

# Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

***“Belonging & Becoming”***

**Sunday August 22, 2021**



**“Belonging & Becoming” ~ Bettina Lehovec**

As human beings, we need both stability and growth — the sense of ourselves held in a community of loving care and the encouragement to expand that circle in ever-widening ways. Let’s explore these twin drives in our UU faith tradition and in our own lives today.

Bettina Lehovec is a candidate for the UU ministry with active experience in four Maine congregations. A writer by trade, she is passionate about accompanying others on their meaning-making journeys through preaching, teaching, and pastoral care.

**The service (back on Zoom) at 10:30 am**

**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)

## **MINI-NEWSLETTER**

### **Upcoming Services**

**Aug. 29: “Breathing in the Depths of God” with Aram Mitchell**

Exploring the broad horizon, the deep mystery, the strong gravity of what it means to be a human creature of this earth reaching for, sinking into, and compelled by the divine tug of communion and the divine push of creativity.

Aram Mitchell is a Registered Maine Guide and Wilderness First Responder with a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Chicago Theological Seminary. Aram lives in Maine where he works for **Renewal in the Wilderness**, a 501(c)(3) organization committed to helping people connect with wild nature in ways that strengthen and sustain the spirit of compassion in their lives.

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### **From Our President**

Dear members and friends,

I have two pieces of exciting news to share with you.

This month we have had the wonderful experience of worshipping together, in person, under the tent at the Central Lincoln County YMCA in Damariscotta. It was wonderful to be able to see all you who were able to join us! Many thanks to the YMCA for making these two gatherings available to us, free of charge. We thought that this past Sunday's service would be the last one there because the YMCA planned to have the tent taken down in the coming week as their summer camps wrapped up and kids headed back to school.

Well, I am happy to report that this Thursday (the 19th) we learned that the YMCA has decided to extend their tent rental through the end of September, and they are making the space available to us for Sunday services for the

duration. This is great news! While the notice is too short to switch plans for this coming Sunday, your Worship Associates team is already on the job figuring out how to take best advantage of this opportunity. Stay tuned!

I also want to report that this coming Tuesday (the 24th) we will be kicking off a Ministerial Search Team that your Board is tasking with assessing the fellowship's needs, and then finding and recommending one or more ministers to be hired to provide the pastoral leadership and other support that will be needed by our fellowship, starting as soon as possible and extending through at least 2022. There are seven members on the team: Rosie Davis, Mary Finn, Julia Fitz-Randolph, Michael Mason, Anna Myers, Dick Nessen, and Mark Ziarnik. We have a great mix of team members to lead us in taking this important step forward. Heartfelt thanks to all of them.

In the meantime, I encourage you to join us for this Sunday's Zoom worship service with candidate for the UU ministry Bettina Lehovec, who was recommended to us by Rev. Charles Stephens. I am really looking forward to it!

Mark (Zig) Ziarnik  
Board President

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### **Stewardship**

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

## **Social Justice**

**Anti-racism Vigil:** Every Monday **5:00-5:30 pm** at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park until further notice. Check [PUAR's Facebook page](#) for updates.

