



The Flaming Chalice

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

October 2009

Worship Services Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

October 4th *Growing our Diversity* Rev. Carie Johnsen

The 2009 theme for Unitarian Universalist Association Sunday is *Growing our Diversity*. This worship will explore a vision of a Unitarian Universalism that is racially, culturally and economically diverse.

October 11th *Go Forth and Cherish the Earth* Dr. Joseph E. Laferriere

Most religious faiths teach that humanity is a part of nature, not something separate from it. Yet we do have a unique power and a unique responsibility not to abuse that power

October 18th *"Benevolently Fond of Your Own Foibles"* Rev. Carie Johnsen

Someone once said... we should be "*Benevolently Fond of your Own Foibles*", and this is what I heard. We mingle with the wise and the witty. I will reflect upon this pithy quote spoken in the halls of Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta. Our wise friend who offered these words may be revealed during the service, unless, of course, he chooses to remain anonymous.

October 25th *Standing on the Side of Love* Rev. Carie Johnsen

As Maine moves toward a historic vote on the Equal Right to Marriage, Unitarian Universalist Community Church lifts up a vision of hope in love. Carie will welcome into the pulpit the leaders of this community who have courageously paved the way and led the call to Equality.

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Next newsletter deadline is October 19th. Please submit newsletter articles by email to Jullie Pelletier, UUC Church Administrator at admin@augustauu.org

A Faith Journey...

On Sunday, September 13th, Debbie Mattson, Unitarian Universalist Community Church President welcomed me to the congregation by telling the congregation, she had experienced me as being both gentle and bold. Thank you Debbie.

But what I experience as truly bold is the membership of this congregation speaking out publicly for inclusive practices and for marriage equality.

So let me join the long line of Maine citizens who are bravely and boldly planning to make history on Nov. 3, 2009. This week I acquired my Maine driver's license and turned in my voter registration card. As a resident of Maine, I will vote for marriage equality at the voting booth. I am late on the scene here. Others have paved the road, I now travel with relative ease.

On March 1, 2009, after three years of congregational discussions, workshops and retreats, the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta voted unanimously to become a welcoming congregation. The following May, the Unitarian Universalist Association officially recognized UUCC as a Welcoming Congregation committed to being more inclusive towards gay, lesbian, bisexual, and/or transgender people.

On May 6, 2009, Governor John Baldacci signed into law a freedom to marry bill approved by the Maine Senate and House.

On Sept. 14, 2009, UUCC Board of Trustees followed their long standing inclusive practice of speaking out for equality. They voted unanimously to become a public voice in the fight for marriage equality in Maine.

Unitarian Universalism is a bold faith tradition with a long history of justice seeking. Faith in action is a vital part of our living tradition. Our faith values call us to "[Stand on the Side of Love.](#)" Our faith principles call us to fight for *justice, equality and compassion in human relations*.

On November 3, 2009, the citizens of this state will vote to uphold the civil rights of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender couples to marry. Now is not the time to be complacent. Now is the time to stand boldly with the Vote NO on 1 – Protect Maine Equality Campaign. The undecided votes need us to humanize this issue and make it about real Mainers.

Our faith principles also call us to a *free and responsible search for truth, the right of conscience and the use of democratic process*. Whatever your position is on this ballot question, I encourage you to search deeply in your heart as you approach the voting booth this next November.

In faith,

Rev. Carie Johnson

President's Column

Here we are, at the beginning of another church year. As always, some things stay the same and some things change. Last year we experienced big change with the renovations of our church, administrative offices, and RE classrooms. This year we are making minor changes with both buildings to make sure they are more welcoming and accessible to all that use them.

This summer, Julie created a web-based schedule. If you are curious about what is happening in the church and in which room, go to our website and click on the scheduling calendar. If you want to schedule space in the church or annex go to the same calendar and follow the directions for scheduling. If you do not have internet, Julie keeps a paper calendar of events in her office for your viewing and will schedule space for you as you need it.

We are also changing our locks and implementing a key policy to make sure our building continues to be safe and secure. We realize it will take time to change locks and distribute keys. Stay tuned, we are developing an implementation plan.

Please remember that each room in the church and the annex is multipurpose. Please leave rooms as you find them. If tables are already set up when you use the room, make sure they are up for the next use. If you need to set up tables, make sure you put them away.

We continue to vision our church as busy with activity and purpose every day of the week. Thank you for your help and great to see you!

Debbie Mattson

Board Highlights – September Meeting

- ~ Board accepted a new policy on building safety and access and is working on implementation. Policy will be posted in October on the Church News bulletin board.
 - Soon locks will be changed and new keys issued.
 - Office Administrator, Julie Pelletier, will issue keys and maintain a log.
 - Semi-annually the log will be updated. If greater than 30% of the keys are missing, the office administrator will notify BAG and the President to determine if locks need to be replaced.
 - Policy includes guidelines on issuing keys.
- ~ Board adopted with clarification a new policy for providing child care at events. The final policy will be explained in an upcoming Newsletter, communicated to all Committee Chairs, and available in the Office. Board is working on revised gift donation policy, and rental policy.
- ~ Mary Higgins will facilitate a program for churches welcoming a new minister, October 23rd and 24th.
- ~ Board moved that UUCC support the Marriage Equality Campaign and lend itself as a public voice for the campaign.
- ~ Sanctuary has a new roof and will receive another coat of stain. Buildings and Grounds Committee will present a proposal for work on the Annex to save heating costs this winter. Discussed using a pre-buy plan for heating oil, but need to raise some cash. Board will ask members if they can pay some of their pledge early.
- ~ Board continues a review of Committee descriptions.

From the Director of Religious Exploration

*I scoop abundance from abundance
and yet abundance remains.
~Anne Sexton*

As the new religious exploration year unfolds, I am filled with gratitude and with excitement, because abundance defines every aspect of our program.

My gratitude for a full RE budget abounds. Thank you for valuing what religious exploration has to offer our entire community. The full budget makes it so much easier to surround our children, youth, and adult volunteers with the materials they need, an atmosphere of beauty, and access to opportunity.

The religious exploration program was also the recipient of a generous and anonymous family grant of \$1,500! With the approval of the board, I have used these funds to enhance the technology of our program. We now have an LCD projector, digital movie camera, digital camera, and computer system for the program. I am so excited about sharing this technology with our congregation. One way this might happen is through projects taken on by the children and youth. For instance, other congregations have invited their youth to create "infomercials" explaining the UU faith to others.

Abundance is also present through our adult volunteers. Each of our first-service religious exploration classes has at least six adults willing to devote time, talent, and energy to co-learning with our children and youth. Our evening youth programs, Peace Jam and Movie Nights, also have an abundance of adult volunteers. Our second-service Spirit Play is also beginning to attract more adult volunteers. For all of this I am grateful. There is so much to learn – so much to awe and inspire – in time spent exploring the meaning of community, the exercise of ethical choice, and the depth and breadth of spirituality within our program. I am glad to share this experience with our committed volunteers, and with our ever-growing population of young UUs.

And good will is abundant, along with curiosity, eagerness, friendship, cooperation, energy, the desire to do good in the world, and love and hope – always love and hope. What more could we ask?

Yours in faith,

Karen

A Child Care Policy for Events at the UUC

The Board has recently approved the following policy for child care for events at the UUC:

In accordance with our Safe Church Policy, all events/classes that have childcare or classroom situations with children/youth must have present at all times two adults or two youth (with a supervising adult checking in on them).

The RE Committee and Director of Religious Exploration will keep a list of potential child-care providers available to all UUC groups wishing to employ providers. This list will consist of recommended youth and adults who have had criminal background checks and have had orientation for work as a childcare provider or classroom facilitator.

The group sponsoring the event will be responsible for contacting providers and for paying providers or confirming volunteerism for any event. If youth are employed/volunteer, the group is responsible for checking in with the youth over the course of the event.

All groups wishing to employ childcare options will be required to read the Safe Congregation Policy Summary and sign a statement that they understand the responsibilities they take on as a group when providing childcare for our congregation.

For UUC congregational meetings, the DRE will be responsible for childcare options. For all other events, the sponsoring group is responsible for childcare options.

We encourage the use of childcare to provide greater options for all members of our congregation to participate in the important and valuable opportunities our church offers.

Please note, "youth" are defined as people ages 13 to 18. For childcare, we recommend youth 16 or older.



Invitation to Join the Religious Exploration Committee

The UUC Religious Exploration Committee invites participation in this vital link among our Director of Religious Education, our Adult RE Coordinator, our Church Board of Directors, our minister, and you, the congregation!

This committee supports our church's RE Program in many ways:

- we offer a source of brainstorming on new ideas related to all aspects of the RE program;
- we act as sounding board for the DRE and the coordinator of Adult RE;
- we make consensus decisions on the direction and implementation of lifespan RE programming;
- we provide input to the DRE, Coordinator of Adult RE, and Board on financial decisions relevant to lifespan RE programming;
- we ensure that RE Activities run smoothly during scheduled and unscheduled absences of the DRE;
- we help with coordination of certain functions during the year, such as the winter holiday cookie walk and reception and the spring RE volunteer appreciation.

We meet for one hour on the fourth Sunday of each month following second service. We are an efficient and congenial group with one of the most rewarding jobs in our church -- who among us isn't in awe of our graduating seniors each year? If you would like to help foster the exploration of UU philosophy and practice in our church community, please consider joining the RE Committee. Our next meeting is September 27, 12:30-1:30, in the DRE's outer office (71 Winthrop St. at the top of the stairs). We would love your input.

Hilary Neckles, RE Committee Chair (626-7967, hneckles@usgs.gov)

Autumn Greetings from the Aesthetics Committee...and welcome back to those who have returned from a summer sojourn, those who haven't left at all and all who are new to our church community. Let us know if you've noticed the change in the Fellowship Hall. It should be a lot less noisy since the ceiling tiles have been replaced over the summer with 'sound absorbing' tiles. Let us know what you think.

Also, a gentle reminder to please use the adhesive clips you see attached to the glass doors when posting information and notices. Bulletin boards are also available in convenient areas to post news and information relevant to our church community.

If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to contact us. We are all stewards of our sacred space.

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Music Committee

The Music Committee is looking for a group of people interested in singing for special services such as weddings and funerals. Compensation for such events will be determined between the musician and the persons hiring for the service. If you are interested please contact Music Committee.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mindfulness Meditation - Peaceful Heart Sangha
In the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh
Every Monday 6:30 - 8 PM

Childcare available - first Mondays 6:15 - 8:15
Introduction to our practice - third Mondays at 6
14 Mindfulness Trainings - fourth Mondays at 5:30

Watch for details on our upcoming Days of Mindfulness:
Saturdays: October 10, November 14, and December 5

Elder's Luncheon

Sunday, October 18th

Following the second service
We look forward to seeing you!

Good News!

There are now two Non-Violent Communication (NVC) practice groups at UUC Augusta.

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. ~ Noon (currently full)
Fridays from 10:00 a.m. ~ Noon (2-3 available openings)

If you have gone to the NVC workshop in the past or even if you haven't, but are interested in joining the Friday group, please call Annie at 623-0427 (leave a message if there's no answer) for more information.

Social Activities Committee Fun For Everyone!

A hike up French's Mountain in Belgrade will be led by Hannah Faulkner, who will provide written directions. This is a SHORT hike with beautiful vistas located about 6.2 miles west of Belgrade Lakes Village. Those who want to leave directly from church will meet at the church at noon. Bring your lunch. Those who prefer to meet the group at the mountain may contact Hannah at 293-9377 or hannahu3@fairpoint.net for directions. Wear shoes suitable for climbing on smooth rocks. Rain date will be October 25th."

October Fundraising Event

A public square dance will be held in the UU Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 16, 2009 from 7pm to 9pm.

No square dance experience needed. Learn a few square dance moves and then have fun with them. The caller will be Walt Bull.

The cost is \$5.00 per person
~ light refreshments ~
~ 50-50 raffle ~

For more information or if you would like to help, please contact Stephanie and Larry Ralph at stephpralph@gmail.com (626-0779) or Judy McCown at jmbierce@myfairpoint.net (897-3683).

Orienteering with Map and Compass,
Sponsored by the Social Activities Committee.
Sunday, October 18, 2009
1:00 to 4:00

Meet in the Church Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm.
Drive to the Pine Tree Arboretum around 3:00, after classroom activities at church.

We will review the basics of Orienteering with Map and Compass. This social activity will include instruction about deciphering a topographic map, using a handheld compass, and putting map and compass together to find our way by orienteering outdoors at the Arboretum. We'll use model "mountains", little games, and quizzes to practice these techniques before we head out. Participants should bring their compasses with them, if possible; compasses can be purchased in many places for a few dollars. Cheryl Ring, leader, will have everything else we'll need. This intergenerational activity is geared for anyone over the age of 10. Please RSVP to Cheryl at cring21@myfairpoint.net. Thank you!

~ SMALL GROUP MINISTRY ~

We are once again filling the church buildings with smiling faces and engaged people of all ages. It is a wonderful annual fall event, the return of pilgrims to our communal space. It is good to be together again.

The Small Group Ministry Steering Committee has already met to begin preparing for the new church year. We are hoping that even more of you will make this the year you become part of Small Group ministry, for a short time or a long time.

We currently have seven Groups. Four of them meet during the day and most have room for new members. The evening Groups would have to squeeze to fit in others, so we are planning to begin new Groups as interest from you allows. You are welcome to speak with me any time about joining a Group. Additionally, members of the Steering Committee will be at a table in the Fellowship Hall during coffee all of the Sundays in October. They welcome your questions and will have a sign up sheet so you can express your interest and let us know when a Group would fit into your schedule. We would love to have one or two new Groups up and running this year so that as many as want to can participate in the connection, spiritual growth and service that are hallmarks of our Small Group Ministry.

We are also offering an introductory pot luck on October 30. The evening will include delicious food and an opportunity to experience a Small Group Session. You are invited to attend whether or not you are currently or ever have been part of Small Group Ministry. If you come you will get to know someone new!

We are still discussing ideas for the Open Group and will make an announcement as soon as plans are in place.

If you are unsure how Small Group Ministry works and want to know what it is all about, look for pamphlets and brochures in the rack in the foyer outside the sanctuary or give me a call. My daytime phone is 622-4774, home is 445-4415 and email is dehaana@fairpoint.net. I would love to hear from you.

Welcome home!

Kathy Kellison, Small Group Ministry Coordinator



Unitarian Universalist Connections

October 4 is Association Sunday. This is a time to honor and enhance our connection with the larger Unitarian Universalist community. Through the Northern New England District we connect with UU congregations in New Hampshire and Vermont. In fact, October 3 is the Fall Gathering at the UU church in Kennebunk. This is called a "Track Meet", and features Radical Welcoming, Multi-generational Congregations, Climate Change, Spiritual Leadership, Stewardship. This will be repeated October 17 in Springfield, VT. And watch for notices of the Annual Meeting where the entire district meets April 30-May 1, 2010, in North Conway, NH.

And the year has already started with conferences on Pastoral Care, attended by Stefanie Barley, Terry Cookson, Hannah Faulkner, Carie Johnsen, Melanie Lanctot, Marty Thornton, Helen Zidowecki. Karen Fisk will be attending a similar sessions for Religious Educators in October.

But beyond the conferences and workshops, representatives from the Unitarian Universalist churches have historically been active on the district level. For example, Rev. Douglas Robbins, minister of Winthrop Street Universalist Church, was president of the Universalist Church of Maine twice, before the Unitarians and Universalists consolidated in 1961. We were part of the Northeast District from 1962 until it joined with New Hampshire and Vermont in 2008. Did you know that:

- ~ Cally Stevens was the Secretary of the District Board in the 1970's;
- ~ Kathy Kellison was the Board President in the 1990's, worked with congregations as they changed ministers, and was on the Joint Task Force when the districts consolidated;
- ~ Chery Ring was on the Board for Extension, especially with Small Group Ministry was getting started in the congregations
- ~ Helen Zidowecki was on the Board in the 1980's for Religious Education and in 2007 for Adult Programs. She also was the district Religious Education Consultant for a number of years;
- ~ Calvin Dame was on the District Board as well as the District Trustee to the UUA Board;
- ~ Many people have attended District events over the years....something that we continue and can strengthen.

And there may be others to be added to this list. *Come and celebrate our connection with Unitarian Universalist beyond our own walls –other congregations, the District, and the Unitarian Universalist Association. See you October 4!*

A Thank You from Maggie

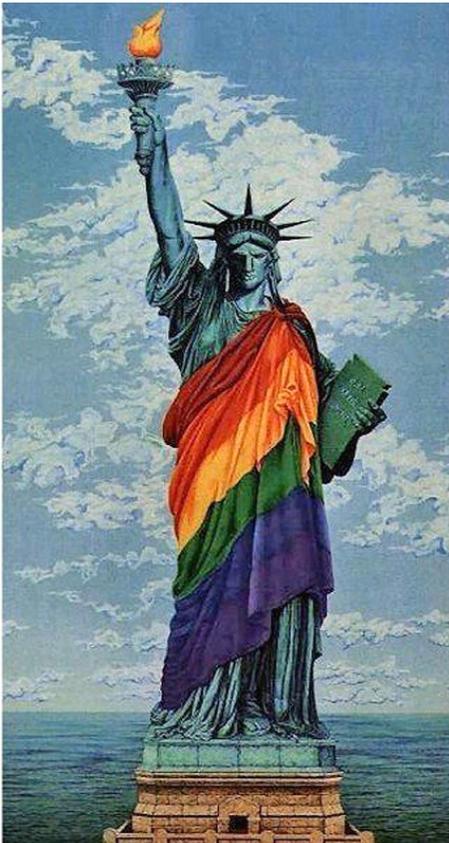
Back in July the church turned out in a very big way to help support the right of same sex couples to marry. I'm speaking of course of the *Going To The Chapel; A Rainbow Celebration of Love* fundraiser. What a fun night that was. Do you know we ate 40 pounds of hotdogs, 7 full crock pots of baked beans and absolutely countless desserts?

But the true dessert to the evening was the talent show. It was pure delight. I had no idea we had quite that much talent here in UUCC.

We raised very close to \$2000 that night. Half went to the campaign headquarters in Portland and half stayed with the Kennebec County Volunteer team. It bought us cell phones and phone cards to use in our work for voter identification phone banks.

I was a nervous wreck that night and didn't really get to say a proper thank you to everyone who participated. So, thank you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you to the kitchen crew; to the people that donated all the food; the faaaabuuuuulose MC, Andy Fisk. All the performers – thank you! Hannah, ohmygawd, thank you! For your talent and your patience. Annie and Dan with their duets, John Davis' jazz, Mat (the every sexy Khayna) and trusty tech Ryan. Jenny McKendry's dance interpretations. My own Branda Bear (granddaughter, Branda Laliberte) and Nicholas Tozier and his guitar. Everyone shared their own interpretation of 'that's the story of...that's the glory of...love.' Last but not least, thank you to those who came out that night to help us celebrate and to help us be a success!

You all made me so proud to be part of this community. Of course you always do that. But that hot night in July was extra special. Thank you again so very, very much!



No on 1/Protect Maine Equality The Campaign Heats Up!

As I'm sure you realize, the opponents of marriage equality, Stand for Marriage and the Catholic Church, gathered enough petition signatures to qualify to hold a People's Veto in November. Voters will be asked if they want to repeal the law that allows same sex couples to marry in Maine. A newly released poll shows Protect Maine Equality and Stand For Marriage to be in a dead heat.

With only 6 weeks until the election, the campaign has moved into a near frenzy of activity. I hope you have seen some of 'our' ads on TV. Quality stuff.

UU's have battled discrimination issues before. It's not new territory to us. But never has the situation been more critical than in Maine's waged battle for marriage equality. You probably are aware the referendum has become a national issue. Protect Maine Equality has drawn in volunteers from all over the country. They've given up the comfort of home and hearth to temporarily come to Maine to fight for marriage. Major fundraisers are being held from Boston to DC to Los Angeles.

The eyes of the nation are on Maine. The outcome of this vote is considered pivotal for similar actions in every other state; thus raising the stakes considerably.

- 34 times the issue of same sex marriage has been put to a vote nationally.
 - 34 times we have lost.
- Maine can become the 35th loss. Or the first win.

Kennebec County is considered a 'swing county' and truly is the tipping point in this election. Winning or losing Kennebec County could very well be the deciding factor in this campaign. Kennebec County needs to identify 4500 more supportive, registered voters.

You know where this is going, don'tcha?

Every Sunday until the election, we will be holding Faith and Family Phonebanks here at UUCC, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Child care will be provided. It's easy, it's fun, it's critically important. We provide training, a script and all the support you need. You provide the cell phone. These are **NOT** persuasion calls. It's merely voter identification.

As an FYI, there are phone banks held every night of the week all over the state of Maine. Sometimes workers from the west coast are actually calling *from* the west coast. It has become a national campaign in every way.

We need to win this campaign. This isn't a gay issue. This isn't a religious issue. It's a civil rights issue. It's a social justice issue. It's the right thing to do.

Bring the family. Bring a snack. And bring your convictions!

Please tell me that we can count on you to help. Call me. Let's talk.

Maggie Ricker, 623-9943 home or 689-7711 cell.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
ADULT PROGRAMS

Following are ongoing and suggested events for Adult Programs for this church year. Event organizers are encouraged to include all ages, whenever possible, and to collaborate with multiple parts of the congregation.

- * A contact is noted by each item, or contact Helen Zidowecki, Coordinator (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com) to express your interest or comments, or to give additional suggestions.
- * Please contact someone if you need of transportation.
- * Child care may be arranged by the respective programs, per congregational policy.
- * *Watch for more information in the church newsletter and other communications.*

Mindfulness Meditation
Peaceful Heart Sangha

Monday Evenings, 6:30-8:00pm, Sanctuary

Marty Soule (685-9270, martysoule@gmail.com)

Amidst the busyness of our daily lives, people come to explore one of the paths that can lead to deeper peace, happiness and freedom. Following in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh, they learn about and practice sitting, walking, and other forms of meditation. We have child care the first Monday of the month. Watch for intermittent weekend offerings.

Small Group Ministry

Various times, day and evening

Kathy Kellison (445-4415, dehaana@fairpoint.net)

Small Group Ministry is the opportunity for discussion of spiritual topics, personal sharing and service to the church and the wider community.

*Groups of 8-10 meet at times and locations decided by the groups. Session topics vary.

*Occasional Open Groups give opportunity to experience Small Group Ministry.

***October 30** 6pm Pot Luck Supper and 7pm Open Session for SGM group members and anyone who is interested.

Nonviolent Communication Practice Groups

1st & 3rd Wednesdays., 10:30am-12:30pm OR

1st & 3rd Fridays, 10am-noon

Helen Wing (685-3804, hcranewing@localnet.com)

All our lives we have learned to blame, criticize and judge - others and ourselves. The study of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) provides a guide for learning another, more compassionate, model to practice listening for feelings and needs - our own and others. Contact Helen Wing if you are interested in participating.

Conversations with Rev. Carie Johnsen

Following the 11 am Sunday Service, Sanctuary

No formal agenda. This is your opportunity to sit in conversation with your newly settled minister. Come and tell your stories, describe your experiences and favorite moments at UUC, state your preferences, ideas and visions as well as what brings you grief and frustrations. A conversation is really a misnomer as it is a time for you to share and Carie to listen. Additional dates to be scheduled.

Rise Up And Call Her Name

First & Third Sundays, 12:15-2:15pm, Fellowship Hall or Annex

Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com)

Started this summer, this includes cultural background, goddesses, singing, activities, and rituals. You are welcome, including older youth and men. Please contact Helen for background information and let her know of your interest.

***Sept. 20** Taoism: Tara, Kuan Yin, *Lara Dionne*

***Oct. 4** Japan: Amaterasu, *Helen Zidowecki*

***Oct. 18** Hawaii: Pele, *Krista Zidowecki*

***Nov. 1** Central America, *Pricilla Jenkins*

***Nov. 15** Native American: Lakotas, *Ida Gammon-Wilson and Mary Perkins*

***Dec. 6** Native American: *TBA*

***January 3** Fellowship Hall. Ongoing study of the Goddess. This will be an open session to discuss continuing sessions for content and format, and celebrations such as crowning.

Welcoming Congregation: Heterosexism

Wednesday, October 21, 6:30-8:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Helen Zidowecki and Maggie Ricker (623-9943, maggiesway@aol.com)

UUCU is certified as a Welcoming Congregation related to sexual and gender diversity. This is an overview of that diversity, what this means for the congregation, and where we are going from here.

This session follows the October 18 Sunday Service on Right to Marry.

Elder Lunches

After Second Service, Dates to be Announced

Dan Sorenson (685-3681, karldan@roadrunner.com)

These lunches offer opportunity for older members of the congregation to have informal conversation and maintain contact. "Elder" is self-defined. Lunches are provided – and are delicious!

***Sunday, October 25** First Elder Lunch

Social Activities

Stefanie Barley (623-2824, stefbarley@myfairpoint.net) and Cheryl Clukey (441-0337, cherylclukey5@yahoo.com)

The following events are being planned. Watch for additional events– and offer suggestions:

***Sunday, October 4:** Theater party at Monmouth to see "Carousel" (2pm). Contact: Cheryl Clukey.

* **Sunday, October 18:** Map & Compass

Orienteering with Cheryl Ring, early afternoon, outdoors, within 20 miles of church.

***Sunday, October 18** Climbing French's Mountain in Belgrade on Kennebec Land Trust's property, led by Hannah Faulkner, with a rain date of October 25.

***Friday, November 20** Harvest Feast, Fellowship Hall, Cheryl Clukey coordinating.

Building Your Own Theology

Carie Johnsen (623-3663, revcariejohnsen@gmail.com)

Starting in January

Based on the assumption that everyone is their own theologians, this classic UU adult education program invites participants to develop their own personal credos: the fundamental religious beliefs, values and convictions that inform and direct the living of their lives.

Living the Welcoming Congregation

Starting in January, Fellowship Hall

Helen Zidowecki and Maggie Ricker (623-9943, maggiesway@aol.com), and others

This curriculum is a continuing educational program for congregations after certification by the UUA. We will be presenting the program over the spring. Watch for details. Sponsored by the Welcoming Congregation Alliance.

Continuing the Welcome

Starting in February 2010

Helen Zidowecki, Coordinating

When we voted to become certified as a Welcoming Congregation by UUA, it was understood that we would also look at areas of intentional welcoming. Possibilities include

*Weaving the Fabric of Diversity (Ableism, Racism, Ageism, Classism)

*Caring Congregation Workshop (mental health)

Biblical Dialogue—Making Sense of Our Roots

February, Fellowship Hall

Helen Zidowecki, Coordinating

Open discussion of approaches to the Bible and UUs, such as specific curriculum, focused series, book discussions. Planning specific events will stem from this discussion. Bring your interests.

Looking at Later Life

Time to be determined.

Helen Zidowecki, Coordinating

These will be informal and informational sessions around topics suggested by participants. Will include resources as well as discussion. Schedule to be developed. Open to all ages – we all are aging!

Green Sanctuary

To be determined.

Richard Bridges (626-3176, aug-law@roadrunner.com), and Green Sanctuary Committee

There will be educational sessions, and ongoing activities for all ages and parts of the congregation as we work toward becoming a recognized Green Sanctuary. Watch for details.

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