

# Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church  
Wednesday, September 6, 2023

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## A Message from our New Minister

The leaves are beginning an amazing transition of color bursting with reds and yellows against the landscape of summer temperatures. As we prepare for ingathering, I'm reminded of the beauty of new seasons and the depth of relationships developed in beloved community. Just as each of the leaves adds its own creative tenor to nature, each of us brings our individual strengths to congregational life together. As UUCC begins another church year, we will build on strengths and gifts, hopes and dreams.

If you are new to us, we want to know you! If you have been coming for a while, we are grateful for your presence! I hope you find a place here that nurtures and ignites your spirit. Last Saturday, I spent the morning with many from this congregation and our neighborhood at the community breakfast. Tables set with care, reminding me of a local café, people cutting, cooking, serving, and joining in conversation. Such an amazing ministry opening space and hearts to connection.

On the third Sunday of the month beginning in October, there will be another meal following the church service. This Fellowship luncheon will be a wonderful opportunity to share a meal, conversation and get to know each other even more! If you want to help with the Fellowship lunch, please watch for opportunities and announcements.

As the fall colors continue to burst forward, may we be reminded of our interdependence and the gifts of community.

Blessings,

Rev. Donna

## **Listening Circle with Rev. Donna!**

You are invited to join in person with Rev. Donna for a conversation. As we begin this season of ministry, getting to know each other is a priority. If you'd like to join the conversation, please use the registration form below. Some questions we'll explore are...

\*what are the healthiest, most life-given aspects of this congregation?

\*What were the time(s) when you were most engaged, alive, motivated by your participation in the congregation? Who was involved? How did it feel?

\*If you had 3 wishes for the future of the congregation, what would they be?

In Person Listening Circle: Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30pm in the church. To pre-register please fill out the [Registration form](#) or email me at [minister@augustauu.org](mailto:minister@augustauu.org).

Blessings,

Rev. Donna (she, her, hers)

## **Upcoming Services**

THANK YOU to ALL our summer Worship Leaders and our Worship Arts Team for the exciting array of compelling and interesting services we have enjoyed this summer.

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday September 10, 2023 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Ingathering / Spirit of Water”</b> Rev. Donna Dolham and Monique Bergère</p> <p>As we celebrate coming together at the beginning of another church year, you are invited into this time as we celebration of the gifts we bring.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Sara Hodgkins will be our worship associate and Angie Blevins will manage technology. Morgan Lee, our new Choir Accompanist will be our pianist and the Choir will present "The Seal Lullaby" by Eric Whitacre (Text by: Rudyard Kipling); Morgan Lee, piano. Fellowship Hour will be hosted by John Saksay, Ken Farrington and Tracy McNaughton.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday September 17, 2023 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Two Sides of A Coin”</b> Rev. Donna Dolham and Monique Bergère</p> <p>As we travel through life we are offered opportunities to create the perspective we use. What are the life sustaining approaches that may be available to UUC on it's journey forward? We hope you'll join us as we explore this together.</p>

A special thank you to our worship arts team. John Seksay will be our worship associate and Marty Peters will manage technology. Stefanie Barley will be our pianist. We still need a host for Fellowship Hour. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

**SHARE THE PLATE:** This month's recipient, chosen by the Social Justice Committee is the ME Children's Home (Waterville), Journey Program. Journey Program at Maine Children's Home (MCH) provides young parents with a stable and productive community environment that empowers them with the knowledge, tools, and skills they need to be academically, financially, and emotionally successful individuals and parents.

***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/mtifpth0utvesjqggyej>

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**

***Naloxone Use Training – UUCC Sanctuary***

**Sunday, September 17, 2023 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.**

The Social Justice Committee is providing a training session on the use of Naloxone (also known as Narcan) on September 17, 11:30 in the Sanctuary.

Naloxone is a nasal spray used to interrupt death caused by a drug overdose. Jon Reynolds of Mobilize Recovery will provide the training. You will learn about Maine's Good Samaritan Law; how to determine the need for naloxone; and how to effectively administer naloxone.

"It is an act of love to be prepared."

(Mobilize Recovery)

# Calling All Artists!

UCC has a Facebook page and other possible media locations that would benefit from images that would support our UU message. Lynn Smith, UCC's administrator, and I are looking for a few images that can be used on a rotating basis. At times, they may be used on Facebook to support attention to our announcements and at other times they may be integrated into other media locations. This original work will support our outreach and we're asking for your help. If you are interested in this opportunity, please return this brief [artist form](#).

## Social Activities

Social Activities Committee is considering activity ideas for the upcoming church year. Have any thoughts or ideas for activities? I would love to hear from you! Contact Cheryl Clukey at [cherylclukey5@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylclukey5@yahoo.com).

**READ LEARN SHARE** is a group for booklovers. We choose a book a month to read and discuss between October and June. Our multiplatform group meets on the first Thursday of the month from noon until 1:30 in Fellowship Hall and in the church zoom room. Anyone is welcome to join for one discussion or all nine. For more information, contact June Zellers: [jellers@roadrunner.com](mailto:jellers@roadrunner.com) or Kathy Kellison; [kell6787@gmail.com](mailto:kell6787@gmail.com). **The selected titles for this year are as follows:**

October 5	<u>Fellowship Point: A Novel</u> by Alice Elliott Dark (2022), 608 pages
November 2	<u>Rough Sleepers</u> by Tracy Kidder, 280 pages
December 7	<u>Horse</u> by Geraldine Brooks (2022), 362 pages
January 4	<u>Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit</u> by Lyanda Haupt(2021), 217 pages
February 1	<u>My Antonia</u> by Willa Cather (1918), 146 pages
March 7	<u>The Creative Lives of Animals</u> by Carol Gigliotti (2022), 304 pages
April 4	<u>Mad Honey</u> by Picoult & Finney, 464 pages
May 2	<u>Our Migrant Souls</u> by Hector Tobar, 256 pages
June 6	<u>Lessons in Chemistry</u> by Bonnie Garmus (2022), 400 pages

<PLEASE NOTE: Individual meeting dates and book information is also listed in the <Connections by Day of the Week> section of this publication and on our website calendar.>

## “SEWING ADVENTURES becomes “Sewing Group”



Sewing Adventures has been such a success that Martha and Nancy will now hold a “Sewing Group”. Sewing Group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month beginning September 11, 2023 through Nov. 27, 2023 from 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon. We ask that attendees help set up and put away tables and chairs.

All are welcome. Bring a friend, if you like. Just bring whatever you'd like to work on, either machine or hand sewing, and we will all help one another as needed. 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. -- Nancy and Martha

## An opportunity for reflection...



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

“We are connected to one another and to all of Creation in ways we have yet to fathom.”

~Kevin J. Todeschi

*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 UCC 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 UCC 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**



**Monday**

**Each week**

**6:30 – 8:00**

**p.m.**

**Private**  
**Zoom**

**Peaceful Heart Sangha**

NEW SCHEDULE, effective Jan 30<sup>th</sup>: **BY Private ZOOM –EVERY Monday**  
(we will no longer meet in person at the UCC on the last Monday of the month). You may join us at 6:15 to settle in.

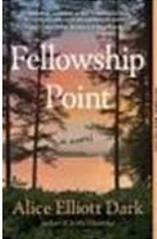


Please contact Marty Soule for updated Zoom login information at: email:

[martysoule@gmail.com](mailto:martysoule@gmail.com). FMI: [peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com](mailto:peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com)

*Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.*

<p><b>Wednes- day 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>UUC</u> Choir Rehearsal</b></p> <p>Choir rehearsals resumed 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 style="text-align: center;">All are welcome!</p>
<p><b>Wednes- days Each Week 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Gentle YOGA</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosted by Debbie Mattson</p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div> <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=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09">https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09</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 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 UUC Zoom room.</p> <p>FMI: please contact John Seksay (<a href="mailto:netmotel1@gmail.com">netmotel1@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 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></b></p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div> <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><u>2nd &amp; 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b><u>Thursday</u></b>  <u>In the</u>  <u>UCC</u>  <u>Zoom room</u>  <b><u>9:00 – 10:30</u></b>  <b><u>a.m.</u></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 UCC 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><u>1<sup>st</sup></u></b>  <b><u>Thursday</u></b>    <b><u>Noon-1:30</u></b>  <b><u>p.m.</u></b>    <b>Will resume</b>  <b>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 UCC ZOOM ROOM and in FELLOWSHIP HALL using the OWL technology to have a hybrid meeting. 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> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p>Plan to join us as we resume our meetings on October 5. We will be discussing Alice Elliott Dark’s novel Fellowship Point.</p> <p>“Fellowship Point” is a novel rich with social and psychological insights, both earnest and sly, big ideas grounded in individual emotions, a portrait of a tightly knit community made up of artfully drawn, individual souls.” NY Times</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A full list of books for the year will be included in the Fall Newsletter.</p> </div> </div>
<p><b><u>4<sup>th</sup></u></b>  <b><u>Friday</u></b>    <b><u>6:30 – 8:30</u></b>  <b><u>Sanctuary</u></b>    <b>Next</b>  <b>Meeting is</b>  <b>Sept 28<sup>th</sup></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><b><u>Saturday</u></b>    <b><u>9:30–11 am</u></b>    <b>Will resume</b>  <b>Sept. 16<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>UCC Occasional Orchestra</u></b></p> <p>The UCC Occasional Orchestra is now on break for the summer months. We will resume rehearsals on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals are usually held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. We practice in the Sanctuary from 9:30-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Join us this September. Come and share your musical talents with our UCC community. All are welcome, please join us!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Questions: please contact Dale McCormick at: <a href="mailto:dmmccormick11@aol.com">dmmccormick11@aol.com</a>.</p>

<p><b>4<sup>th</sup></b>  <b><u>Sunday</u></b></p> <p><b><u>1-2:30</u></b>  <b><u>p.m.</u></b>  <b><u>In-Person</u></b></p> <p><b>Next</b>  <b>Meeting is</b>  <b>Sept 24th</b></p>	<p><b><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></b></p> <p>Goddess, Earth Circles Gathering: Fall Equinox/Mabon  September 24, 2023, 1-2:30pm In Person in Fellowship Hall  Cycles of the Seasons and Phases of Our Lives  "Pagan and Earth-Centered Voices in UUism"  Help us plan the gatherings for the year.</p> <p>Goddess/Earth Circles focus on Goddesses, the phases of our lives and earth-based spirituality.  All ages and genders are welcome.  The October 29 gathering will focus on Wisdom, celebration of Samhain, and the possibility of croning. For more information and if you would be interested in becoming a crone, contact Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308, <a href="mailto:hzmre@hzmre.com">hzmre@hzmre.com</a>)</p>
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**Notices / Updates / News**

**Condolences to the family and friends of Martin Spahn**

Martin Spahn, who was part of the UUCC community and a member of the choir, died August 6 while kayaking off the coast of Campobello. **UPDATE:** Martin Spahn’s memorial service (Mass) is Saturday Sept 16; time changed from 11:00 to 11:30. There’s also a reception to follow at Sacred Heart church in Hallowell. His obituary is online at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/martin-spahn-obituary?id=53009959>

Please feel free to reach out for pastoral support. Rev. Donna Dolham can be reached at Minister's study (207) 623-3663, cell (207) 207 701-1581 or [minister@augustauu.org](mailto:minister@augustauu.org).

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**Covid Update**

Unfortunately, we are having a resurgence of Covid within our church community, which is consistent with what is happening in our state and the country at large. This is a good time to remind ourselves of the CDC guidance and ask everyone to remember to wear a mask at Church if you have been exposed or think you may have been.

When Covid hit my household last week, I was surprised by how uncomfortable it felt to wear a mask again. That discomfort quickly subsided as I heard of more church members falling sick with the virus.

Please take care of yourselves, and if you have been exposed, or even have cold-like symptoms, it helps protect our community if you wear a mask.

Attached to this E-blast are updated CDC Covid guidelines.

<p>Stay safe and healthy,  Michaela Loisel  Board President</p>
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Dear Members and Friends,

I'm writing to let you know that Monique Bergère has resigned from the church. She shared the following in her resignation letter.

“Over these past summer months, I have spent an extensive time in reflection and discernment over my years as youth advisor, educator, mentor and many other hats (!) at UUCC since I was hired as staff in 2013. This congregation and leadership has nurtured, supported, encouraged my spiritual growth and ministry like no other. You have held me in your hearts, believing in me and seeing a ministry in me I didn't know was there! I feel that I am a reflection of all your goodness and love shared with me over these years of exploration, adventure and growth.

So, it is with some mixed feelings of sadness, gratitude and hopeful understanding that I have decided to resign from my position as Coordinator of Lifespan Faith Formation. I am being called into new directions and possibilities in my life that give me trepidation and excitement at the same time. I am ready to leap.”

UUCC has benefited from the many gifts Monique has brought to the community. The board and leadership will work together to consider what the needs of the congregation are now and will continue to keep you posted on next steps. We will also share the possible ways to honor her ministry with UUCC as we collaborate with her through this time.

Peace,  
Rev. Donna Dolham  
[minister@augustauu.org](mailto:minister@augustauu.org)

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### **Ministerial Search Committee Update**

Our Church Search Committee for a Settled Minister will conduct a retreat this week with a UUA retreat leader. We have strict confidentiality rules about what we can communicate, but we will keep Church members up to date on our progress.

Later this month, we will send out a Church member survey. We will reach out to existing groups in the church to fill this out. This survey is an important part of our ministerial search process. It will help to inform and provide important information to the search committee and prospective ministerial candidates. This will be YOUR opportunity to voice your thoughts and ideas about how you want to see our church evolve with a new minister. Stay tuned for more to come in October!

## Social Justice Committee



Flipping MUUSAN means we are asking what YOU and YOUR congregation really care about regarding social and environmental justice, instead of MUUSAN telling YOU what WE care about!

**To help us do this flip, please consider doing the following before the MUUSAN Network Meeting on September 16th:**

1. Check in with your congregation's Social Justice Committee and see what they are focused on, or ask them to send an e-mail to [admin@muusan.org](mailto:admin@muusan.org) and attend the [Network Meeting](#).
2. Put up a blank paper with markers after a Sunday Service and ask congregants to list what really matters to them. Send that list to [admin@muusan.org](mailto:admin@muusan.org) and bring it to the in-person Network Meeting.
3. If you are a CLL (Congregational Legislative Liaison) #1 and #2 are perfect jobs for you. If you're not a CLL, you can still go ahead and do them -- different people might get different responses!
4. JOIN US at the Network Meeting in Augusta on September 16th, from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm, and bring any information you collect.
4. What matters to you and your congregation, matters to us at MUUSAN!

Your MUUSAN Steering Committee

What are the justice issues you and your congregation really care about, and how can MUUSAN support with advocacy? Attend the IN PERSON Network Meeting in Augusta and make sure your congregation's voice is heard!

**Saturday, September 16th**

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church  
69 Winthrop St, Augusta

[REGISTER HERE](#)

### 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

Draft Board Meeting AGENDA  
Thursday, August 10, 2023 - 5:00 to 7:00 pm (UCC Zoom)

Chalice Lighting      Rev. Donna Dolham  
Board Covenant      Board Members (Read)

### New Business

1. Welcome Rev. Dolham      Michaela & Board
2. Finance Committee’s Report: Harry
3. Treasurer’s Reports      Nancy
4. President’s Report:

- a. Board Retreat - August 18      Michaela
5. Minister’s Report:      Rev. Dolham
  - a. Hosting UUA/Church Boards Retreat Oct

### Old Business

1. Drew House Rental agreement

**ADJOURN**

### BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

#### At its August 10 meeting, the Board:

- Welcomed Rev. Donna Dolhan as our 3/4 time contract minister for this church year.
- Approved three recommendations from the Finance Committee:
- Adjusted the minister’s contract.
- Accepted the increase in the cost of the cleaning contract.
- Moved \$500.00 from the Public Supper fund to the Saturday Breakfast fund.
- Acknowledged a surplus of \$23,103 budget surplus from FY 22-23.
- Set August 18 as the date for the Board retreat.
- Made plans to host the Northern New England Region Board Retreat on October 14.
- Voted to hold Board Meetings in person going forward.
- Updated the contract for the rental of Drew House.

FOR COMPLETE MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS, VISIT [www.augustauu.org](http://www.augustauu.org).

Board meetings are open to ALL. If you have an item that you would like the Board to consider, please contact [Michaelatloisel@gmail.com](mailto:Michaelatloisel@gmail.com). **Next Board meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2023**

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## Church Board Update

Dear Church Community,

Welcome back from summer! This church year got off to a robust start for our Board as we held our retreat with Rev. Donna. The purpose of the day was to get to know one another more deeply, collaborate with our new minister, set goals for this year, and have fun. Rev. Donna opened the retreat with a moving Worship Centering, which included: music, meditation, and reflection. This was a spiritual experience that was inspiring, grounding and love centered. It was the perfect start for the new church year.

We share with you the Board's five goals for this church year:

1. Increase our presence in the community through outreach and visibility. (Susan Burnett leads, Cheryl Ring, assists)
2. Develop a vision of how our physical plant should look and be, then develop and implement a work plan to address these needs. (Hal Booth leads with Harry Grimmnitz and Susan Burnett assisting)
3. Develop opportunities for more engagement in life of the congregation. Identify many ways for people to support and participate with the UUCC, for example: create opportunities for different levels of engagement. (All Board Members)
4. Develop and implement a safety and security plan. (Jim Caldwell leads)
5. Complete the bylaws revision and present to congregation for vote. (Cheryl Ring leads)

As we did last year, we will review our goals at our monthly Board Meetings beginning September 14, 2023.

Please contact any of us if you are curious to know more about our work or to participate in any of the activities related to realizing these goals.

Grateful to be in Community with you,  
Michaela Loisel, Board President

Along with: Susan Burnett, Vice-President; Cheryl Ring, Clerk; Nancy Fritz, Treasurer; Harry Grimmnitz, Finance Chair; Hal Booth and Jim Caldwell, Members At-Large

## **General Information**

**Worship Services are 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.

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>
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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## **UCC 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))

## 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:**

- NO E-Blast (9/13)
- E-Blast (9/20) – Church Admin on Vacation  
–A volunteer will prepare an E-blast in my absence. Please be brief and timely with submissions and your patience would be appreciated.
- NO E-Blast (9/27)
- E-blast (10/4)

**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.

### **UUC Office Hours NEXT WEEK**

Church Administrator - Open office hours:

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

### **Rev. Donna Dolham**

Minister's study – (207) 623-3663

Pastoral Emergencies only – (207) 701-1581

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

Open office hours

Tues. mornings between 10 to noon, just drop in for a visit with me & whoever else happens to pop-in.

### **Staff Contact information:**

Church Administrator, Lynn M. Smith, [admin@augustauu.org](mailto:admin@augustauu.org), Phone 622-3232

Coordinator of Lifespan Faith Formation, M. Monique Bergère, [LifespanFF@augustauu.org](mailto:LifespanFF@augustauu.org)

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