**Unitarian Universalist Community Church**

**Worship Service - Sunday, February 28, 2016**

**TODAY at UUCC (February 28, 2016)**

 **Services**, 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.,

 “The Four Agreements”\*, Helen Parè

 **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

 Members/Friends (**Photo Session SIGNUP**), During Coffee Hour <see Notice>

 **Finance 101** – Congregational Meeting, Noon, Fellowship Hall <FMI: See Below>

 **Annie V.**, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary

\*Be impeccable with your word. Don’t take anything personally. Don’t make assumptions. Always do your best.

**TODAY, O.W.L. Religious Exploration 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.

**TODAY, Finance 101** Noon in Fellowship Hall

How do we ensure financial stability for the church while upholding our spiritual values? Do you have questions about how the church budget is developed, how we are doing financially, or how spending decisions are made? Come and hear from the experts. Board and Finance Committee members will present about this year's budget process and take your questions. **Lunch and child care provided*.***

**Notices**

**TOMORROW February 29th–New UU Class CONTINUES**

Join us in the Drew House tomorrow evening, Feb 29th at 5:30 pm as we continue the New UU Class that began on February 15th. Final class is 3/21 in Fellowship Hall.

**THANK YOU from mid Maine Youth**

On behalf of all of the mid Maine Youth, we would like to thank all who donated or helped with the Power of One Lunch. We raised over $600 for our 2017 trip to Safe Passage in Guatemala. Thank you for continued your support --Ben, Charlie, Eli, Karen, Phyllis, Sarah

**OUTREACH NOTICE**

**Iraqi Refugee family seeking a sofa, area rugs and side tables**. If you have some to share, please contact Rev Carie at revcariejohnsen@gmail.com or 508-221-5295.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITES: "IRIS PAPER FOLDING"**, Wed. 3/23 The UUCC Craft Night will be held on Wed. March 23rd from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

A workshop on "Iris Paper Folding" will be held during this time and taught by Martha Naber (assisted by Cheryl Clukey). Iris Paper Folding is a simple form of origami. By folding small pieces of wrapping paper, etc. and placing them in a specific pattern, you can create beautiful cards. It is great fun to see these patterns come together into specific designs, so come join us. Bring samples of gift wrapping paper. For more info: call Cheryl Clukey.

**LAST CHANCE to VOTE for the Augusta Food Bank**

Have you voted in the Bangor Savings Bank Community Matters More campaign? Stop by any Bangor Savings Bank or vote online at [www.bangor.com/cmm](http://www.bangor.com/cmm). **Voting ends TOMORROW, February 29, 2016 at 11:59pm.**

**Notice to Members and Friends**

I am writing today to encourage all of us to welcome our **OFF DUTY** Office Administrator, Lynn Smith, into the Sunday morning community. Lynn has begun to attend our services, in part to provide her daughter an opportunity to engage in our OWL program.

I know it is very tempting to try to attend to a few items of business when we see her around the church and at coffee hour but I ask you… **PLEASE DON’T!** She is not on the clock and more importantly she is present in our community at this time as a mother and friend. She enjoys coming and wants to get to know the members and friends of this community in a spiritual setting. I appreciate your willingness to respect my request and encourage others to do the same.

 -Rev. Carie

**Display Case in Hallway:**

Contact the church office or Helen Zidowecki (hzmre@hzmre.com) to schedule a display around a theme of the month, a special theme from Small Group Ministry, a focus from a committee or church group, or for a special interest......

**UUCC Photo Directory**

Have you scheduled your time slot for a photo session? . Photos will be taken for the UUCC Photo Directory on Friday, March 18th from 2-9 pm and on Saturday, March 19th from 10 am to 5 pm. Time slots with the photographer at the church are 10 minutes each BUT plan to spend an hour to include check-in, the photo session, and viewing them afterward. The **signup sheets** for appointments will be available at coffee hour **TODAY and next Sunday, March 6th.**

***Remember: Every Photo = free picture & directory***

 After March 6, you will need to call the church office to sign up for a time slot.

**This Week at UUCC …**

**Monday, February 29, 2016**

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 New UU Class, 5:30 pm, Drew House (1st Floor)

 SGM (Dunn), 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

 Sangha Meditation, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

 ALANON, Noon, Robbins Room

 Finance Committee Mtg, 6 pm, Robbins Room

**Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

 RENTAL-Just Guys, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

 SGM (P. Lamb), 6:30 pm, Drew House (1st Floor)

**Thursday, March 3, 2016**

 SGM (Zidowecki), 10:00 am, Robbins Rm

 Membership Committee Mtg, 4:30 pm, CR

**Friday, March 4, 2016**

Nonviolent Comm, 10:15 am, Robbins Rm

**Saturday, March 5, 2016, 2016**

 UUCCOO Rehearsal, 8:30 am, Sanctuary

 HOLD PJ Jenkins, 10 am – 1 pm, DH (1st Floor)

 Private Piano Lessons, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Sunday, March 6, 2016**

 **Services**, 9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., “Fall From Grace or Freedom”\*\*, Rev. Carie Johnsen AND Rev. Sharon Piantedosi

 **O.W.L. R.E. Classes** beginning at 9:15 am

 **LAST Photo Session SIGNUP**,Members/Friends During Coffee Hour <see Notice>

\*\*In recognition of Women’s History Month, we will be re-storying Eve and original sin. With a special guest appearance from Lilith.

**Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2016 1:00 to 3:00 pm –AND-**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 6-8 pm, Fellowship Hall**

**UNITING FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

What is Whiteness? Workshop

Grounding anti-racism, anti-oppression, multicultural ministries includes understanding one’s own race story. This work is both liberating and necessary. Whether we engage the Black Lives Matter Movement or ally work with Maine-Wabanaki R.E.A.C.H. or welcoming new Mainers or simply desire to be part of the change, the task of unpacking white experience and exploring relationship to culture is where the waking up process begins. Knowing the story we are living out of and how our experiences shape our perspectives is essential in the work of uniting for racial justice.

**Recommended reading:** *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Racism*, by Debbie Irving

This 2-hour workshop is being offered on two different days and times. You need attend only one. This workshop is geared towards white people, participants of all races and ethnicities are welcome. Contact admin@augustauu.org or phone 622-3232 to sign up for one of the workshops OR to reserve one of the two copies of the book.

**Friday, March 11, 2016 – Family FUN Night – Pizza / Dessert and BINGO Night** (5:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

$5 donations per person or $20 per family to cover costs. Please bring 2-3 gently used items from your home for bingo prizes. This is a perfect opportunity for re-gifting those much-appreciated items you just don’t know what to do with. Please let us know how many in your family will be attending. An email to admin@augustuauu.org will help us to plan and order sufficient pizza.

**Sunday, March 13, 2016 - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES -**

On Sunday, March 13th, 1:00 p.m. (after Elder Lunch), UUCC will present Waterville columnist JP Devine for an hour of his humorous storytelling journey. JP Devine's book “Will Write For Food” is the paper trail of a young man’s quirky journey from South St. Louis to the Broadway stage to films and television, writing for the Los Angeles Times, to stand-up comedy in Hollywood, ending in a frantic flight to escape the madness of show business, and finding peace in the healing silence of Maine.

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**Friday, April 8, 2016 \*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\***

Fun for the Whole Family at our Friday, April 8, 2016

***Auction & Magic Show.***

“Conjuring Carroll Chapman” will present his Family Magic Show on April 8 from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is free to all families attending our Auction. We encourage parents to sit with your children near the front of the Sanctuary. Whether you are eight, eighteen or eighty, you can watch or participate in “Conjuring Carroll’s” tricks.

**Here’s the evening schedule:**

4 - 7 p.m. Silent Auction open for viewing (FH)

5 - 7 p.m. Supper Café in the Fellowship Hall

5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Family Magic Show in the Sanctuary

6:15 – 7 p.m. Last chances to bid Silent Auction items

7 - 9 p.m. Live Auction with Surprises

See you there!—Hannah (293-9377), Terry (557-2557) and the Auction Committee.

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**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**](http://www.augustauu.org)

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**Budget Report**

Deposit (week beginning 2/21/16):

 Pledge Payments (2015-2016) $ 2,455.00

 Offering 128.40

 Donation (Power of One – T-shirts) 40.00

 Total income for week $ 2,623.40

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

 ($217,162. divided by 52 weeks)

Pledge payments deposited this week for 2016/17 were $4,645

**Pastoral Care** concerns: contact Nancee Campbell at (207) 621-7727 or pastoralministers@augustauu.org.

**Caring Cooperative** support, contact Cheryl Abruzzese at cam1nik2@gmail.com or 858-5340.

**Sunday Services / Staff Contact information:**

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