

# Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church  
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## A Message from our New Minister

Dear Unitarian Universalist Community Church Members and Friends,



What a delight to anticipate the next year of 3/4<sup>th</sup> time contract ministry with you! Your strong commitment to justice, active engagement with the community and focus on covenant are just a few things that drew me in. As our time unfolds, I look forward to getting to know you and supporting your ongoing work toward congregational goals. Our time together will begin August 1st. I will have 2 to 3 office days a week.

Please feel free to pre-schedule a meeting time using this [scheduling link](#). If you have any issues with this link or prefer to reach out by email or phone, please contact me at the beginning of August to schedule some time to meet. My email is [minister@augustauu.org](mailto:minister@augustauu.org) and office phone is (207) 263-3663.

I look forward to learning more about you, your strengths, and hopes. If you'd like to learn more about my ministry, please feel free to go to my website at [www.donnadolham.com](http://www.donnadolham.com). Or if you'd like to watch a greeting video, please go to this link: <https://youtu.be/VUeR8qOGiM8>

Wishing you peace and joy as the rest of July unfolds!

Blessings,  
Rev. Donna Dolham, (she, her)

And here is the long scheduling link:  
<https://calendly.com/revdolham/conversation-with-rev-donna>

## Upcoming Services

We are now in “Summer Mode” for worship services which means that lay leaders in our community offer services throughout the summer. The varied worship leaders offer an exciting period with variety in topic and style. Please join us for these compelling and unique service offerings.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b> <b>July 23, 2023</b> Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Sanity in a World Insane (poetry service)”</b> John Seksay</p> <p>"Emily Dickinson once wrote to a friend, including the phrase'...pardon my sanity in a world insane..." This service speaks to - Sanity in a World Insane - through the voices of our congregation in poetry and prose. If you would like to submit something, see the submission details below in [Special Events / Opportunities].</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Nan Bell will be our worship associate and Marty Peters will manage technology. Stefanie Barley will be our pianist. Fellowship Hour will be hosted by Janet Caldwell and Martha Pelletier.</p> <p>{Please bring your donations of medical supplies for the unhoused –SEE Social Justice notice under [Notices / Updates / News]}</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b> <b>July 30, 2023</b> Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Justice for All”</b> Priscilla J. Jenkins &amp; Jenny McKendry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">&lt;Service description will be provided at a later date.&gt;</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Sara Hodgkins will be our worship associate and Angie Blevins will manage technology. Karen Foust will be our pianist. Fellowship Hour will be hosted by Stef Barley and Cheryl Ring</p> <p>{Please bring your donations of medical supplies for the unhoused –SEE Social Justice notice under [Notices / Updates / News]}</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b> <b>August 6, 2023</b> Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“The Joy of Singing”</b> Harold Booth</p> <p>Hal has assembled a number of hymns from different sources [none in our book]. He's been through them, removing things that [he thinks] would offend UU sensibilities. Each of the hymns will be preceded by a tale explaining something about the selection. Come for the stories, come for the music [all 'standard hymnody'.] Yes, there will be booklets with the hymns.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Sara Hodgkins will be our worship associate and Marty Peters will manage technology. Stefanie Barley will be our pianist. Fellowship Hour will be hosted by Jim Caldwell and Michaela Loisel.</p>

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

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:** The church doors will now be locked 10 minutes after the service begins. The greeter will be at the front door to let anyone in after that time.

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

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/mtifpth0utvesjggjyej>

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. Services may be viewed by Boxcast for a week after the service is live.

## Special Events / Opportunities

### “SEWING ADVENTURES”

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Hello everyone:

By popular demand, we are continuing our Sewing Adventures for an additional four Mondays this summer: July 10 and 24 <and> August 14 and 28  
The time is 9:30 to noon and all are welcome. Bring a friend, if you like.



There will be some changes for these next few weeks. We ask that attendees help set up and put away tables and chairs. We will not be setting up ahead of time. Also, Nancy and Martha have been facilitators/teachers for the first month. As we move forward, we ask that participants bring whatever they'd like to work on, either machine or hand sewing, and we will all help one another as needed, so that Martha and Nancy can also participate in sewing. Be sure to let us know if there is anything you need from one of us ..... we are likely to have whatever it is! Martha at 887-1104 or 313-5859, or Nancy at 213-3047.

Hope to see you on July 10. -- Nancy and Martha

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### An opportunity for reflection...

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

“The ground’s generosity takes in our compost and grows beauty! Try to be more like the ground.”

~Rumi

*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](#)  
**Zoom meeting id: 823 807 0673 – Password: 6971**



<p><b><u>Monday</u></b> Each week</p> <p><b><u>6:30 – 8:00</u></b> <b><u>p.m.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Please note:</u></b> <b><u>location</u></b> <b><u>changes</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></b></p> <p>NEW SCHEDULE, effective Jan 30<sup>th</sup>: -- <b>BY Private ZOOM –EVERY Monday</b> (we will no longer meet in person at the UUCC on the last Monday of the month). You may join us at 6:15 to settle in.</p> <p>See Events / Opportunities about an open house at the River Studio in Hallowell. Sangha meets there in person on most Thursday mornings.</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> <i>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</i></p>	
<p><b><u>Wednes-</u></b> <b><u>day</u></b> <b><u>6:00 -</u></b> <b><u>7:30 p.m.</u></b></p> <p><b>Will resume</b> <b>Aug. 30th</b></p>	<p><b><u>UUCC Choir Rehearsal</u></b></p> <p>Our last choir rehearsal was May 31 and our final performance was the Flower Communion service on June 11. We are now on a break for the summer. Rehearsals will resume Wed. Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30pm in the sanctuary</p> <p>Questions? Please reach out to Bridget Convey at: <a href="mailto:musicdirector@augustauu.org">musicdirector@augustauu.org</a>.</p> <p>All are welcome!</p>	
<p><b><u>Wednes-</u></b> <b><u>days</u></b> Each Week</p> <p><b><u>5:00 – 6:00</u></b> <b><u>p.m.</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Gentle YOGA</u></b></p> <p>Hosted by Debbie Mattson</p> <p><b>TONIGHT’S, July 19<sup>th</sup> Yoga Class is cancelled</b> <b>We will resume next Wed. July 26, 2023.</b></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: <a href="https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVEjVFJGbzdmZWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09">https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVEjVFJGbzdmZWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09</a> 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. FMI: <a href="mailto:DebbieMattson@hotmail.com">DebbieMattson@hotmail.com</a></p>	

<p><b>2nd &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>10:30 a.m. - Noon</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. – C-FH 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 John Seksay (<a href="mailto:netmotel@gmail.com">netmotel@gmail.com</a> or 317-69-3636) or Stefanie (<a href="mailto:mstefbarley@gmail.com">mstefbarley@gmail.com</a> or 629-8890)</p>
<p><b>Thursdays 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)</p> <p>--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> 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> Thursday</b></p> <p><b>Noon-1:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Will resume Oct. 2023</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Read Learn Share Book Group</u></b></p> <p>The READ LEARN SHARE book group is now on break for the summer months. The group will resume Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. We meet the first THURSDAY of each month (Oct. thru June) at noon in the UUCU ZOOM ROOM and in FELLOWSHIP HALL using the OWL technology to have a hybrid meeting.</p> <p>Right now the group is choosing books for next year. 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></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4<sup>th</sup> Friday</b></p> <p><b>6:30 – 8:30 Sanctuary</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Meeting is July 28</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><b>9:30–11 am</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Will resume Sept. 16<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>UUCC Occasional Orchestra</u></b></p> <p>The UUCC Occasional Orchestra is now on break for the summer months. We will resume rehearsals on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals are in the Sanctuary on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Join us this September. Come and share your musical talents with our UUCC community. All are welcome, please join us!</p> <p>Questions: please contact Dale McCormick at: <a href="mailto:dmmccormick11@aol.com">dmmccormick11@aol.com</a>.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b></p> <p><b>1-2:30 p.m. In-Person</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Meeting is July 23rd</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Goddess/Earth Circles, Sunday, July 23, 2023, 1:00-2:30pm UUCC Fellowship Hall Also by UUCC Zoom Room (8238070673. Passcode 6971) Summer Connections, Lammas and Music</p> <p>Bring up to 3 selections of music (instrumental and vocal) that embody paganism, earth based and goddess spirituality. List items on an index card or paper as 1,2,3, with spaces between the selections: Name of selection, CD or link to YouTube, etc. Selections will be drawn at random.</p> <p>Musical implements, such as rattles, rain sticks, drums, tambourines, bells. Foods for Lammas include cornbread, berries and other fruits, nuts, grains. Other light foods are welcome.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***** NEXT Goddess/Earth Circle Summer Gathering <b><u>August 27</u></b> Fellowship Hall and zoom: 1-2:30pm: Summer Connection, Creating Gatherings for Fall</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.com">hzmre@hzmre.com</a>) for more information.</p>

## **Notices / Updates / News**

### **In thanks...**

Priscilla Ashton thanks the UUCC for meals and other assistance as she recovers from spinal surgery. (207-520-0110).

### **Condolences to Susan Claska Burnett and her family**

Joseph Claska, brother of Susan Claska Burnett, passed away on July 9, 2023. He was 78 years old. Joe was the oldest child, followed by 8 sisters. He lived in Eugene, Oregon. He will be greatly missed.

## **Social Justice Committee**

### **Help Us Collect Wound Care Items for our Unhoused Neighbors July 23 & 30**

All the rain we've had has led to wet clothes, socks and shoes, causing blisters, and infections for our unhoused friends. As a result, they have a need for some medical supplies to treat their wounds.

The Social Justice Committee will have boxes at church on the last two Sundays of July.

#### **Medical supplies needed:**

- Bandages/band aids (all sizes)
- Gauze & Tape
- Antibiotic ointment
- Tylenol/ibuprofen
- Anti-itch creams and sprays (for hug bites and rashes)
- Sunscreen/Sunburn creme
- Alcohol pads

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and love.

### **Ongoing efforts from our Social Justice Committee**

Donation boxes have been placed in the church coat room for non-perishable food items to go to the **Augusta Food Bank** and for toilet paper, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tampons, sanitary pads, diapers and wipes, which are high priority needs right now, to go to the **Essential Hygiene Pantry at Bridging the Gap**.

**The Augusta Overnight Emergency Warming Shelter** (located at South Parish Congregational Church) has many needs which frequently change. Go to their Facebook page and check "Our Needs" to find out what's urgent. There is a donation box for the Shelter in our coat room, too.

All are worthy organizations that provide much needed services to our community. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and put to good use. For more information, contact co-chairs Stefanie Barley ([stefbarley@gmail.com](mailto:stefbarley@gmail.com)) and/or Susan Shaw ([susanmaine@gmail.com](mailto:susanmaine@gmail.com)), who will make regular deliveries of items that you contribute or email Susan Shaw, [susanmaine@gmail.com](mailto:susanmaine@gmail.com) regarding food donations.

## Board of Trustees

TO SEE COMPLETE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS,  
VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE: [www.augustauu.org](http://www.augustauu.org)

The Board will not meet in July. The next regular meeting of the Board will be AUGUST 3.

## 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.

## **UCC 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. Please contact Martha Pelletier for any pastoral ministry concerns for the month of July, except for July 8<sup>th</sup> through 16. For that week, Peggy Lamb will be the contact person.

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**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.

## UUCC 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 Linda Findlay (207-337-8028, [linda.findlay@gmail.com](mailto:linda.findlay@gmail.com)) or Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308, [hzmre@hzmre.com](mailto:hzmre@hzmre.com))

## **UUCC 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 (7/19)      NO E-Blast (7/26)
- E-Blast (8/2)      NO E-Blast (8/9)
- E-Blast (8/16)     NO E-Blast (8/23 or 8/30))

**EBLAST SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Articles due by noon on Tuesday, the day before the E-blast is distributed. Articles received after this time may not be included in the E-blast.

### UUCC Office Hours NEXT WEEK

Church Administrator - Open office hours:

Tues, Wed and Thurs – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
No open office hours on Fridays

### Rev. Christina Sillari

My ministry is almost complete with UUCC. I will not be in the office or answering emails for the month of July as I am taking my vacation and study leave.

**Rev. Donna Dolham** will begin her ministry at UUCC on August 1st. See her welcome on Page for info.

In the meantime, if you have a pastoral emergency please contact Martha Pelletier [mjpell14@roadrunner.com](mailto:mjpell14@roadrunner.com) or Helen Zidowecki [hzmre@hzmre.com](mailto:hzmre@hzmre.com).

If you have a church related question or emergency please contact UUCC president, Michaela Loisel [michaelatloisel@gmail.com](mailto:michaelatloisel@gmail.com).

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Music Director, Bridget Convey, [musicdirector@augustauu.org](mailto:musicdirector@augustauu.org) <Off for the summer>