forward to hearing from you.

Cheryl Clukey

The congregation voted at our Annual meeting on June 3 to approve ALL the nominations of the Leadership Development Committee. The Board thereafter filled a couple of leadership positions at its June 13th Board of Trustees meeting. Our new leadership is shown below.

Welcome to all our new leaders

Board of Trustees:

President: Jill Watson

Vice President: Karen Foust

Treasurer: Nancy Fritz (Will continue for another year)

Clerk: Susan Caldwell

Board member at large, term expiring 2019: Jens Dill (Board approved to finish term at the June 13th Board meeting)
<Liza Gottlieb resigned from this position to serve as Stewardship Co-Chair>

Board member at large, term expiring 2020: David Rand (Will continue term)

Board member at large, term expiring 2021: Nancee Campbell

Youth Member: Phyllis Clark

Finance Committee:

Chair: Kathy Ann Shaw

Member at large: Catherine Palmer

Stewardship: Liza Gottlieb and Martha Naber, Co-Chairs

Invested Funds: Wick Johnson (Three members of committee: Wick Johnson, Janine Bonk, Annie Reiter)

Fundraising: No nomination for a chairperson at the Annual meeting

At the June 13th Board of Trustees meeting, the Board decided that instead of a Fundraising chair, it would seek individuals interested in running specific fundraising events.

(Catherine Palmer will continue to manage the Hannaford card program)

Committee Chairs:

Facilities: No nomination <**VACANT**>

Building and Grounds Work Group: Bill Allen (Will continue for another year)

History: Helen Zidowecki (Will continue for another year)

Leadership Development: <**VACANT**>

Membership: Kathy Kellison (Will continue for another year)

Music: Hannah Faulkner (Will continue for another year)

Personnel: Michaela Loisel (Will continue for another year)

Religious Exploration: Deb Mattson (Board approved Deb for chair at the June 13th Board of Trustees meeting)

Small Group Ministry: Michael Conley (Will continue for another year)

Social Activities: Cheryl Clukey (Will continue for another year)

Social Justice: No nomination <**VACANT**>

Worship: Annie Voorhees

READ. LEARN. SHARE We are a group of book lovers who meet monthly to discuss a book. The books are chosen by the core group, and our hope is that anyone interested in a particular title will join us for that discussion. Come to one discussion, come to all of them.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month from October until June from 1:00 until 2:30 in the Robbins Room in the church building. The books are all available through local libraries or can easily be purchased.

We have chosen the following titles for the 18-19 year:

October	— There, There by Tommy Orange
November	— The Soul of America by Jon Meecham
December	— Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
January	— The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
February	— Exit West by Mohsin Hamid
March	— Choosing Civility by Pier Forni
April	— The People's House by David Pepper
May	— Educated by Tara Westover
June	— Sing Unburied Sing by Jesmyn Ward

For more information contact June Zellers at izellers@roadrunner.com 582-5862 or Kathy Kellison at kell6787@gmail.com 445-4415.

GODDESS / EARTH CIRCLES

Join us for Summer Connections on August 26, 11:30am until about 1pm.
This time is for sharing, along with readings for goddess and earth circles reflections.

Looking ahead, the time of the gathering on **September 23** will change back to after the Second Service, 12:15-2:00pm. The theme will be "Women Claiming Wisdom" from life experiences, and an invitation to learn about the ancient ritual of croning, which will be held on **October 28**, with the Wisdom Luncheon. This recognition of Samhain (Halloween) includes croning and sharing wisdom. Look for more information in the next newsletters.

Youth and adults, all welcome.

For more information about Goddess/Earth Circles, contact Helen Zidowecki, hzmre@hzmre.com or 582-5308.

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Thanks to Rev. Carie for the Celebration of the consolidation of the two UU congregations to form the UUCC in 1992. The reflections from members of each of the congregations, some more traditional hymns, and a brief story of our journey to where we are today captured the essence of who we are as we continue to discern who we will be as a faith community in challenging and trying times.

Copies of 25 Years at UUCC are in the display case in the hallway. And while you are there, can you name people in the various pictures, especially the one of the retreat at the YMCA camp?

There are still parts of the history to be written. Contact Helen Zidowecki (hzmre@hzmre.com, 582-5308), or put a note in the History Committee mail slot in the Committee Room. Thank you.

Is your hair on fire about the treatment of immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers by this administration?

Did you attend one of the June 30 "Families Belong Together" demonstrations?

**Wonder what UUs can do
to make a difference right here in Maine?**

ALL ARE CALLED!

SanctUUary Summit

Saturday, August 18

10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. (brown bag lunch)

UU Community Church of Augusta

69 Winthrop Street, Augusta

Sponsored by MUUSAN's Racial Justice Issue Group

WE RESPOND! At General Assembly 2018, our UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray issued a CALL TO ACTION, charging us to consider what is the most urgent issue facing our most marginalized communities right now, and how we UUs can step in to do the work that is most needed.

Revs. Carie Johnsen, Christina Sillari and Drew Moeller, along with MUUSAN Co-Chairs Julia Fitz-Randolph and Trudy Ferland, put their heads together on this challenge in Kansas City. They wanted to bring home the GA excitement about the critical refugee and immigrant work being done by UUs around the country, and very importantly, how to include all our Maine UU congregations in this work, not just those in urban areas.

We challenge and invite ALL Maine UUs to consider how they can deepen their participation in efforts to support immigrants and refugees.

The Summit is FREE but registration is requested. PLEASE REGISTER [HERE](#)
Please bring a brown bag lunch.

To jumpstart the conversations, MUUSAN is requesting that you complete the brief survey (link below). The survey will help to identify efforts that are being undertaken on behalf of immigrant and refugee communities.

SURVEY of ENGAGEMENT WITH IMMIGRATION ISSUES:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JJ8WV6>

The survey can also be found any time
on MUUSAN's Home Page: www.muusan.org

Choir Rehearsals to begin on August 22nd



The UUCC Choir is always looking for new members. Your ability to read music is not necessary, ALL are welcome! We have a fun and fabulous season ahead of us...

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 22nd, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Questions? Please contact Bridget Convey at: musicdirector@augustauu.org

Winter Wonderland Church Fair 2018 Update and Requests

Thank you to all of you who are knitting, crocheting, crafting, and collecting items for the church fair Dec. 1, 2018. The monthly craft group has collected items, cleaned and organized much donated jewelry, and looked ahead to the fair.

In August the fair work group/craft group will be working on holiday decorations and tree ornaments. Join us at the Craft Circle on August 22 in Fellowship Hall from 2-4 PM to have fun and create fair items.

The Winter Wonderland Fair co-chairs, Nancy Fritz, Nan Bell, and Martha Naber are looking for volunteers to work with them to organize the following fair tables:

- Candy and sweet treats
- Cookie Walk
- Fresh greens and wreaths
- Knitted and crocheted hats, mittens, other items
- Cards and paper gift items
- Homemade soups to go
- The Café

We are excited about the fair and hope it becomes a great success!

Contact Nancy at nfritz@roadrunner.com or Martha at naber@gwi.net to volunteer! Thank you.

Craft time at UUCC

The craft group will reconvene on August 22 from 2-4 in Fellowship Hall to work on holiday decorations and tree ornaments for the church fair. All are welcome to come chat together as we work on our projects. Bring your knitting, crocheting, sewing, whatever you are interested in doing! See you there.

For more information, contact Martha Naber naber@gwi.net or 887-1104 or Jean Sizelove at mesizelove@roadrunner.com or 623-5096.

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Newsletter Submissions

Submission Deadline for August newsletter August 20th

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: Jill Watson

RE Coordinator: 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.

Rev. Carie's Office Hours:

Monday off

Tuesday 1:00 – 6:00

Wednesday 2:00 – 6:00

Thursday Writing Day

Other times and days available by appointment.

Monday is Rev. Carie's Sabbath. She does not attend to emails, phone calls or meetings. For pastoral emergencies please call her cell phone (508) 221-5295. She will return your call as soon as possible.

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

Office hours: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Tues, Wed & Thurs)
No office hours: Monday or Friday