

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Wednesday, November 1, 2023

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A Message from our New Minister

Dear Members and Friends,

The song *Do Not Be Daunted*, based on a passage from the Talmud and sung by the Rev. Lynn Harrison during the 2022 Canadian, Sharing Our Faith, National Worship service comes to mind as I reflect on our lives together, in this congregation, in our community, in Maine and the world.

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.

Do justly now. Love mercy now. Go humbly now.

You need not complete the work, but you must not abandon it.

Do justly now. Love mercy now. Go humbly now.

And in the words of the ancient Rabbi Hillel: If I am not for myself, who will be for me?

If I am only for myself, what am I? and if not now, when?

Perhaps some of us arrived at this moment in a place of privileged safety not realizing that our sense of safety and those of our neighbors would be shattered in those few hours on a Wednesday. Connecting to both the world news and local news this week has been heart breaking. The media reflects images over and over of the violence of the world. I encourage you to connect with friends, take media sabbaths on a regular basis and watch for opportunities to engage in the life of the congregation and community as we move forward together. We will not abandon the work to be done. Together we can make a difference.

Please join the In Maine Love is Louder Community event on Sunday, November 12th at 1pm at Mill Park.
Please wear green and bring a sign with a love is louder connection!

Love and Light,
Rev. Donna, she, her
Cell: 207 701-1581 for pastoral care emergencies

In Maine LOVE IS LOUDER RALLY



Sunday
November 12
1PM - 3PM
Mill Park Augusta

**When Hate is
Loud, Love
Must be
LOUDER!**

BRING SIGNS • WEAR GREEN • BRING WATER

- Guest Speakers
- Music
- Rain OR Shine

 Find us on
Facebook

Upcoming Services

Please remember the time changes on Saturday 11/4.
Clocks “fall back” 1 hour!



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| <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday November 5, 2023 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">“What Kind of Community Are We Planning?” Rev. Donna Dolham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“What is extraordinary appears to us as a habit, the dawn, a daily routine of nature.” ~ Abraham Joshua Heschel</p> <p>Abraham Joshua Heschel’s words invite us to remember that there is no accident to creating a beloved community. Please join us this Sunday as we explore creating community together!</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Lori Milner will be our worship associate and John Seksay will manage technology. Morgan Lee will be our pianist and the Choir will present “Welcome One and Welcome All” by Audrey Snyder; Morgan Lee, piano. Fellowship Hour will be hosted by John Seksay, Catherine Palmer and Melanie Lanctot. Our greeter will be Michaela Loisel.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Join us after the service for a <u>Special Celebratory Fellowship Hour</u> – and a <u>Welcoming Conversations Workshop</u>.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">See <<See Special Events / Opportunities below for more info >>.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday November 12, 2023 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">“Poetry Service” John Seksay and Lou Foust</p> <p>Join us for a poetry service, themed “Conversations with Nature”, including poems that speak to encounters with the natural world and how we have been affected by them. Poems may be original works, or favorite poems by other authors that create a connection for us.</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 Haley & Justin Hoenke. Our greeter will be Jim Caldwell.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">Join us after the service for our 2nd <u>Sharing Café</u> AND the <u>Love is Louder</u> Rally at 1:00 at Mill park in Augusta.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;"><<See Special Events / Opportunities below for more info >>.</p> |

Sunday worship service is held IN-PERSON in the Sanctuary. Please be aware that 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/mtifpth0utvesjqgjej>

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

BEYOND CATEGORICAL THINKING PROGRAM

Join us at the Church on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2023, as the UUC of Augusta will participate in the Beyond Categorical Thinking Program offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for congregations involved in the search for a new minister. The Ministerial Search Committee invites ***all congregational leaders, members, and friends*** to participate in this workshop.

The Beyond Categorical Thinking program is designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. The workshop will be led by Rev Jane Dwinell via Zoom from the UUA, starting at 10:00 am, include an hour for lunch hosted by the Social Justice Committee and end by 2:00pm. UUC members will:

- Consider the hopes, expectations, and concerns they have for a new minister.
- Learn more about the ministerial search process.
- Explore how thinking categorically about people sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate.

TO REGISTER: email Kevin Kane @ jkakane.kevin@gmail.com ; and fill out the [BCT Concerns and Benefits: Augusta, ME \(wufoo.com\)](#) form. There is no charge. We hope to have an idea how many will attend so that we have enough lunch for all. (*BUT if you decide to attend at the last minute, you are welcome to attend without registering.*)

Special Happenings / Events on Sunday, Nov. 5th

Special Fellowship Hour

Seasoned souls will be celebrating its membership this coming Sunday 11/5 with cake for everyone!

It will be Jim McKendry's 90th birthday on that day and we will have cards to sign for all our members who have hit a "Big 10" number this year (Jim - 90, Lorna Doone and Corinne Coleman - 80). There will also be a cake to celebrate the 1000+ years of wisdom provided by the currently active members - we are always willing to up that number with new faces!

Welcoming Conversations Workshop

with Martha Naber & Rev. Donna! Following the Nov. 5th service.

UUC continues to greet newcomers who are eager to experience our welcome and hospitality. We hope you'll join us in the Robbins room for this 30 – 40 min. conversation centering on ideas and practice for welcoming new folks to UUC!



Please help rake church grounds
Nov. 11th from 9 a.m. to Noon
(Rain date after church on Nov. 12th)

This is the annual fall clean up. We rake onto drop cloths and dump into compost bin so there is no bagging. Please bring a rake and gloves if you have them. When we have a good turn out it only takes a couple of hours.

Please confirm with Marilyn Dunn at maine2007@hotmail.com that you plan to help (and prevent her fretting).

Nov. 12th - Poetry Service

The UCC Service on Sunday, Nov 12th will be a poetry service once again! This time the theme will be quite different. The theme will be “Conversations with Nature”, poems that speak to encounters with the natural world and how we have been affected by them. These can be original works, or favorite poems by other authors that create a connection for us. If you would like to be a reader, please contact John Seksay at netmotel@gmail.com with a copy of your poem.

The draft of the service needs to be prepared by Nov 7th, so we would need to have the poems by Nov. 4th. We will include as many works and readers as possible for a rich bouquet of experiences. Looking forward to a thoroughly enjoyable service.

Nov 12th – Sharing Cafe

Planning is underway... Stay tuned for more details

The Holidays are upon us!

Please order your festive, custom decorated Holiday Wreath or swag by November 12th Choose your ribbon color, how you would like it decorated and whether you would like some extra holiday bling with LED lights. Please use this link to order! [Wreath order form](#) or send your order form to Karen Foust at karma-foust@gmail.com. Order forms are due back by November 12th; pick up opportunities at the UCC will be the evening of December 1st and Sunday December 3rd.

Are you a crafter, artisan, baker, or holiday decorating enthusiast? A Holiday Craft Sale Boutique will be held the evening of Friday December 1st and after Music Sunday on December 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. Donations of hand-made crafts, baked goods, gently used holiday items and your talents are needed for the fair. Please contact Karen Foust if you have items, ideas, want to help decorate or help at the Craft Fair Boutique.

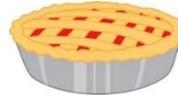


Social Activities

UU traditional all church **Harvest Dinner**
Join us FRIDAY, November 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Please bring your favorite dish to share. We will supply the turkey!
Always looking for helpers, please contact Cheryl Clukey – cherylclukey5@yahoo.com.

WHAT'CHA COOKIN'?



We're half-way there for volunteer PIE BAKING sign ups. Please add your name to the sheet in the Fellowship Hall to bake or donate one or two pies for our Annual Pie Sale on Saturday, Nov. 18th at Longfellow's Greenhouse. This is our traditional UU Saturday-before-Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

Last year, we sold nearly 50 homemade and bakery-bought pies to raise \$1,000 for our church! We can sell both fresh and frozen pies or cakes (all sizes). Don't forget gluten-free!

Your deliciousness **MUST** be delivered to the church **NO LATER** than 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17th, so that volunteers can label and deliver the goodies to the Greenhouse.

Contact: Catherine Palmer at 207.458.7384.

A Holiday Craft Fair like NO OTHER...

Join us on December 1st for a Soiree
unlike any other!

Come enjoy an evening of tasty soups, salad and bread, original poetry, singing and holiday shopping.

We will have dinner for a donation, poetry, music and a chance to purchase items from the Holiday Craft Fair Boutique. Dinner will be available from 5-6 and can be purchased for on site or take home. After dinner we will enjoy poetry and music from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The Holiday Craft Fair will be set up from 5 to 8:00 (or later if there is a need).

We are seeking poets and musicians to support this event. Original poetry and music, also reading or singing of a favorite are welcome Please contact Ken Farrington at kenrick10@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining the poets and musicians.

If you have a special talent that you would like to share for the craft boutique please let us know!

There will be a signup sheet for people and items on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall starting Sunday 10/4. Crafts can be anything from food to artwork, needlepoint and sewn items to items crafted from wood or recycled goods. You may also connect with Ken or Karen during Sunday services.

This could be a great way to kick off the holiday season.

This will be an event not to be missed but, if you absolutely cannot make it, the Holiday Craft Fair will also be set up on Sunday December 3rd after Music Sunday.

Contact Karen Foust for more information on the Holiday Boutique or Hannaford Gift Cards.
Karmafoust@gmail.com or (207) 441-8971

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.

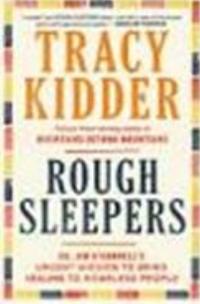
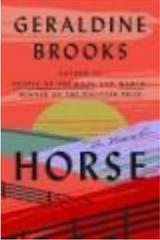
[Click here to join Events in the Zoom Room:](#)

For other ways to join Zoom, see [General Information](#)
Zoom meeting id: 823 807 0673 – Password: 6971



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| <p><u>Monday</u> Each week</p> <p><u>6:30 – 8:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p><u>Private</u> <u>Zoom</u></p> | <p><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p>BY Private ZOOM –EVERY Monday. You may join us at 6:15 to settle in.</p> <p>Please contact Marty Soule for updated Zoom login information at: email: martysoule@gmail.com. FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com <i><u>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</u></i></p> |  |
| <p><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Monday</u></p> <p><u>9:30 – Noon</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Nov. 13th</p> | <p><u>Sewing Group</u></p> <p>Sewing Group meets in the Fellowship Hall the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon. <u>UPDATE:</u> The sewing group will now continue this schedule beyond Nov. 27. We will not meet on Christmas Day. We ask that attendees help set up and put away tables and chairs.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Martha at 887-1104 or 313-5859, or Nancy at 213-3047.</p> <p>All are welcome. Bring a friend, if you like.</p> |  |
| <p><u>Wednes-</u> <u>day</u></p> <p><u>6:00 -</u> <u>7:30 p.m.</u></p> | <p><u>UCC Choir Rehearsal</u></p> <p>Choir rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Questions? Please reach out to Bridget Convey at: musicdirector@augustauu.org.</p> <p>All are welcome!</p> | |

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| <p>Wednes- days</p> <p>Each Week</p> <p>5:00 – 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gentle YOGA</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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: https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09 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: DebbieMattson@hotmail.com</p> |
| <p>2nd & 4th Wednesday</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Noon</p> <p>2nd Wed. – C-FH 4th Wed. - Zoom</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seasoned Souls</u></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 2nd Wednesday monthly we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and on the 4th Wednesday, we will meet in the UUC Zoom room.</p> <p>FMI: please contact John Seksay (netmotel@gmail.com or 317-69-3636) or Stefanie (mstefbarley@gmail.com or 629-8890)</p> |
| <p>Thursdays</p> <p>Each Week</p> <p>8:00 – 9:30 a.m.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">You may join us 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) --BY Private ZOOM – last Thursday of the month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at martysoule@gmail.com. FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</i></p> |
| <p>2nd & 4th Thursday</p> <p>In the UUC</p> <p>Zoom room</p> <p>9:00 – 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Writing to Wake the Soul</u></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 UUC Zoom Room.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FMI: please contact Debbie at (207)557-2697 or debbiemattson@hotmail.com</p> |

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| <p><u>1st</u> <u>Thursday</u></p> <p><u>Noon-1:30</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Nov. 2nd</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Read Learn Share Book Group</u></p> <p>READ LEARN SHARE is a group for booklovers. Once a month between October and June we meet to discuss a book chosen by the group in our summer ballot. Our multiplatform meetings occur on the first Thursday of the month from noon until 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and in the church zoom room. Anyone is welcome to join for one discussion or all nine.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2;"> <p>On Nov. 2 we will be discussing Tracy Kidder’s book <u>Rough Sleepers</u>.</p> <p><i>Tracy Kidder shows how one person can make a difference, as he tells the story of Dr. Jim O’Connell, a man who invented ways to create a community of care for a city’s unhoused population, including those who sleep on the streets—the “rough sleepers.”</i> -goodreads</p> </div> </div> <p>On December 7 we will talk about <u>Horse</u> by Geraldine Brooks.</p> <p><i>A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history.</i> Goodreads</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> </div> <p>On JANUARY 4 we will explore <u>Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature and Spirit</u> by Lyanda Haupt.</p> <p>For more information or to receive email related to the group, contact June Zellers: jzellers@roadrunner.com jzellers@roadrunner.com or Kathy Kellison: kell6787@gmail.com</p> |
| <p><u>4th</u> <u>Friday</u></p> <p><u>6:30 – 8:30</u> <u>Sanctuary</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Nov. 24th</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Free Style Drum Circle</u></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! <u>ALL are welcome</u>. 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 mtmoods@gmail.com or 229-1118.</p> |
| <p><u>1st and</u> <u>3rd</u> <u>Saturday</u></p> <p>9:30–11 am</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUCC Occasional Orchestra</u></p> <p>The UUCC Occasional Orchestra rehearsals are usually held the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. We practice in the Sanctuary from 9:30-11:00 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come and share your musical talents with our UUCC community. All are welcome, please join us!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Questions: please contact Dale McCormick at: dmmccormick11@aol.com.</p> |

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| <p>4th <u>Sunday</u></p> <p><u>Regular</u> <u>time is 1-</u> <u>2:30 p.m.</u> <u>In-Person</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Nov. 26th</p> | <p><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></p> <p>November 26th, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Goddess/Earth Circles focuses on Goddess and women’s lives, pagan and earth-based spirituality and practices, earth celebrations and cycles, the role of women today. Includes Women of Wisdom celebration. All ages and genders are welcome.</p> <p>The group meets the 4th Sunday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. We plan to meet using a hybrid model (in-person in Fellowship Hall with online participants joining by Zoom).</p> <p>For more information, contact Helen Z at hzmre@hzmre.com</p> |
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Notices / Updates / News



MINISTERIAL SEARCH SURVEY

Thank you to those who did the Survey this month for the Search Committee. We had 50 very thoughtfully done surveys and we will prepare a summary to share with you soon. There are many helpful comments made by you.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH ENTREES NEEDED NOVEMBER 19TH

So far I have the promise of one quiche and a pot of chili and vegan lentil soup. I need at least one more quiche, I need a pasta dish (like American Chop Suey or Lasagna or baked macaroni), and something else? Please contact Marilyn Dunn 207-344-4980 if you can help.

Worship Committee Seeks Tech Assistants

Worship at UUCC has changed in some exciting ways, including technologically. Are you interested in how UUCC manages multi-platform worship? Do you enjoy using and expanding your technological skills? The Worship Committee is looking to add one or two new tech assistants to our Sunday morning team. Techs arrive early (by 9:30) to assist worship leaders with microphones and media. Other duties include operating the camera during Boxcast broadcasts, managing the sound system, running the HEPA filters, and assisting the Worship Associate with the offering and Sunday service journal.

We provide training; however, experience with some of the following would be helpful: Google Drive, Zoom, smart/Roku TVs, PowerPoint, music sound systems, video recording/editing, video and live streaming. Techs attend Worship Committee meetings, which are on the second Wednesday of the month at 4:30 on Zoom. Each tech is scheduled to assist on about one Sunday per month.

Interested? Please click on the below link for a form which will ask you about your interest and technological experience. We'll be in touch! <https://forms.gle/Uappuwgm6zdkh1BJ7> --Karen Allen, Worship Committee Chair

More Service - Even more FUN

Below are images of some of the volunteers at the Saturday morning Breakfast for the unhoused.

First image (from left to right) is volunteers: Sydney Sewall with Kevin and Mary Kane.

Second image (from left to right) is Debbie Mattson and Nancy Fritz.



Social Justice Committee

Volunteers Needed: WindowDressers Community Build in Hallowell Nov 3-8

The nonprofit organization [WindowDressers](#) supports volunteers in constructing light-weight insulating window inserts for homes in their communities. Insert assembly occurs at barn-raising style Community Builds, a participatory model that ensures inserts are much less expensive than commercial products and are free for households that cannot afford to pay.

UUCM Members Hilary Neckles and Jeff Jannell are leading a Community Build Nov. 3-8 in partnership with the Capital Area New Mainers Project at the Hallowell Multicultural Center, 20 Union St., in Hallowell. The build will produce inserts for about 30 homes, including eight New Mainer families as well as others in Augusta experiencing financial hardship. Volunteers are needed for 4-hour shifts throughout the week to help assemble the inserts. Volunteers will be trained to perform a simple step in the assembly process and lunch is provided daily between shifts. Volunteer help is essential to keep inserts affordable or free, helps your neighbors stay warmer and lower heating costs, and is fun! The online sign-up is [here](#), or find the Manchester/Hallowell Community Build at [WindowDressers.org](#). For more information contact Hilary Neckles, hneckles@gmail.com, (207) 441-2464.

Restoring Wabanaki History in Maine at the Ballot Box.

The Eighth Principle and Question 6 in the November Election

Maine [voters will soon be asked](#) whether they want to reverse an 1876 Constitutional amendment to omit sections of the Maine Constitution which articulate the Wabanaki treaty obligations assumed from Massachusetts when Maine became a state in 1820.

The separation agreement between the states mandated that Indigenous land agreements continue after Maine established its independence. As Maine grew and settlers wanted more land, these obligations to the tribes became limiting and costly. After the Civil War, Maine's leaders tried to repeal these provisions but quickly learned Massachusetts would not agree to the changes. Blocked from repeal, they turned instead to redaction, passing a Constitutional amendment to omit these sections (which remained in force) when copies of the Constitution was printed. The Maine Historical Society explains the details of this [here](#).

Over the last decade, there have been growing calls to return the omitted passages when our Constitution is published. As you vote in this November's election, take a moment to reflect on the 8th Principle which calls us to act in an anti-racist manner as we work toward a loving and inclusive Beloved Community.

Board of Trustees

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At its October 12 meeting the Board:

- Discussed the need for a media team
- Discussed the Lifetime Faith Formation Coordinator position
- Discussed how the Board can use Google Drive
- Continued planning the work of the Safety Committee
- Discussed becoming part of Rev. Paul Langston-Daley's doctoral research into the impact of restorative justice on congregations that use it
- Reported progress on the board's goals for the year

To read the full minutes of the minutes, please visit the church website.

** DRAFT ** AGENDA

Thursday, November 9, 2023

(contact clerk Cheryl Ring 11/8 or 11/9 for agenda changes>

5:00 to 7:00 pm -- in-person

Board Covenant Board Members (Read)
Chalice Lighting Rev. Donna
Check-in - How do you find centering/calm/joy especially now? Michaela

New Business

1. Approve Sept 14 and Oct 12 minutes
2. Affirm the Board's emergency zoom meeting on 10/27/23 regarding its motion to hold Sunday services online in the event the shooter is still at-large and subsequent email vote VOTE (2)
3. Finance Committee's Report: Harry
4. Treasurer's Reports Nancy
5. President's Report Michaela
6. Minister's Report Rev. Dolham
7. Final Bylaws Review and approval - finalize the 5 revisions from the Sept meeting Cheryl
 - a. Set dates for Congregational Presentation of By-Laws (No Vote)
 - b. Congregational Vote on By-Laws
8. Clarification of training regarding de-escalation/solicitation for financial support? Nancy/ Jim

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| 9. Update on Rev. Paul's rescheduled service/congregational discussion | Donna |
| 10. Update on Rev. Paul Langston-Daley project proposal | Susan |
| 11. Shared Drive - how are we doing with it? | Cheryl, et.al. |
| a. would we like a zoom on this? | |
| b. has anybody tried to upload or edit any docs on the Shared Drive? How'd it go? | |

Old Business

Goals Review [create a separate document on the GDrive for anyone to add to these goals,](#)

1. *Increase our presence in the community through outreach and visibility; Susan, Lead; Cheryl 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, Harry, Susan*
3. *Develop opportunities for more engagement in the life of the congregation. Identify many ways for people to support and participate with the UUCC. a concerted effort from all*
4. *Develop and implement a safety and security plan; Jim Caldwell, as leader of the Safety Committee*
5. *Complete the bylaws revision and present to congregation for vote; Cheryl*

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: Thursday, December 14, 2023**

General Information

Worship Services are held IN-PERSON
Events may still be held virtually in the
UUCC ZOOM ROOM

Other ways to UUCC 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.**

UUCC 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.

UUCC 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) | Mjpell14@roadrunner.com |
| Helen Zidowecki | 207-582-5308 (h) | hzmre@hzmre.com |
| Peggy Lamb | 207 622-5174 (h) | plambflowers@outlook.com |
| Lori Milner | 520-437-3442 (c) | lmilner3@gmail.com |

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) or Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308, 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 (11/1)
- NO E-Blast (11/8)
- E-Blast (11/15)
- NO E-Blast (11/22 or 11/29)

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.

Rev. Donna Dolham

Minister's study – (207) 623-3663

Pastoral Emergencies only – (207) 701-1581

Email: minister@augustauu.org

Visit [Calendly Scheduling Link](#) to schedule an appointment with Rev. Dolham.

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