

Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
Choose Your Own Adventure
February 28, 2021



Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast: “Beloved Community”

What does our faith teach us about the Beloved Community? As a community, what does it mean to be radically welcoming? In this service, we'll explore Beloved Community and the glimpses we have of the here and now of the world we dream to create together.

Alex Jensen, Guest Worship Leader

Rev. Sara Hayman, Pulpit Host & Worship Associate

ZOOM invite:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>

Meeting ID: 469 537 6814

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Waterville: “The Best of You”

A compelling look at the people, places, and things to whom we give our time, talents, and energies.

—Rev. "Twinkle" Marie Manning is a member of a number of interfaith groups. Being ordained by the International Metaphysical Ministries, she has hosted a number of events in collaboration with congregations of many faiths, alongside fellow ministers, lay leaders and politicians.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88049341762?pwd=bzZTMjUwQjcrMDFzdWo5VWtqYVBJQT09>

Phone (audio only) dial: 312-626-6799.

For some set-ups you might need Meeting ID: 880 4934 1762

Passcode: 54321.

For help, email uutechnologyhelp@gmail.com or call/text 802-676-0504.

Upcoming Worship

March 7: Rev. Charles Stephens, “Embracing our Weird / Unique Self”

Embracing our unique self, body and soul, is not easy for anyone. This sermon is inspired by the 26 year old author and PhD (biochemistry), Camilla Pang. Camilla calls her book a manual for humans. She writes that her “curious cocktail of neurodiversity” gives her the unusual insight to write an outsider's guide to life. We, as individuals, as a congregation and as a community are who we are because of the peculiarities that have and continue to form us.

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) or Joan Whitmire (207-350-6954). Either of them can establish contact with Rev. Charles Stephens.

Stewardship

[Pledge 2021 Link](#)

[Anytime Donation Link](#)

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.

Want to get money out of politics? Our health care is one area that money replaces "we the people" when policies are made. Learn more about [Health Care and Democracy](#) by attending a League of Women Voters Maine webinar, Wednesday, March 3 at noon. For more information and to register: [here](#), There is no cost to this webinar.

MUUSAN (Maine UU State Advocacy Network) has endorsed and supports Maine's proposed Corporate Contribution Ban.

"As UUs, our commitment to democracy is not just political or moral, it is fundamentally theological. It grows from our understanding that we are all part of one creation, interconnected. These theological values of human dignity and interdependence are why we know everyone needs a voice in the matters that affect their lives." - Rev Susan Gray

Diaper Drive: The month of March is one of those five week months that we would normally be hosting a Community Supper at the Second Congregational Church (UCC). I really miss those suppers and serving our community members a tasty meal! In lieu of that community service during covid, we are doing a diaper drive for the local Diaper Bank. If you'd like to donate, we'll have a tote on the porch at Damariscotta Dental at 16 Bristol Rd. in Damariscotta. It'll be there all month. Thank you!

—Molly Davis

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.

Religious Exploration

This weekend, February 27, 28, we have our next sessions for virtual Religious Exploration for children and youth. ChUUrhcrafft World Religions is at 4 p.m. on Saturday, and Rabbi Lily Solochek will be joining us; Spirit Play Story, The Snowy Day, is 9:30 a.m. Sunday; and Widen Your World Social Justice with youth is 4 p.m. on Sunday, continuing our discussion on racism issues. The February Books Cooks Cultural Cooking packet was sent out with a story about a Filipino family and a recipe for making Pancit. Carney will send reminder links to each session.

Final Opportunity to Register for Book Discussion

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

Date and Time: Thursday, March 4, 11 18: Two opportunities: 10-11:30 a.m. or 7-8:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Annie Kiermaier

Registration: Register with the UUR church office at mail@uurockland.org.

Indicate which session you would like to attend. If you can attend either session, please note that as well.

Mystery Friends by Mail – let's have some fun

Who: RE **kids** and interested **adults** who like to receive and send letters!

What: Each child will be matched with an adult from the Fellowship. You will be asked to send four letters over the month of March (into early April). Adults will know the names of their pen pal, but will not reveal themselves until the last letter. Have fun exchanging information about yourself, art, poetry, hobbies, and finally pictures of yourself. The adult will start the exchange of letters. When the child gets the letter, they will write a response and add in anything else, then mail to: Mystery Friend and the address provided.

How: Let Carney (re@uumidcoast.org) know if you would like to participate. It is fun to receive hand-written notes and pictures, and it helps to feel connected to each other while many are still isolated.