

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

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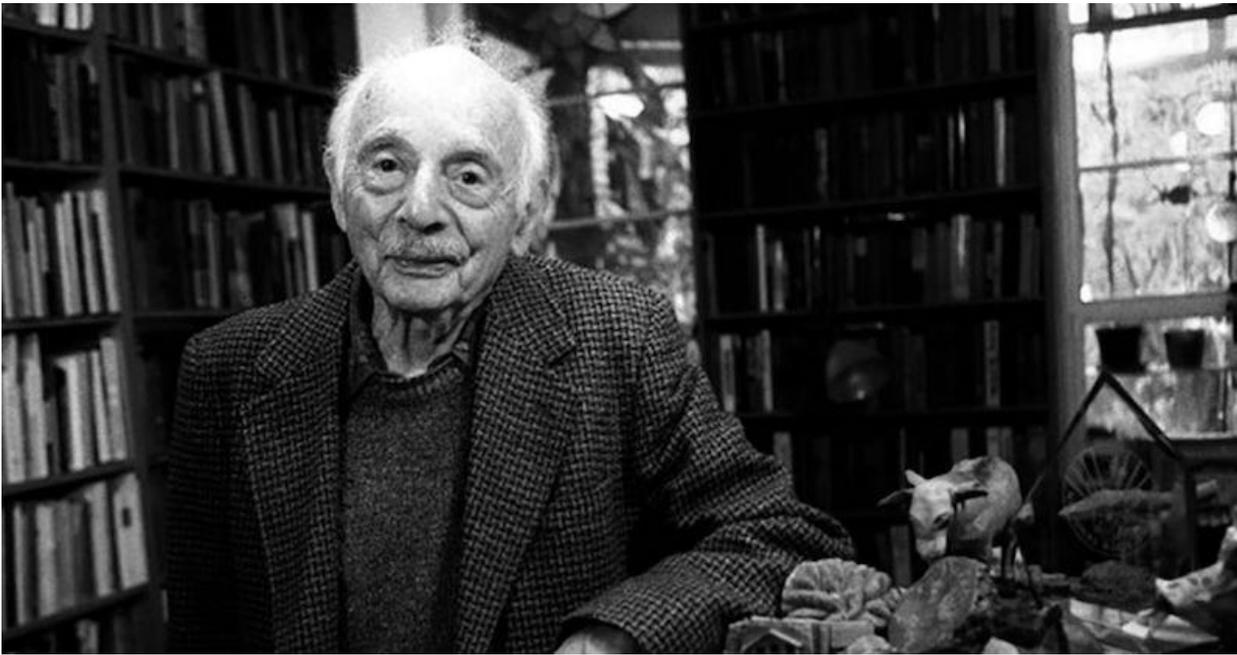
A Message from our Minister

Dear Members and Friends of UUCC,

I have always loved spending time with people older than me. They provide me with a different perspective on my life and the world. Often older people are more uninhibited and say what they think. They typically have more wisdom than me, so I learn from them. I grew up with the gift of three living grandparents, each of whom I was very close to. They taught me so much about my family, my heritage, America, love, money, emotions, politics, food, and more. This is probably why I love hanging out with what I call “the elders” at church. A church elder can be defined as “a person who has spiritual authority in the church. In simplest terms, a church elder is a long-time church member, typically older, who is there to offer guidance and mentorship for fellow members of a congregation.” Do you know your church elders? Do you spend time with them? My recent visits with some of our church elders at UUCC has brought me so much joy. If you are a church elder and would like to visit with me, please reach out. In the meantime, I offer you the following poem.

Many blessings and much love,

Reverend Christina



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The Layers” by American Poet Laureate Stanley Kunitz

I have walked through many lives,
Some of them my own,
And I am not who I was,
Though some principle of being
Abides, from which I struggle
Not to stray.
When I look behind,
As I am compelled to look,
Before I can gather strength
To proceed on my journey,
I see the milestones dwindling
Toward the horizon
And the slow fires trailing
From the abandoned campsites
Over which scavenger angels
Wheel on heavy wings.
Oh, I have made myself a tribe
Out of my true affections
And my tribe is scattered!
How shall the heart be reconciled
To its feast of losses?
In a rising wind
The manic dust of my friends,

Those who fell along the way
Bitterly sting my face.
Yet I turn, I turn,
Exulting somewhat,
With my will intact to go
Wherever I need to go,
And every stone on the road
Precious to me.
In my darkest night,
When the moon was covered and I
Roamed through wreckage,
A nimbus-clouded voice
Directed me:
“Live in the layers,
not the litter.”
Though I lack the art to decipher it,
No doubt the next chapter
In my book of transformations
Is already written.
I am not done with my changes.

Upcoming Services

Please see NOTICES section below for an important message about our services and a change in how we will make announcements on Sunday mornings.

<p>Sunday January 22, 2023 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>“Classism” Reverend Christina Sillari</p> <p>What is class? What is classism? Rev. Christina will explore class and classism from a personal and emotional perspective. She will also look at it through the lens of behavior and language and how our faith tradition has managed the issues of class.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Nan Bell will be our worship associate and John Seksay will manage technology. Karen Alllen will be our pianist and our choir will also be present.</p>
<p>Sunday January 29, 2023 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>“Holding it All, Together” Rev. Claire L Curole</p> <p>Body, mind, spirit, community: all these are interconnected. An interruption or injury at one level sends ripples through all the rest. This service explores some of the ways healing and wholeness show up in our beautiful, broken world</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. John Seksay will be our worship associate and Angie Blevins will manage technology. Karen Allen will be our pianist.</p> <p>*<u>Micro-Bio</u>: Rev. Claire L Curole, our Affiliated Community Minister, serves as a Staff Chaplain at CMMC in Lewiston, ME. Claire has been a member of UUCC-A since 2008.</p>
<p>Sunday February 5, 2023 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>“Is Peace Possible?” Reverend Christina Sillari</p> <p>Reverend Christina will reflect on the meaning of peace and how we can create it. She will invite contemplative reflection on personal questions about peace and share prayers and poetry. She will also share stories of a few remarkable women bringing peace to their communities.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Sara Hodgkins will be our worship associate and Marty Peters will manage technology. One of our pianists and our choir will be present.</p>

Sunday worship service is now being held *IN-PERSON* in the Sanctuary.

Our services are no longer accessible by Zoom

If you want to watch the livestream of the service, please visit:

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/mtifpthOutvesiqgijej>

If you missed a service or want to watch a service again, the link above also allows access to prior services. Click on the play button on the video of the “broadcast date” you are interested in watching.

Special Events / Opportunities

****SAVE THE DATE****

February 5, 2023

12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY:

NON-VIOLENT COMMUNICATION TRAINING WITH LEAH BOYD.

As part of our ongoing programming towards relationship building, the UUC is offering a **Nonviolent Communication Training** to all who are interested in exploring and practicing skill-building in effective communication on **Sunday, February 5, 2023 from 12:00-3:00 P.M.** in the Sanctuary. (Masks are required.)

Leah Boyd is a certified trainer with the International Center for Nonviolent Communication. She is highly regarded and known by many in our community to be a creative, skilled, and entertaining presenter. Leah has experience in working with other UU communities and has designed a workshop specifically for us.

She will help us learn to say exactly what was in our heads and hearts, especially when it seems the words don't come. And she will guide us to feel confident in our ability to react effectively when we find someone's words hurtful or misplaced.

Church Leadership will provide healthy and abundant snack offerings during coffee hour that will sustain us during the session. Feel free to bring your own lunch if you feel so inclined.

We would appreciate if you could let us know of your attendance by Friday, January 27, 2023, so that we can prepare accordingly. Of course, last minute attendees will be welcome as well! Please email your intention to attend to: Michaelatloisel@gmail.com.

Another -- SAVE THE DATE



8TH PRINCIPLE UU ZOOM EVENT; "NEW DAY RISING 2023" ANYONE CAN ATTEND

A few Social Justice Committee members and I attended the "2021 New Day Rising" event and it was amazing! It offers a wealth of information around the 8th Principle, what other SJ work congregations are involved in and their pathway towards adopting the 8th Principle. Here is an opportunity to experience this energizing zoom event and gather an abundance of SJ resources/connections:

To read more and register go to this link:
<https://www.uua.org/central-east/calendar/new-day-rising-cer-2023>

A small suggested donation is asked to register (\$10, \$30, or \$50)



Small Group Ministry:

We have received several inquiries about joining/rejoining Small Group Ministry!

If you are interested in exploring this, please send us the following information for planning:

- Time you are available for meetings: daytime, evening, specific days of week
- Available: in person, virtually (zoom or hybrid)
- Composition: group randomly selected (usually by time availability), men's group, women's group, mixed group
- Other consideration or questions that you have:

Please also contact us if you are interested in being a Group Leader. We would like to work on placements in groups after the holidays. Please contact us regarding your interest with responses to the questions, or other questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

Linda Findlay (377-8028, linda.findlay@gmail.com) or Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.om).

Social Activities

Social Activities Committee is considering a Game Night.

Have any thoughts or ideas for such a night?

We would love to hear from you!

Contact Cheryl Clukey at cherylclukey5@yahoo.com.

An opportunity for reflection...



An opportunity to reflect on the latest wayside pulpit message being shared on the corner of Winthrop and Summer Streets.

“Justice is what love looks like in public, just like tenderness is what love feels like in private.”

~Dr. Cornell West

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Dr. Cornell West was the Ware Lecturer at the 2015 UUA General Assembly. The Ware lecture is the most distinguished lecture of General Assembly.

In the lecture, Dr. West called for integrity, honesty, decency, and virtue above all else.

Check out the lecture at:

<https://www.uua.org/ga/past/2015/ware-west>

Thank you to Angie Blevins for maintaining the wayside pulpit and providing us with messages to ponder.

## Connections by Day of the Week

ALL church events and meetings are reflected on the UUCC calendar  
 Click below to view ALL events, including any group meetings or other business meetings.  
<https://www.augustauu.org/calendar-and-communications/>

***Some events are still being held in the UUCC Zoom Room.***

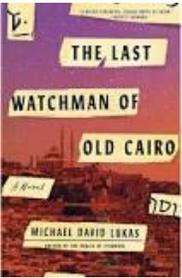
**[Click here to join Events in the Zoom Room:](#)**

For other ways to join Zoom, see [General Information](#)



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| <p><b><u>Monday</u></b><br/>                 Each week</p> <p><b><u>6:30 – 8:00</u></b><br/> <b><u>p.m.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Please note:</u></b><br/> <b><u>location</u></b><br/> <b><u>changes</u></b></p> | <p><b><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></b></p> <p>You may join us at 6:15 to settle in.</p> <p>-- BY Private ZOOM --every Monday (except the last Monday of the month).<br/>                 -- IN-PERSON in the UUCC Sanctuary on the last Monday of each month.</p> <p>Please contact Marty Soule for updated Zoom login information at: email: <a href="mailto:martysoule@gmail.com">martysoule@gmail.com</a>. FMI: <a href="mailto:peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com">peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</a></p> <p><i>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all</i></p>                                                                                                     |  |
| <p><b><u>Wednes-</u></b><br/> <b><u>days</u></b><br/> <b><u>6:00 -</u></b><br/> <b><u>7:30 p.m.</u></b></p>                                                                                                  | <p><b><u>UUCC Choir Rehearsal</u></b></p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Tonight's choir rehearsal is CANCELLED. Please join us next week from 6:00-7:30pm in the sanctuary.</p> <p>N95 or KN95 masks are required, we have plenty, if you need a mask.<br/>                 Questions? Please reach out to Bridget Convey at: <a href="mailto:musicdirector@augustauu.org">musicdirector@augustauu.org</a>.<br/>                 All are welcome!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <p><b><u>Wednes-</u></b><br/> <b><u>days</u></b><br/>                 Each Week</p> <p><b><u>5:00 – 6:00</u></b><br/> <b><u>p.m.</u></b></p>                                                                 | <p><b><u>Gentle YOGA</u></b></p> <p>Hosted by Debbie Mattson</p> <p>UU Yoga is now offered as a hybrid gathering. People can choose to gather in the Fellowship Hall for yoga, Wednesdays 5 PM-6 PM or join via zoom. Here is the zoom link:<br/> <a href="https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVEjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09">https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVEjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09</a><br/>                 Password: 174192</p> <p>Please join us a few minutes before 5:00 to settle in so we can begin class right at 5:00 p.m.<br/>                 FMI: <a href="mailto:DebbieMattson@hotmail.com">DebbieMattson@hotmail.com</a></p> |  |

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| <p><b>2nd &amp; 4<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. - Noon</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. - C-FH<br/>4<sup>th</sup> Wed. - Zoom</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Seasoned Souls</u></b></p> <p>Seasoned Souls is a group of older church members that meet as a study/support group to talk openly about topics related to the aging process. Seasoned Souls is open to any church member over 65 years of age. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday monthly we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, we will meet in the UUCU Zoom room.</p> <p>FMI: please contact Diane (<a href="mailto:dmoongrove@gmail.com">dmoongrove@gmail.com</a> or 446-6162) or Stefanie (<a href="mailto:stefbarley@gmail.com">stefbarley@gmail.com</a> or 629-8890)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p><b>Thursdays</b><br/><b>Each Week</b></p> <p><b>8:00 – 9:30 a.m.</b></p>                                                                                  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></b></p> <p>You may join us by Zoom at 7:45 a.m. to settle in. Meet from 8-9:30</p> <p>-- IN-PERSON every Thursday at the River Studio, 332 Water St. Hallowell (except the last Thursday of the month)<br/>--BY Private ZOOM – last Thursday of the month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at <a href="mailto:martysoule@gmail.com">martysoule@gmail.com</a>. FMI: <a href="mailto:peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com">peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>2nd &amp; 4<sup>th</sup></b><br/><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>In the UUCU Zoom room</b></p> <p><b>9:00 – 10:30 a.m.</b></p>                               | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Writing to Wake the Soul</u></b></p> <p>This is an open group that gathers and writes together to explore spiritual themes. The writing is used as a conveyance to connect more deeply with ourselves and each other. We are not writing to develop skill.</p> <p>Come and try it out; there is no obligation to come each time we gather. This group will be meeting in the UUCU Zoom Room.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FMI: please contact Debbie at (207)557-2697 or <a href="mailto:debbiemattson@hotmail.com">debbiemattson@hotmail.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>1<sup>st</sup></b><br/><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Noon-1:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting is Feb 2<sup>nd</sup></b></p>                               | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Read, Learn, Share</u></b></p>  <p>READ SHARE LEARN meets on THURSDAY February 2<sup>nd</sup> at NOON. You can join us in the Fellowship Hall or in the UUCU ZOOM ROOM. We will be using the UUCU OWL technology to include people on line. Anyone interested in discussing is <u>The Last Watchman of Old Cairo</u> by Michael Lukas is welcome to join us. We will end at 1:30.</p> <p><i>An American student with a Jewish mother and Muslim father explores his family's tangled roots in the history of Cairo's ancient synagogue.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">~Kirks Review</p> <p>For more information, contact Kathy Kellison at <a href="mailto:kell6787@gmail.com">kell6787@gmail.com</a> or June Zellers at <a href="mailto:jzellers@roadrunner.com">jzellers@roadrunner.com</a>. Our book for March 2 is <u>To Make Men Free: A History of the Republican Party</u> by Heather Cox Richardson.</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4<sup>th</sup><br/>Friday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6:30 –<br/>8:30<br/>Sanctuary</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Meeting is<br/>Jan 27</b></p>        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Free Style Drum Circle</u></b></p> <p>The Augusta Community Drum Circle is a free style drum circle welcoming people of all ages, walks of life, and abilities. Free style means no one is assigned ‘pieces’ to play. Just play! Or don’t play! Just come watch, sing, dance, or bring your own instruments. No one cares if you’ve never played before or if you make a mistake. As long as you are having fun you can’t get it wrong! <b>ALL are welcome.</b> Event is FREE, No RSVP, just come!</p> <p>The Drum Circle meets the fourth Friday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information you can contact Mike Moody at <a href="mailto:mtmoods@gmail.com">mtmoods@gmail.com</a> or 229-1118.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |   |               |                            |             |                            |       |  |  |  |  |    |               |   |             |                            |       |  |  |  |  |    |               |   |             |                            |       |  |  |  |  |    |               |   |             |                            |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9:30–11 am</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Select Saturdays</b></p>                                                      | <p style="text-align: center;">UUC Occasional Orchestra</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come and share your musical talents with our UUC community.<br/>Rehearsals are in the Sanctuary from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on the following upcoming Saturdays:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; width: 10%;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 20%;">JAN 2023, SAT</td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 10%;">●</td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 20%;">9:30 – 11am</td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 30%;">UUCCOO Rehearsal (C-Sanct)</td> </tr> <tr><td colspan="5" style="text-align: center;"><hr/></td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">21</td> <td style="text-align: center;">JAN 2023, SAT</td> <td style="text-align: center;">●</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9:30 – 11am</td> <td style="text-align: center;">UUCCOO Rehearsal (C-Sanct)</td> </tr> <tr><td colspan="5" style="text-align: center;"><hr/></td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">FEB 2023, SAT</td> <td style="text-align: center;">●</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9:30 – 11am</td> <td style="text-align: center;">UUCCOO Rehearsal (C-Sanct)</td> </tr> <tr><td colspan="5" style="text-align: center;"><hr/></td></tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td style="text-align: center;">FEB 2023, SAT</td> <td style="text-align: center;">●</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9:30 – 11am</td> <td style="text-align: center;">UUCCOO Rehearsal (C-Sanct)</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">All are welcome, please join us!<br/>Questions: please contact Dale McCormick at: <a href="mailto:dmmccormick11@aol.com">dmmccormick11@aol.com</a>.</p> | 7 | JAN 2023, SAT | ●                          | 9:30 – 11am | UUCCOO Rehearsal (C-Sanct) | <hr/> |  |  |  |  | 21 | JAN 2023, SAT | ● | 9:30 – 11am | UUCCOO Rehearsal (C-Sanct) | <hr/> |  |  |  |  | 11 | FEB 2023, SAT | ● | 9:30 – 11am | UUCCOO Rehearsal (C-Sanct) | <hr/> |  |  |  |  | 18 | FEB 2023, SAT | ● | 9:30 – 11am | UUCCOO Rehearsal (C-Sanct) |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4<sup>th</sup><br/>Sunday</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1-2:30<br/>p.m.<br/>In-Person</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Meeting is Jan.<br/>22, 2023</b></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Goddess/Earth Circles<br/>January 22, 1-2:30pm by zoom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Topic: Imbolc (Awakening of the Earth) and planning to include Earth Celebrations, earth-based/natural connections with Unitarian Universalism.</p> <p>Goddess/Earth Circles focuses on Goddess, women’s lives and earth-based spirituality. All ages and genders welcome. Contact: Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, <a href="mailto:hzmre@hzmre.om">hzmre@hzmre.om</a>).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |               |                            |             |                            |       |  |  |  |  |    |               |   |             |                            |       |  |  |  |  |    |               |   |             |                            |       |  |  |  |  |    |               |   |             |                            |

## **Notices / Updates / News**

### ***NOTES FROM WORSHIP ARTS***

Greetings from the Worship Arts Team! How wonderful it is to sing in the sanctuary again, whether in the choir or the congregation. Please wear a KN-95 or N-95 mask if you wish to sing. Masks are available at the church; if you need one be sure to ask as you come in.

We have been working on improving the sound for broadcast. We now have a second over-ear microphone, and the handheld mic has been adjusted to make it easier to use and to hear. Thank you for your patience as we continue to refine our technological systems.

We have heard that some feel that announcements can run too long or disrupt the worshipful atmosphere at the end of a service. To speed and smooth the process, we are asking that announcements be written out and given to the Worship Associate to read. Paper and pencil will be available. You may hand your announcement to the Worship Associate before the service or place it in the plate during the offering. We appreciate your cooperation as we make this change. Some special announcements may be made by others but that will be an occasional exception.

Finally, if you know of someone who might be a wonderful guest speaker for worship, please contact Christina or a member of the Worship Arts team. We are open to suggestions!

Karen Allen  
Chair, Worship Arts

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### **Updates / Messages from our Social Justice Committee**

The Social Justice Committee has received Board approval to pilot a Saturday breakfast program for guests at the overnight South Parish Warming Shelter. Shelter guests must leave at 7 AM and are not able to return until 7 in the evening. A very limited breakfast is available at South Parish since the shelter cannot utilize kitchen facilities.

In an attempt to remedy this situation one day a week the UUCC Fellowship Hall will offer a warm place to gather and a hot, home cooked breakfast starting on January 14 from 7AM to 9 AM. The program will be reviewed by the UUCC Board of Trustees after a five week trial. Other congregations are being contacted in the hope of creating an interfaith ministry.

There are many ways to join us in this effort. Volunteer on Saturday to cook, serve or clean; plan and deliver food prior to the breakfast; send a check to UUCC with a memo, "Saturday Breakfast Mission" to help with funds, share your enthusiasm, knowledge and ideas.

If you are interested in any of the above please email Mary Kane or Debbie Mattson, co-chairs of the Social Justice Committee... [marykane072@gmail.com](mailto:marykane072@gmail.com), [debbiemattson@hotmail.com](mailto:debbiemattson@hotmail.com) or email Susan Shaw, [susanmaine@gmail.com](mailto:susanmaine@gmail.com) regarding food donations.

**January 21, 2023, 10 am - 12:30 pm**  
**MUUSAN Zoom Network Meeting:**  
**Meet Maine's UU Legislators**

**Legislative advocacy is the heart of MUUSAN's work, and we are excited to have all six of Maine's UU legislators join us to discuss their - and our - legislative priorities!**

**Featuring Sen. Pinny Beebe-Center, Sen. Chip Curry, Sen. Mattie Daughtry, Rep. Daniel Hobbs, Rep. Bill Pluecker, and Rep. Mark Worth.**

We will hear directly from each legislator, as well as break out into Issue Groups to discuss legislative priorities for the upcoming session and learn about a new MUUSAN advocacy resource.

Register [HERE!](#)

## Board of Trustees



**Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta**

**Board Meeting**

**Draft A G E N D A**

**January 12, 2023 - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/8238070673>, then enter passcode: 6971

Join by phone: dial 1 646 558 8656, at first prompt (meeting id: 823 807 0673#)

Chalice Lighting: Rev. Christina Sillari

Board Covenant: Board Members (READ Aloud)

Check in: What are you most grateful for?

Anything left over from the last Board meeting?

### NEW BUSINESS

- **Outline of Settled Ministry Process with Christine Purcell, UUA**
- **Budget Discussion**
- **Church Safety & Security Update – Susan**
- **Assisted Listening Devices in Sactuary - Catherine**

### REPORTS

1. Clerk's Report: Catherine / **VOTE**
2. Treasurer's Report: Nancy
3. Finance Committee's Report: Harry
4. President's Report: Michaela
5. Minister's Report: Christina

### OLD BUSINESS

- Progress Toward Goals (Recurrent Item)
  1. Determine how to live in a time of chronic, endemic Covid
  2. Review and revise UUCA By-Laws
  3. Address matters of our physical plant (window repair or replacement, ventilation estimates for

board consideration)

4. Assess Safety and Security concerns and a plan for building safety
5. Develop a Congregational Covenant (in process)

## ADJOURN

Board meetings are open to ALL. If you have an item that you would like the Board to consider, please contact  
Michaelatloisel@gmail.com

Next Board meeting: February 9, 2023

## General Information

**Worship Services are now being held IN-PERSON**  
**Events may still be held virtually in the**  
***UCC ZOOM ROOM***

### **Other ways to UCC Zoom Room Zoom:**

1. **Join from your internet browser by clicking this link or typing this into your browser:**  
<https://zoom.us/j/8238070673>, launch Zoom, then enter **passcode: 6971**
2. **Select “Join Meeting” from the Zoom application on your computer or mobile device.**

UCC Meeting ID: 823 807 0673 – then enter **passcode: 6971**

3. **Join by phone:** dial 1 646 558 8656 (**NOTE:** toll charge may apply)  
At first prompt (meeting id: 823 807 0673#)

At second prompt: press # (no personal id needed) <No passcode needed when joining by phone>

NOTE---\*6 is mute AND un-mute on your phone. The host cannot mute or un-mute people who phone-in.

**HOSTS:** Once in your meeting, claim the host using the **HOST KEY** as you have done in the past.

### **Ad-hoc Covid-19 Advisory Group**

This group has generously volunteered to be available to support members with personal safety, health or travel questions, concerns, or anxieties. Feel free to reach out to one of them directly.

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| Betty Cairn, RN                 | <a href="mailto:StonehengeMaine@yahoo.com">StonehengeMaine@yahoo.com</a> | 207-215-6394 |
| Terry Lee Cairn, ND, MSOM, Lac. | <a href="mailto:tlnaturalhealth@yahoo.com">tlnaturalhealth@yahoo.com</a> | 207-557-2557 |
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| Cathie Nielsen, MD              | <a href="mailto:cathieenielsen@gmail.com">cathieenielsen@gmail.com</a>   | 207-441-0248 |
| Marty Soule, PA-C               | <a href="mailto:martysoule@gmail.com">martysoule@gmail.com</a>           | 207-685-9270 |

## UUC Pastoral Ministry Team

We are here for you. Feel free to reach out in times of need for compassionate listening, for casual conversation, to share some good news, to share your struggle or just to say hello.

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| Martha Pelletier, Chair | 207-685-9592 (H) | <a href="mailto:Mjpell14@roadrunner.com">Mjpell14@roadrunner.com</a>       |
| Helen Zidowecki         | 207-582-5308 (h) | <a href="mailto:hzmre@hzmre.com">hzmre@hzmre.com</a>                       |
| Tracy McNaughton        | 207-623-3110 (h) | <a href="mailto:tracy.mcnaughton@yahoo.com">tracy.mcnaughton@yahoo.com</a> |
| Peggy Lamb              | 207 622-5174 (h) | <a href="mailto:plambflowers@outlook.com">plambflowers@outlook.com</a>     |

**Caring Cooperative** support includes rides, meals, errands, get well and condolence cards as well as companion visits.

If you would like to request or suggest meal support: contact Martha Pelletier 685-9592.

If you would like to request or suggest cards: contact Peggy Lamb 622-5174.

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## UUC Small Group Ministry



Looking for greater human and spiritual connection during this most disconnected of times? Small Group Ministry offers this vital need in our spiritual community, and so much more! For more information, contact the Church Administrator at 207-622-3232 or [admin@augustauu.org](mailto:admin@augustauu.org).

## UUC Office Hours & Notes

### UPDATED E-blast & Office Hours

**E-blasts will be produced on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. The upcoming schedule is:**

- E-Blast (1/18)                      NO E-Blast (1/25)
- E-Blast (2/1)                        NO E-Blast (2/8)
- E-Blast (2/15)                      NO E-Blast (2/22)

### UUC Office Hours NEXT WEEK

Open office hours:

Tues, Wed and Thurs – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

No open office hours on Fridays

Rev. Christina Sillari

Office Hours on Wednesday and Thursday

Call or email to set up an appointment

[minister@augustauu.org](mailto:minister@augustauu.org)

(207) 807-9232

### Staff Contact information:

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Music Director, Bridget Convey, [musicdirector@augustauu.org](mailto:musicdirector@augustauu.org)