**Unitarian Universalist Community Church**

**Holiday Worship Services**

***Holiday Services at UUCC***

**Saturday, December 24, 2016**

**Christmas Eve and Hanukkah**

**Candlelight Services**

Our Christmas Eve tradition will include two services.

The early service at 4:00 pm will be specifically designed for families with young children. The second service at 5:30 p.m. will include the traditional of carols, readings and candle lighting. We hope you enjoy our carolers outside our church from 5-5:30 pm.

Christmas Eve services will be led by Rev. Carie, Erica Long and Brigid Chapin.

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

**Christmas Service**

The “Community Christmas” service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Gather with us for a community Christmas service as Ida Gammon shares memories from her childhood in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

***Notices***

**January 8th Elder Lunch** needs Entrees and finger friendly desserts. Please contact Marilyn Dunn maine2007@hotmail.com or 512-5382.

**Moonlight Trails and Tea Event – Tues Jan 10th**

Bring your snowshoes, cross country skis, or boots for an evening walk. Warm up by a winter campfire and enjoy pine needle and hemlock tea and roast vegan marshmallows. Place: Parker Pond. Time: 5:00 p.m. This event will be weather dependent as the sky must be clear so we can see. Open to all ages. Contact Sunshine if you are interested or for directions: 557-3078 or senoritabun@gmail.com.

This event is a part of the UUCC “The Way of the Naturalist” enrichment program. See the Adult Enrichment program book for more programs in this series.

**CONCERT HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED**

The music program for the Memorial Concert on January 22 is well under way but we need people to help with the reception afterward. If you can assist with set-up, clean-up, or providing refreshments, please contact Cheryl Clukey (cherylclukey5@yahoo.com or 441-0337).

**Used Books and Fresh Baked Goods Needed for Cabin Fever Book Sale**

A Cabin Fever Book Café is planned for January 28th in Fellowship Hall. Please set aside quality books (no magazines, old text books, or encyclopedias). Hold the books until Thurs. Jan. 26th if you can. If you can’t, we can store your contribution in the church basement. Smaller boxes would be appreciated. Contact is Marilyn Dunn maine2007@hotmail.com or 207-512-5382.

***This Week at UUCC*** *…*

**Monday, December 26, 2016**

 Nar-ANON, 5:30 pm, Robbins Room

 Peaceful Heart Sangha, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, December 27, 2016**

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

 Al-Anon, 12:00 noon, Robbins Room

**Wednesday, December 28, 2016**

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

 Gentle Yoga, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, December 29, 2016** <No meetings or events>

**Friday, December 30, 2016** <No meetings or events>

**Saturday, December 31, 2016** <New Year’s Eve>

 <No meetings or events>

**Sunday, January 1, 2017** <New Year’s Day>

 SINGLE 10:00 a.m. multi-generational SERVICE,

 “New Year’s Service”\*\*,

 Worship Leaders: Heather Lyon and Noah Gottlieb

\*\*Heather and Noah will lead a multigenerational service about New Year’s Traditions and Rituals. Since this is a multi-generational service, there will be no Religious Exploration classes. Nursery care WILL still be provided.

***Upcoming Events***

**Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016 from 4-7pm**

**Augusta Food Bank / RED BARN fundraiser.**

Come on out to THE RED BARN on Tuesday, December 27th and show your support for the Augusta Food Bank. The event takes place from 4-7 pm. Stop in for a bite to eat and support the Food Bank at the same time. What a win-win!

**Sunday, Jan. 8th, SOCIAL ACTIVITY:**

**Book Event with Maureen Milliken**

Book Event with mystery writer, Maureen Milliken, Maine Author of the Bernie O'Dea Mystery Series. "Bernie O'Dea" is a crime solver who thinks and acts like a journalist. Her latest book is titled "No news is Bad News". Milliken is a former journalist and reporter and more recently city editor of the Waterville Sentinel. She grew up in Augusta and when she was a teenager, she babysat for our UU minister in the 70's.

Milliken will talk about her books and writings, answer questions, as well as sign books that will be available for purchase. FMI: contact Cheryl Clukey.

**Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017**, **LGBTQ Dance**

An LGBTQ Dance will be held on Jan. 14th in Fellowship Hall, 7-10 p.m. We have secured a well-known, and well-liked DJ for our upcoming LGBTQ dance. Dan Plourd, "DJBud" (short for Buddhist) will bring his 13,000-song playlist, so come dance with us! Alcohol-free beverages and refreshments will be available. Tell all your LGBTQ friends to save the date! Non-gay dance lovers and all UU friends are welcomed to join us, of course! FMI: contact Catherine Palmer, 207.458.7384.

**Monday, Jan. 16, 2017, Martin Luther King Day Beloved Community Lunch**

This interactive program will honor Dr. King’s legacy by building beloved community. Join with people of all backgrounds as we reaffirm our commitment to respecting differences and embracing our common humanity. A soup and salad lunch will be served family style. Nursery care and children’s programming will be provided. Donations accepted to support the youth traveling to Guatemala as part of the Safe Passage program. Join us from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, 130 U.S. Route 133 in Winthrop. Sponsored by the Winthrop Area Ministerial Association & the Capital Area Multifaith Association.

**Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 - GOLDBERG & STRATTON MEMORIAL CONCERT**

Mark your calendars for the Bill Goldberg and Don Stratton Memorial Concert on Sunday, January 22, at 2:30 p.m. in the UUCC sanctuary. This event will honor the memory of two beloved musicians as well as celebrate our newly repaired centenarian Steinway piano. As this is a fundraiser for the church, donations of $10/person or $25/family are suggested. Refreshments will follow. For more information contact Karen Allen (kwallen@gwi.net or 622-3868) or Stefanie Barley (stefbarley@gmail.com or 623-2824).

**Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017**, **Cabin Fever Book Sale**

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***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

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

**Sunday Services / Staff Contact information:**

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Music Director, Bridget Convey, musicdirector@augustauu.org

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