

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Thursday, June 6, 2024

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A Message from our Minister

Pink and purple spires of lupine, greeting summer with a burst of beauty. As we gather this Sunday for the Unitarian Universalist Flower ritual you are invited to bring a flower to help create a vibrant arrangement as we celebrate the beauty of diversity. Flowers will be gathered in vases in the front of the sanctuary prior to the start of service. To read more about the Flower Ceremony, visit: <https://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/flower-ceremony>.

On the heels of an amazing annual meeting, UUCC continues to offer Sunday services and programming. This summer we will have an opportunity to appreciate messages from several of UUCC's members and I look forward to offering a few services as well.

Our Ingathering Sunday will take place on Sunday, September 8th. This service will include another UU highlight, the Water Communion. This summer, I invite you to gather a small jar of water from a place you find grounding, spiritual or just plain feeds your spirit!

A challenge... Send me a picture of the water that is unidentifiable, a view in such a way that we won't know where it's from! I will gather these together and we will integrate them into the service. Also... please consider the question, in what way does this water connect you to life? Instead of inviting people to share where the water is from [in some circles this is referred to as a "parade of privilege"], we will note briefly the answer to the above question as the water is being joined. If you would like to read more about Water Communion, visit: <https://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/water-communion>.

We are fast approaching August and serving UUCC as your new settled minister is a joy I anticipate. During the search process, I was asked if I would be relocating and I wanted to share an update on Kate, my spouse, and my transition.



Meet Priscilla! The metal art giraffe who is the first one to join us for a picture in front of our new home in Sidney. Our home is a quick jaunt to the office compared to the distance coming from Portland. Kate and I will be moving over the next several weeks and look forward to building a life together in the Augusta area. I look forward to continuing to build a ministry with you, members and friends of UUCC!

Love and light,

Rev. Donna, she, her

Minister Schedule update:

Rev. Donna will be working the following weeks:

- The rest of June, minus attendance at GA.
- The weeks of July 8th and July 22nd.
- The week of Aug. 5th will begin a more regular schedule and will be the start of our called ministry together.

*There will be coverage for Pastoral emergencies and Rev. Donna will be working this out with Martha Pelletier, Pastoral Ministry Chair. *

Upcoming Services

Sunday
June 9, 2024

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



	<p style="text-align: center;">Flower Ceremony Rev. Donna Dolham</p> <p>UUCC's Flower Ceremony is part of a greater Unitarian Universalist celebration rooted in our Unitarian history. Originally created in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Čapek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, the Flower Ceremony was introduced to the United States by Rev. Mája Čapek, Norbert's widow. (UUA website: https://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/flower-ceremony)</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Sara Hodgkins will be our worship associate and Angie Blevins will manage technology. Our choir will present: "Wild Mountain Thyme" arr by Andrew Parr; accompanied by Morgan Lee, piano. Coffee hour will be hosted by Martha and Don Naber. Our greeter will be Susan Claska.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 16, 2024</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Juneteenth Rev. Donna Dolham</p> <p>Please join us for this Juneteenth service as we center our time on living our way to justice.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Marty Peters will be our worship associate. Technology will be managed by Nan Bell. Hannah Faulkner will be our pianist. We need a volunteer for Coffee Hour. If you can help, please contact Susan Claska at 242-9100 or slcburnett@me.com The greeter will be announced soon.</p> <p>SHARE THE PLATE: This month's recipient, chosen by the Social Justice Committee is Project Fresh Start. This organization helps furnish homes by collecting, sorting, and storing gently used or new household items and redistributing them to individuals in need. Started in 2008 at So. Parish Congregational Church, it is now located 352 Civic Center Drive, Augusta.</p>

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/mtifpth0utvesjggjyej>

If you missed a service or want to watch a service again, the link above also allows access to prior services. Click on the play button on the video of the “broadcast date” you are interested in watching. Services may be viewed by Boxcast for a week after the service is live.

Special Events / Opportunities



Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation

5-6 pm on Monday, July 1 in Fellowship Hall

Mindfulness is the practice of paying attention to the present moment. In our practice we infuse mindfulness with qualities like kindness, curiosity, & acceptance. During our time together we will explore ways to weave mindfulness into our daily lives, including conscious breathing and meditation. If you would like, you may stay for our in person/hybrid sangha in the sanctuary after our class.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Gaslight Theater presents the play: NUNSENSE

The Gaslight Theater in Hallowell is performing the hilarious, musical NUNSENSE, a very funny comedy. There is a performance this Sunday, June 9th at 2:00 p.m. Wondering if any UU's are interested in attending. Laughter will be plentiful in this irreverent comedy.

Tickets are \$20 and are sold at the door or can be reserved by calling 626 3698.

I can also reserve your ticket if you wish. cherylclukey5@yahoo.com or call/text (207)441-0337

Social Activities – Church Fundraiser

Once again Judy McCown and Cheryl Clukey are organizing our annual:

[DINNER AND A MOVIE](#) - Friday, June 14, 5:30 to 8:30 at UCC



This year's movie will be "**FAR FROM HEAVEN**" starring Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid and Dennis Haysbert.

The film, rated PG 13, is a 2002 historical romantic drama that tells the story of Cathy Whitaker, a 1950s housewife, living in wealthy suburban Connecticut as she sees her seemingly perfect life begin to fall apart. The film explores race, gender roles, sexual orientation, and class in the context of 1950s America.

Roger Ebert writes: "Far from Heaven" is like the best and bravest movie of 1957. Its themes, values and style faithfully reflect the social melodramas of the 1950s, but it's bolder, and says out loud what those films only hinted at.

Dinner Menu:

*Gourmet sweet & sour chicken
long grain and wild rice,
asparagus,
salad, homemade rolls,
homemade lemon cake
and beverages.*

Space for dinner is limited to 12 people.

Dinner cost \$20.00.

Reservations required by **Friday, June 7th**

**Don't Delay – This event will SELL
OUT FAST!!**

** Email: cherylclukey5@yahoo.com or call/text (207)441-0337 **

ALL are welcome to attend the movie showing – approx. 7pm start.

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 use flowers to help us symbolize the love that is hidden deep inside us.

~Anonymous

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

**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 UUCC calendar
Click below to view ALL events, including any group meetings or other business meetings.

<https://www.augustauu.org/calendar-and-communications/>

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

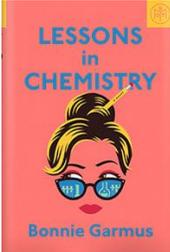
[Click here to join Events in the Zoom Room:](#)

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



<p><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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p>BY Private ZOOM –EVERY Monday. You may join us at 6:15 to settle in. PLEASE NOTE: In June and July, the group will meet in-person in the Sanctuary and online, on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.</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 June 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><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>UUCC</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 is held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 on Zoom.</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 style="text-align: center;"><See Update and Invitation in Notices/Updates/News below.</p>

<p><u>Tuesday</u> <u>4:00 pm</u></p> <p><u>Weekly</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Drop-in Sustainable Heath Qijong group</u></p> <p>Meets weekly on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00pm. 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>UUCS Choir Rehearsal</u></p> <p>After the June 9 Flower Communion service, the Choir will take a break. We will not meet for rehearsals over the summer months. We will resume rehearsals August 25th and meet every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.</p> <p>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> <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>UU Yoga is 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:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09 Password: 174192</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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> <div data-bbox="1224 1125 1472 1308" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Wednesday</u> <u>1:00-2:30pm</u></p> <p>2nd Wed. – C-FH 4th Wed. - C-FH</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. We will now be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.</p> <p>FMI: For more information please contact Hal Booth at halbooth1@yahoo.com or (207)623-8383 [land-line, no text].</p>

<p>Thursdays Each Week</p> <p>8:00 – 9:30 a.m.</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>2nd & 4th Thursday</p> <p>In the UUCC Virtual 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. 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 style="text-align: center;">FMI: please contact Debbie at (207)557-2697 or debbiemattson@hotmail.com</p>
<p>1st Thursday</p> <p>Noon-1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Next meet- ing is June 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Read Learn Share Book Group</u></p> <p>Our group meets on the first Thursday of the month from noon until 1:30. Some of us are in Fellowship Hall and others participate in the church zoom room. Discussions are lively, fun and expansive as we learn how others respond to a book, not who has the best interpretation. We invite anyone who enjoys reading to consider participating in this group. We have one meeting left before summer vacation.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div> <p>The book title for our last session this year on June 6 is <u>Lessons in Chemistry</u> by Bonnie Garmus. JOIN US FOR A GREAT DISCUSSION!</p> <p>A novel that is “irresistible, satisfying and full of fuel” (The New York Times Book Review) and “witty, sometimes hilarious . . . the Catch-22 of early feminism.” (Stephen King, via Twitter)</p> <p>Over the summer we will choose nine books to read and discuss next year. We create the year’s list by inviting suggestions for the year’s ballot in June and use ranked choice voting to develop the list. If you know of a book you would love to share and discuss with others, consider adding it to the list. For more information, contact June Zellers at jzellers@roadrunner.com or Kathy Kellison at kell6787@gmail.com.</p> </div> </div>

<p><u>4th</u> <u>Friday</u></p> <p><u>6:30 – 8:30</u> <u>Sanctuary</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is June 28th</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>Every</u> <u>Saturday</u></p> <p>9:00–11 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUCO Occasional Orchestra</u></p> <p>The UUCO Occasional Orchestra will take a break over the summer months. Rehearsals will resume Saturday, Sept 7th in the Sanctuary from 9:00-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Come and share your musical talents with our UUCO community. All are welcome, please join us!</p> <p>Questions: please contact Dale McCormick at: dmmccormick11@aol.com.</p>
<p><u>4th</u> <u>Sunday</u></p> <p><u>1-2:30</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is June 23rd</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Goddess / Earth Circles Summer Connections</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 23, 2024 Fellowship Hall, 1-2:30pm Celebration of Summer Solstice Phases of our lives and goddesses: individual experiences and inclusivity Keeping connected</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FMI Contact Helen Zidowecki (207-582-5308, mailto:hzmre@hzmre.com).</p>

Notices / Updates / News

Member News – Faith Madore

Faith Madore fell in March and ended up with a compression fracture in her back. She has had surgery and is now at home recovering. Her husband, Jerry is taking good care of her so she doesn’t need meals or rides at this time.

She would welcome calls or cards from her church community. She can be reached at (207)485-0336 or at 47 Estates Drive #1, Winthrop, ME 04364.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Everyone likes coffee and light snacks after the service, right? The summer schedule for coffee hour volunteers is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

If you can volunteer to serve coffee at a service this summer, please sign up on the sheet or contact Susan Claska at slcburnett@me.com or call (207) 242-9100.

Lectio Divina Meditation - Schedule update & Invitation

Lectio Divina Meditation, Reflection and Sharing group has been meeting on Tuesday mornings for several months. There are two more Lectio Divina groups this summer, June 11th and June 18th. We will begin again on September 10th. This group is open to anyone who would like to attend and is held on the UUCC Zoom Account. It is a joy to be together. ~ Rev. Donna & Lori Milner (facilitators of the Lectio Divina group)

A reflection on Lectio Divina...

Friends,

I want to share with you an experience of deep spiritual engagement that I have found by joining Rev. Donna and Lori Millner Tuesday mornings for the Lectio Divina practice. I provide this testimony as a way to encourage any other church member or friend who might seek to both find space for quiet contemplation but also build community to give it a try.

I had been in church leadership for seven years. I told Rev. Donna that after all that time I felt as if I was floating above the true church and had forgotten how to live my UU faith. In addition to Sunday worship, which really does nurture me for the week, the Lectio Divina practice draws me into a deeper, meditative form of worship which allows me to explore my intimate personal needs and reflections, while at the same time realizing the kindness and joy of those I am sharing the process with.

Briefly, the process begins with a chalice lighting and reading. We then move into a mediation at which time we are offered the opportunity to put all of our thoughts in our imaginary bowl and to hold them without judgement. What a gift! As we come back, we enter into a deep and meaningful check-in. The heart of the process revolves around a reading, either a poem or a short piece of prose, chosen by Rev. Donna or Lori. We are allowed 15 glorious minutes to reflect on the words, to journal, draw, move in response to them, or to simply be with them. After 15 minutes, we share our reflections, without interruption. I am fascinated by how rich and different the responses have been. We close with words to extinguish our chalice.

All are welcome. We meet on zoom making it very accessible and if you are interested in discussing my experience further, I would love to do so.

Kathy Shaw

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New on-line yard sale for fund raising begins July 1st !

In anticipation of making changes to next year's fundraising calendar that would reduce the amount of time and energy resources of our members we are going to try something new! If you have an item that you would like to donate that you think might fetch over \$25, please contact Marilyn Dunn. Marilyn and her husband Tom Waddell have agreed to sell items online for the church via Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist and occasionally Ebay! Tom has volunteered to pick up your item to post for sale; proceeds would be donated to the UUCC.

This new sale method will start with the new fiscal year in July as an experiment for the next year. Please do not bring yard sale donations to the church or garage – Goodwill, thrift stores, the ReStore and other recycling places will happily accept other items. The garage is cleared now and will only be used to store the building and grounds equipment and large church property.

READ LEARN SHARE

For many, summer is reading season. For the UUCC book group, summer is planning season.

- In June we collect suggestions for our ballot for next year.
- In July we research the titles on the list and make our selections by a ranked choice vote.
- The list is unveiled in August and we begin meeting in October.

We invite anyone to suggest titles. Is there a book you want to discuss with others? Is there a book that opened your eyes to a new way of seeing the world that you would like to share? Let us know!

A reminder that the group does not require a commitment. Come once or come every time. For more information, contact June Zellers at jzellers@roadrunner.com

Work Crews continue...

Pictures below of the work crew for Mary and Kevin Kane (taken by Hilary Neckles). The crew and hosts had great fun while stacking more than 1 and 1/2 cords of wood, weeding/mulching all around the yard, planting alyssum and other plants. A large pile of wood was also split! Snacks and laughs were shared by all!



General Assembly Notes and Reflections 6.2024

Michaela Loisel, Kathy Kellison, Claire Curole and Helen Zidowecki are attending virtual General Assembly June 19-23, 2024! General Sessions and the Sunday Morning Worship will be streamed live on UUA.org and YouTube without your needing registration. Hope you can attend some of these sessions. <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2024>

GENERAL SESSIONS Times when Amendments to Article II of the Bylaws and the Actions of Immediate Witness are being considered are noted.

Thursday, June 20

1-2pm Opening, General Session I.

4-6pm General Session II. Article II

Amendments: “Equity: Every Person is Inherently Worthy” and “Peace as a UU Value”

Friday, June 21

2:30-6:00pm General Session III. Article II

Amendments: “Equity Calls Us to Listen, Understand, Respect, Respond” and “Reason and the Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning”

Business Resolution: “Affirming Transgender, Nonbinary, Intersex and Gender Diverse People as a Fundamental Expression of UU Religious Values”

Saturday, June 22

2:30-6:00pm General Session IV. Article II
Final Discussion

Actions of Immediate Witness

Voting on various items that have been discussed, and reports.

Sunday, June 23

3-5pm General Session V and Closing.

Awards and recognitions

Closing Words & Adjournment, Music & Celebration

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

1-2.30pm The year's largest UU gathering, where we come together for an inspiring Sunday worship celebration like no other!

Follow us at GA 2024! Look for “GA 2024 Notes and Reflections” on the UUCS Website under Special UUA Initiatives <https://augustauu.org/minister-staff-and-church-life/theme-based-ministry/soul-matters/> We will be presenting a Post-GA report and offering a Sunday Service about GA on September 29.

UUCS Delegates: Michaela Loisel, Claire Curole and Helen Zidowecki

Social Justice Updates

SHARE THE PLATE

The Social Justice Committee welcomes your ideas for worthy organizations for our monthly donations. During the June 16th collection, please put your idea(s) on a slip of paper & add to the collection plate. Thank you!

June - Fresh Start

July - Augusta Food Bank

August - Family Violence Project

UPCOMING EVENTS

Portland Pride Saturday June 15 Deering
Oaks Park 1-5 PM

Pride Film Series June 9, 15, 16 Maine Film
Center Waterville. 3 PM

[Mass Poor People’s & Low-Wage Workers’
Assembly & Moral March on Washington
D.C. & to the Polls.](#) June 29, Washington DC

SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS:

Both books were read & discussed by our UCC
book group this year

- **Rough Sleepers** by Tracy Kidder is the fascinating, inspiring saga of Dr. Jim O’Connell’s mission to care for the homeless people of Boston.
- **Our Migrant Souls; A Meditation on Race and the Meanings and Myths of “Latino”** by Héctor Tobar.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST UPDATES

Our Saturday Breakfasts have grown from serving 20-25 people each week to an average of 60. We are always busy, and always grateful for the contributions of our volunteers: cooking, setting up, driving, serving, greeting, sharing stories, and of course, cleaning up. We don’t always know who else has helped make these breakfasts happen - those of you who send in donations of food, do the shopping, give rides, or send monetary donations. We are very thankful, and our breakfasts guests are always very appreciative.

If you would like to become involved, volunteers are always welcome! As our numbers of guests have increased, our need for funding has increased as well. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check written out to UCC with Saturday Breakfast in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to UCC P.O. Box 8, Augusta, ME. 04332-0008. If you would like to volunteer or get more information, email marykane072@gmail.com or debbiemattson@hotmail.com

Board of Trustees

DRAFT Agenda
Thursday June 13, 2024
5:00 to 7:00 pm
in-person

Board Covenant Board Members (Read)
Chalice Lighting: Rev. Donna
Check-in: Wisdom to Welcome Karen Allen as VP Michaela
.....Breathe with me....

New Business

1. Approve prior month’s minutes VOTE
2. Finance Committee’s Report Harry Grimmnitz
3. Treasurer’s Report Nancy Fritz

4. President's Report Michaela Loisel
Vice President's Role(s)
August Board Retreat
Approval of Minister's Housing Allowance
Summer Greeting Schedule- Karen Allen
5. Minister's Report Rev. Dolham
Start - up Retreat
Installation Update
Transitioning some of Treasurer's Tasks to Church Admin.
6. Safety Committee Update Jim Caldwell

Old Business **Goals Review**

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:

All are welcome to attend the Board Meeting, but please see the [UUCC Policy for Board Meeting Visitors](#). If you have an item that you would like the Board to consider, please contact Michaelatloisel@gmail.com.

The Board may **not** meet in July... stay tuned for more information.

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.

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



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June 9th at 8am SGM Breakfast Celebration for SGM participants, FH

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 (6/5 – actually sent 6/6)
- NO E-Blast (6/12)
- E-Blast (6/19)
- NO E-blast (6/26)

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:

The church office will be CLOSED next week as the church administrator will be taking a vacation week.

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.

Rev. Donna Dolham

Staff Contact information: Church Administrator, Lynn M. Smith, admin@augustauu.org, Phone 622-3232
Music Director, Bridget Convey, musicdirector@augustauu.org