

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Wednesday, June 22, 2022

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A Message from the Minister

I am at General Assembly, the annual meeting of Unitarian Universalists in Portland, Oregon, this week! So far, it has been lovely to finally meet colleagues in person, many of which I have only met online. The programming is just getting started here. Look forward to a full report next week!

Please be in touch if you need anything.

In faith from sunny Oregon,
Chloe

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Upcoming Services

Worship Theme for June – Celebrating Blessings

Join us as we explore the challenges and adventures of Celebrating Blessings.

<p>THIS Sunday June 25, 2022</p> <p>10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON Ingathering music to begin at 9:50 a.m.</p>	<p>"Chaos, Gravity & Grace" Peter Mendall, Sr., UUCC Member</p> <p>"Every child needs to know that the world makes sense, that their parents love them, and lots of play time." Jean Piaget, child psychologist.</p> <p>Printer's Note: The "non-use" and the "use" of the "Oxford comma" in these two statements is of substantive importance. The Oxford comma is an application of Set Theory which is intimately linked to Plato's Allegory of the Cave -- an imaginative metaphor for "real Reality".</p> <p>A special thank you to everyone who is participating. Susan Claska Burnett will serve as our worship associate. Hannah Faulkner will be our pianist.</p>
<p>NEXT Sunday July 3, 2022</p> <p>10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON Ingathering music to begin at 9:50 a.m.</p>	<p>"Gratitude and Goodbyes" Chloë Briedé, UUCC Interim Minister</p> <p>This will be Minister Chloe's last service at UUCC. Join us in releasing her from her ministry with us. Chloe will also reflect on her work with the congregation, expressing gratitude and goodbyes.</p> <p>A special thank you to everyone who is participating. Stefanie Barley will be our pianist.</p>

Sunday worship service is now being held IN-PERSON in the Sanctuary.

Our services are no longer accessible by Zoom

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

Special Events / Opportunities

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

Read Learn Share Book Group

CONSIDER JOINING US

The BOOK GROUP is planning for next year. We welcome anyone to join in the process. Feel free to suggest titles for the ballot or request a ballot and get your votes in. We would love to have you join us every month. It is completely fine to attend only the sessions that appeal to you.

We alternate between fiction and non-fiction so you can suggest either. The deadline for suggesting titles, author(s), number of pages whether it is fiction or non-fiction is FRIDAY JUNE 24 at NOON. We prefer books that are available through interlibrary loan so there is no need to buy books. Feel free to add a brief description or a link to a review. You are on your own beyond that to research the titles and make your decisions.

Voting is by ranked choice with the HIGHEST number indicating your first choice. The ballot with complete instructions will be emailed on JUNE 24. The deadline for voting is FRIDAY JULY 8 by the end of the day,

JUNE ZELLERS will be collecting the suggestions and preparing the ballot. Please email her at jzellers@roadrunner.com to let her know how you would like to participate or with any questions.

To find local events,

PRIDE

please visit

the Google Maine Pride Calendar for 2022 at the following link:

<https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=maine%20pride%20calendar%202022&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiw6Lmy5Zz4AhXHUjABHcksA4cQ6LwDCLUD&sxsrf=AL-iCzsZKDtXQEuf1toM6X9myjIYvgMqrFQ:1654654771668>



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MULTIPLATFORM / PORTLAND • 2022

The Annual Meeting of Unitarian Universalist Association, is being held on June 22-26, 2022, in Portland, OR. The following are attending from UUC: Minister Chloe Briede will be attending in person, and David Rand and Helen Zidowecki will be attending virtually.

Business Sessions several events can be accessed by Live Streaming at <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2022>. Connect with the broader UU community! Understand the scope and breadth of UUism!

The following events will be streamed here as they occur (schedule is subject to change). On-demand video will be available after each event begins.

General Sessions Daily. Check for the time of the session and items that are expected to be covered. Contact Helen if there are items of particular to you. Please look at the scope of things covered.

Service of the Living Tradition Thursday, June 23, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. EDT This service honors fellowshiped and credentialed religious leaders; remembering those who have died, recognizing those who have completed active service, and welcoming those who have received fellowship or credentialed status in the past year. The service includes a collection to benefit the [Living Tradition Fund](#).

Synergy Bridging Worship Friday, June 24, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. EDT This is a transformative multigenerational worship. Be inspired and illuminated at a celebration of treasured worship elements, rites of passage and brilliant contemporary music.

Sunday Worship Sunday, June 26, 2022, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. EDT Join us virtually for the largest annual gathering of UUs joining in worship. See <https://www.uua.org/ga/program/highlights/sunday-morning-worship> for indepth information.

A Sunday Service is planned related to the experience of GA and our connection with the UU community from local to world-wide connections.

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/>

<p><u>Monday</u> Each week</p> <p><u>6:30 – 8:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">You may join us at 6:15 to settle in.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at email martysoule@gmail.com. FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</p>	
<p><u>Wednesdays</u> Each Week</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 style="text-align: center;">Please join us a few minutes before 5:00 to settle in so we can begin our class right at 5:00 p.m. Click the link below to join. https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOTRXa3VoUT09 Password 174192 - FMI: DebbieMattson@hotmail.com</p>	
<p><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Wednesda</u> <u>y</u></p> <p><u>10:30 a.m. -</u> <u>Noon</u></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 meet in the UUCC Zoom Room.</p> <p>FMI: please contact Diane (dmoongrove@gmail.com or 446-6162) or Stefanie (stefbarley@gmail.com or 629-8890)</p>	
<p><u>Thursdays</u> Each Week</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 style="text-align: center;">You may join us at 7:45 a.m. to settle in. Meet from 8-9:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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> <u>By Zoom</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.</p> <p>Come and try it out; there is no obligation to come each time we gather. We meet in the UUCC Zoom Room.</p>	

- More Connections by Day of the Week -	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1st</u> <u>Thursday</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Noon-1:30</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Meeting</u> <u>will be in Oct.</u> <u>2022</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Read, Learn, Share</u></p> <p>Our final meeting of this year was June 2nd in the UUCU zoom room from Noon – 1:30 We discussed <u>Beneficence, A Family, A Farm, An Unshakable Feeling</u> by Meredith Hall, 296 pgs. (Fiction)</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: yellow;">Please see Invitations above for details on how to participate in suggesting and participating in a ranked choice vote to pick next year’s book selections.</p> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: yellow;">There are some deadlines so please take a look and join us.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>4th Friday</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>6:30 – 8:30</u> <u>Sanctuary</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting is June 24</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 style="text-align: center;"><u>4th Sunday</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>1-2:30 p.m.</u> <u>In-person w/</u> <u>Zoom backup</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting is June 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></p> <p>Goddess/Earth Circles, June 26, 1-2:30pm In-Church Meeting Room / Zoom Backup Summer Connections, and continuing with Wicca: Magic, Ethics and Morality Leader for Wicca series is Mary Shifman (213-9760, shifmanmary@gmail.com). Resource: A Beginners Guide to the Wiccan Religion: https://wiccaliving.com/what-is-wicca</p> <p>Goddess/Earth Circles focuses on Goddess, women’s lives and earth-based spirituality. All ages and genders welcome. Contact: Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com) and see UUCU website.</p>

Notices / Updates / News



Condolences to the family and friends of Bruce Bierce. Bruce passed away on Jun 16th surrounded by his loving family. His obituary ran in the Kennebec Journal on Tues. June 21, 2022 and is attached to this E-blast email.

Please stay tuned for more information.

Board of Trustees

As most of you already know, the search for an interim minister did not provide us with a prospective candidate. This is to give you an update of where the interim ministry process is now. On June 15th a group with members from the Interim Transition Team, the Board, the Interim Search Committee, Chloe, Joe Sullivan from the NE Region UUA and others met in a retreat to discuss the future of UUCC's shared ministry.

We prioritized our immediate ministerial needs for the coming church year. They are:

- Worship and rites of passage
- Pastoral care
- Administration

A summary of this meeting will soon go to the Transitions Office of the UUA. They will then attempt to match our needs from a pool of potential candidates which will then be given to the Interim Search Committee for consideration.

We know that it can be uncomfortable to live with this uncertainty and please know that we are working diligently and will keep you apprised along the way.

In gratitude,

Michaela Loisel
Board President



Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta

****REVISED**** Board Meeting A G E N D A

June 9th, 2022 - 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: Kathy

Check in

REPORTS

1. Clerk's Report: Karen / **VOTE**
2. Treasurer's Report: Martha
3. Finance Committee's Report: Harry
4. COVID-19 Task Force's Report: Terry and Harry
 - a. Revised Reopening Plan / **VOTE**
5. President's Report: Kathy

A. Welcome to New Board Members:

- i. Michaela
- ii. Susan
- iii. Nancy
- iv. Catherine
- v. Hal

B Goodbye to Outgoing Board Members:

- I. Martha
- II. Kevin
- III. Karen
- IV. Allison

6. Goodbye and Bon Voyage: June 19th
7. Minister's Report: Chloë

NEW BUSINESS

- **ADDED**- Update to final responsibilities: Nancy Fritz/VOTE
- Follow up to Annual Meeting

- Discussion of Interim Search Situation
- Rental of Office in **Judd House / VOTE**
- Chloe's Evaluation

ADJOURN

Board meetings are open to ALL. If you have an item that you would like the Board to consider, please contact:

Michaela Loisel at micaelatloisel@gmail.com.

Next Board meeting: August 11, 2022

Complete minutes of the 5/12 Board meeting is available from the UUCU website (www.augustauu.org) at the following link

<https://www.augustauu.org/minister-staff-and-church-life/church-governance/board-of-trustees>

Stay tuned for Board Highlights from the June 9, 2022 Board Meeting

Dr. Don on Covid-19

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COVID Vaccination for the Youngest Mainers

Maine kids between the ages of 6 months and 5 years are now eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19 after federal regulators approved both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for young children this past weekend. As reported in the Portland Press Herald, some locations in the state began receiving vaccines on Monday, while more doses are expected to arrive in the next few weeks.

In clinical trials, the Pfizer vaccine was roughly 80 percent effective in preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection after three doses, while the Moderna vaccine was 51 percent effective against symptomatic COVID-19 among children between the ages of 6 months to 2 years and 37 percent effective among those aged 2 to 5 years. The Pfizer vaccine is administered in three doses, while the Moderna vaccine is just two doses, although a third dose may be approved at some point. Both child vaccines come in significantly smaller doses than their adult counterparts.

While severe illness among children who contract COVID-19 is rare, 58 kids under age 5 have been hospitalized with the virus in Maine since the start of the pandemic, according to data from the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Maine's largest health care providers, including MaineHealth and Northern Light Health, are encouraging parents to contact their pediatrician or primary care provider to schedule a vaccination appointment. Vaccinations for the youngest children are also available sooner at walk-in sites, such as the York Emergency Management Agency site in Sanford, and at 15 Walgreen's pharmacy locations statewide for kids aged 3 and older.

State health officials have said they expect a relatively high percentage of Maine families to choose to vaccinate their young children because the state has consistently had one of the nation's highest rates of overall vaccination. But this doesn't mean most parents of preschoolers are rushing to get the shots. Physicians encountered resistance when the vaccines were rolled out to 5 to 12-year-olds, with ambivalent parents saying they would wait and see if the shots were really needed.

More than seven months after those children became eligible, just 42 percent of Maine kids between 5 and 11 years old have been fully vaccinated, according to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. That compares to 78 percent of all Maine people over 5 years old and 90 percent of people 90 and over.

Comments, questions or suggestions can be sent to donnaber1364@gmail.com

General Information

Worship Services are now being 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.

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
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Marty Soule, PA-C	martysoule@gmail.com	207-685-9270

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)	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 or 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 Michael Conley at 207-248-7948 or at es-therpearl67@gmail.com.

UUCC Office Hours – NEXT WEEK

UUCC Office Hours

Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday

8:00 am to 1:00 pm. <plus 7 flex hrs >

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admin@augustauu.org or 622-3232

Interim Minister, Chloë Briedé

Email: chloeuucc@gmail.com

Office: (207) 623-3663

For pastoral emergencies please call her cell phone (757) 234-1303. She will return your call as soon as possible.

Minister Briede's office hours:

Monday No office hours - Sabbath

Tuesday Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Friday No office hours – Writing day

<Other hours available by appointment>

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