



# The Flaming Chalice

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

## Worship Services Sundays at 9:15 and 11:00

December 2012

**\*\* Read carefully, dates and time matter in this month of December \*\***

**December 2**                      *De-Stressing December (9:15 and 11:00 a.m.)*                      Rev. Carie Johnsen

How shall we let our lives breathe during the hustle and the bustle of the holiday season, and every other day of the year? **This service will include a New Member Ceremony.**

**December 9**                      *Each Night A Child is Born (9:15 and 11:00 a.m.)*                      Joelle Morris, Music Director - UUCC  
Choir and Rev. Carie Johnsen

This annual holiday music service spotlights the choir as they sing several pieces and Rev. Carie weaves in holiday themed readings and liturgy.

**December 12**                      A Vesper Service: Grief, Loss and the Holidays                      Rev. Carie Johnson  
**(Wednesday evening-5:30-6:30 p.m., Sanctuary)**                      Rev. Nancee Campbell

This Wednesday evening vespers service is a time to share the gift of love and light as we remember who is not at the holiday table. Who is missing? It is a time to hold our unfilled dreams of how we imagined life to be in the tender care of beloved community.

**December 16**                      *Light Gives Hope (9:15 a.m.)*                      Rev. Carol Strecker

This traditional multigenerational holiday pageant gathers members, friends and families in celebration of lights and love. Please Note: Children or youth who would like to participate in the pageant should let me know and plan to arrive at church at 9:00AM on the 16th. There won't be a rehearsal just a little preparation right before the service.

*Meaning: An Ambiguous Dance Partner (11:00 a.m.)*                      Rev. Carie Johnsen

The search for what it all means is a part of the human story, the human predicament. Destined to find meaning, to claim an absolute truth, we are often caught up in a dance with the most ambiguous of dance partners.

**December 23**                      The Power and Promise of the Dark **(9:15 and 11:00 a.m.)**                      UUCC Goddess Continuing

The darkest time of the year is a time of gestation and regeneration. Join us for exploration of the dark itself, how we can be in the dark with assurance, and the prospect of what may emerge. The placement of Christmas in the Christian calendar with Winter Solstice, or Yule, reinforces the pivotal power of this celebration.

**December 24**                      Christmas Eve Service                      Rev. Carie Johnsen  
**(Monday evening-4:00 and 5:30 p.m.)**                      Rev. Carol Strecker

This Christmas Eve tradition will include two services. The early service at 4:00 will be specifically designed for families and children. The second service at 5:30 will include the traditional of carols, readings and candle lighting. All ages are welcome at both services.

**December 30**                      Ushering in a New Year **(One Service Only at 10:00 a.m.)**                      The Reiter-Conley Family

Michael, Annie, Tonya and Ruslon invite members and friends of all ages to join them in this New Years Day service as they lead the congregation in a variety of rituals, readings and song to usher in the New Year.

## A Faith Journey by Rev. Carie Johnsen...

You may recall these words from the Harvest Communion:

Love whole heartedly, be surprised, give thanks and praise -- then you will discover the fullness of life. Within this human impulse to gratitude flow the vast cycles of universal reciprocity-- for everything that is taken, something has to be given in return... Life is not giving or taking but give and take. This is the dynamic expression of universal belonging ...

As I drove down the road to be with family and friends for the holiday weekend, I found myself pondering a more expansive meaning of this notion of universal reciprocity. Thanks in part to the abundance of holiday music on the radio, I also began a conscious shift to the season of love and joy, carols and lights. Still feeling the ripple of Sunday's service, this season of gift giving began to expand and grow in meaning.

As I drove through Maine, I reflected about the give and take of my ministry. Contemplating the journey of belonging as a product of reciprocity, I became so very aware of how much I receive from all of you visa vie my giving. For example:

The Goddess Continuing group had the first group Croning Ceremony. In the company of family and friends 6 crones mentored 9 women being croned. Born of the perspective that only time and conscious aging brings, crones claim their power and celebrate their unique gift. In the act of croning women recognize their transition to a new place in the cycle of life as wise elder, sage, teacher, guide and healer. I attended this ceremony and as the Minister in the circle of 16 women, I offered the welcome and witnessed to their personal reflections on the meaning of this transition. I had the honor of blessing the crones. I have always understood the importance of ritual and rites of passage in our lives, this act of marking milestones and transitions. Yet, there in the company of 15 crones claiming the wisdom of their years, I understood the ritual of croning on a heart level. My soul experienced the validity of claiming the wisdom years. As I approach my fiftieth birthday, the years in front of me look very different today because of the courage of these women to celebrate aging, to say yes!

This month we enter our third holiday season together. One of my favorite times in our faith community is December: the music service, the pageant, the holiday vespers service and Christmas Eve service. Every year I have the privilege of mining the season for deep meaning and purpose. I am expected to go beneath the surface of commercialism, unplugging the holiday frenzy and coming up with relevant and inspiring ways to be connected beyond the next best gift. As I give, each year I grow deeper in my connection to each of you and in my sense of belonging as Minister of UUCC. As I give, I heal the years when my own holidays were filled with sorrow, grief and loss.

Universal reciprocity is not about what comes wrapped in a bow. It is about what comes authentically from the heart of you and me. It is the simple acts that let people know we see them, we value them, we care for them, we honor them. It is the give-take of being in genuine relationship with humanity, the creatures of the earth and the universe to which we belong. The take is a poignant sense of belonging and knowing our interdependence.

I am very aware my life is blessed by the give-take of a strong congregation committed to each other. May you too find the joy of knowing, really knowing, we are more in our shared ministry than any of us could be alone.

In Faith,  
Rev. Carie Johnsen

# Director of Religious Exploration ...

Rev. Carol Strecker

As we enter "the dark time"; the season of the year when Mainers start to feel like moles, we lift our spirits with festivals of light and song, good company and good cheer. One of my favorite rituals is a trip to Sanders Theater in Cambridge for a celebration of the Winter Solstice with *The Revels*. Each year this troop of entertainers takes the winter holiday traditions of a different culture and builds a show of song, dance and ritual round it to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Some of my favorites focused on Appalachia, Latin America and the traditions of Eastern European Gypsies. It's a great way to learn about the traditions of other cultures. While there's always a different cultural theme, some things about *The Revels* always stay the same. One of my favorite *Revels* traditions is the annual recitation of a poem called "The Shortest Day" written by Susan Cooper. It speaks to me of the power of community as we move through cycles and seasons together that's so central to being human;

"The Shortest Day"  
by Susan Cooper

And so the Shortest Day came and the year died  
And everywhere down the centuries of the snow-  
white world  
Came people singing, dancing,  
To drive the dark away.  
They lighted candles in the winter trees;  
They hung their homes with evergreen;  
They burned beseeching fires all night long  
To keep the year alive.  
And when the new year's sunshine blazed awake  
They shouted, reveling.  
Through all the frosty ages you can hear them  
Echoing behind us – listen! All the long echoes,  
sing the same delight,  
This Shortest Day,  
As promise awakens in the sleeping land:  
They carol, feast, give thanks,  
And dearly love their friends,  
And hope for peace.  
And now so do we, here, now,  
This year and every year.  
Welcome Yule!

I'm looking forward to sharing this season of light with all the hope, joy, love and peace it can bring with all of you. Happy Holidays and Welcome Yule, Carol

## Religious Exploration Holiday Happenings

### Cookie Walk

We will be holding our annual cookie walk on December 9th at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. This year's walk, organized by the Jr. Youth will benefit disaster relief.

Please bring in a batch of your favorite holiday cookies to share for this event. Drop off your cookies before the 9:15 service in the Fellowship Hall. At 10:30 you'll be invited to fill a container with an assortment of cookies to take home. We'd like to have enough cookies for everyone to take a container home who wants one. The more cookies we have the more variety there will be. Donations are welcome but not required. It's a sweet way get into the holiday spirit - the spirit of giving, sharing and receiving!

### Adopt a Family

In cooperation with the Social Action Committee, we will be sponsoring a family from the Family Violence Project again this year. Gift needs will be made known December 2nd at Sunday morning services." There will be a tree decorated with snowflakes with a gift/need on it. You are invited to take a snowflake or two, fill the request(s) and place the gift(s) under the tree. Lorana Laliberte will gather up all the gifts, wrap them and deliver them. 622-5066

### Multi-generational Winter Holiday Service

Our special holiday service will be December 16th, first service. All children and youth interested in participating in our pageant, please contact Carol. (There won't be any rehearsals. Just arrive at 9:00AM on the 16th).

## ReUse/ReCycle for Pets

Do you consider your pets to be family members?

Many prospective family members are waiting on Pet Haven Lane. Would you like to help these small displaced animals find homes filled with love in some small way?

Thursday morning's Small Group is collecting used prescription bottles and empty kitty litter buckets. These will be donated to the Kennebec Valley Humane Society to store medications for all animals and to provide hidey holes for cats who are awaiting new families. A hot water soak will remove most labels from the prescription bottles quickly and rubbing alcohol will remove the sticky remains, and it's easy enough for a child to do and a great service project for them.

Have bottles, but not much time...black out the name of the medication and/or person. Then contact Annie Welch @ 622-9918 or [penelope@gwi.net](mailto:penelope@gwi.net) and she can arrange to discretely remove labels for you. Other donations for the Humane Society would be gratefully accepted also.

## UUCC Web [www.augustauu.org](http://www.augustauu.org)

We are hoping to feature different parts of the Website in each Newsletter. For this issue, please visit the **Worship Section**. The primary page gives an overview of what happens on a Sunday morning, There are three additional links from this page.

**Celebrations and Traditions** focuses on the special services and traditions that have evolved in our congregational life: what do we do around holidays? What is Peeper Sunday? What special recognitions and focuses do we have in worship? **Worship Arts** gives a number of ways to participate in the worship experience. **Upcoming Services** will give the services for the following month, and is generally updated with the Newsletter updates.

Please visit the site. Take time to explore what is there. Comments about the website are welcome. Contact Helen Zidowecki at [website@augustauu.org](mailto:website@augustauu.org).

## Goddess Continuing...

The November 18 Croning ceremony honored the following Women of Wisdom as they appreciate how the richness of their lives informs the gifts they have to offer.

Please congratulate the newly celebrated Croners:

Nance Caldwell, Nancee Campbell, Phyllis Cudmore, Linda Findlay, Judy Gallant, Ida Gammon Wilson, Marilyn Gordon, Priscilla Jenkins, and Mary Shifman

They join the women previously croned:

Alice Gifford, Hannah Faulkner, Mary Perkins, Helen Zidowecki, Lorna Doone, and Maggie Ricker.

Information about the ceremony is available from Helen.

December events for the Goddess Continuing

**Sunday, December 2, 12:15-2pm** Small Group Ministry format: Darkness.

**Friday, December 21, 5-6pm** Winter Solstice/Yule celebration Quiet Celebration

**Sunday, December 23, Morning Services**

**Services** The Power and Promise of the Dark

See the new brochure for Goddess Continuing. For more information, contact Mary Shifman, [shifmanmary@aol.com](mailto:shifmanmary@aol.com), 549-7719.

## Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith...

Facilitated by Rev. Carie Johnsen  
Monday, January 21st,  
February 4th, and 18th 5:30 - 7:30  
Fellowship Hall

This Religious Exploration course is designed to help all UU's speak more effectively about our liberal religion and their particular perspectives. Come create your elevator speech!

Sign up on Religious Exploration Bulletin Board or by emailing our Office

Administrator, Julie Pelletier at [admin@augustauu.org](mailto:admin@augustauu.org) or calling 622-3232.

## History in the Making

Doug Rooks, President

The weekend before Election Day, I got a call from Carie Johnsen. Overnight, the Pittsfield UU church had seen its gay pride banner torn down, and all of its "Yes on 1" signs removed – and replaced by 14 "No on 1" signs. This theft and vandalism deeply disturbed the congregation, but – as their minister, Margaret Beckham, said in her sermon that Sunday morning – "When the going gets tough, UUs call their friends."

After talking with Carie, we decided to send a delegation to Pittsfield. Joining me were several members of UUCC's social justice groups – Jenny McKendry, Stephanie Ralph and Dale McCormick. The service and the vigil outside the church, which is located right in the center of town, were inspiring. The congregation not only repaid an act of hate with acts of love, but it was joined by representatives from 10 other UU congregations from around the state. Rep. Stacy Fitts, a Republican who represents Pittsfield and became a leader in the "Yes on 1" campaign for marriage equality, spoke to more than 60 UUs gathered outside the church, as did Shenna Bellows, executive director of ACLU-Maine. We were all proud to be there that day.

And of course, that Tuesday, Maine made history by becoming the first state to legislate, by voter referendum, the right to marriage for all adults.

The following Saturday, many of the same UUs were back at work for another historic occasion. Some 32 representatives from 11 congregations gathered at UUCC for the first meeting of the Maine UU Social Action Network. We learned from Nancy Banks, recently retired from the UUA office, that there are more than a dozen state networks already, with more being formed. While all are unique, most of them have as a goal representing Unitarian Universalist principles in their state capital – which is why UUCC will have an important role in this organization. Nine of our members attended, and more have pledged to become involved. Dale McCormick will represent UUCC on the steering committee.

For the first year, MUUSAN chose, through a series of votes, three areas to concentrate its efforts – global warming and climate change, health care and Medicaid, and revitalizing democracy. A working group was formed for each subject, and will be recommending action steps over the coming months. More members are welcome, and the next MUUSAN meeting will be at UUCC on Jan. 12.

At our church, we have always believed in putting our principles to work in the community, from the neighborhood around our doors to the world at large. Over the past few months, we have taken important steps to reaffirm that commitment – while also seeing the results of a campaign that took place over many years to bring justice to loving couples throughout Maine. It's amazing what can happen when we call our UU friends.

## Faith in Action...

You are invited to join a Faith in Action meeting on Tuesday January 15th at 6:30. We will discuss and make plans of our own in connection with the issues raised at the newly formed Maine UU Social Action network. The network which held its first statewide meeting on Nov 10th at UUCC, will hold its second organizational meeting on Saturday, January 12, 10:00-1:00 at our church. The 11/10 meeting fleshed out the basic structure of a state wide UU social action network. Three important issues were voted on, to address- Healthcare/ Medicaid, global climate change and revitalizing democracy.

**Augusta Food Bank.** \$14,000 was raised by the auction which the food bank held recently; \$3,000 more than last year!!! UU's contributed to that total. **Food bank donations**-you might buy a prepared bag at Shaw's or donate your own through church. The Augusta Food Bank always needs non-perishables. The Essentials Pantry (at St. Mark's Episcopal) needs diapers, especially larger sizes 4,5 and adult. They can use toiletries, women's sanitary products and laundry soap.

Please think of clothing for teens when you clean out in the next month. I have some teen clothing that didn't go to NY for hurricane Sandy relief, so I'll re-route it. This request for clothing has come in from George of Kennebec Behavioral Health. A box will be placed in the coat room labeled : Teen clothing- for Halcyon House

*Hello everyone -*

*Thank you for doing all that you do for everyone in central Maine! Some of you have received a letter appeal from me in behalf of the youth who are sheltered at Halcyon House - for food, school supplies, soap, shampoo and "contemporary teen clothing." We appreciate those of you who have been able to step forward to help. Thank you! The kids have scarves now, and the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan is conducting a canned food drive at that library during the month of December. Everything helps! (Youth shelter contact: Brandi Farrington: 314-6641.) Again, we appreciate you!*

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# Peaceful Heart Sangha

In early November we had a Day of Mindfulness on Gratitude and Happiness. One of our focus areas was Thich Nhat Hanh's Four Steps of Happiness:

- **Focus on moments of happiness when they occur** - appreciate them fully, embrace them, don't just let them slip by without feeling them
- **Practice the Non-Toothache** - consciously recognize all the wonders of life that we have in this moment, but hardly notice until they are gone - our sight, our ability to walk, to talk... Turn neutral feelings into happiness.
- **Be happy for/with others.** Practice sympathetic joy.

**Do something good for someone else.**

**May we all create many times to practice gratitude and happiness as we move through this fall and into winter.**

## Updates on our sangha:

In December our usual **Monday meditation will not happen on 2 days: Dec 24 & 31. Those meditations will happen on Sundays: Dec 23 & 30** - same time, same place. Otherwise, our meditation will continue as usual, 6:30 - 8 every Monday. Beginners & newcomers always welcome.

In January we will begin reading a new book, Work, by Thich Nhat Hanh. We will share a book, passing it around the circle and reading aloud several Mondays each month.

We will have another **January Intensive** this year, a time when individuals may choose a reading or a practice to explore more deeply for 4 weeks. We will begin our practice with a 1/2 day gathering on January 5 beginning at 9:30 and followed by a pot luck mindful lunch. Our practice will close with a similar gathering on Feb 2. If you have questions or would like more information about this practice, contact [peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com](mailto:peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com) or [marty-soule@gmail.com](mailto:marty-soule@gmail.com) or 685-9270.

February 15 - 17 the second annual Bringing Mindful Speech to Life retreat will be brought to us by two skilled OI members, Peggy Smith and Theodate Lawlor. This weekend retreat will teachings of our 4th Mindfulness Training (Mindful Speech and Deep Listening) together with the skills from Non-Violent Communication (NVC) - helping us to develop skills to bring our training

help us to develop skills to bring our training into reality. Contact Peggy Smith at [peggy@opencommunication.org](mailto:peggy@opencommunication.org) or at 207-789-5299 to register. Only 20 spaces are available, so if you are interested, you may want to register soon.

When: Feb 15 - 17

Where: Kennedy Learning Center at Camp Kieve in Nobleboro, Maine

Who: beginning and experienced practitioners

Cost: room & board - \$225, materials - \$20, tuition -by donation

Why: because mindful speech and deep listening are a huge part of bringing peace and happiness into our lives, our communities, and our world.

As preparation for Thanksgiving please enjoy this video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nj2ofrX7jAk&feature=youtu.be>

Peace,

Marty Soule

## Elder Lunch News...

Elder Luncheon is looking for food contributions for December 9th.

If you could drop off a culinary delight by 11 am it would be much appreciated by this dedicated crew.

We are in need of two salads, and four entrees (soup, casserole, or quiche), and three desserts.

Your help would free us from cooking and let us concentrate on setup, table decoration, serving, and clean up.

Marty Thornton is the December organizer and may be contacted at [marty.thornton@gmail.com](mailto:marty.thornton@gmail.com) or 512-2587.

## Immigration Work Group Sets New Goals

UUA General Assembly 2012 in Arizona created lots of positive energy around the issue of immigration and demonstrated the power of working with local groups to meet common goals. President Obama talked about immigration reform in his acceptance speech. The UUCS Immigration Work Group seeks energy and inspiration to guide our work in the local area. We want to offer a time and place where those interested in immigration are comfortable sharing, learning, studying, and taking action. The group meets monthly and would welcome new members.

At its November meeting our Immigration Work Group brainstormed goals for the year. They include an immigration month at UUCS in April with several special events such as an international dinner before the auction, a book discussion, and an evening with speakers invited to tell their immigration stories. We will lead a service and create a display for the display case.

Other ideas are:

- Make an award to a second farm,
- Continue the summer farm worker welcome (farm worker attendance grew from 3 to 13 in one year),
- Invite a speaker to some meetings,
- Reach out to people in detention,
- Make connections with people in the local muslim community,
- Hold an event with Centro Latino from Portland,
- Collect items for Maine Migrant Health Program, and
- Offer Creole classes.

We could use the help of a few other interested people to join us monthly or help with specific activities in order to accomplish goals on this ambitious list. If you are interested, talk to an existing committee member during Fellowship Hour, call one of us, or simply come to the next meeting 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday, December 11th. Watch for news posted on the Faith in Action bulletin board.

Stephanie Ralph and Allan Watson, Charles McGillicuddy, Judy McCown, Marilyn Karasopoulos and Nira O'Connor.

## Religious Education Committee...

The Religious Exploration program at UUCS is vibrant and busy! Individual classes on Sunday mornings are lively and inquiring minds are asking great questions and finding ways to engage in the broader community. At the time of year that we think a bit more about giving, the Junior Youth, Senior Youth and Peace Jam participants incorporate faith in action opportunities to contribute to those in need by baking for a public supper, raising funds for disaster relief and preparing meals for those who are hungry. During this time of being thankful, we are grateful that the RE program allows our young people to get together and have fun with each other while also learning about the meaning of our UU principles and how they apply in our daily lives. They also are finding ways to contribute meaningfully to our community both locally and farther afield.

I want to offer a special note of thanks and encouragement to all of you for your engagement with the young people at church. The Coming of Age youth are diving into their own faith development with the help of many adults at UUCS and the community interaction and commitment is so appreciated! Even if you are not playing a role as a teacher or mentor in the program, find an opportunity in fellowship hall or in the hallways to ask one of these young people what they are learning! You can also make some cookies to share on December 9 and talk to those serving about their favorite kinds and how the donations made will help others in need. If you cross paths with one of our senior youth, ask them what plans they are making this year. As a parent, I am incredibly thankful not only for the specific programs offered for my children through this church, but also for the chance they have to feel a part of a greater community and know they are welcome and contributing.



## Mark Your Calendar....

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

Kids Art Class - Printmaking! ~ Come explore the many possibilities of Printmaking! Create dazzling cards, tags, bookmarks, mandalas, prayer flags and more...join us in the Drew House (Annex), Sat. Dec 1 from 11-2. Snacks will be provided. Call Cheryl 441-0337 or Liz 626-0250 for more details!

### **Save the Date:**

#### **Martin Luther King Speaker Breakfast**

Monday, January 21, 2013

Winthrop Congregation Church, UCC

Host Committee: Winthrop Area Ministerial Association; (Soon to be) Senator Flood and Representative Hickman

## Membership...

### **Visitor and Newcomer Dinner:**

Thursday, November 29th at 6:00 pm

Welcome to all new members, those who are considering membership and newcomers at UUCC. Please join us for a special dinner and opportunity to ask questions about our church and the UU faith and get to know each other while we enjoy a meal together.

### **New Member Welcoming Ceremony:**

Sunday, December 2nd the congregation will honor new members at both services.

**Greeters & Hospitality:** Thanks to those of you who have volunteered to greet and/or help with hospitality on Sunday mornings. We are very appreciative! We are always looking for more help. If you are willing to help, please let us know -- and, yes, we will provide the training if you can share your time with us.

If you have questions about membership feel free to contact any of us on the membership committee:

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## Administrative News ...

### **Holiday Schedule:**

Saturday, December 22nd – Office will be open 8-4pm

Monday, December 24th – Office will be open 8-12pm

Office will be closed December 25th-January 1st for the Holidays. We will reopen on January 2nd.

### **Directory Revisions:**

#### **Committee Chairs:**

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## Fundraising...

Bruce Bierce & Judy McCown, Co-Chairs

November has been busy with Fundraising activities. These have included CLYNK, the "Buck a Bag" Book Sale, the Dessert Theater, the Fourth Annual Pie Sale, the Hannaford Gift Card Program and the sale of Charlene's Handmade Cards.

In December we will be selling UUCG Cookbooks, "The Fellowship of Food," and church notecards. We are also considering ordering some coffee mugs which will feature a picture of the church. In addition, we will begin publicizing the Auction and Ethnic Dinner which will be held in April during Immigration Month. This will give people plenty of time to consider making a donation of an experience, a service or handmade or homegrown product, art or craft.

Since last July Fundraising proceeds have totalled \$2,012. Following is an itemized list::

- \$644 Pie Sale
- \$114 Dessert Theater
- \$100 Life Line Screening
- \$169 Chowder Luncheon
- \$ 60 Cookbook sales
- \$ 45 Craig's List sale (Tom Waddel)
- \$ 77 Charlene Cleven's Cards
- \$300 CLYNK (Hannah Faulkner/Terry Cookson & Small Group Ministry)
- \$ 24 "Buck a Bag Book Sale" (Hannah)
- \$425 Hannaford Gift Cards (Hannah)
- \$ 54 Hannah's Boutique

Hannah Faulkner's efforts have accounted for \$803 of the proceeds since July. She has done an awesome job!

Since we will be retiring as Fundraising Co-Chairs in June we encourage those of you who would like to assume this responsibility to contact Annie Voorhees. Two or three creative people or a Small Group Ministry group could share the job.

## Hannaford Cash Card...

Here's a convenient way to help your church: following the church service on most Sundays, Hannah Faulkner will sell you, at face value, a Hannaford Cash Card that you can use like cash in any Hannaford store to pay for any purchases.

Make your check payable to UUCG of Augusta and give it to Hannah. We now have cards available in the amounts of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, and can order specially requested amounts between \$15 and \$500.

These cards may be "reloaded" through the church with additional amounts up to a balance of \$500. After recording your check and giving it to Julie for deposit, Hannah will combine your reload request into the next \$1,000 UUCG card order from which our church will receive a 5% bonus.

To date, the church has gained \$475 from card sales since July. So, for convenient routine shopping, presents, support of another person or other reason, please purchase a Cash Card from Church. We will place our next reload order early in December.

Remember that a cash card in any amount makes a welcome gift!



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***Newsletter articles are due the third Monday of each month. The next newsletter deadline is December 17. Please submit newsletter articles by email, no later than 9:00 a.m. to Sheila Comerford at: [newsletter@augustauu.org](mailto:newsletter@augustauu.org). Thank you!***

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**Friday** Friday is my Sabbath. I do not schedule meetings, attend to emails or respond to messages. If there is a pastoral emergency, leave a message on my home or cell phone and I will return your call promptly.