

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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A Message from our Minister

As we move into spring, life at UUCC continues to unfold in wonderful and vibrant ways. Last Sunday, we welcomed many new members into our community! This is a time of new growth. Our new members and friends arriving over the threshold bring their gifts to our community and we are changed with their presence.

We are also working to increase our accessibility and outreach across our platforms; worship, website, e-blasts, newsletters, Facebook, YouTube and Instagram. A new media outreach team has been developed and we are looking for others who might be interested in helping. As we increase our use of technology new opportunities are unfolding to participate and contribute.

With some changes we are engaging with worship, you might wonder what it takes to create worship here at UUCC. Here are a few of the roles we now have and are expanding:

Worship leader/facilitator: This may be me, a visiting minister or guest or lay leader. This person creates worship, consults with worship associates, Boxcast tech camera person, music folks. Watch for an upcoming class next year using the book *The Shared Pulpit*.

Worship Associate: Assists in the facilitation of worship, helps guest minister/preachers with process of offering worship at UUCC and currently looks at the boxcast computer to note attendance and greet those who write in the chat at the end of Sunday service.

Boxcast Worship Camera Tech: This person runs the camera during the service, moving between elements and locations. There is a Boxcast tech for every service. This is not a new role; however, the role has become more intricate as we move into using the TV and slides in worship.

Worship Slide Creator: This is a new role. There are currently two of us creating slides at this time, Nan Bell and myself. UUCC has a graphics program we obtained this year by applying for a non-profit/church status [cost of the program was waived]. We currently use CANVA to create the graphics for the slides (and advertising). A training was held on Tuesday, 4/17 and the next training will be on Sunday, 5/5 following the service beginning at 11:30am. Please e-mail me at minister@augustauu.org to let me know if you'd like to attend.

PowerPoint or PowerPoint equivalent set up person: Karen Allen has been doing this for guest minister/preachers and I have been doing this on Sunday's I'm with the congregation.

Slide Deck Tech person: This person forwards the slides during the service. For days I'm in the pulpit, I have been doing this. Nan Bell has also done this on the days when someone else is in the pulpit.

Hymn typist: There is a google folder where we are beginning to load the hymns we use. This saves time when creating the slides with hymns/songs.

Copyright Tracker/Reporter: Next year we will be doing the work of tracking and reporting on the music licenses that we will be purchasing. With the increased use of media and online worship comes the need to comply with copyright regulations.

As you join us for worship in person or on Boxcast, I hope you will find the experience engaging with opportunities for reflection, community, and spiritual growth. There will be mistakes and bumps as we learn new techniques, technology, and new ways to offer worship and programming. If you have concerns or ideas please come directly to me, Karen Allen [outgoing Worship Arts Chair] and Sara Hodgkins [Incoming Worship Arts Chair]. Our emails are in the directory. As we move forward and experiment, we engage in a time of shared learning, creativity, successes, and growing edges. I'm so glad to be on this journey with all of you!

Love and light,

Rev. Donna, she, her

Upcoming Programming:

Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 11:30am ~ Worship Technology & Slide Development Workshop
Facilitated by Nan Bell & Rev. Donna

Sunday, May 12th & 26th at 6pm on UUCC's Zoom Account ~ New to UUCC Gatherings
Are you new to UUCC? Would you like to have an opportunity to learn more about the congregation? Please join me for this two session program on Sunday, May 12th and Sunday May 26th on UUCC's zoom account. The link can be found in our e-blast. Please let me know if you are able to attend by emailing minister@augustauu.org.

Upcoming Services

Sunday
April 21, 2024

Ingathering music to begin at 9:55
a.m.



CB Beal, M.Div. (they/them/theirs) specializes in facilitating learning experiences that involve issues of marginalization, oppression, and privilege, helping participants hold the complexities of our lives in perspective, to co-create a safer braver space within which people can be challenged to learn and grow.

They are a dynamic and humorous speaker and frequent presenter and consultant in congregations and schools in the northeast in Preemptive Radical Inclusion, safer communities/congregations, and supporting gender creative and transgender/non-binary children and youth in schools and youth-serving organizations. They are an Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education trainer and trainer of trainers nationally and teach sexuality and consent education to elementary and middle schoolers and parents around Massachusetts. They also support organizations, groups and individuals doing change work.

Bear Witness: Save Lives

Rev. Donna Dolham, CB Beal and John Seksay

[N-95 facemasks requested and will be provided]

If you haven't already, please watch CB Beal's video (in the body of the E-blast email) in which CB greets our community and asks us to all wear our masks this Sunday.

Please join Rev. Donna, John Seksay and CB Beal of [Justice and Peace Consulting](#) for this special service, titled *Bear Witness, Save Lives*.

"When we bear witness, we prioritize the story someone else chooses to tell over the questions we want immediately answered, or our desires about how we want their story to unfold" ~CB Beal

Please join us for this opportunity to continue to explore how we are in and with our community.

A special thank you to our worship arts team. John Seksay will be our worship associate and Nan Bell will manage technology. Our choir will present "Earth Song" by Frank Ticheli accompanied by Morgan Lee, piano. Michaela Loisel will be our greeter.

SHARE THE PLATE: This month's recipient, chosen by the Social Justice Committee is the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN). MUUSAN is a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in our Unitarian Universalist faith and animated by its principles. MUUSAN welcomes as partners and collaborators all those who share our values. We link our 26 Maine congregations and many friends in an active legislative ministry.

Join us after the service for a sit down **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** <See details in [Special Events/Opportunities] below.>

<p>Sunday</p> <p>April 28, 2024</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>The Poor People’s Campaign: Where Do We Go From Here?</p> <p>Jean Adamson and Lori Milner</p> <p>Please join us to explore the impact of poverty in Maine and the nation, and ways we can help the Poor People’s Campaign address these issues.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Jamez Riot will be our worship associate and Marty Peters will manage technology, assisted by Nan Bell with slides. Our pianist will be Karen Foust. Marsha Stone and Susan Roberts are hosting coffee hour. Our greeter will be Nancy Fritz.</p>
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Sunday worship service is held IN-PERSON in the Sanctuary. Please be aware that the church doors will 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

Fellowship Lunch – Sunday April 21, 2024

11:30 - 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

The third Sunday of each month (Oct thru May) is Fellowship Lunch Sunday which replaces coffee hour. This event will be open to all service attendees. This is quite posh and definitely not a potluck. Attendees are encouraged to enjoy community at a restaurant style sit-down meal.



The **UUC Live Auction** will take place this Saturday, April 20th at the church. Doors will open with light refreshments available at 5:15. We have some amazing donations for the auction that include unique, hand-made arts and crafts, experiences, offerings, and practical and authentic items. The auction will start at 6:00 - please peruse our catalog in advance if you would like and bring a friend or two! You can access the catalog here: [UUC Auction Catalog](#).

The **Tomato Baby and Plant Sale** is back again this year with more offerings than before! Take a look at the catalog: [UUCC Tomato and Plant Catalog](#) and support the UUCC of Augusta by placing your order for the tomatoes, vegetables, herbs and flowers that you would like to grow in your garden using the email address on the first tab of the catalog. If you have questions, please email them to uuplants@gmail.com and we will respond as soon as possible.



****NEW** Drop-in Sustainable Heath Qijong group** – weekly on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00pm beginning Tues. 4/23. We will gather in Fellowship Hall (or in the yard, weather permitting).

Sustainable Health Qigong teaches how to get healthy and stay that way by using the five elements of Traditional Chinese Medicine (“TCM”). We do this through movement, meditation, and other simple daily practices based on the seasons and meridians. Come discover how these simple *qigong* movements and daily habits can make big differences in health. All are welcome.

This weekly "drop-in" group is available to anyone who wants to explore qigong and TCM's approach to health and healing. Attending is free but donations are encouraged to offset the cost of the use of the space. FMI: Susan Roberts (718-517-0807), and email (slrotr1@gmail.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.

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
"What are you doing for others?"*

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Mark your calendar!

The UCC Music Program is having a Benefit Concert on Saturday, May 18th at 4pm. The choir and orchestra will be sharing musical selections from their 2023-2024 season. There will be a silent auction as part of our Benefit Concert, doors will open at 3pm. We have a handful of wonderful offerings already, but if you have a special service or experience that you would like to contribute to this auction, please email Karen Foust [Kar-maFoust@gmail.com] or Eowyn Levene [eowyn.levene@gmail.com].

Are you interested in offering programming or scheduling an event for the UCC community?

Please use this [program request online form](#) to help guide the process.

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:](#)

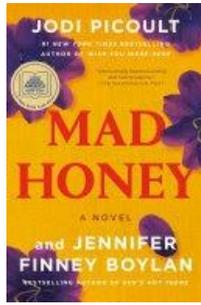
For other ways to join Zoom, see [General Information](#)
Zoom meeting id: 823 807 0673 – Password: 6971



<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>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</i></p>	A peace symbol logo with a black outline on a red and orange gradient background.
<p><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Monday</u></p> <p><u>9:30 – Noon</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Apr. 22</p>	<p><u>Sewing/Craft/Hobby Group</u></p> <p>Sewing/Craft/Hobby Group meets in the Fellowship Hall the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon. We ask that attendees help set up and put away tables and chairs.</p> <p>Just bring whatever you'd like to work on, machine or hand sewing, craft or hobby item you are working on, 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 887-1104 or 313-5859 / Nancy 213-3047. All are welcome. Bring a friend, if you like.</p>	

<p><u>Tuesday</u> <u>10:30 a.m.</u></p> <p><u>UUC</u> <u>Virtual</u> <u>Zoom</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lectio Divina</u></p> <p>Lectio Divina will be a weekly group facilitated by the Rev. Donna Dolham and Lori Milner, Pastoral Ministry Associate. The group will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 on the UUCC zoom account.</p> <p>The group invites you to join divine reading and lived experience through a practice called Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina originated as a monastic practice of scripture reading, meditation, prayer and action. The group utilizes various authors and scripture as our written word for reflection. Please feel free to join as you can. All are welcome.</p>
<p><u>Tuesday</u> <u>4:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>Weekly</u> <u>beginning</u> <u>4/23</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">**NEW** <u>Drop-in Sustainable Heath Qijong group</u></p> <p> Meets weekly on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00pm beginning Tues. 4/23. We will gather in Fellowship Hall (or in the yard, weather permitting).</p> <p>Sustainable Health Qigong teaches how to get healthy and stay that way by using the five elements of Traditional Chinese Medicine (“TCM”). We do this through movement, meditation, and other simple daily practices based on the seasons and meridians. Come discover how these simple <i>qigong</i> movements and daily habits can make big differences in health. All are welcome.</p> <p>This weekly "drop-in" group is available to anyone who wants to explore qigong and TCM's approach to health and healing. Attending is free but donations are encouraged to offset the cost of the use of the space. FMI: Susan Roberts (718-517-0807), and email (slrotr1@gmail.com).</p>
<p><u>Wednes-</u> <u>day</u> <u>6:00 -</u> <u>7:30 p.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUCC 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 style="text-align: center;">All are welcome!</p>
<p><u>Wednes-</u> <u>days</u> <u>Each Week</u></p> <p><u>5:00 – 6:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gentle YOGA</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosted by Debbie Mattson</p> <p></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=UWJpOVEjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09 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><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Wednesday</u></p> <p><u>1:00-2:30pm</u></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 UUCC Zoom room.</p> <p>FMI: please contact John Seksay (netmotel@gmail.com or 317-690-3636).</p>
<p><u>Thursdays</u> <u>Each Week</u></p> <p><u>8:00 – 9:30</u> <u>a.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p>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><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Thursday</u></p> <p><u>In the</u> <u>UUCC</u> <u>Virtual</u> <u>Zoom room</u></p> <p><u>9:00 – 10:30</u> <u>a.m.</u></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. Come and try it out; there is no obligation to come each time we gather. This group will be meeting in the UUCC Virtual Zoom Room.</p> <p>FMI: please contact Debbie at (207)557-2697 or debbiemattson@hotmail.com</p>
<p><u>1st</u> <u>Thursday</u></p> <p><u>Noon-1:30</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p>April 4 was rescheduled to April 18</p> <p>Next regular meeting is May 2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Read Learn Share Book Group</u></p> <p><u>Kathy Kellison</u> as a co-founder of this group, writes: <i>I have trouble remembering whether the learning comes before the sharing, or vice versa. Our process is circular in that sense. My world has expanded significantly since I began participating in this group. Not only has the reading been enlightening, the comments by other readers have shown me interpretations of books and stories I would otherwise have missed.</i></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. We invite anyone who enjoys reading to consider participating in this lively group – join for one discussion or all nine.</p>



Our April 4 meeting to discuss Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan was rescheduled to Thurs. 4/18 due to the major storm.

A soul-stirring novel about what we choose to keep from our past, and what we choose to leave behind. ~Goodreads

After the Mad Honey discussion, we have two meetings left before summer vacation. Then we will choose nine books to read and discuss next year. We will be inviting suggestions for next year’s ballot in June and use ranked choice voting to develop the list.



Our book for May 2 is Our Migrant Souls by Hector Tobar.

’In Our Migrant Souls , the Pulitzer Prize–winning writer Héctor Tobar delivers a definitive and personal exploration of what it means to be Latino in the United States right now.’ Goodreads

The book title for our last session this year on June 6 is Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Germus.

For more information, contact June Zellers at <mailto:jzellers@roadrunner.com> or Kathy Kellison at kell6787@gmail.com

**4th
Friday**

Free Style Drum Circle

**6:30 – 8:30
Sanctuary**

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! ALL are welcome. Event is FREE, No RSVP, just come!

**Next
Meeting is
Apr. 26th**

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.

**Every
Saturday**

UUCC Occasional Orchestra

9:00–11 am

The UUCC Occasional Orchestra rehearsals will be held each Saturday until Easter in the Sanctuary from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Check with Dale for the after Easter schedule.

Come and share your musical talents with our UUCC community.
All are welcome, please join us!

Questions: please contact Dale McCormick at: dmmccormick11@aol.com.

4th Sunday	<p><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u> April 28, Fellowship Hall, 1-2:30pm</p> <p>Phases of Our Lives: Honoring the Maiden, the Mother/Nurturer/Crone and Sage Planning Croning and Recroning Celebrations on May 19 Reflections and Remembrances as we open the Memorial Book</p> <p>https://augustauu.org/assets/bulkUpload/Phases-of-the-Goddesses-and-Our-Lives.2021.pdf Goddess/Earth Circles focuses on the phases of our lives and earth-based spirituality. All ages and genders are welcome. Contact Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com) with questions or if you would like to consider croning.</p>
<p><u>1-2:30</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Apr. 28th</p>	

Notices / Updates / News

Sharing Café -- April 14, 2024

Responses to Question #2

What wonderful insights we generated in our Sharing Café this last Sunday. We focused on using our UUCC Covenant to ensure that everyone belongs. Here’s a sampling:*

- Use the Covenant like a 12-step program. Read at each meeting. Work with each section. Recite each time we gather to become familiar with it.
- Turn the statements into queries: ‘get to know one another’ or ‘listen to one another’ become: [who have you gotten to know?] and who have you listened to? Have these queries written up for discussions, like at coffee hour.
- Reference the covenant, bring it into conversations. Take responsibility for our own words and actions. Having the language to use, living by these values. We have to repeat it, acknowledge it, be explicit about applying the covenant.
- Ask people how they use the covenant in their lives. Repeat it. Fall back on the covenant to take a step back.

If you would like to read all the responses, grouped in categories, click here: [Results of 4/14 Sharing Café](#)

June Zellers, Congregational Engagement Team

**Any typos or mischaracterizations are wholly my own.*

Tech request from the Worship Team

We are glad to see that many in UUCC besides the Worship Team are making use of our technological capabilities on Zoom, on Boxcast, and in the Sanctuary. If your church group uses any of our tech devices, please make sure that all the components -- laptops, cables, Owl, etc. -- are put back where you found them.

We will be working to label everything and will note each item's home location on the label. If you find a stray piece of technological equipment, please put it in the front closet in the sanctuary (next to the pulpit) and contact Worship Chair Karen Allen and Rev. Donna. We understand that technology at UUCC is very much a work in progress.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about technology in worship or elsewhere, Karen Allen and Rev. Donna welcome your thoughts.

-- Karen Allen, Worship Chair

From Building and Grounds

Please help garden May 11th - 9:30 to noon.

Join us as we meet at the church on May 11th to weed, mulch, reset the border, redo the fellowship garden fence and maybe plant flowers. Bring gloves and dandelion digger (aka asparagus fork) if you have one. We have extras. Email Marilyn Dunn if you intend to participate at maine2007@hotmail.com.

HOSPITALITY UPDATES / NEEDS

While I am out West, Catherine Palmer, will be in charge of hospitality. We need help on the following upcoming Sundays.

- May 5 no one has signed up.
- May 12 only has one person signed up, still need a second volunteer.
- June 2 only has one person signed up, still need a second volunteer.
- June 9 no one has signed up

Thank you,
Susan Claska

Social Justice Updates

Watch for social justice updates in our next E-Blast 5/1/24.

In the meantime, check out the MUUSAN.org website to find ways you can join other UU's all across Maine as they contribute to making lasting change!

There is always work to be done... JOIN US!

The next MUUSAN meeting is Sat. May 11th in Brunswick. See details and a link to register to attend on the website.

Board of Trustees

A message from our Board President:

How do we live our Covenant?

Many congregants provided language and suggestions to the Covenant drafting team as they diligently, over many months, worked to bring it to life. We, the congregation, voted to adopt our UUCS Covenant at last June's Annual Meeting.

At April's Board meeting, The Congregational Engagement Team presented us with several important questions:

- What skills are necessary to accomplish the Board's goals around the Covenant?
- Who in the congregation possesses these skills?
- Is making our Covenant the overall umbrella of the church one of the Board's goals?
- What formats are available to educate the congregation and/or opportunities to practice our Covenant together before we hit a new crisis?

The Board will consider these great questions and come up with a path forward for the congregation to begin this most important phase - how to live our covenant.

Sharing Cafes were created to build community and trust by discussing, in intimate groups, topics of importance to us as Unitarian Universalists. Last Sunday's Sharing Café had us discussing ways to engage with the Covenant as a spiritual practice or in our everyday life. You will see a summary of these discussions elsewhere in this E-blast. The discussions were rich and thoughtful. One of the ideas was to bring the language to the congregation in a variety of ways.

I am delighted that we have a UUCC Covenant, that “*we value our relationships with each other*” and make a priority of *how* we are in community together. Now that we have this Covenant, how do we *live* it? How do we make it OUR Covenant? We will be exploring this together as we move forward and will revisit our living covenant as needed.

Two practices to which I am paying attention are:

“Listen to one another with intention and curiosity” and

“Take responsibility for our own words and actions and explore differences openly, directly, and with compassion while assuming the good intentions of one another”.

What practices from our Covenant are you focusing on?

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

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At its April 11 meeting, the Board:

- Heard a request from the Congregational Engagement Team for direction for their future work.
- Voted to move \$100,000 from the Common Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Association and place it with the Maine Community Fund.
- Voted that future repayments for our solar farm investment go to the Maine Community Fund account.
- Voted to require the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network to obtain 501c3 status from the IRS by December 2024.
- Heard that the Buildings and Grounds budget will exceed the budgeted amount by \$1300-\$1500 due to repairs to the sewer line at Drew House.
- Authorized the Treasurer to add name of the Chair of the Finance Committee for access to our bank accounts.
- Discussed ways to help the Board achieve its annual goals.
- Named Helen Zidowecki as a delegate to the 2024 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association and agreed to pay her registration fee.
- Agreed to appoint a Task Force to explore living into our Eighth Principle and make recommendations to the congregation.

Full minutes can be accessed online by clicking here: [April 11 Minutes](#). Minutes can also be found on the Board of Trustees bulletin board at the church.

The next board meeting is Thursday, May 9, 2024.

All are welcome to attend but please see the [UUCC Policy for Board Meeting Visitors](#).

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)	pellsav64@gmail.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.

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 (207-377-8028, linda.findlay@gmail.com) or Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com)

UCC 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 (4/17)
- No E-Blast (4/24)
- E-blast (5/1)
- NO E-Blast (5/8)

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. Send articles to admin@augustauu.org

UCC 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 - use cell phone

Email: minister@augustauu.org

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

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