**Unitarian Universalist Community Church**

**Worship Service - Sunday, April 10, 2016**

**TODAY at UUCC (April 10, 2016)**

 **Services**, 9:15 am. & 11:00 am “Circles of Sexuality”\*

 Rev. Carie Johnsen

 **Elder Lunch**, Noon, Fellowship Hall

 🡪**Kevin Mannix at UUCC,** Social Activity

 1 pm (after Elder Lunch), Sanctuary

 **RENTAL-Young Singers Group**, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary

\*Sexuality encompasses nearly every aspect of our being, from attitudes and values to feelings and experiences. This service will explore how Unitarian Universalist values inform our sexuality throughout the ages.

***TODAY’s services will include a time***

***to honor and celebrate the wisdom of our Elders.***

**TODAY at Noon, Elder Lunch, Fellowship Hall**

Plan to relax and socialize with your friends after the second service. Menu always includes breads, salad, entree and dessert. Church elder lunch is not exclusive to Senior Citizens – we have regular attendees in their 40s and 50s too, so please self-select and join us. Thank you to all volunteers!!

**TODAY at 1:00 pm, (After Elder lunch)**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Kevin Mannix-"Weathering Shame"**

Kevin Mannix, former Channel 6 weatherman and his wife Linda Rota will join us on April 10th at 1:00 pm (after Elder Lunch). They will discuss their book “Weathering Shame”. They will discuss their personal journeys of the shame and stigma faced throughout their childhood and adult lives. Kevin and Linda will share their experiences, struggles, and feelings of humiliation that resulted from growing up exposed to alcoholism, severe depression and suicide. They hope to offer awareness and inspiration through their personal stories. Their book will also be available for purchase.

**Notices**

**Kathy Kellison to be awarded the 2016 NNED Leadership Award on Sat. April 9th, in Concord, NH**

The Northern New England District of the UUA will be honoring **Kathy Kellison** this Saturday, April 9th at its Annual Meeting in Concord, New Hampshire. Kathy has been a significant participant in and contributor to district activities, programming, and outreach and growth. We hope that some of her UU friends can attend this event. Discounted hotel rooms are available at the Hampton Inn. Check your newsletters for all the details.

**Monique McAuliffe to be honored in April by KVO**

The Kennebec Valley Organization will be honoring out Youth Advisor, **Monique McAuliffe** during its ***Micah Hero*** Dinner on Thursday, April 21, 6-8 PM at the Calumet Club, 334 W. River Road in Augusta, Maine. Tickets are $25.00 each for individuals, and $20.00 each for a table of eight. FMI: Contact Roberta Record at rrecord2002@yahoo.com or 623-2848.

**VOTE in the Leadership Council’s Hospitality Poll**

Poll sheets are in Fellowship Hall to gauge interest in options for future hospitality coverage. As you all know, our hospitality greeters are important to the church in welcoming new people, building community, and to help make people feel a part of this church. The poll presents options for future staffing of our greeters. The poll will be active for the next couple of weeks so don’t forget to make your vote count in this important issue. FMI: Martha Naber at naber@midmaine.com

**Request for Outreach to UUCC Church Member**

Ron LeBlanc would welcome visitors and phone calls. Due to pain from service-related injuries he is usually unable to attend church but would like to keep in touch with his friends at UUCC. Please call 480-1219 rather than the other number shown in the church directory. Ron’s address near Togus is 23 Village Circle, and his E-mail is ronleblanc@gwi.net.

**Seasoned Souls. *Seasoned Souls*** is a group intended specifically for church members and friends aged 65 and older. We are now meeting on the ***2nd and 4th Wednesday*** of the month in Fellowship Hall between 10:30 a.m. and noon. In **April**, we will meet on **13th and 27th** to address the various issues associated with aging. The meetings are open to all seniors who wish to join this spirited group.

**Celebrating our New Members!**

We will be celebrating the growth to our church with a ***New Members Dinner on Tuesday, April 12th at 5:30*** in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending to welcome our latest members, please sign up with Lynn in the office (622-3232). Please come and greet our most recent members with our well-known UUCC hospitality! We will also be honoring our newest members at a special ceremony during the worship services on Sunday, April 17th.

**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.

**Would you like to lead a summer service?**

Though it may still be snowing on occasion these days, it is not too early to be thinking about the schedule of lay led summer services. There is a reliable cohort of people in the church who look forward to undertaking a summer service each year, and it can be fun and rewarding to arrange and present a service. There ought to be some room for newcomers. If you’ve ever considered doing one, we of the worship associates committee would be interested in hearing from you, and glad to help you realize your dream of being a worship leader. You could contact our committee chair: Kathy Ann Shaw at kathyannshaw@roadrunner.com or 620-4082. If you are interested, let us know as soon as possible. ~Noah Gottlieb

**This Week at UUCC …**

**Monday, April 11, 2016**

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

 Sangha Meditation, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

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

 ALANON, Noon, Robbins Room

 SGM Committee Mtg, 5:30 pm, Committee Rm

 Visitor/Newcomer/New Member Dinner,

 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

 Seasoned Souls, 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary

 COM, 5:30 pm, Judd House

 Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 14, 2016**

 Bridget Private Rehearsal, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Friday, April 15, 2016**

Nonviolent Comm, 1:15 pm, Robbins Rm

**Saturday, April 16, 2016**

 UUCCOO Rehearsal, 8:30 am, Sanctuary

 **🡪**Concert at South Parish, 2:00 pm,

 (FMI: See Upcoming Events below)

**Sunday, April 17, 2016 <Choir>**

 Services, 9:15 am. & 11:00 am “Reverence”\*\*

 Rev. Carie Johnsen

 Goddess/Earth Circles, 12:15 pm, FH

 Peace Jam, 3:00 pm, Drew House (ALL)

 RENTAL-Young Singers Group, 4 pm, Sanctuary

\*\*Celebrating Earth Day (22nd) with *The Practice of Paying Attention* to the nature’s sanctuary. This service will highlight the exquisite beauty and abundance of grace in our own backyards. This Sunday will include our spring *New Member Ceremony*. Join us as we welcome the newest members of our community.

**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, April 16, 2016, 2:00 pm, South Parish Congregational Church (9 Church St.), Augusta**

Join us for a diverse musical afternoon featuring many talented musicians including our own Annie Nessen Voorhees as vocal soloist, Bridget Convey, pianist and Bill Mosley on flute. See fliers posted at church.

**Sunday, April 17, 2016, 12:15 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Join Goddess/Earth Circles on \*Sunday, April 17, 2016\* in the Fellowship Hall, for Mother Earth Day. What does the concept of the Earth as a Mother mean to us? How do our personal experiences with mothers influence this relationship to the earth? What are the stories of the Earth Goddesses? (Cailleach, Demeter/Persophne, Pachamama, Pani, Willendorf -- Goddess to name a few)

All genders, youth and adults are welcome. FMI: contact Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com )

**Fri., April 22, 2016, 10 am - Noon,** IN THEIR SHOES:

Be part of this dynamic and interactive workshop to help you understand the path of a refugee and to walk a moment in their shoes. The Catholic Charities Maine Refugee Program will discuss the refugee process, the refugee population in Maine and the challenges faced by these new arrivals. No RSVP necessary. Saint Monica Hall at St. Augustine Church, 75 Northern Ave.

**Wednesday, April 27, 2016 – SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

UUCC Craft Night. Carolyn Ladd is offering a workshop on making 3D whimsical cards. She has all the materials to make fun spring cards. Just come and join the UU craft Group. 5:30- 7:00p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Friday, April 29, 2016, Fellowship Hall**

April 29th: Cheryl Clukey and Judy McCown are once again offering dinner and a movie. The movie will be "SPOTLIGHT". More Information to come!

**Thurs., April 28, 2016, 12:30 - 2:30 pm, Fellowship Hall**

OPEN BOOK DISCUSSION: You are cordially invited to join a discussion of Herman Koch’s book, The Dinner. This dark and challenging novel is at least about family relationships, and accountability. We will meet on Thursday April 28 (instead of 4/21 as originally planned) from 12:30 until 2:30 in Fellowship Hall. FMI: Kathy Kellison at kell6787@gmail.com or June Zellers at jzellers@roadrunner.com.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Fri. May 13th**, Mid-Maine YoUUth Guatemalan Dinner Fundraiser, 6-8pm, UUCC Augusta

**Sat. May 14th**, MUUSAN Annual Meeting, 9am-4pm, at UUCC, Augusta

**May 15, 2016** 11:00 a.m. Animal Blessing and Congregational Pot Luck at Mill Park, Augusta, ME

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

**Budget Report**

Deposit (week beginning 4/3/16):

 Pledge Payments (2015-2016) $ 1,320.00

 Donation (Peaceful Heart Sangha) 400.00

 Total income for week $ 1,720.00

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

 ($217,162. divided by 52 weeks)

~~$252.78 - Share the Plate donation to MUUSAN ~~

2016-17 Pledge Payments collected was $275.00

**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:**

Youth Advisor, Monique McAuliffe youthadvisor@augustauu.org

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Sunday Morning Religious Exploration Coordinator, Brigid Chapin, SundayREcoordinator@augustauu.org

Music Director, Bridget Convey, musicdirector@augustauu.org

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

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