



Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation December 11, 2022



Dec. 11: On the Threshold of Wonder, 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?

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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Important Announcement!



We will be holding our Fellowship's 2022 Annual Meeting immediately **following the service this 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 this coming week via a zoom call, please contact Sandy Barth at sbarth1942@gmail.com.



Suzanne Carlson



Roslyn Strong

Annual Cookie Swap This Sunday!!

Our annual cookie swap will take place on December 11th this year. Traditionally we have this on the first Sunday of December, however with our Annual meeting on the 11th 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!



Religious Exploration

All Congregation Celebration of the Winter Solstice

Wednesday, December 21, 5:30 PM - 7 PM

Friends Meeting House, 77 Belvedere Rd., Damariscotta

**** Please RSVP to re@uumidcoast.org. If the weather is bad, we will notify you about cancellation.*

Ritual to welcome the sun's return! (outside around the fire)

Warm food & drink (inside)

Gift exchange (bring a sweet treat or fruit wrapped) - you will be part of a gift exchange!

Activities for all ages

Can you help us with the following (email Carney at re@uumidcoast.org):

- Bring a fire pit and wood (set up at 4:30 PM)
- Make a large pot of vegetable soup
- Make a large pot of chili
- Bring a crockpot to heat up cider (set up at 5 PM)
- Bring a gallon of cider
- Bring some Christmas cookies for dessert

We also will have hot dogs to cook over the fire and fair trade hot chocolate!



Social Justice

A message from UUtheVote. And a big Thank You to MUUF volunteer postcard writers for the Georgia run off, and for underrepresented voters in North Carolina! And to those who worked here in Lincoln County for candidates who support legislation in line with our UU values, poll watchers, and text bankers.



After an election, we survey the landscape, while never losing sight of our North Star. What is possible is not dictated solely by who occupies seats in our legislature. What is possible is always determined by the will, organization, and power of people.

In all our work—on the picket lines of a union strike, at protests in the streets, in the pews on Sunday morning—we find hope, we build community, and we learn the tools of collective struggle for justice and liberation. We are a movement of multiple strategies and tactics, focused on building a world where we all thrive.

May we rejoice in possibility. Let us honor the collective actions (postcards, letters, phone calls, text messages, doors knocking, donating, and much more) that supported mass voter turnout in the face of voter suppression. And let us harness all that we have built to move forward to choose the side of love and justice in the work ahead.

Special thanks to UU the Vote Campaign Manager JaZahn Hicks for leading us through this campaign cycle.

In faith and solidarity,
Nicole Pressley
UU the Vote



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 diapers at Dr. Davis's office or bring them to fellowship and Rosie Davis or Tiffany Vencile will take them to the Friends Meeting House.



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.

**** Please email all newsletter articles and website information to:
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