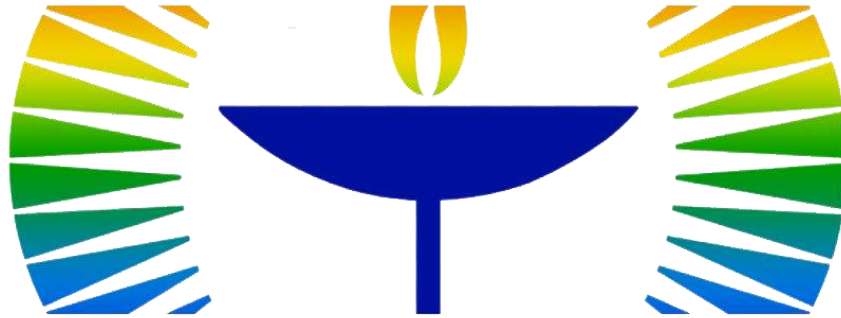




Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation October 1, 2023



Oct. 1: Rev. Mark Harris Worship Associate Tiffany Vencile

“An Illustrated Guide to Toppling the Patriarchy: Rethinking Unitarian Universalist History” by Mark W. Harris

When Anne told me that the theme for the month was “Heritage,” I immediately thought of the ways in which I struggle with teaching UU history these days. With a Christian, Biblical, Protestant, Enlightenment based faith founded by white men and grounded in reason, it immediately becomes apparent that we are talking about a religion that might need some new reflections. Do we have to obliterate the past, or can we expand our ways of thinking?

Rev. Mark W. Harris is a retired Unitarian Universalist minister who lives in Owls Head. He is minister emeritus at the First Parish of Watertown, MA, and was an adjunct professor at Boston University.

LIVE AT SKIDOMPHA LIBRARY AT 10:30AM

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

Oct. 8: Prayers for the Earth – led by Carney McRae **Worship is at 4PM at the Friends Meeting House.**

The Planet Earth – our home and our ancestors' home – During our time together, we will read, sing and reflect on prayers and readings about our sacred home. We will have a long meditation where people will be invited to find a spot outside to sit in silence. Bring a chair or blanket, and a warm jacket. There will be an alternative for inside if the weather is bad.

Worship is at 4 PM at the Friends Meeting House. Please bring a fall harvest potluck item to share if you are able and your plate setting. After we share a meal together, join Carney in a walk across the street at the Salt Bay Farm.

Bright blessings,
Carney



Weekly Poem

*"I thought the earth remembered me,
she took me back so tenderly,
arranging her dark skirts, her pockets
full of lichens and seeds"*

Mary Oliver, 'Sleeping in the Forest'

Adult Education

Any Body Can Sing

The first musical instrument in the history of the world is the human voice - and everybody has one! Come learn how your body makes music with MUUF Choir director Susan Borg. The 8-week Adult Education class meets at Great Salt Bay School in Damariscotta on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, beginning Oct. 3. To enroll, contact Adult Education at clc.coursetorm.com or at 207-563-2811.

Class fee is \$69.

A Note From the Vision Team

Your Vision Team is pleased to have heard from a number of congregants in response to the Draft Vision Statement you see below! Feel free to add your feedback by emailing us at vision@uumidcoast.org.

We have scheduled a second Zoom session to hear more from all of you. We are intending for these to be LISTENING sessions, where each person is able to share their thoughts and feelings in response to the draft statement. We will not be wordsmithing, but listening to each other.

The second Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 1:00 p.m.



MUUSAN - Climate Action



Pine Tree Power Presentations and Forums in Lincoln County

1) Thursday, October 5th, 6 - 8:00pm at American Legion Post 42 in

Damariscotta - hosted by Lincoln County Democrats

Panel to discuss Question 3 on Pine Tree Power

2) Friday, October 6th, 2:30 - 4:00pm at the Boothbay Harbor Public Library

Informational Presentation about Pine Tree Power

Both of these two presentations will provide information about the difference between a consumer-owned utility and our current investor-owned utilities (CMP & Versant), how Pine Tree Power would be structured, and much more. There will be an opportunity following the presentation to ask questions. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information contact the Climate Action Group at MUUSAN at 207-677-3703.

Go to this link for more information:

https://lincolncountydemocrats.com/communityconversations/?utm_source=Lincoln+County+Democratic+Committee&utm_campaign=138c9c1a1f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_5_11_2021_15_33_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1b59-138c9c1a1f-485043908

Social Justice

A great opportunity is available to support our LGBTQ+ youth in our community. The training is provided by OutMaine. Several Social Justice Committee members are already signed up to attend. Financial aid is available if you'd like to attend. Please contact Rosie Davis at rosiesdavis@gmail.com for more information.

https://www.outmaine.org/know-your-students-rights-at-school/?mc_cid=29d5432c8e&mc_eid=5712c5eff7



Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in Schools & Communities

Thursday, October 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Damariscotta, Maine

This training is designed for anyone who works with youth. It will provide a foundational understanding for those who are new to working with LGBTQ+ youth, as well as updated and in-depth information for those who are looking for a refresher. During this training participants will review: terminology and pronoun usage; risk and protective factors, supporting transgender and gender expansive youth, LGBTQ+ rights in Maine, intervening on harmful behavior, creating inclusive forms, and navigating facility needs. This extended training will be based on our published Best Practices for LGBTQ+ Inclusive Programming.

\$85 per person
Tea, coffee, & light refreshments provided

REGISTER ONLINE:



Participants will receive a Contact Hours certificate.

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People United Against Racism

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 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

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