



## **Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

### **Worship Invitation April 3, 2022**



**April 3** - Connected in Covenant, led by Bettina Lehovec and Penny Ziarnik  
Our theme for the month is courage, and today we examine the courage it takes to move from a focus on “me” to “we.” Becky Bailey asks, Is it more important to be special (i.e. right) or to be connected? The practice of covenant at the heart of our faith tradition calls us to this work.

**LIVE AT THE EDGECOMB TOWN HALL AT 10:30 AM**  
**MASKS REQUIRED (Note: N95 masks are most effective)**

**If you are not fully vaccinated, feeling ill or are unable to attend, please join us via zoom.**

join us at **10:30 am** using the zoom link below:

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/96686220659>

Meeting ID: 966 8622 0659

Telephone: Dial by your location  
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

**April 10: Places of Grace and Unexpected Power** - A Passover/Palm Sunday service with the Rev. Anne Bancroft



*Rev. Anne Bancroft*

The Rev. Anne Bancroft joins us from York where she lives with her husband, Dan, and black lab, Whisky. She served most recently as the settled minister at Theodore Parker Unitarian Universalist Church in West Roxbury (Boston), Massachusetts. Engaging our April theme of courage, we'll consider together how our choice of locations (physical, emotional, spiritual) may surprise us with opportunity!

## Message from the Minister



Dear Midcoast UU,

As some of you know, I recently interviewed with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the UUA. I've been continued in candidacy, with some contingencies to complete before I seek fellowship again. This is not the outcome I'd expected, but it's fair. I respect our faith tradition for holding a high bar and wanting ministers to have fully integrated their personal work with their

*Bettina Lehovec* professional training. In my case, they want me to take a deeper dive into the social justice arena, particularly my work around antiracism, anti-oppression, and multiculturalism. This is a lifelong process, as you well know! I walk alongside you as we all engage this work.

My journey toward fellowshipped ministry continues. In the meantime, I am delighted to be serving as your minister through July! I look forward to these next few months and the love and grace we generate together.

We have some exciting things happening in the Fellowship this month! Religious exploration classes for adults include Cakes for the Queen of Heaven, an exploration of feminist theology; a continued discussion of *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander; and a monthly Racial Justice Conversation slated for April 27.

I will be hosting a three-part book study on Fred Muir's *Turning Point: Essays on a New Unitarian Universalism*. These lively essays offer a bold vision for our faith, moving from individualism, exceptionalism, and an aversion to authority to generosity, pluralism, and imagination.

We've had some conversation lately about white privilege, patriarchy, and other systems of oppression that imbue our culture. This book is a way to engage associated themes with a focus on our UU tradition. If you're interested, please let me know. I'm thinking of Saturdays to let more people take part, but I want to hear what works best for you.

Our monthly vespers service will be held online at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12. Join us for this restorative time of music, readings, and shared reflection. Look for the Zoom link in next week's newsletter!

The Minister's Open Door meetings continue online at noon each Wednesday.

It's been such a blessing to be in person again! And to have continued participation from those on Zoom. A big thanks to Dick Ober for his work in improving our technology. That will be an ongoing project as we work toward becoming a multi-platform congregation.

I close with continued prayer for those who are struggling in many ways, and particularly for the tragedy unfolding in Ukraine. May we remember the goodness at the core of each human being. May that goodness light the way for those who have forgotten.

With care,  
Bettina

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### Religious Exploration

Congratulations to 10 youth who completed Our Whole Lives Sexuality for Grades 4 & 5. Youth came from Midcoast UU Fellowship, UURockland, Belfast UU and the general public. Thanks to Broo Temple, Carney McRae and Bettina Lehovec for Facilitating this year's program!

Pictured below are some of the participants with Broo after completing 2 hours of programming. Also, Cyrus Clark exhibits the tasty, gluten-free owl cupcakes that everyone received at our closing ceremony. Thanks to extraordinary baker Natalie Clark for designing and baking these treats!

Bright blessings,  
Carney McRae



## **Andrew Twaddle Memorial Service**

A memorial service for long time member Andrew Twaddle will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 2:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd., CoMo 65201.

*If you attend in person, please bring a mask*

*To attend by Zoom:*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85708716873pwd=N1dpemNjM05CdG1LMHp6T1NsTGJqUT09>

## **How we can help the people of Ukraine**

Many people are wondering what they can do to help the people of Ukraine. Here are some ways of helping that have come to our attention:

**\*Both Ukrainians and Unitarian colleagues in Romania have recommended donating to Ukraine Caritas;** North Americans can do so at this link: [https://www.caritas.org/ukraine-appeal-22/?fbclid=IwAR2KW-YfYxBFbaZoFnKlIjmcZ\\_e5HI7FrY5dCWyhcdx3co-vxiUU9GsCptI](https://www.caritas.org/ukraine-appeal-22/?fbclid=IwAR2KW-YfYxBFbaZoFnKlIjmcZ_e5HI7FrY5dCWyhcdx3co-vxiUU9GsCptI) and use the currency drop-down to choose US dollars.

**\*The UU Service Committee lifts up several trustworthy NGOs to whom we can lend our support** – scroll down from here: <https://www.uusc.org/press/we-demand-an-end-to-the-bloodshed-uusc-responds-to-vladimir-putins-invasion-of-ukraine/?fbclid=IwAR0nXcXSRJuz3dRNhrBDzqwOx1-7JnwSvk0HsE8ijBJ5p0ISqYdrpkOqw7k> for links to helping organizations as well as UUSC's human rights perspective on Russia's invasion.

**\*Another way people can help is by giving to the Faithify campaign**

[https://www.faithify.org/campaign/51/Support-Families-Fleeing-War-in-Ukraine?fbclid=IwAR3JARu8lf3ZeV2a9munwtdm12ylq4AZ\\_raWDAzmsjgeDbugCiO9bR7urh4](https://www.faithify.org/campaign/51/Support-Families-Fleeing-War-in-Ukraine?fbclid=IwAR3JARu8lf3ZeV2a9munwtdm12ylq4AZ_raWDAzmsjgeDbugCiO9bR7urh4) set up by the International Convocation of UU Women – it will provide immediate aid (transportation, shelter, food, supplies, counseling) to families fleeing war in Ukraine through the Hungarian Unitarian Church.





## Social Justice



### **MUUF FAITH IN ACTION WITH MUUSAN**

by Mary Finn Congregational Legislative Liason

Week of April 3, 2022

**We'd love** for ALL UUs in the state to be on the MUUSAN email alert list! [Sign up here](#) to receive MUUSAN alerts. We will never share your email address with anyone else! You'll receive on average 2 emails a month that will keep you in the loop about the important statewide advocacy and public policy actions that Maine UUs can take.

There are now 3 different amended versions of the bill LD 1959 (An Act To Ensure Transmission and Distribution Utility Accountability) that will be voted on by the Maine Legislature - Amendments A, B & C. **MUUSAN is supporting Amendment B** because it includes important provisions that the other two Amendments DO NOT. See this action alert for the complete reasons why.

**We encourage you to ask your Maine state legislators to support Amendment B of LD 1959 by using this easy action letter for your legislators at [this link](#) or write your own letter or call. Emails and letters to the Governor are also helpful.**

**ALSO** - If you haven't already asked your state legislators to support these two other important Climate Change bills, then please do - as the vote is coming very soon:

#### **1) LD 1634 - An Act to Create the Maine Generation Authority**

For more information click on these 2 links: [Talking points](#) and [one-pager](#).

#### **2) LD 489 - Pine Tree Amendment.**

For more information go to: <https://www.pinetreemendment.org/>

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**Anti-racism Vigil:** Starting on Monday, April 4, the weekly Monday vigil's will be from **5:00 pm- 5:30 pm** at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park. Check [PUAR's](#) Facebook page for updates.