



## **Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

### **Worship Invitation December 4, 2022**



**Dec. 4: Wonderland** - Rev. Ariel Aaronson-Eves, Worship assoc. Tiffany Vencile  
As we enter a festival season, Rev. Ariel will reflect on how rituals often arise out of distinct experiences of place, and the potential cost of observing those rituals divorced from that place.

### **LIVE AT SKIDOMPHA LIBRARY AT 10:30 AM**

**While we continue to recommend vaccination and the wearing of masks during Sunday services, we are no longer requiring them.**

We will continue to operate our high capacity Blueair air purifiers in Porter Hall during services. You may also join us via Zoom.

**10:30 am** using the zoom link below:

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

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## Upcoming Service

**Dec. 11:** Rev. Anne Bancroft

In the Christian calendar, this is the season of Advent, the time of waiting for something amazing and not entirely understood to happen. What is it like to live in anticipation of something good, as opposed to worrying about which shoe will drop next? How is it we might live always on the threshold of wonder?



## Important Announcement!



We will be holding our Fellowship's 2022 Annual Meeting immediately **following the service on Sunday, December 11, 2022** in Porter Hall of the Skidompha Library and via Zoom. The start time of the Annual Meeting will be approximately 11:30 AM. Please mark your calendars!

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in any discussions, however only active members will be able to vote. We'd love to have a great turnout.

## Celebration of Life for Roslyn Strong and Suzanne Carlson

**On December 18th** after the morning service at 10:30, the Fellowship will be holding a memorial service for Ros and Sue around noon in Porter Auditorium. Ros died In the Fall of 2020 a couple of months after her 100th birthday. Sue died in August 2021 shortly before her 82nd birthday. Both were long-time Fellowship members. Ros's family has been delaying a celebration of their lives due to COVID concerns. We have decided that a solstice celebration will be very appropriate due to their participation for several years in the Fellowship's annual service at this time of year with Sue's Swedish Jul goat. Rev. Donna Dolham will lead the service. If you are interested in helping plan the service sometime early next week via a zoom call, please contact Sandy Barth at [sbarth1942@gmail.com](mailto:sbarth1942@gmail.com).



*Suzanne Carlson*



*Roslyn Strong*

## Religious Exploration

### YoUUth Explorers planning Gingerbread House Display

This past Wednesday, we all took turns reading the story, The Lady in the Box by Ann McGovern, which focuses on homelessness. The kids worked on plans for building gingerbread houses as a display at the Gingerbread Spectacular. The group is building their display on Wednesday, December 14 with Kate Pennington's guidance. Their display will be a village of tiny houses with a community house in the middle and will highlight one solution for homelessness. You can see their display at the Boothbay Harbor Opera House on Saturday, December 17, 10 AM -3 PM.

If you would like to make a gingerbread house of your own, you are welcome to join us at the Friends Meeting House on the 14<sup>th</sup>, but you need to **register with Carney by December 10<sup>th</sup>**, so we have enough supplies. (re@uumidcoast.org)



### Annual Cookie Swap December 11th!!

Our annual cookie swap will take place on December 11<sup>th</sup> this year. Traditionally we have this on the first Sunday of December, however with our Annual meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> we thought it would be the perfect time to get some more folks involved! So come to our annual meeting and bring some cookies to swap with friends, it's always a nice tradition and we all get a variety of holiday cookies!

## **MUUSAN continues to support Wabanaki sovereignty**

MUUSAN has written a resolution supporting the continued support of Wabanaki sovereignty during the upcoming legislative session. You may recall that there were some "small" wins this past session, but there is much more work to do. Please read the resolution. As MUUSAN's Congregational Legislative Liason, I will be letting our congregation know about possible actions we can take during the upcoming legislative session. Mary Finn. [maryefinn4@gmail.com](mailto:maryefinn4@gmail.com), 781 866 3317.



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### **Resolution in Support of Tribal Sovereignty**

MUUSAN (Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network) is a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in Unitarian Universalist faith and animated by its principles. We acknowledge that the land we now call Maine is the ancestral land of the Wabanaki Tribal Nations.

Our UU commitment to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of all people calls us to address systemic oppression by advocating with and on behalf of people who are marginalized as a result of systemic racism and colonialism and responding to the need to interrupt disparities in Maine's legal and economic systems.

MUUSAN stands with the Wabanaki Nations in affirming their Inherent Sovereignty.

In the 130<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature, MUUSAN fully supported passage of legislation to restore Tribal Sovereignty in accordance with the 22 consensus recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act of 1980. As the Maine 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature convenes, MUUSAN reaffirms this support wholeheartedly. We urge the 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature to pass bills that implement any of these Task Force recommendations and are endorsed by the Wabanaki Alliance, and we urge the Governor to sign these bills into law.

We further urge Maine's Congressional delegation to sponsor and support, US Congress to pass, and the President to sign legislation ensuring that the Wabanaki Tribal Nations in Maine are included by default in federal Indian legislation, and have rights and benefits equal to the other federally recognized tribes.

**MUUSAN stands with the Wabanaki Nations.**



## December-Diaper Drive

This month we will be collecting diapers in collaboration with the Friends Meeting House. The diaper drive helps families in need and the diapers are distributed at the Ecumenical food pantry. Please drop off diaper at Dr. Davis's office or bring them to fellowship and Rosie Davis or Tiffany Vencile will take them to the Friends meeting house.



## Social Justice



**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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