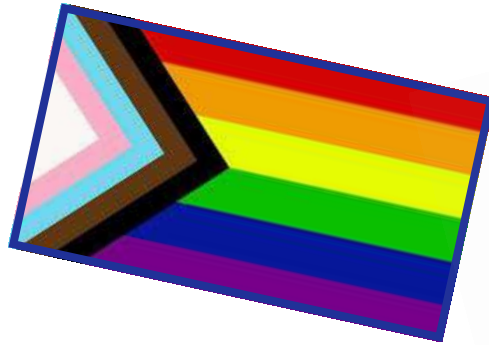




Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation June 12, 2022



June 12: True Colors

This service will celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month AND the flower communion UUs hold dear. Join us as we dedicate a new Pride flag and exchange flowers signifying the unity in diversity that is a hallmark of our faith. Please bring a flower for our communal bouquet. Led by Bettina Lehovec, Kate Pennington, and Penny Ziarnik.

All members are requested to please attend a Special Meeting immediately following the service for the purpose of voting to adopt a revised set of bylaws. We need a good turnout, so please make plans to join us.

LIVE AT SKIDOMPHA LIBRARY 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:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93286813206>

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Upcoming Services

June 19: New Members Ceremony and Father's Day

MUUF hasn't held a New Members ceremony since 2019. Join us as we celebrate the 11 people who have joined us since then! We'll remind ourselves what covenant is all about. Mike Dearborn will share a reflection for Father's Day. Led by Bettina Lehovec, Jayne Gordon, and Penny Ziarnik.

Following the service, we will have a little hike and picnic to continue the fellowship. We'll be walking from the library to my place in Damariscotta 10 minutes down the street, picnicking by the river, and then walking a nice loop nearby before returning to our cars. Total distance will be less than 2 miles. No need to bring anything except your own packed sandwiches to carry with you; I'll have drinks, desserts, and fruit waiting for you on my back deck. For those of you who can't walk, there will be limited parking by my condo.

More details to follow, but **SAVE THE DATE!**

From Jayne Gordon



June 24: Why Pronouns Matter- Join Tiffany Vencile and Rosie Davis in exploring why using the correct pronouns are important and how to use them yourself. In this service we will also include celebrating Pride month with hymns and readings! Share the plate will go to OUT Maine.

From Our Minister



Bettina Lehovec

Dear Midcoast UU,

What a **deeply thoughtful, wonderfully creative group of people** you are! I've had the pleasure of watching the past two services online. The May 29 service on Creating Beauty was a delight. Thank you, Fellowship, for sharing your gifts. The June 5 service on antiracism was also moving and informative. I came away inspired to continue my own journey toward anti-racism — and with practical tools for how to do that work.

I also came away with renewed faith in **your ability to thrive as a Fellowship**, no matter what this next chapter brings. It is your dedication to this community that makes the Fellowship possible. You have that dedication, along with mutual appreciation,

enjoyment, humor, and respect. You are healing from the rifts that shook you two years ago. Continued communication is important. You will be just fine.

This week we celebrate **Pride Month AND the Flower Celebration** in our service on June 12th. There's a lovely crossover between these traditions. One highlights pride in diversity; the other honors unity in diversity. Both of these qualities are hallmarks of our faith. **Please bring a single flower to contribute to our bouquet.** If you forget, come anyway! There will be flowers here for you.

Please plan to stay for the **congregational vote after the service.** Your by-laws team has worked hard to update the by-laws to reflect lessons learned. Let's honor their work by turning up for the vote.

I hope you will join us for the **Pride Parade in Portland on June 18th.** There is a full day of activities planned! What a fun opportunity to spend time together and show our support.

Sunday, June 19th, we will celebrate the 11 new members who have joined the Fellowship in the past several years. Afterward, we will walk the 10 minutes to Jayne Gordon's home for **a picnic by the river.** There is limited parking available for those who cannot walk. We'll take a more leisurely route back for those who want a longer stroll. Bring a sandwich and your walking shoes! In case of rain, we will have to cancel.

We held **the last Open Door meeting** last week. Thanks to all who have taken part in the rich conversations we've shared. We'll plan another vespers service for later in June or July.

Last but not least, the **General Assembly of the UUA will meet June 22-26** in Portland, Oregon. There is opportunity for virtual attendance — either as a voting delegate representing MUUF or as an attendee. This event is packed full of interesting lectures, breakout sessions, worship services, and more. It's also the time we conduct our business as an association. Ask me for more information or visit <https://www.uua.org/ga> to learn more.

With care,
Bettina

From Our President

SPECIAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

All members are requested to please attend a Special Meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, June 12th for the purpose of voting to adopt a revised set of bylaws. The official announcement emailed to all members and friends on June 2nd includes the supporting information. We need a good turnout, so please make plans to join us.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be willing to volunteer to help do one of the following?

- **Zoom:** We are looking for two volunteers who are willing to take turns operating our Sunday Zoom sessions (start and stop the recording; admit and greet people joining us remotely). No prior experience is needed, and training is available. Doing so will enable the Fellowship to continue to enable people to join us remotely for Sunday services via Zoom through the summer. Otherwise we may have to take a break from live Zoom broadcasting starting June 19th.
- **Bulk Supplies:** We are looking for one volunteer who is willing to keep an eye on our bulk supplies for Sunday morning refreshments and periodically re-stock them when they get low. Supplies include paper goods, trash bags, and perhaps some basics such as coffee and filters. Checking the current inventory can be done quickly after Sunday services and items can be re-stocked the following Sunday. The Fellowship will reimburse associated expenses.
- **Pod Volunteers:** 18 generous members and friends have already signed up to join one of the five "pods" (teams) that we are forming. Team members help set up and put away materials and staging for our Sunday services. We would still like another 4 or 5 volunteers. Would you please be one?

Please consider helping out and sharing in sustaining our loving and supportive community. If you are willing to help, or if you would like to learn more, please email Zig Ziarnik at president@uumidcoast.org or talk to one of our weekly Worship Associates. Thank you!

Welcoming Congregation Committee

March with MUUF and MUUSAN in the June 18 Pride Portland Parade!

Each year MUUSAN pays the registration fee for the Pride Portland parade and invites all Maine UU congregations to bring their congregational banner and march as a group. All MUUF members and friends are invited to join us on Saturday, June 18. The parade starts at 1 p.m., and the Pride Festival in Deering Oaks Park runs until 5 p.m. To start the day there will be a 10 a.m. interfaith pride service at First Parish UU Church in Portland, 425 Congress Street. First Parish will also be open for us to use the bathrooms and rest.



Here is the schedule:

10 a.m. Interfaith pride service at First Parish UU Church. Please wear masks inside the building.

11:15 a.m. UUs gather on the front steps of First Parish before moving to our spot in the parade.

11:30 a.m. Marchers begin lining up at an assigned location near Monument Square.

1 p.m. Pride Parade starts in Monument Square and ends about 45 minutes later in Deering Oaks Park, where the Pride Festival runs until 5 p.m.

Wear a yellow shirt if possible. We will have our MUUF banner and pride flags. Loving signs and rainbow flags are encouraged. Contact Kate Pennington if you can offer a ride or would like to request a ride (mizkatepenn@gmail.com or 207-607-2386).

Social Justice

Lincoln County Unity and Community Celebration June 25

A Lincoln County celebration of pride, unity, resilience, and belonging will be held Saturday, June 25, starting at 11 a.m. The event begins with a gathering at the park in Newcastle (next to the Second Congregational Church). After remarks by Leslie Livingston of Healthy Kids and Dona Lane of Healthy Lincoln County, participants will walk to Rising Tide Community Market. At Rising Tide there will be light refreshments, speakers, an open mic, and music by the Horseshoe Crabs. The organizers are holding this event to commemorate Pride month and to encourage community togetherness. Members and friends of MUUF are invited to participate. We will be carrying our MUUF banner and Pride flags.



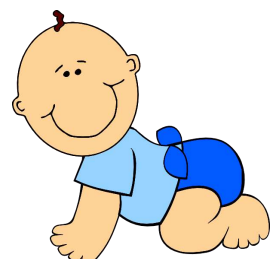
MUUF FAITH IN ACTION WITH MUUSAN
By Mary Finn, Congregational Legislative Liaison
Week of June 12, 2022

★ ★ ★ **Remember to VOTE on June 14th (or before, via early or absentee voting)! ★ ★ ★**

[Here's a quick resource](#) on Maine elections from our partners at the League of Women Voters of ME.

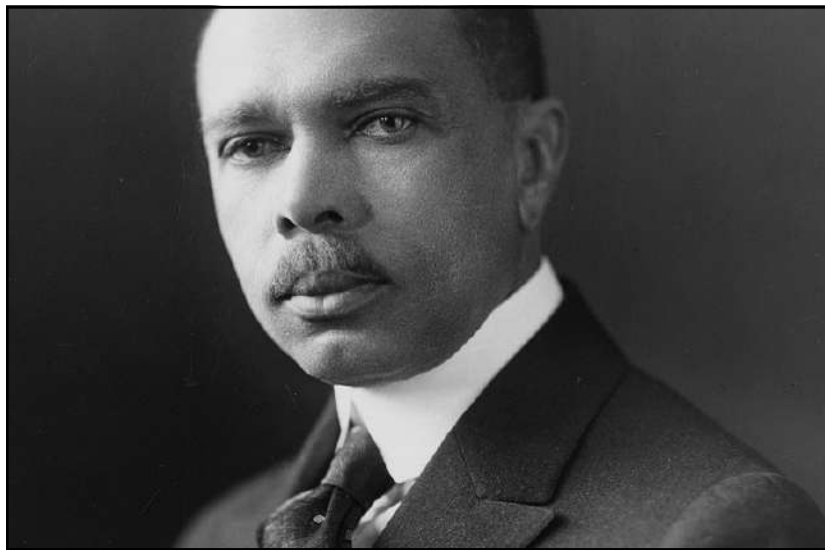
It's Diaper Drive time again!!!

The tote will be on the porch at Damariscotta Dental for the month of June. The larger sized diapers and menstrual supplies are needed. Let's support the health of our local families!!!



"Join Maine Humanities Council, Lincoln County Historical Association, The Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous & Maine Tribal Populations & The James Weldon Johnson Day Observance Task Force for a series of discussions grounded in two books by the civil rights activist, author & lawyer James Weldon Johnson who died in Wiscasset in 1938. **The series will lead us into James Weldon Johnson Commemorative Weekend on June 17.**

https://www.facebook.com/events/521137836127327/521137846127326/?active_tab=about



James Weldon Johnson



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.

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