**Unitarian Universalist Community Church**

**Worship Service - Sunday, December 4, 2016**

***TODAY at UUCC***

 **Services 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.** “Music Sunday”\*

 Worship Leaders: Rev. Carie Johnsen, Bridget Chapin, Dan Gilbert

 **SGM (Dunn) Holiday Luncheon**, 11:00 a.m.,

 Drew House (1st Fl, Back Room)

 **Adult R.E. Program Begins, Our Journey’s End,**

 **Spiritual Guide to End of Life Planning**,

 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

 **Geshi Monk – Dharma Lesson**, 2pm, Sanctuary

\*\*This traditional holiday service has become a favorite among members and friends. Bring your family, friends and your neighbors for this holiday treat. This service brings us together to sing and enjoy a morning of music highlighting the Unitarian Universalist Community Church Choir and Occasional Orchestra.

**R.E. NOTES**: Today we will hold our annual CookieWalk! The children will not be starting in the Sanctuary- instead we will gather together in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 and walk directly over to Drew House together.

**TODAY 12:30 pm - Our Journey’s End program BEGINS**

**How Does a Life Mean: Finding the Tools to Craft our Story - Led by Gary Chapin and Rev. Carie**

Today’s first highly interactive session will begin the conversation around preparing for Our Journey's End. What does it mean to prepare for the end of our journey? We think it means framing the story of the journey itself. Come find the tools and collaborators to help you do that.

**TODAY at 2pm – Geshi Monk offers a Dharma Lesson.**

Join us as Gelek, a Geshe monk offers us a dharma lesson. Gelek Rabten is a renowned Tibetan Buddhist Geshe Master from eastern Tibet. He will give an introduction to the way of the Bodhisattva, and discuss the basics of meditation as a contemplative practice to reduce stress worry and anxiety, and enhance and promote healthy psychological and physical well-being. Leader: Noah Gottlieb 409-1642 or gorbogorboze@roadrunner.com

**TODAY at 3pm - Standing Rock Prayer Circle**

Join us as we gather for Standing Rock in an Interfaith Day of Prayer in solidarity with indigenous people and with mutual love for the water.

Please bring prayers, chants, songs from your personal spiritual practice or faith tradition. Religious leaders are encouraged to wear robes, stoles and/or clergy shirts. We will gather along the shores of the Kennebec River at the East Side boat launch at 3:00 pm. FMI: Rev. Carie Johnsen at minister@augustauu.org or 508-221-5295 (voice and text).

***Notices***

**Dec. 11th Elder lunch - needs ONE entree and desserts.**

Could you cook an entree for 8-10 (soup, casserole, or quiche) or bake some finger friendly treats (cookies, bars, or brownies). Contact Marilyn Dunn maine20007@hotmail.com or 207-512-5382

**Hannaford Card update:**

We have four (4) Hannaford cards available. Each is valued at $25.

***This Week at UUCC*** *…*

**Monday, December 5, 2016**

 Private Piano Lessons, 2:30-6:00 pm, Sanctuary

 Nar-ANON, 5:30 pm, Robbins Room

 SGM Ellis McKeen (D. Maddi), 6pm, Comm Rm

 SGM (T. Cairn), 6pm, Drew House (1st Fl. Parlor)

 Peaceful Heart Sangha, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

 Al-Anon, 12:00 noon, Robbins Room

 Finance Committee Meeting, 5pm, Robbins Rm

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

 Communications Comm Mtg, 10 am, Comm Rm

 Staff Meeting, 2:30 pm, DH (1st Fl., Parlor)

 Gentle YOGA, 5:00-6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

 ~~Choir Rehearsal~~, <NO Choir Rehearsals in Dec>

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

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

**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

 RENTAL: M&F Resources, 9-11 a.m., DH (1st Fl, parlor)

**Friday, December 9, 2016**

 RENTAL: Maine Community Foundation,

 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, December 10, 2016**

 Maine Sangha Quarterly Meeting,

 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall / Sanctuary

 Private Piano Lessons, 2:00-6:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**

 Services 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. “At the End of the Day”\*\*

 Worship Leaders: Rev. Carie Johnsen, Bridget Chapin, Dan Gilbert

 Elder Lunch, Noon, Fellowship Hall

 RE Committee Mtg, 12:45 pm, DH (1st Fl., Parlor)

 Peace Jam, 3:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

\*\* If your absence doesn’t affect them, your presence never mattered” ~Anonymous “ At the end of the day: do others feel loved in your presence? This is the spiritual bottom line.” ~Masin Kipp

***Upcoming Events***

**Tuesday, Dec. 6th, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Discussion with Maine Author, Ron Chase**

UUCC and Lithgow Library are partnering to bring Maine Author, Ron Chase to the Lithgow Library on Dec. 6th at 6pm to present his book, THE GREAT MARS HILL BANK ROBBERY. The Great Mars Hill Bank Robbery profiles the real life adventure story of a Vietnam War hero, Bernard Patterson, who robbed the Northern National Bank in Mars Hill in 1971 of $110,000, at the time the largest bank robbery to ever occur in the state of Maine. See flier for more information.

This program is FREE and OPEN to the PUBLIC

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016 -Stand with Barney Frank in Portland**. Join us as Congressman and Gay Rights Advocate Barney Frank helps the Maine Justice Foundation launch its new LGBT Justice Fund, which is specifically designated to ensure that vulnerable LGBT people have access to civil legal aid. Mr. Frank will deliver the keynote address.

Mr. Frank was a committed and influential Member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 32 years. He became the first Member of Congress to acknowledge that he is gay (1987), and the first Member to marry a same-sex partner (James Ready in 2012.)

This event will be held from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. For more information or for registration info, contact Diana Scully at dscully@justicemaine.org

**Monday, December 12th - MY RESURRECTED SPIRIT:**

**An Evening With Matthew Francis**

7:00pm. Footlights Theatre in Falmouth (www.thefootlightsinfalmouth.com). FREE. In March of 2012 at the age of 42, life would change for Mathew Francis when he received a devastating cancer diagnosis. After ten months of chemotherapy and other cancer treatments, he would eventuality come to terms with a secret he had been prepared to carry to the grave. He is a Christian... and he is transgender. Rising up from generational violence passed down as an heirloom and the mental illness one struggles with in the aftermath of such treatment, he lived life quietly- expecting little of himself, until he affirmed his true gender. In three years he has transitioned from female to male and a depressed life to a vibrant one. Writing his memoir and starting the first and only transgender talk show: "Diversity Dignified" in the country.

Matthew now thrives and passes on a message of infinite love, forgiveness, and hope. Please join him while he tells this miraculous story to educate and inspire others to come to the table as equals and beloved people. It is safe to shine! HIS JUST RELEASED BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE PERFORMANCE.

**December 13, 2016 – Social Justice ACTION Planning**

Our church is fairly vibrating with concern for the welfare of our Muslim neighbors, women, the Water protectors at Standing Rock, immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ people. Let's gather on Tue Dec 13 at 5:30 to strategize and organize together. There is much that we can do. It's a time for action. See you there!

Leader: Dale McCormick, Social Justice Committee Chair dmccormick11@aol.com or 621-9835.

**Friday, December 16**, 5:30 p.m., **Chocolate Auction with 6:30 p.m., Gary Chapin Trio concert**.

Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Contact Catherine Palmer, 207.458.7384. Chocolate contributions (or promises for contributions) are being accepted.

Please contact Sunshine at senoritabun@gmail.com or 557-3078.

**Saturday, January 14, 2017**, **LGBTQ [and all UU friends] Dance** with DJ Dan Plourd, Fellowship Hall, 7-10 p.m.

Refreshments available. Suggested donation: $10/pp.

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**, **Cabin Fever Book Sale**

A Cabin Fever Book Café is planned for January 28th in Fellowship Hall. We are seeking quality USED books and fresh baked goods for the sale. Please set aside quality books (no magazines, old text books, encyclopedias or romance novels). Can you store your books until Thursday Jan 26th? If so, GREAT! If not, we can store if possible. Please pack books in *small* boxes if possible. FMI: Marilyn Dunn maine2007@hotmail.com or 512-5382.

***UUCC Office Hours***

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

Tues., Wed. AND Thurs.--------------9:00 am to 4:00 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>

**Pastoral Care** concerns: contact Rev. Carie Johnsen at (508)221-5295 or email revcariejohnsen@gmail.com

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