

# Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

*“Our Kind”*

*February 21, 2021*



## **Rev. Andrea Greenwood, “Our Kind”**

There is a famous line in the Leonard Cohen song “Anthem”: “Forget your perfect offering, there is a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.” It’s a sentiment urging us towards the acceptance of flaws, but I wonder sometimes about that light, and the direction it flows. Might the cracks we bear be how our light shines forth, too? Can human frailties—the things that mark us as different, or cause us pain—actually be our strength and source of beauty?

## **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/96686220659>

Meeting ID: 966 8622 0659

Telephone: Dial by your location  
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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## **Upcoming Worship**

February 28: **Choose Your Own Adventure**, venues probably Waterville and one other, TBD; links to worship will be in next week’s Worship Invitation.

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## Pastoral Care

A reminder that during this time without a minister, members of the fellowship in need of pastoral care can contact the co-chairs of the Care Committee, Sandy Barth (207-563-5565) and Joan Whitmire (207-350-6954). Either of them can establish contact with Rev. Charles Stephens.

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## Stewardship

[Pledge 2021 Link](#)

[Anytime Donation Link](#)

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## Social Justice

**Anti-racism Vigil:** Every Monday noon to 12:30 pm at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park until further notice. Check [PUAR's Facebook page](#) for updates.

### **Opportunity to donate to New Mainers**

Eighty five asylum seeking families from Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo have arrived in southern Maine since the pandemic began. The local New Mainers Coastal Task Force has been formed by several communities just north of us and is working with the Maine Immigrants Rights Coalition to raise funds for these asylum seekers. By federal law they are not permitted to work for one year after filing an official asylum application.

Our local Lincoln County Immigrant Support Group has been "underground" since the beginning of the pandemic. Several members of the Fellowship were active in that group. This new Midcoast group may be a way for us to be active again on a local level. Sandy Barth will be contacting the New Mainers group to see how we can help. Meanwhile, if interested in making a contribution for help with groceries and other living expenses, you can send a check in any amount made out to St. John's Church with "New Mainers" on the memo line. Send the

check to NMCTF (New Mainers Coastal Task Force). c/o Brenda Squibb, 24 Central Street, Camden, ME 04843. St. John's is acting as fiscal intermediary for the New Mainers group.

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## **Religious Exploration**

### **Adult Spiritual Growth Opportunities Coming Up This Week**

#### **Sunday, February 21, 4-5 p.m. Discussion from African American Read-In Calendar**

Inspired by our youth; Facilitated by Morgan Dunton and Carney McRae

Explore daily links provided in the African American Read-In calendar. As you read, view, or listen, select a source you want to talk about then think of a word, phrase and sentence that stands out to you or strikes you as curious or stirs your spirit. Join us on Sunday for a discussion using this protocol. Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022015864?pwd=M1AveW1hQlkvSmlvV2FHUkl0bXJUdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 2201 5864

Passcode: 951011

Phone: 646 558 8656

Click here to link to the calendar for daily read-in selections: [Calendar](#)

#### **Thursday, Feb. 25, 7-8 p.m. Discussion from African American Read-In Calendar**

Inspired by our youth; Facilitated by Morgan Dunton and Carney McRae

Explore daily links provided in the African American Read-In calendar. We will have another discussion with a different protocol. Identify 5 words that

represent what you read/viewed/heard ~ 5 words that reflect your thoughts, feelings, or learning inspired by the source(s).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86882908673?pwd=ZTNkcGhSWVpMS0xaRmhoa0dZczA4UT09>

Meeting ID: 868 8290 8673

Passcode: 321471

Phone: 646 558 8656

Remember to order your copy of the book *Breathe* and register with the UURockland church.

**UUA Common Read Book Discussion: *Breathe: A Letter to My Sons* by Imani Perry**

**Date and Time:** Thursday, March 4, 11 & 18 - 2 opportunities - 10-11:30 a.m.  
OR 7-8:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Annie Kiermaier

Registration: Register with the church office at [mail@uurockland.org](mailto:mail@uurockland.org). Indicate which session you would like to attend. If you can attend either session, please note that as well.