**Unitarian Universalist Community Church**

**Worship Service - Sunday, March 20, 2016**

**TODAY at UUCC (March 20, 2016)**

 **Services**, 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., “Beginning, Again”\*, Rev. Margaret Beckman

 \*Final\* O.W.L. R.E. Class (Grades K-2), 9:15–11 a.m.

 \*Final\* O.W.L. R.E. Class (Grades 4-6), 9:15-11:15 am.

 \*Final\* O.W.L. R.E. (Grades 7-9) 9:15 a.m. – Noon

 **Goddess/Earth Circles**, 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall

\*Welcome Spring! With the first day of spring comes another chance to begin again. We may be liberated from whatever has held us in winter’s grasp, whether in body, mind or spirit, and begin again to live into the next best version of ourselves.

**\*\*Final O.W.L. Religious Exploration Classes TODAY – What’s Next for our youth?**

The \*final\* O.W.L. Religious Exploration classes will be held TODAY. What’s next for the O.W.L. kiddos? Join us next week for special Easter services and events (see below) and then we invite all our O.W.L. families to participate in our ongoing R.E. Programs as described below.

After the “Wisdom Story” at the 9:15 a.m. service, we offer age-specific R.E. programming for ages 5-14 and Sr. High youth. We approach R.E. as a creative process for all ages. We endeavor to empower all who participate to nurture a spiritually meaningful life; a life examined and informed by our UU principles and our rich Unitarian Universalist heritage.

After the “Wisdom Story” at the 11:00 a.m. service, we offer our innovative multi-age R.E. program “Spirit Play” that focuses on the creative interests of each child. Using a variety of creative media, the children are invited to respond to the story they heard in the Sanctuary.

FMI: please contact Brigid Chapin at SundayRECoordinator@augustauu.org or Monique McAuliffe at YouthAdvisor@augustauu.org.

**WELCOME TO SPRING EQUINOX <See insert>**

Join **Goddess/Earth Circles** **THIS SUNDAY Mar 20, 2016 in the Fellowship Hall,** after Second service, 12:15-2:00pm. Explore the Equinox –Easter connection. You are invited to bring (eggs, rabbits, flowers, holy water, lambs, cross buns) for the celebration table, a small packet of seeds for the Promise ritual, and snack food.

**Notices**

**\*\*Deadline TODAY\*\*\* Auction Gift Baskets Ideas.** Please see Hannah or Terry TODAY to let one of them know what you, with your small group or committee, have decided to create for a gift basket for people to bid on at our April 8th auction.

**Lawn mowing volunteers needed - once a month.**

We like to have four volunteers who rotate the responsibility which amounts to mowing once a month. We have a nice self-propelled mower and gas. Email Marilyn maine2007@hotmail.com if you can help.

**OUTREACH NOTICE**

**Iraqi Refugee family seeking a sofa, area rugs and side tables**. If you have some to share, please contact Rev Carie at revcariejohnsen@gmail.com or 508-221-5295.

**Hannaford Policy Change:**

As of April 1st a change in the Hannaford system will only allow one form of payment per order so each each $1,000+ order must be paid for with the ~same~ bank card. We usually gather all checks together, and when they total $1,000 or more, we place an order.

If you pay with a check or cash, there are no changes. There is no minimum dollar-value to reload your card, and you can continue to buy already-loaded cards.

However, those of you who buy with a credit card. See Catherine Palmer to get more information about how this change could affect your normal participation in the Hannaford program. FMI: Catherine Palmer 604.4884

**APRIL ELDER LUNCH NEEDS SALAD AND DESSERT**

April Lunch is in need of contributions of salad and desserts.   We had over forty people last month so if a couple of people could contribute salad fixings for 20 small green salads that would be great. We also need four people to contribute finger desserts (brownies, bars, cookies, fruit, whatever). Contact Marilyn Dunn at 512-5382 or maine2007@hotmail.com.

**ESSENTIALS PANTRY in need of Donations, as follows:**

Bars of soap – 100 Toilet paper - 200 rolls

Feminine hygiene supplies - regular & plus sanitary pads

Powdered laundry detergent Diaper wipes

Diapers in sizes 6, 5, 4, 2, & 1

Any and all donations are appreciated. Donations can be left in the red wagon in the coat closet.

Thank you ~Jenny McKendry

**This Week at UUCC …**

**Monday, March 21, 2016**

Newsletter articles DUE to newsletter@augustauu.org

 RENTAL-Maine Wabanaki REACH,

 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Drew House (1st Floor)

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 FINAL New UU Class, 5:30 -7:30 pm, FH

 SGM Ellis McKeen (D. Maddi), 6:00 pm, CR

 SGM (T. Cairn), 6:00 pm, Drew House (2nd Floor)

 Sangha Meditation, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

 SGM (D. Sorensen), 10:00 am, Off Premises

 ALANON, Noon, Robbins Room

 🡪What is Whiteness WORKSHOP, 6 pm, FH

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

 Seasoned Souls, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary

 🡪Craft Circle (w/Social Activity Committee

 Sponsored Iris Paper Folding), 5:30 pm, FH

 Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 24, 2016**

 UUCCA Staff Mtg, 2:30 pm, DH (1st Floor Parlor)

**Friday, March 25, 2016**

 Drum Circle, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, March 26, 2016**

 Maine SANGHA Quarterly Meeting, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall / Sanctuary

 Private Piano Lessons, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Sunday, March 27, 2016**

 **Special EASTER SUNDAY services**

 **w/CHOIR and UUCCOO**

 **🡪Please see INSERT for all the details>**

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, March 21, 2016 – LAST New Unitarian Universalist (new to UUCC) Class**

FINAL New UU Class on March 21st in **Fellowship Hall** from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016 - Congregational Relevance: The Trends, the Realities, The Choice**

*<Invitation from the UUCC Relevance Bold Adventurers>*

Join us for an online webinar - Tues, Mar. 22, 6:30-7:30.

Rev. Carie’s office, Judd House, 71 Winthrop St, Augusta

Participants will explore the trends and realities of congregational life and how a congregation rooted in being relevant can actually leverage their strengths for greater impact. Be part of the conversation and engage the work of adaptive leadership in the 21st century.

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 6:00-8:00 pm, FH**

UNITING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE – What is Whiteness?

Grounding anti-racism, anti-oppression, multicultural ministries includes understanding one’s own race story. This work is both liberating and necessary. Knowing the story we are living out of and how our experiences shape our perspectives is essential in the work of uniting for racial justice.

**Recommended reading:** Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Racism, by Debbie Irving

Contact admin@augustauu.org or 622-3232 to sign up for the workshop or reserve a copy of the book.

**Wed. Mar. 23rd SOCIAL ACTIVITY-"IRIS PAPER FOLDING"**

The UUCC Craft Night on Wed. March 23rd from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall will include a workshop on "Iris Paper Folding" led by Martha Naber (assisted by Cheryl Clukey). Iris Paper Folding is a simple form of origami. By folding small pieces of wrapping paper, etc. and placing them in a specific pattern, you can create beautiful cards. Please bring any origami paper you may have or 3 or 4 different scraps of wrapping paper. FMI: call Cheryl Clukey.

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**🡪Friday, April 8, 2016, UUCC Auction & Magic Show🡨**

 **🡪Donations DUE by March 27th🡨**

**4 - 7 p.m.** Silent Auction - Fellowship Hall

**5 - 7 p.m.** Supper Café - Fellowship Hall

**5:30 – 6:15 p.m.** Family Magic Show in the Sanctuary

“Conjuring Carroll Chapman” will present his Family Magic Show from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is FREE to all families attending our Silent and Live Auctions.

**6:15 – 7 p.m.** Last chance bids Silent Auction items

**7 – 8:30 p.m.** Live Auction with Surprises in Sanctuary

\*\*Credit Cards accepted with a 3% bank fee\*\*

**ALSO PLANNING 🡪 a** **Children’s Supervised Movie in Drew House AND Child Care in Nursery for Little Ones <More information to come>**

See you there!—Hannah (293-9377), Terry (557-2557) and the Auction Committee.

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**Saturday April 9, 2016 at UUCC (9:30 am - 3 pm),**

**Non-Violent Communication** offered in the context of Mindfulness Meditation by Peaceful Heart Sangha

“Cultivating Loving-Kindness for Ourselves and Others” Led by Peggy Smith, certified trainer in Non-Violent Communication and Dharma Teacher in the tradition of Zen master, Thich Nhat Hahn

http://www.opencommunication.org - $20 suggested donation (bring a bag lunch for a mindful meal)

 - Register by contacting Greg Fahy at

peace-fulheartsangha@gmail.com or call # (207) 622-7012

~No one will be turned away for lack of funds

and beginners are welcome~

**🡪Sunday, April 10th, 1:00p.m. (After Elder lunch)**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: "Weathering Shame"** by Kevin Mannix (Channel 8 weatherman) and Linda Rota.

They will discuss their personal journey of the shame and stigma throughout their childhood and adult lives.

**For the complete calendar of events, visit the UUCC website:** [**www.augustauu.org**](http://www.augustauu.org)

**Budget Report**

Deposit (week beginning 3/13/16):

 Pledge Payments (2015-2016) 1,190.00

 Offering 95.00

 RENTAL-Maine MOMs 60.00

 RENTAL-ALANON 10.00

 Donation – from Elder Lunch 3.00

Total income for week $ 1,358.00

Avg budgeted wkly expenses for 2015/16 = $ 4,176.20

 ($217,162. divided by 52 weeks)

**UUCC Office Hours <hours for next week>**

Monday ----------------------------------<No office hours>

Tues., Wed. AND Thurs.--------------9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday -------------------------------------< No office hours >

**Rev. Carie’s Office Hours:**

Monday No office Hours (Writing Day)

Tuesday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday No office Hours (Sabbath day)

 <other hours available by appointment>

**Pastoral Care** concerns: contact Nancee Campbell at (207) 621-7727 or pastoralministers@augustauu.org.

**Caring Cooperative** support, contact Cheryl Abruzzese at cam1nik2@gmail.com or 858-5340.

**Sunday Services / Staff Contact information:**

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Music Director, Bridget Convey, musicdirector@augustauu.org

Office Administrator, Lynn M. Smith, admin@augustauu.org,

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