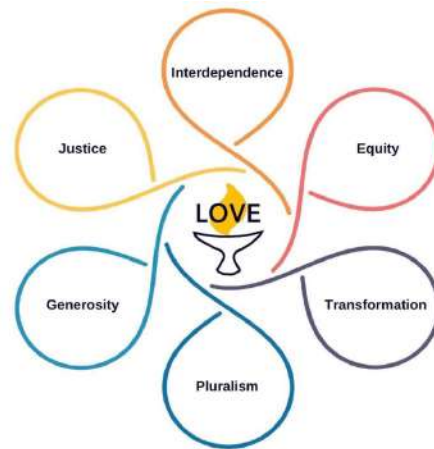




Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation July 9, 2023



July 9: “Love at the Center” Rev. Ariel Aaronson-Eves

At General Assembly last month, over 86% of Unitarian Universalist delegates voted to approve preliminary changes to Article II, the Principles & Purposes of the Association. This means that we, as a denomination, have another year to study and reflect on the proposed changes, before a final vote for approval next June, which would officially change the by-laws. Rev. Ariel will invite us to reflect on the new language, the process of transformation, and questions of how we understand ourselves as UUs and how we communicate that with the rest of the world.

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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DEAR MIDCOAST MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



We hope you're all enjoying the warmth of July! We want to share a reminder and some news regarding this month's calendar.

REMINDER

Our next in-person Vision Conversation is scheduled for **Sunday, July 16th** following the service.

We had a great turn out for the initial Conversation in June and are hoping as many and more will be able to join us this month to continue imagining MUUF's journey forward.

Rev. Anne Bancroft

In June, our questions focused on the first part of our mission*, "to nurture spiritual growth."

July's focus will be on the second part, "engage in justice." Please do come share your thoughts, and hear what others have to offer, as well. *These are important conversations about the future of this beloved congregation.*

NEWS

Some of the feedback in our first Vision Conversation included reflections on the Skidompha worship space and the ways in which a more "spirit filled" environment would be welcome. In an effort to try something new on for size, we are excited to let you know that the **July 23rd worship service will be held at the Friends Meetinghouse at 4:00 p.m., followed by a community potluck!** (Children and youth welcome at both!) The choir will be singing, and Kevin will be with us on keyboard; and, while no major changes to location or schedule are planned as yet, we hope it will feel good to experience something a little different. Rev. Anne will be leading the service. You may remember that Rev. Ariel will be ending her time with MUUF this summer to accept a half-time position in New Hampshire. We'll be thanking her on the 9th, and hope you'll all come meet the new team member (!) on the 23rd.

LASTLY, in an outreach of community, the Midcoast Friends have invited any and all MUUF folks who are interested to a presentation about Palestine and Israel from two of their members. At a talk called *Listening to the "Living Stones,"* Petra Doan and Liz Kamphausen-Doan will be reflecting on a recent journey with the Friends Council for Education Study Trip. Their talk will be this Sunday, July 9th, at 11:30 a.m. - a bit tight given our worship schedule, but in the event you're interested, you would be most welcome, even a few minutes late.

Please put these on your calendars:

July 16th Vision Conversation following the service

July 23rd Worship service at the Friends Meetinghouse, 4:00 p.m.,
followed by pot-luck!

Stay cool, all!

Rev. Anne, with the Vision Planning Team and your Board of Trustees

** Our mission is to nurture spiritual growth; engage in justice; and build community with respect and compassion.*

Membership Committee

The **MUUF Online Directory of Members and Friends** is fully active. The Directory is located in a secure password-protected area of our website. Currently all MUUF Members, as well as many Friends, are listed in the Directory. In order to provide the maximum usefulness to all, we would like to include as many of our MUUF Friends as possible. When you have a few minutes please visit our main website

<https://uumidcoast.org>. Use the **Members & Friends** Menu item "[MUUF Directory Updates](#)". Your contact information will be included in the Directory.

Notes:

- If you have recently updated your information, we have included it in the Online Directory.
- If you would like to include (or update) your photo please send it to the address listed on the Update Form.
- Only those MUUF Members & Friends who are listed in the Directory will be able to use the online version.
- At the bottom of the Form there is a place to request access if desired.

Members and Friends:

If *any* of your contact information changes (address, phone, email, etc.) please use the online "[MUUF Directory Updates](#)" Form to keep your information up-to-date. For the convenience of those of you who would prefer, there will be paper forms available on Sunday mornings to use for updates, too.

Thank you for your help in keeping our Directory up-to-date and useful for all!

Your MUUF Membership Committee



MUUSAN (Maine UU State Advocacy Network)



Thursday, July 13 • 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Mallet Barn in Freeport

Join the **Wabanaki Alliance** and partners to celebrate the strong alliances we have built since our inception in 2020. All funds raised will bolster our ongoing work to educate the public about tribal histories and communities and to make **sovereignty** a reality for the Wabanaki Nations.

For more information, contact
events@wabanakialliance.com



People United Against Racism Update:

The regular Monday Vigils in Veterans Memorial Park in Newcastle have been paused. We are transitioning to Vigils on an “as needed” basis, in response to unfolding events.

Community members can suggest a vigil by emailing peopleuar@gmail.com, and we'll send out the call via the PUAR email list and our Facebook page. Any vigils called through PUAR will be at 5 pm (as the weather warms up) and on Mondays, unless otherwise indicated.

People United has partnered with Leigh Anne Keichline, who has been running the anti-racism book groups through Skidompha and created a monthly PUAR calendar to help publicize local antiracism events. Folks should sign up for emails, and to receive the calendar every month, if you haven't already. peopleuar@gmail.com

