



## **Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

### **Worship Invitation September 4, 2022**



#### **Sept. 4: "Honoring Our Labors"**

Please join us for a lay-led service honoring the work we do now, the work we've done in the past, and the ways in which human labor can become a sacred thing.

Rashi Nessen and Penny Ziarnik, with help from Fellowship friends!

**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>

Meeting ID: 932 8681 3206

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#### **Upcoming Service**

**Sept. 11: Belonging in a Time of Turning** - Rev. Ann Bancroft.

We'll visit thoughts from economist and author, David Korten, Buddhist scholar, Joanna Macy, and the amazing harmonies of Ma Muse to consider this era of turning, as we also remember the events of 9/11, 2001.

**From Rev. Ann Bancroft**



I have spent the last week with much of my extended family in the beautiful hills of New Hampshire in a cabin on Squam Lake. It is SO very lovely here, and . . . I have been SO very sick! Some cold (have tested negative for Covid) has dug its teeth into my system and is fighting to hold on. What is the message: that even in the best of times, some challenge enters in? Or, that I am not in total control? Or, that I should not take my typically good health for granted?

I suppose patience is a part of it (not my strong suit), and the awareness that this too is likely a remnant of our pandemic years. Our bodies have been isolated from each other, so that now when we share germs they may be ones that settle in for a longer haul.

I trust I will be up and running by next Sunday and back to full voice! I'm looking forward to being with you again and especially to spending the afternoon together at the Fellowship Picnic. What a treat!

Take good care, all.

Rev. Anne

**Lay-led Service Crafting Class to Begin**

You have something to say, a point of view to impart, a moving or inspiring experience to share with the Fellowship. This class is an opportunity to learn how to articulate your ideas and how to craft a service to convey those ideas to others.

There will be an organizational meeting of folks who are interested in this class, after the service on Sunday, Sept. 18. If you're interested, or just curious, come to the meeting and learn more!

**MUUF Choir is Starting its New Year**

If you've been thinking about joining in the fun of singing in the MUUF Choir, now's the time to do it. Contact Susan Borg at [susangborg@gmail.com](mailto:susangborg@gmail.com) or at 563-2535 to learn all the details. We're a friendly, no-pressure bunch of folks who have a lot of fun singing together. Join us!

## RE for Families – Planning Meeting this Wednesday

We are trying something new this Fall ~ inviting families to participate in Religious Exploration experiences on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House. We would like to jump right in with a gathering this coming Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. to talk about format, projects and how to recruit more kids. Parents and children are encouraged to come. For this gathering, we'll provide pizza and some seasonal fruit. So don't worry about supper; come say hello, have some food and co-create with us! **PLEASE** let Carney know if you plan to attend and how many from your family are coming. ([re@midcoast.org](mailto:re@midcoast.org)).

As I look ahead to the future, I believe that being connected to our UU faith, our UU commitment to social justice and our UU community is going to be more important than ever. I hope you will make this Wednesday gathering a regular part of your family's schedule. I plan to be there for most Wednesdays, and am looking forward to spending more time with all of you. I imagine there are many questions, and most likely there aren't answers yet since this is something brand new. Embrace your adventurous spirit!

Also, there will be other offerings as we continue to collaborate with UURockland, including a youth social justice group for grades 7-12 that will meet bi-monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 2-4 p.m. A flyer with all the opportunities will be coming soon.

In Growing Faith,

Carney McRae  
Director of Religious Exploration

### RE Wednesday Gatherings

at the Friends Meeting House  
77 Belvedere Rd., Damariscotta



### RE Planning Meeting

This Wednesday, September 7,  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. RSVP

**MUUF Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 11th (12:30-ish)**

Hi Everyone, well, it's September, so time to start seriously planning our Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Picnic scheduled for Sunday, September 11th (12:30-ish) following our regular service at Skidompha Library in Damariscotta.

Please prepare/purchase a dish (examples: casserole, salad, snacks or dessert) to share and utensils with which to serve it. Chris and I will have drinks and ice available.

**Some thoughts and suggestions:**

**For the environment:**

Bring one table setting per person (plate, silverware, cup)

Carpool

**For comfort:**

Bring chair or blanket

Hat and sunblock (hoping for a sunny day)

**For activities:**

Bring bathing suit and towel for dip in the pond

Walking shoes for hike in neighboring Maguire Preserve

Lawn games

It might be best to caravan as our house is not always recognized by GPS.

Our address is: 228 Heath Road in Whitefield and my cell phone is 207-458-1327.

Looking forward to seeing you and celebrating our amazing fellowship!

In faith, Carol Robins



## Social Justice

### SAVE THE DATE!



Oct 2, 2022 Join us after the service for a PostCard Writing party to help get out the vote in North Carolina. Our partner is the Center for Common Ground, Get out the Vote Campaign. Hard data from the last several years of their postcarding work have yielded the encouraging fact that ...yes! Postcarding increases voter engagement, and reaches voters who do not have phone numbers of file, or may not have mobile phones for texting outreach. Join our Social Justice Committee and UUTheVoteME in this effort. Snacks will be provided!

**UU the Vote Phonebank to Pennsylvania, Thursday, Sept 8, 6-8pm.** Sign up: <https://bit.ly/Sept8UUPB>

Request your absentee ballot: The online portal for requesting your absentee ballot for the November election is now open. If you want to vote via absentee, it's better to take care of it now rather than later. Don't procrastinate! [Click here to get started](#).



**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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