



Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation April 17, 2022



April 17: New Vision: An Easter Story

Springtime brings a message of hope, as new life rises from the barrenness of winter. How do we apply that to our own lives and the struggles in the world around us? Can we find hope amid the darkness? Can we see with eyes of possibility and wonder?

Led by Bettina Lehovec and Tiffany Vencile

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 24: - This Sunday's service is titled, **In Honor of Earth Day: Spiritual Leadership for a Climate Changed World**. This service will honor Earth Day by including the voices of leaders from different backgrounds and traditions, including Native Americans, Buddhists, environmentalists, and theologians. It will also include ***Four Aims for Spiritual Leadership for a Climate Changed World***- the words of Rev. Allen Ewing-Merrill, Executive Director of the BTS Center in Portland, ME. [BTS Center was formerly the Bangor Theological Seminary]

Message from the Minister

May Day Event



Join us after worship on Sunday, May 1, to make May baskets. All are invited to participate! We'll have a few drivers deliver them to people in our Fellowship who can use an extra boost. That's most of us, so plan on taking one home yourself! Carney McRae and Bettina Lehovec will lead this activity.

Racial Justice Reading Group

We've been meeting monthly to discuss the books and movies each of us are reading and watching... No assigned content, although we're happy to share ideas. Our conversations have been insightful and rich. Members of Midcoast and Rockland UU are invited to participate. No pre-registration required: Just show up!

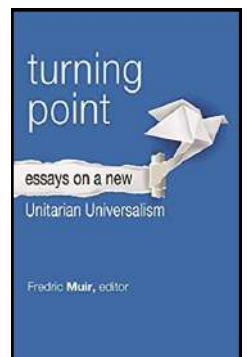
Fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Book Group Forming

Turning Point: Essays on a New Unitarian Universalism, edited by Reverend Fred Muir. These lively essays offer a bold new vision for our faith, moving from individualism, exceptionalism, and an aversion to authority to generosity, pluralism, and imagination. Three sessions will explore how we got here, where we are now, and some examples of congregations working for change. Dates and time to be determined. Contact Bettina at minister@uumidcoast.org if interested.



Memorial Service for Tom Justice on Saturday, April 30th

There will be a memorial service for Tom Justice on Saturday, April 30th at 1 pm at Inn Along the Way, 741 Main Street, Damariscotta, for those who knew and had a connection to him. He was a regular attendee of the Fellowship and a choir member while he was living in this area. He died earlier this year at Durgin Pines in Kittery.

Social Justice



MUUSAN - Week of April 11

Act now to save semi-open primaries

LD 231, the semi-open primaries bill that passed with significant bipartisan support, remains on the special appropriations table with just a few days left in this session.

We cannot leave anything to chance. Please email Senate President Troy Jackson, Senator Cathy Breen, Senate Chair of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, and Senator Donna Bailey, who also sits on the AFA Committee and **ask these Senators to take L.D. 231 off of the special appropriations table.**

Don't wait until tomorrow, please send the emails RIGHT NOW.

Senator Troy Jackson: Troy.Jackson@legislature.maine.gov

Senator Cathy Breen: Cathy.Breen@legislature.maine.gov

Senator Donna Bailey: Donna.Bailey@Legislature.Maine.gov

80% of Maine voters support semi-open primaries and bringing our election law in line with our shared values of civic engagement. It is time for this common sense legislation to be enacted, now.

If you want to see L.D. 231 enacted, please email these Senators RIGHT NOW and ask them to take L.D. 231 off of the special appropriations table.

We're so close, but we aren't there yet and we cannot leave anything to chance.

LD 1779 (Election Security) was signed by the governor on March 31. The bill clarifies the ability for clerks to get into nursing homes and tribal IDs can be used as ID. Semi-open primaries is still in appropriations; ranked-choice-voting at the municipal level signed by governor last Tuesday.

LD 1155 (An Act to Require Election Transparency and Audits) is at appropriations and LWV says it's a hard price tag to make happen.

The Maine House of Representatives talked for at least an hour trying to squash **PFAS bill 1911**, but it passed through the house 81-52, now back in Senate. Also, **LD 2013 PFAS** went straight to appropriations. Passed through committee unanimously, and now through house.

LD 1954 and 1636 (Access to prescription contraceptives) passed.

LD 1909 (An Act to Remove Restrictions on Syringe Service Programs) already signed. Gun safety bill also signed.

Over 200 people attended a big rally today at state house for clear drinking water at Sipayik. Governor Mills stated she will veto this bill.

UUtheVote2022: Job descriptions are underway. UU the Vote is non-partisan and conversations are with a range of folks. Updates coming - looking for a leader to help facilitate this work.



Anti-racism Vigil: The weekly Monday vigil's are from **5:00 pm- 5:30 pm** at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park. Check [PUAR's](#) Facebook page for updates.