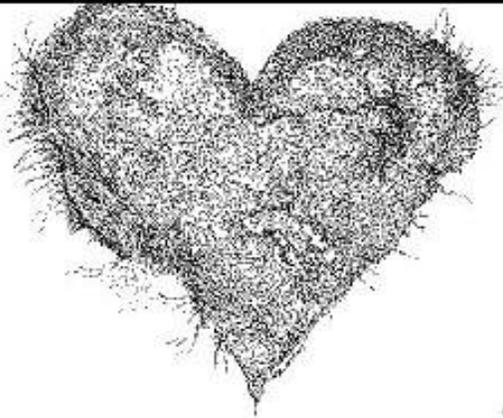


Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Wednesday, May 12, 2021



Farewell Sunday

Sunday May 16, 2021 will be
Rev Carie's final service
as the minister at UUCC.

The service will take place at 10:00 am
at Mill Park, Augusta (1 Water Street).

Join us for special music, personal reflections and
community as we honor our time together and release
Reverend Carie from our shared covenant. There will be
an opportunity to share the plate with donations going to
MUUSAN (Maine UU State Advocacy Network)

There will be fellowship time following the service with
special refreshments.

You may bring drinks - water will be provided.



During Fellowship Hour you will have an
opportunity to add to a tapestry begun early on
in Reverend Carie's Ministry. This will be a gift for Carie
to take into her new ventures.

Feel free to bring a small memento or note to attach.

NOTE: Please wear a Mask. Extras will be available. Social distancing will be implemented. Please refrain from hugging. Chairs will be provided. Zoom will also be an option so you may join from your home.
Weather Concerns: The service will be held on Sunday morning at Mill Park. Only heavy rain will cause the service to be on zoom. If this is the case an all church email will be sent on Sunday Morning. The announcement will also be on the UUCC web page. Please pray/hope for good weather on the morning of May 16th!

Worship Theme for May is **STORY**.
Join us as we explore what it means to be a people of STORY.

Upcoming Services

<p>NEXT Sunday</p> <p>May 23, 2021 10:00 a.m. via Zoom</p> <p>UUCS Zoom room</p>	<p><u>The Comfort of the Known</u></p> <p>With summer worship minister Bettina Lehovec</p> <p>As humans, we long for a sense of certainty even as we live amid ongoing change. How do we reconcile this tension, particularly as it pertains to our Unitarian Universalist faith? What is it in our ever-changing tradition we can count on? Where do we find the comfort of the known?</p>
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All worship services AND virtual events (unless noted) are held in the
UUCS ZOOM ROOM

Other ways to UUCS 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.**

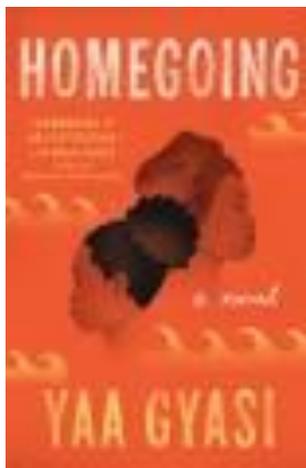
UUCS Meeting ID: 823 807 0673 – then enter **passcode: 6971**

- 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.

Connections



Read, Learn, Share will meet Thursday June 3rd at noon in the UUCS Zoom Room.

Anyone who interested in discussing our book for the month is welcome to join us. We will end at 1:30. For more information, contact Kathy Kellison at kell6787@gmail.com or June Zellers at junezellers@roadrunner.com

“Homegoing is an inspiration.” —Ta-Nehisi Coates

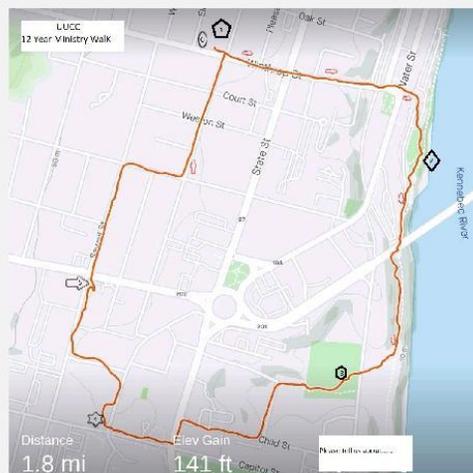
***JOIN US This Saturday **:**

Twelve Year Walk of Ministry

**Saturday, May 15
starting at 9:30 from UCC**

Join us for a two-mile walk in Augusta, to the river, then to the Capitol Building and returning through the neighborhoods back to the church. Rev. Carie will reflect on her twelve years of ministry as we walk along the riverfront, through Gage Street Park, and past the Blaine House. We will hear about her advocacy work, including the development of MUSAAN, participating with members of the congregation in protests, and her work with Wabanaki people in Maine. (We have mapped the route so that some can join us by car at stopping points along the way.)

A BYO picnic and a congregational blessing will follow the walk.



See the attachment to this E-blast for all the stop details and more...

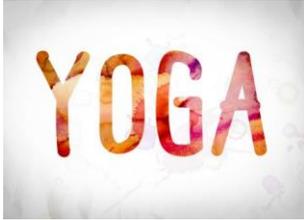
Sunday, May 23, 1-2:30pm via UUCZ zoom

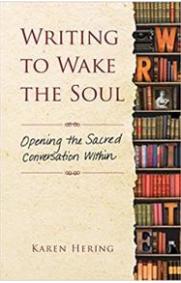
Goddess/Earth Circles is exploring several themes in the next few months. Phases of Goddess and women's lives (through the Women of Wisdom celebration on October 31). Several-session introduction to Wicca, with the possibility of having a Wicca group in the Fall. Contact Mary for more information at shifmanmary@gmail.com. Special celebrations and the gathering times and topics for the rest of 2021.

Please join us, whether you have participated or not. We would like to hear from you.

Contact: Helen Zidowecki hzmre@hzmre.com (582-5308)

Weekly Events

<p><u>Monday</u> <u>Each week</u> <u>2:00 – 3:30</u> <u>p.m.</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>Read Aloud & Discussion</u></p> <p>The Monday afternoon reading and discussion group has changed our process. We have chosen to have each person who joins us, and who wishes to, bring a poem, an article, a book excerpt with something in it to spark a discussion. What has grabbed your attention or what is something you are wondering about? Our discussions are always lively and interesting. Join in! FMI: admin@augustauu.org</p> <p align="center"><i>UUCZ ZOOM ROOM</i> (← click this link OR see above for other ways to join)</p>
<p><u>Monday</u> <u>Each week</u> <u>6:30 – 8:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p align="center"><i>You may join us at 6:15 to settle in.</i></p> <p><i>The login and password information has changed. Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at email martysoule@gmail.com.</i></p> <p align="center">FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</p> 
<p><u>Wednesdays</u> <u>Each Week</u> <u>5:00 – 6:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p>	<p align="center">Gentle YOGA</p> <p align="center"><i>Hosted by Debbie Mattson</i></p> <p><i>Please join us a few minutes before 5:00 to settle in so we can begin our class right at 5:00 p.m. Zoom Login:</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Click link below to join.</i></p> <p align="center">https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRxa3VoUT09</p> <p align="center"><i>Password 174192 - FMI: DebbieMattson@hotmail.com</i></p> 

<p><u>Thursdays</u> <u>Each Week</u> <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>The login and password information has changed. Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at martysoule@gmail.com. FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</p> 
<p><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Thursday</u></p> <p><u>9:00 – 10:30</u> <u>a.m.</u></p>	<p><i>Writing to Wake the Soul</i> We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month - 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.</p>  <p>This is an open group and if you would like to participate in this event, please contact Debbie Mattson (debbiemattson@hotmail.com) for the login/passcode information. Hosting of this event is shared and zoom link changes week to week.</p> <p>We gather and write 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.</p>

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/>

Notices

Two ASKS from Building and Grounds

First ask - Building and Grounds is reorganizing storage and needs 'copy boxes with lids'. These are the boxes that copy paper come in and the perfect size for shelf storage. If you see anywhere you work please leave with Lynn or if you score a number of them call Marilyn 512-5382 and she will pick them up.

Second ask - Help is needed getting the church organized. The kitchen needs cleaning and sorting, as does the committee room and storage closet. Additionally, there are boxes of RE crafting supplies that need going through to sort out the useless, trim down the useful and donate the excess. We still are working two to a room max with masks per Covid protocols. If you, or you and a friend are willing to help please choose a task and call/email Marilyn 207-512-5382 maine2007@hotmail.com to schedule. Building and grounds is busy banging nails, painting and mowing and could really use some volunteer hands in the air to help with sorting.

EMBODY OUR PRINCIPLES WITH MUUSAN

We Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote our seven principles with the hope of creating and sustaining strong relationships in strong communities. For much of our recent history, the values we upheld seemed wide spread in our country and culture. This reality has changed in recent years, with the ascendance of people in the political sphere who have a different set of values. We see pressure on our democratic institutions, on our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all people, and support for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.

One of the opportunities we have to promote our principles is through work with our state legislature. At the moment, its work seems to embrace our values. However, it would be a mistake to assume that this trend will continue unless we who care about these values speak up and support the legislators who are working on our behalf.

MUUSAN is a volunteer lobbying organization working hard with other likeminded groups to influence legislation and remind legislators of the values we celebrate in our faith.

There is room for everyone to be involved just by getting informed. Then you can lobby, make phone calls, write letters to the editor or remember the importance of voting for a legislature that reflects and creates the state we want to live in.

For more information, contact Kathy Kellison kell6787@gmail.com or Michaela Loisel at michaelatloisel@gmail.com.

2021-2022 Pledge Campaign UPDATE

Thank you to all who have sent a pledge form in to the church office.

Our goal is \$165,000. We are now at 69% of our goal!!!

As of today **55 pledges** have been received, raising **\$129,135** for the work of UUCU in the next fiscal year.

All pledges are important. Please return your pledge as soon as you can.

Thank you, thank you all!

Dr. Don on **Covid-19**

**** Dr. Don will return next week ****

Send your questions, comments or suggestions to naber@gwi.net

Board of Trustees



Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta

Board Meeting

A G E N D A

May 13, 2021

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/8238070673>, then enter passcode: 6971

Join by phone: dial 1 646 558 8656, at first prompt (meeting id: 823 807 0673#)

Chalice Lighting

Words to Inspire

Check in

REPORTS

1. Clerk's Report: Susan / **VOTE**
2. Treasurer's Report: Martha
3. Finance Committee's Report: Catherine (CP)
4. COVID-19 Task Force's Report: Terry
5. President's report: Kathy
 - a. Renovations toward reopening: Wick

6. Minister's Report: Rev. Carie

NEW BUSINESS

- Exit Interview Report Review
- FY2021-22 Budget Review and Approval: Martha and CP / **VOTE**
- The Gift that is Carie
 - Memories: Catherine
 - Legacy: Kathy and Wick
 - Goodbyes and best wishes: ALL!!

Board meetings are open to ALL. If you have an item you would like the Board to consider, please contact Kathy Ann Shaw at kathyannshaw@roadrunner.com.

Next Board meeting June 10, 2021

We Missed You!

The Sunday, May 2nd *What's On Your Mind* session was the last of the church year. Although no one attended we will chalk that up to progress toward a new, healthy Board relationship ... and well the temperature reached 70- degrees too! *What's on Your Mind* allows congregants the opportunity to meet Board members in a very informal way. Conversations are freeform and open, and no discussion item is taboo. We look forward to starting up again in the fall. New concerns, comments and questions may emerge, especially from our new church life and the welcoming of our Interim Minister.

In the meantime, please go enjoy that 70-degree weather and the rest of the summer. We will start again sometime after the Ingathering Service.

Ad-hoc Covid-19 Advisory Group

This group has generously volunteered to be available to support members with personal safety, health or travel questions, concerns, or anxieties. Feel free to reach out to one of them directly.

Betty Cairn, RN	StonehengeMaine@yahoo.com	207-215-6394
Terry Lee Cairn, ND, MSOM, Lac.	tlcnaturalhealth@yahoo.com	207-557-2557
Harry Grimmnitz, MD	hgrimmnitz@gmail.com	207-685-9270
Don Naber, Ed.D	naber@zwi.net	207-887-1104
Cathie Nielsen, MD	cathieenielsen@gmail.com	207-441-0248
Marty Soule, PA-C	martysoule@gmail.com	207-685-9270

UUC 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.

Rev. Carie Johnsen, Minister	508-221-5295 (c)	revcariejohnsen@gmail.com
Martha Pelletier, Chair	207-685-9592 (H)	Mjpell14@roadrunner.com
Helen Zidowecki	207-582-5308 (h)	hzmre@hzmre.com
Tracy McNaughton	207-623-3110 (h)	tracy.mcnaughton@yahoo.com
Peggy Lamb	207 622-5174 (h)	plambflowers@outlook.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 Angie Blevins, 592-5655

UUC 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 Michael Conley at 207-248-7948 or at estherpearl67@gmail.com.

UUC Office Hours – NEXT WEEK

UUC Office Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday
8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

TEMPORARY HOURS

<plus 7 flex / work at home hrs>

Staff Contact information:

Church Administrator, Lynn M. Smith, admin@augustauu.org, Phone 622-3232

Coordinator of Lifespan Faith Formation, Monique McAuliffe, LifespanFF@augustauu.org

Music Director, Bridget Convey, musicdirector@augustauu.org