



The Flaming Chalice

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

July 2010

Summer Worship Services

ONLY ONE SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:00 a.m.

(June 6th ~ Sept 5th)

July 4th

Native Spirit

Phyllis Cudmore

This will be a Native American service with two readings. Phyllis will explain Native culture and prayer. She will explain the process of smudging with sage and how and why it is done.

July 11th

The Gentle Art of Hospitality

Hannah Faulkner & Annie Voorhees

We will be exploring the feelings of joy and satisfaction found in welcoming others. So come in, have a seat, relax and enjoy!

July 18th

The "Ah-Ha" experience.

Charles McGillicuddy

Some moments in history of sudden upspringings of awareness. And an opportunity for such an experience right in the middle of the service!

July 25th

Thanks For The Memory

Dan Sorensen

Songs from the past bring memories of that time back to us. Even as our memory begins to fade, those songs are anchors for us, mostly pleasurable. We will hear some of those oldies and goodies, sung and played.

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Next newsletter deadline is **July 19th**. Please submit newsletter articles by email to Julie Pelletier, UUCC Church Administrator at admin@augustauu.org



A Faith Journey...

Wow, where did the year go?

As I look back on those exciting days of entering into a new ministry and those stressful days of trying to sell and buy a house, I am once again struck by how life does settle into familiar and comforting rhythms.

It has been a busy year for UUCC and now we enter into a recognizable cadence of summer activity—vacations, bbq's, lighter work load, children playing all around us. Just as this season of nature brightens the landscape with vivid colors, warmth and sunshine, our summer worship offers a variety of themes and leaders to Sunday pulpit. A diversity of lay leaders will be at the forefront to welcome the regular congregants and visiting travelers alike into the ritual of Sunday morning worship. As it has been before, the ever-so-familiar worship associates and pianists will be present every Sunday to guide the service and lead with music.

What is new on the summer landscape at UUCC this summer is the ongoing activity of young people in our midst. The board voted this month to adopt a family friendly model for summer children's programming that offers the youngest of our community the opportunity to continue to grow their spirit just as we do. I applaud the board for supporting Karen's proposal to maintain summer Spirit Play through June, July and August.

Just this past Sunday the community was busy with four participants in the nursery, six participants in spirit play and three young people age 10-13 attending the regular service. Age diversity is a blessing. With care and nurturing it will be a gift that keeps on giving as we shift to summer at UUCC.

As I depart for my summer vacation, I am acutely aware that this community is well prepared to worship and play together all summer long. I look forward to entering into deeper and richer ministry with all of you next year. I anticipate next year being an exciting year of growing together individually and collectively as a faith community.

In gratitude and faith of all that is UUCC, Rev. Carie Johnsen



Summer Pastoral Care

Rev. Carie Johnsen will be away for summer vacation from June 28th to July 25th returning back to the office on Monday, July 26th. The Board of Trustees has contracted with the Rev. Helen Zidowecki to be available for Pastoral Care Services during her absence. All pastoral services will be coordinated through Rev. Zidowecki. She can be contacted at 582-5308 (h), 837-7040 (c) or hzmre@hzmre.com. Please contact Helen directly to inform her of a member's illness and/or hospitalization, extended pastoral care needs of a member or the death of a member or friend of the congregation.

President's Column...

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has offered me kind words of encouragement and wisdom as I begin my service to the UUCC as president of the Board of Trustees. I look forward to working with a wonderful, hard-working Board who are always ready to meet a challenge or make a tough decision. Many thanks also to those stewards of the church who have completed their time on the Board-President Debbie Mattson, Treasurer Nancy Fritz, and Clerk Stephanie Ralph and Student Rep Miriam Neilsen. We will miss your leadership!

I look forward to working with you all in the coming church year and would love to hear from you on any topic.

The best way to reach me is by email at : president@augustauu.org.

My best,

Sheila Comerford
President, Board of Trustees



FROM THE WAYSIDE PULPIT

We do not have to wait until we are excellent before we can do excellent things. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955, French paleontologist and philosopher, helped discover Peking Man)

Grant us faith and understanding to cherish all those who fight for freedom. Tephven Vincent Benet (American poet and writer)

Freedom of each to utter means freedom of all to learn. Waitstill Sharp (UU minister, founding of UU Service Committee)



Religious Exploration Retreat Sunday, August 29, 4 to 7 p.m.

Please mark your calendars!
Join us for an exploration of
Curriculum Mapping for our

Children and Youth followed by a dinner to celebrate our commitment to our religious exploration program.



Peaceful Heart Sangha Mindfulness Meditation in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh Summer 2010

Come join us any Monday or Wednesday from 6:30 - 8 PM. Beginners welcome anytime. We usually meet at church; however, we will have a few meeting place changes this summer.

The Monday sitting will switch to a local home from July 19 - August 9.

The Wednesday sitting will meet at a local home from July 7 until the fall. If you are not on our Sangha email list and plan to join us for one of those evenings, please contact Marty Soule or Greg Fahy for details.

During the summer we will not have Children's meditation, though we will still offer childcare on the first Monday of the month.

If you are interested in the **introduction to meditation** on July 19, **please contact Marty**, as it will be scheduled depending on interest. There will not be an introduction in August.

We will not have 4th Monday recitations of the 14 Mindfulness Trainings in June or August. We will have a recitation on July 26 at **5:00**.

There will be a **Day of Mindfulness** for adults and children with Dharma Teacher, Joanne Friday, at the UU Church in Brunswick on **Saturday, June 26 from 10 - 4**. Joanne was ordained by Thich Nhat Hanh in 2003. Of her teaching, Joanne says: "*I consider the transmission of the Dharma to be the most wonderful gift I have ever received and my greatest joy is passing it on*". For further information please contact:
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COMMUNITY NEWS



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Bicycle Workshop and Ride

Saturday, July 10th, 8:30 to 3:00

Workshop fee is \$15 per person ~ Workshop is open to those 14 and older.

Learn to keep your bicycle going when the unexpected happens on a ride. Come learn how to fix a flat tire, put a chain back on and keep your brakes and shifters working!

Class is geared for those with no bicycle repair experience but can answer questions for the more advanced rider. Other topics covered include helmets, clothing, shoes, gloves, how to pack extra gear, safety, water and nutrition.

A short ride on the Kennebec Rail Trail will follow the workshop, distance determined by group ability. Must be 18 years of age or older to participate on ride, unless accompanied by an adult.

To register contact Tom Waddell at us1863@roadrunner.com or 512-5382.

Workshop limited to 20 participants.

The day includes coffee and muffins in the morning and a delicious lunch of soup and bread at noon.

Thank you!

We wish to thank everyone who participated in making the Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale a \$1,523 success! Your time and hard work are greatly appreciated.

**Judy McCown and Bruce Bierce
Fundraising Chairs**

KUDOS to UUCC!!!! Unitarian Universalist Community Church led the Portland Gay Pride March as the Honorary Marshal. This congregations work in the No on One Campaign stood out to the Pride Organizers. Pictures are posted on the church bulletin board.

KUDOS to UUCC!!!! For serving their first free Public Supper at St. Marks on Saturday night. Thank you to all the people who joined in cooking, serving, cleaning and sharing a meal with the citizens of the greater Augusta community.



Summer Spirit Play and Nursery Care is now available at the 10:00 service. Children age 4 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Children age 5-12 are welcome in the Spirit Play room located on the second floor in the Administration Building at 71 Winthrop.

Liza Gottlieb will coordinate summer Spirit Play. Please contact Liza at 549-5198 or lizarosegottlieb@yahoo.com, if you would like to volunteer one Sunday this summer to support this family friendly model and bring Spirit Play to our young people all year long.

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News from the Administrator

The office will be closed on the following days in June and July. Please mark your calendars.

June 29th

July 12th –15th

July 24th