



# The Flaming Chalice

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

September 2018

## Sunday Worship Services at 9:15 & 11:00A.M.

### Sunday Morning at UUCC

Worship Services at 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.  
Religious Exploration Classrooms at 9:15  
Nursery Care available at 9:15 and 11:00

Listed below you will find information regarding special services! You will find more information regarding weekly services and programs in the Wednesday eblast and Sunday written announcements

### Monthly Worship Theme

*What does it mean to be a people of...*

#### September

*Vision*

*The practice of intentional imagination*

September 9<sup>th</sup>

In-gathering Sunday

Don't Forget to bring vial of water  
from your summer sojourn.

September 29<sup>th</sup>

UUCC welcomes Rev. Alun Dafis,  
Minister, Brondeifi Chapel, Lampeter, Wales, UK.

#### October

*Openness*

*The practice of finding  
sacred space within and  
ensure welcoming space of all*

Rev. Alun Dafis will lead worship on  
October 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

#### November

*Memory*

*The practice of honest remembrance and honoring  
the shoulders on which we stand*

November 18<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Communion

This traditional service draws on the metaphor of  
harvest to celebrate the blessings  
and hardships of living.

#### December

*Mystery*

*The practice of embracing  
life with humility and awe*

Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

**Lighting the Way:  
Grief, Loss, and the Holidays**

December 24<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
5:30 p.m.

## A NEW YEAR, A NEW LOOK

The beginning of a new church year is always an exciting time for reconnecting with old friends and the familiar activities that have slowed down during the summer. It's a time to welcome new friends and visitors to our congregation and to all that UU Community Church in Augusta has to offer. It's also an opportunity to examine our standard practices and discern how we could be more effective.

The Board and staff have been looking at ways to streamline our communications efforts, and we've looked closely at the labor-intensive monthly newsletter. The Communications Workgroup discussed the newsletter and supported the recommendation that publication would be three times a year and issues would contain content filled articles, rather than calendar items.

To maximize the efforts of our volunteers, the Board of Trustees voted to try this newsletter format this year. Instead of monthly, we will publish a more comprehensive edition in September, January and April, to coincide with the church year. For those few members without electronic communication, pastoral ministers will consider a practice of mailing weekly announcements. A committee of Rev. Carie, Martha Naber and Nancee Campbell was formed to initiate the process with the September edition.

UUCC will continue to utilize several methods of communication:

- The weekly email blast that comes to all the members and friends every Wednesday;
- The information publications available in the foyer and pews about our programming;
- The weekly announcements in the Sunday Order of Service; and
- The comprehensive web site ([www.augusta.org](http://www.augusta.org)) that lists all the activities and events, as well as all the offices and organizations of the congregation.

The new newsletter will feature more in-depth articles on various aspects of our congregational life, as well as innovations occurring in churches elsewhere. We hope this new approach will address the difficulty of securing newsletter volunteers and getting accurate information to everyone in the congregation.

The 'New Newsletter Committee' hopes that everyone in the congregation will take advantage of the variety of communication opportunities we offer. Please talk to any one of the committee members if you have observations or suggestions.

Rev. Carie Johnsen, Martha Naber, and Nancee Campbell

## ALL ARE WELCOME - UUCC LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Leadership Retreat will be held on Saturday September 15th from 9am to 3pm. Please join us in a journey toward discernment in our church ministry. The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall and lunch will be supplied. Please RSVP to Karen Foust at [karmafoust@gmail.com](mailto:karmafoust@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so that we can be sure to plan lunch accordingly.

## **FROM THE DESK OF REV. CARIE**

### **A Faith Journey...**

A New Year, A New Look, and a few new practices.

I am excited to be returning to my tenth year of ministry at Unitarian Universalist Community Church. What a wonderful shared ministry we have co-created. Together, in our little corner of the world, we have grown exponentially in our inreach and our outreach. People have come and gone, children have grown up and moved away, still the vibrancy of Life, Love and the Holy lives on in the community that gathers together.

As Monique McAuliffe, Religious Exploration Director and I, sat to plan the upcoming year and review the list of children and youth, we enjoyed reminiscing about the growth of the children in the community. I am always astonished at the changes in our children over the summer. They grow by inches, their features change, they mature in remarkable ways, and they come back to church refreshed and renewed. There must be something in the summer sun.

This September, as you, the members and friends of this congregation, return to our beloved community to join those who have kept the chalice flame lit (THANK YOU to our phenomenal worship team of leaders and associates and fellowship volunteers), you find a few things have changed in our sanctuary.

- A beautiful art installation will adorn the front of our sanctuary. This abstract depiction of our past, present, and future has been lovingly crafted and designed by Martha Naber, Nancy Fritz and Nan Bell. More details will follow. Join Martha on Sunday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:15AM between services to talk about the making and meaning.
- A new monitor will be permanently installed above the worship leaders chairs in the sanctuary. No more projectors and carts and cables to clutter up our space. Sunday morning announcements will scroll across the screen before service every Sunday. Some weeks we will use the screen to enhance the service with story and images. We now have the option of lyrics being projected every week.

This Summer, as I returned from my very low key vacation hanging close to family and friends, I am choosing to adopt practices to declutter and to disconnect.

Some of you may have already noticed, I've adopted a spiritual practice of disconnect, in appropriate ways of course. To promote balanced and healthy living in relationship with community, I have removed email and Facebook from my phone. My goal is to create more space in my days where I am detached from the demands of a busy, vibrant, engaged, and fulfilling ministry. No doubt this new practice will be a bit of an adjustment for all of us. Given I am no longer available by email and Facebook 24/6, we will need to plan a bit ahead. Please know I will check emails 2-3 times a day and Facebook 2-3 times per week.

In the spirit of changing rhythms, I ask you:

What parts of your life need adjusting?  
Where are you giving too much?  
Do you have enough space in your days to be still, restore,  
connect with what matters most and the people who matter most?  
What is one thing you can give up to create more meaningful living?  
What is one source of beauty you can pause to inhale deeply?

May you find peace and joy and love in your living. May your days be meaningful. May your soul connect to something beyond yourself. May you be held by Life and Love. May you hold yourself and others in the Grace of Love unfolding.

In faith, Rev. Carie Johnsen

## ***Message from the President, UUCB Board of Trustees***

As we move into the new church year and prepare for cooler temperatures and shorter days, we look forward to multiple opportunities and some changes. The word opportunity means "a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something". We will have a variety of opportunities to engage in thoughtful reflections that will help us envision how we could meet the changing needs of our congregation. Another opportunity will be experienced when we welcome Rev. Alun-Wyn Dafis from Wales as Rev. Carie trades places with him as each ministers to the other's congregations. We are excited for both Alun and Carie as each has individuals gifts that they will share with both congregations.

Still another opportunity where we will be engaging in discernment in church ministry is the Leadership Retreat in September.

We also will be experiencing several changes. Change is defined as "make or become different". One of these changes will be seen in the number of newsletters. We are moving from monthly to 3x a year (fall, winter and spring). Weekly emails will continue to keep the congregation updated with all the activities occurring within the church.

Although we will experience some changes and opportunities during the fall, we will always continue to support and care for each other through open and heartfelt interactions.

I hope the fall brings each of you joy and an opportunity to grow.

Peace

Jill Watson

Board President

## **Welcome back to our Religious Exploration Youth Programs and Classroom!**

Our first day of class will be on Sunday 9/16.

Nursery Care is available for children 4 years of age and younger are welcome in the Nursery, which is next to the Fellowship Hall. Care is provided by one trained youth and one adult volunteer per service, who will be present each Sunday to share time with our youngest UUs. Nursery care is available at both services, every Sunday. Parents are expected to sign their young children into the nursery. The same parent is expected to sign their child out in keeping with our Safe Congregation policy.

At UUCA we offer a morning RE class during our first service at 9:15 AM. Our youth begin in the sanctuary and head to the classroom at the Drew House following the Wisdom Story in the service. This year we will be basing our interactive classes off of the RE Resources from Soul Matters; What does it mean to be a people of Vision. We will be learning through music, art, games and social service projects. We will be visited on some of our mornings with members of our own community who will be sharing their UU spiritual practices, life skills and journey's that deepen their faith, thus helping to strengthen our youths relationship with their community, home and church.

We will be offering a Coming of Age Program this year for youths ages 12-14 years. We will be meeting every second Sunday, 9:15 - 12:15 in the Drew House downstairs.

Throughout history, communities have welcomed youth on the cusp of adulthood with rituals of recognition, honor and celebration. The Coming of Age Program helps our youth discern for themselves what it means to live a life of faith, individually, and as part of a larger Unitarian Universalist faith community. It involves spiritual learning and enrichment activities, community service, group discussions, bonding games and working with mentors.

Each month our youth will explore a variety of daily spiritual practices as well as work on leadership skills, UU identity and good old fun. The program features a ropes course, a trip to Boston and a year-end service presented by the youth during which they will read their statements of belief(or credos) and be recognized as emerging young adults.

Our Junior and Senior Youth are invited to participate in our Peace Jam Social Justice Group that meets every 1st Sunday, 3:00-5:00 in Fellowship Hall of our Church.

Peace Jam is a social-action leadership program for youth ages 13 to 18. The group meets once each month on a Sunday evening to explore peace work, engage in a service-learning project, and enjoy each other's company. The program includes a Peace Jam Conference in the spring and culminates in a Peace Jam Service for our congregation. The youth involved study a Nobel Peace Prize winner throughout the year whom they will meet at the Peace Jam Conference.

At the UUCC we strive to meet social and spiritual needs of our youth as their faith community. We want our youth to leave the RE program with a very good idea of what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, a person of a liberal religious faith. We hope they will know the fulfillment and security a faith community holds for each and every individual willing to become part of a connected group of loving people who celebrate life in all its mystery. We also work together to understand the power of faith in action to affect change for good in our world.

The Religious Exploration leaders, teachers and volunteers are supported by our amazing UUCC Community who is here to offer a safe place for our youth to stretch their minds, touch their hearts and nurture their spirits!

Sowing the seeds, Monique McAuliffe, RE Coordinator

*The great end in religious instruction is not to stamp our minds upon the young, but to stir up their own.*  
WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING

## UUCC Celebrates Ministerial Formation

### Claire Curol, Candidate For Ministry

To the philosopher Heraclitus is attributed the ancient wisdom that "One can not enter the same river twice, for both the river and the person are constantly changing." In this spirit of everchanging time and flowing water, I return to our UUCC community this year.

It is good to be coming home, and it is also important to name that both I and our congregation have changed in the years I've been away at seminary. As Rev. Carie shared this spring, I've completed my internship and my Master of Divinity degree, and I continue in the UUA's credentialing process. I am scheduled to re-interview with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee this winter, and their decision will determine the timeline for the steps that follow.

In the mean time, I will be participating here, but my role here going forward will be different than it was in the beginning. Three years ago this congregation sponsored me as a candidate for ministry and witnessed the beginning of my collegial relationship with Rev. Carie. Now that I am returning to the congregation she serves, it becomes important that I honor my covenant with her, as a colleague, to support her as settled minister of this congregation. I'm learning to become **a** minister, but Rev. Carie is **our** minister.

My ministry is elsewhere. Since last October I have been serving as a per diem chaplain at Maine Medical Center in Portland, anywhere from one night a month to several nights a week as need demands. It's fulfilling work and I hope to continue this ministry for the foreseeable future. I am exploring the possibility of further credentialing as a board certified professional chaplain, after I complete the UUA's requirements for fellowship and ordination. One credentialing process at a time!

I love you all. I am glad to be home. I am inviting this congregation to join and witness this part of my journey.

Yours in faith and love, Claire Curole, Candidate for Ministry

## The Ordination of Erica Rose Long

by Arlington Street Church  
[351 Boylston Street](#)  
[Boston, Massachusetts](#)

Sunday, October 7, 2018  
The service begins at 3pm  
Religious Professionals will robe for the  
processional at 2:30pm

Join us for a joyous celebration as Erica Rose Long is ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister by Arlington Street Church! The service will include music offered by Unitarian Universalist composers and musicians Mark David Buckles and Nick Page and a sermon by Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie. A reception will follow the service. Parking is available on the surrounding streets and in the Boston Common Garage. You can also reach the church by public transportation. The Green Line "Arlington Street" stop is directly outside the church entrance. The sanctuary is wheelchair accessible. If you have any questions, you may email Erica at [erica\\_long@mail.harvard.edu](mailto:erica_long@mail.harvard.edu).

Erica Rose Long grew up in Augusta, Maine and participated in religious education at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church. She now works as a chaplain at Massachusetts General Hospital and as a religious educator at Arlington Street Church.

### ***Rev. Alun-Wyn Dafis: Welsh Minister's Visit to Maine***

by

Judy McCown, Member of Host Committee

Rev. Alun-Wyn Dafis will be arriving on September 27<sup>th</sup> to begin his month-long stay in Augusta while Rev. Carie is in Wales ministering to his congregation. He will be met at Logan Airport by Marty and David Thornton who will acquaint him with our church and take him to Rev. Carie's apartment where he will be staying while she is away. He will also have the use of her car while he is here.

We are planning a Welsh Cultural Evening to welcome him to our church and you are invited to attend this gala event. It will be held on **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** and will consist of two parts:

#### **6:00 to 7:00 In the Fellowship Hall**

Welsh Dinner and Music

Reservations are required for this as we need to know how many are coming.

#### **7:00 to 8:30 In the Sanctuary**

Music, Folk Dancing, Video Presentation

No reservations required - Open to the Public

To make your reservation for the Dinner please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or contact Judy McCown and Bruce Bierce at [bbierce@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bbierce@myfairpoint.net) or Marty Thornton at [marty.thornton@gmail.com](mailto:marty.thornton@gmail.com). Reservations are needed by September 22<sup>nd</sup> so that we know how to plan. We will need help with the dinner so please tell us if you are able to assist with that.

During our meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Carie, Bruce, Marty and I were able to "meet" Rev. Dafis on Skype. He described some favorite Welsh foods, including Cawl (lamb stew), Welsh rarebit, and the use of leeks in garden salads and quiche. He is going to send some recipes that we may use for the dinner.

Rev. Dafis explained that he plays many instruments, is in a band and is hoping to connect with other musicians while in Augusta. He has offered to teach a Welsh folk dance to a group during our Cultural Evening.

Rev. Carie is preparing a schedule for Rev. Dafis' visit that includes meeting with a Small Group Ministry and also with Seasoned Souls. He will be attending an Elder Luncheon and a Community Supper where he has been asked to offer a prayer before the meal. He will be giving the sermons at our church on September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Rev. Dafis has visited our country before but this is his first trip to Maine. He will be with us until October 24<sup>th</sup> and we all want him to have a pleasant and memorable time. We hope he will get to know many of you and that he will receive invitations to enjoy some of the wonders of our beautiful state.

When asked what he would especially like to do in Maine, he said he is open to everything so here are some things that could be interesting to share with him: lighthouses, beaches, forts, museums, apple orchards, farms, cheese making, ferry rides, universities, libraries, family meals, musical gatherings, films, picnics, alpaca farms, hospitals, coastal villages, wine making, state parks, UU churches, trains, restaurants, boat building, schools - and the list goes on .

If there is an activity that you would like to do with Rev. Dafis, please contact Michael Conley @ (207) 622-2945, or email [estherpearl67@gmail.com](mailto:estherpearl67@gmail.com), and he will determine how your idea would fit into his evolving schedule.

We are looking forward to meeting this personable minister who lives in New Quay, a beautiful seacoast town in Wales. Unfortunately, his wife is unable to make the trip with him because of VISA complications.

### **New Sanctuary Banner Celebrates 25 Years of Merger**

Quilting enthusiasts Nancy Fritz and Martha Naber were approached by Rev. Carie Johnsen early in 2018 and asked about creating a banner to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merger of the Unitarian and the Universalist congregations in Augusta. They agreed and met with Rev. Carie and Annie Voorhees to discuss ideas and what the Worship Committee wanted to convey with a new banner.

Nancy and Martha asked Nan Bell, an artist and longtime friend of the church, to join them in thinking about a design to depict the journey of the two separate churches and the move to becoming UUC. The similarities and differences of the two historic congregations were listed, the merger process was shared, and ideas of how to represent all this were used to give Nan details to incorporate in her draft and then final sketch of a design.

The work began with finding an approach that would honor the ideas and would work with fabric. Paper patterns were drawn, sample elements made in cloth, many measurements taken, individual fabric stashes were scoured, fabrics ordered arrived, and finally techniques were chosen. Construction began early in August when Nancy and Martha recognized that the large tables and space available in Fellowship Hall would be very helpful to lay out all the supplies while continuing to sew on the individual elements.

Excitement built as the Unitarian and Universalist church circles came alive with fabrics representing music, worship, taking our values into the world, coffee, children, families and youth, diversity, nature, making connections, and even the challenges of difficult times.

The merger took more than a year of many meetings and negotiations about all the aspects of making two congregations into one. The quilters and artist decided to use a braid made of fabric to represent all the work and decisions that were required to form one body from the two previous congregations, decisions which still impact UUC today.

Finally, the flaming chalice was chosen as a symbol of UUC today. It is set on a background of a hand painted multicolored fabric Martha found many years ago at a quilt show.

A more detailed key to the banner will be distributed after it is installed in the sanctuary. Check out the banner and discover what meanings you find. Join Martha on Sunday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:15AM between services to talk about the making and the meaning.

### **News from your Discernment Team**

The Discernment Team of our church began its work on August 27, 2018. The Team will function for 2 or 3 years and in that time will develop and facilitate a process for congregational discernment. The process of the Discernment Team's work develops in engagement with the congregation. There is no imagined outcome except the adaptations for the continued vitality of the UUC of Augusta, Maine well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The word discernment has evolved from the French "to sift" and from the Greek "to judge." The current definition is to grasp and comprehend the obscure.

The Discernment Team will observe, pose questions, and enter into dialog with intention to listen for the heartbeat of the church; to learn what is essential and what adaptations will bring us vibrantly into the future.

From our observations, dialog, and listening we will prompt the congregation to:

- Sift—examine the elements and underlying assumptions that create church as we know it;
- Judge—weigh the value of each element as the assumptions are exposed;
- And comprehend the obscure—propose the adaptations that will serve us in the future.

Member of the team include: Karen Foust (Chair), Gary Chapin, Debbie Mattson, Annie Nessen Voorhees, Erin Ballew, Catherine Emery and Claire Curole. The Team is reading two books to inspire us: *The Divergent Church: The Bright Promise of Alternative Faith Communities* by Tim Shapiro and *Upcycle Your Congregation: Creative Ideas for Transforming Faith Communities*, edited by Sara Lammert. The church owns several copies of these books if you are interested in reading them, too.

## YOGA AT UUCC

Wednesday Yoga at UUCC begins again on September 5, 2018

Everyone is welcome to Wednesday Yoga at the UUCC. No experience needed; just curiosity. People are welcome to drop in, come every once and a while, or become regular attenders. Classes are free and are taught by Debbie Mattson on Wednesdays from 5 PM to 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We have extra mats, blocks, and bolsters—everything needed for Wednesday Yoga.

Yoga is a physical practice that makes us stronger and more flexible. And, it is more than a physical practice. Yoga postures are achieved by linking mind, body, and breath. Yoga postures begin with an awareness of breath (life force); an intention of movement (purposefulness); and acknowledgment of achievement with acceptance of limitations (grace).

## 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](mailto:cherylclukey5@yahoo.com) with your suggestions

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Cheryl Clukey

## 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 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](mailto:izellers@roadrunner.com) 582-5862 or Kathy Kellison at [kell6787@gmail.com](mailto:kell6787@gmail.com) 445-4415.

## GODDESS / EARTH CIRCLES

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](mailto:hzmre@hzmre.com) or 582-5308.

## 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.

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](mailto:nfritz@roadrunner.com) or Martha at [naber@gwi.net](mailto:naber@gwi.net) to volunteer! Thank you.

**THANK YOU!**

## **The Supper Times**

### **1st Saturday Community Supper**

by Jenny Mckendry

On Saturday, August 4th, our crew presented a supper for about forty members of the community, at South Parish Congregational Church on State St. in Augusta. We served bread, salad, sweets and a fine savory dish with ground turkey, tomato, onion, herbs, spices and rice. Our fearless leader Carlene Kaler led the way. Her husband Gene Kaler performed delivery services. Keith Priest and Earl cooked our main dish and kept the crew smiling. Jenny Mckendry was chief non-cook and bottle washer. Volunteers also included the whole Jorgensen family. Mindy and Tara Jorgensen washed dishes, then the rest of the clan came to help clean and wrap up. Marty and David Thornton, Susan Parks, Heather Priest, Judy Colomy, Ida Gammon and her son Paul Wilson, set-up, prepped, cooked and cleaned. Heidi Chadbourne came to help, despite family obligations and picked-up recyclables for us. We celebrated Tara Jorgensen, who has been washing dishes for months, but will be leaving for college this week. We wish her a wonderful first semester. Thank you, Tara.

Panera Bread donated bread and sweets, and ice was donated by an area restaurant. We bought milk, rice and salad from Sam's Club and ground turkey from Good Shepard food Bank of Lewiston. Last month we bought food staples from Sam's Club, which will last for months. South Parish congregational serves the 2nd Saturday Community supper and they share some staples with us as we do with them. We continue to benefit from their generosity, by renting their spacious, spotless kitchen and parish hall. Thank you to their church congregation, pastor, and especially their community supper leader, Cindy Sloma.

For the last couple of years, the UUCC budget has had a line specifically allocated to the suppers, which has been invaluable. **Thank you very much for your pledges and donations, which have helped us serve hundreds of meals over this past fiscal year.**

This summer we've had a smaller group of guests, so we're investigating. Another church has been serving suppers at Mill Park on 1st Saturdays, so we'll ask them if we can help them serve their supper on September 1st. More to come. Enjoy the September days ahead.

### **Thank you to the August 18th UCCWC Volunteers**

Jenny Mckendry

Are you familiar with UCCWC's? WC stands for work crews? At the spring service auction, bidders vie for the chance to pay the church for this unique and affordable service, then in return, benefit from the many hard working talented UU's who volunteer as part of a team. A high bidder then makes a list of tasks with the crew leader, which a crew carries out. Each crew member has their own key skills and talents which add up to a strong team effort.

**Thank you** to the wonderful crew who volunteered at my house on August 18. Due to the generosity and hard work of **Dennis Thoet, Hal Booth, Catherine Palmer, Becky Harvey, Marilyn Dunn, Hannah Faulkner, Bill Allen, Caroline Ladd, Terry Cookson, Martha and Don Naber**, my home and I are smiling from ear to ear. They not only carried out my list, but noticed and rectified other needs, which I'd overlooked. I now have added light in my kitchen, clean windows, a shiny red door, another door free of peeling paint, baseboards free of scuffs and pine knots, repaired water damage, a clean shower, some new clapboards, clean vinyl siding, cleaned out garden beds, now free of invasive plants, a beautiful mowed, weed wacked and raked lawn, a fridge door that closes independently, scraped and puttied windows, and much more. Many crew members volunteer year after year for a wide variety of tasks.

This was the 3rd or 4th time that my home and I have benefited from this unmatched service. Friends who hear me rave about this volunteer effort want the opportunity to access it, because it's so affordable and top notch! Thank you.

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### Newsletter Submissions

**Submission Deadline for January newsletter is December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
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](mailto: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.

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

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

#### **Rev. Carie's Office Hours:**

Tuesday 1:00 – 6:00

Wednesday 2:00 – 6:00

Thursday Writing Day

Other times and days available by appointment.

Rev. Carie takes a Sabbath once a week on either Monday or Friday. 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.