**Unitarian Universalist Community Church**

**Worship Service - Sunday, February 7, 2016**

**TODAY at UUCC (February 7, 2016)**

 Services, 9:15 & 11 am, “We are Upstanders”\* Rev. Carie Johnsen <Choir Sunday>

 O.W.L. R.E. (Grades K-2) 9:15 am – 11:00 a.m.

 O.W.L. R.E. (Grades 4-6) 9:15 a.m. –11:15 a.m.

 O.W.L. R.E. (Grades 7-9) 9:15 a.m. – Noon

 ~~UU’s Praying~~ <CANCELLED>, Next mtg Sun. March 6th

 Stewardship Kick-Off: The Power of ONE, Be an

 Upstander, 12:30-3:00 pm, Buker Comm Center

 Adult RE Class “The Four Agreements”, 6:00 pm, CR

\* We gather to celebrate the call to live our Unitarian Universalist values and principles in a joyful and aching universe.

**Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) RE Classes Continue**

O.W.L. Religious Exploration classes are being held at the times noted above. Kiddos in the Grades K-2 and Grades 4-6 programs should attend the 9:15 a.m. service to be dismissed to the RE programs after the Wisdom Story. Grades 7-9 can go directly to the Drew House for their class beginning at 9:15 a.m. FMI: contact Monique at YouthAdvisor@augustauu.org or 242-6415.

TODAY’s **UU’s Praying session** has been **CANCELLED** to avoid any conflict with the Stewardship kick-off event. We will continue our discussions on Sunday, March 6th.

**\*\*TODAY\*\* Annual Stewardship Kick-Off Event**

 **(12:30 – 3:00 pm)**

**THE POWER OF ONE, Be an Upstander, Not a Bystander**, Buker Community Center, Augusta

This multigenerational event will offer age appropriate opportunities for people of all ages to engage in educational activities and raise awareness around issues of bullying, teen dating violence, intimate partner violence, domestic and relationship violence as well as elder abuse. This event is sponsored by the Family Violence Project and the UUCC Stewardship Committee.

**Notices**

**Update on NEW Church Keys**

FINALLY…Permanent keys are now available. I will contact you in the order in which you will need access to the buildings (based on the church calendar). I will eventually be in touch with all persons that have either been issued temporary keys over the past few weeks OR that have had keys in the past. If you will be in the area and want to pick up your key sooner, please stop in to the office.

**Update and news on Allan Watson:**

It is with deep sadness we said good-bye to Allan Watson as he passed on Thursday, January 21st with his wife Jill by his side. Condolences can be sent to Jill Watson, 41 Belgrade Road, Manchester, ME 04351.

**Girl Scout Cookies**

THANK YOU to all of you who stopped at the Girl Scout cookie table the past two Sundays to place a cookie order and to say hello. It was great to see some of you I don’t see often and to meet some new people. Your cookies will be delivered (and monies collected) during the Fellowship Hour on Sunday March 6th.

**NEW LGBT local resource**

SAGE Maine is excited to be starting a drop-in all-inclusive social support group for LGBT individuals-- of all ages. Enjoy companionship and community in a safe, respectful, and accessible space with discussion of news, arts, entertainment, politics, and anything else you bring to the table.

We will meet on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month. In addition to the "drop-in" on the 4th Wednesday from 7-9pm in the conference room in the beautiful Romanesque Revival Old Post Office building on Water Street. (Parking and entrance in rear of building on Kennebec River side.), the 2nd Wednesday will be a 'drop-out' event -- a local venue for coffee, dining, or cultural events that will be announced on our Facebook Page and on the Central Maine SAGE Meetup.com page.

**EASY Way to Support the Augusta Food Bank**

The UUCC has a long history of partnering with the Augusta Food Bank to alleviate hunger in our local community by donating food, volunteering and serving on the board of directors. Please help the UUCC support the Augusta Food Bank by voting in the Bangor Savings Bank Community Matters More campaign. Your vote helps determine which organization wins $5,000. “This is the friendliest sort of competition,” said Sarah Miller, director of the Augusta Food Bank, “All of the listed nonprofits are worthy of your vote, but $5,000 will put a lot of meals on a lot of plates.” By voting for the Augusta Food Bank, you are voting to ***help alleviate hunger in our community.***  It’s easy. Stop by any Bangor Savings Bank and cast your vote or vote now online at [www.bangor.com/cmm](http://www.bangor.com/cmm). Thank you! – Pam Lombard

**CORRECTION:** The New UU Class that begins Feb 15th is a MONDAY evening – Not a SUNDAY evening. The day of the week was reported incorrectly but the meeting dates are correct. <See below Upcoming Events for more information>

**Mark Your Calendars**

Sunday, Feb 15th, New UU Class Begins

Sunday, Apr. 10th, Kevin Mannix at UUCCA

**<FMI: See Upcoming Events below>**

**This Week at UUCC …**

**Monday, February 8, 2016**

 RENTAL (MACPM), 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 pm, FH

Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

 Sangha-Meditation, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

 SGM (Dunn), 6:30 pm, Drew House (Olson Rm)

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

 SGM (D. Sorensen), 10:00 a.m. (Off Premises)

 ALANON, Noon, Robbins Room

 SGM Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, CR

 RENTAL-Hathaway, 6:30-8:30 pm, DH (2nd Fl, Bk)

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

 Seasoned Souls, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 11, 2016**

 Linda Gifford, 9:15 a.m., Robbins Rm

**Friday, February 12, 2016**

 <No meetings or events scheduled>

**Saturday, February 13, 2016**

 RENTAL (Celebration of Life), 11 am–2 pm,

 Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

 P.Jenkins Meeting, 11:00 am, DH, 1st Floor

 Private Piano Lessons, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Sunday, February 14, 2016**

 Services, 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., “The Invitation”\*\*,

 Rev. Carie Johnsen

 <NO Religious Exploration O.W.L. Classes>

 Elder Lunch (Hosted by Peace Jam), Noon, FH

 Adult RE Class “The Four Agreements”, 6:00 pm, CR

\*\*More than sixteen years later, the words of Oriah Mountain Dreamer continue to call us to live more deeply, passionately and honestly.

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, February 15th, New Unitarian Universalist (new to UUCC) Class BEGINS**

February 15TH, 29TH Drew House AND March 21ST Fellowship Hall (All classes 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

The New UU Class is an opportunity to get together with those who are new to this Faith or those who are familiar with UU’sm and wish to re-focus. The beginnings of Unitarians and Universalist religions, their merge and how we see our work in the local community and wider world will be discussed and how our principles guide us. Participants will share their religious journeys in a safe and supportive environment. Sign up for the class with Lynn Smith at admin@augustauu.org or 622-3232.

**Sunday, April 10th, 1:00p.m. (After Elder lunch)**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: "Weathering Shame"** by Kevin Mannix (Channel 8 weatherman) and Linda Rota.

They will discuss their personal journey of the shame and stigma throughout their childhood and adult lives. They will share their experiences, struggles, and feelings of shame that results from growing up exposed to alcoholism, severe depression and suicide. They hope to offer awareness and inspiration through their personal stories. Their book will be available for purchase.

**For the complete calendar of events, visit the UUCC website: www.augustauu.org**

**Budget Report**

Deposit (week beginning 1/31/16):

 Pledge Payments (2015-2016) $ 245.00

 Offering 98.80

 Rental (Nancy Hathaway) 30.00

 Fundraising (Cook Book Sale) 15.00

 Fundraising (Hannaford Bonus Cards) 175.00

Total income for week $ 563.80

Avg budgeted wkly expenses for 2015/16 = $ 4,176.20

 ($217,162. divided by 52 weeks)

\*\*\*Please consider automatic monthly deduction to make your pledge payments.

Please see Treasurer, Janine Bonk or the Office Administrator for the simple enrollment form.

**Office Hours:**

Monday ----------------------------------<No office hours>

Tues, Wed and Thurs -------------- 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday -------------------------------------<No office hours>

**Rev. Carie’s Office Hours:**

Monday No office Hours (Writing Day)

Tuesday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday No office Hours (Sabbath day)

 <other hours available by appointment>

Our **Pastoral Ministry** Team is still here to provide confidential, caring and compassionate presence

during times of grief, loss, life changes and stress.

To request support or share pastoral concerns, please contact Nancee Campbell at (207) 621-7727 or pastoralministers@augustauu.org.

**Caring Cooperative** support includes rides, meals, errands, get well and condolence cards

 as well as companion visits. If you need Caring Cooperative support or know someone that needs support, contact Cheryl Abruzzese at cam1nik2@gmail.com. If you do not have email you may reach Cheryl at (207) 858-5340.

**Sunday Services / Staff Contact information:**

Youth Advisor, Monique McAuliffe youthadvisor@augustauu.org

Small Group Ministry Coordinator, Luke Curtis, SGMCoordinator@augustauu.org

Sunday Morning Religious Exploration Coordinator, Brigid Chapin, SundayREcoordinator@augustauu.org

Music Director, Bridget Convey, musicdirector@augustauu.org

Office Administrator, Lynn M. Smith, admin@augustauu.org,

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