



Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation March 20, 2022



LIVE AT THE EDGEComb TOWN HALL AT 10:30 AM

MASKS REQUIRED

March 20 - Reimagining RE: There's a movement in UU faith formation to take RE out of Sunday mornings and into the rest of the week. The pandemic has accelerated this paradigm shift. Join us as we explore new ideas for reaching families, children, and youth. Led by Bettina Lehovec and Carney McRae.

****Immediately following the service we will have an important congregational discussion regarding the future of our Fellowship. All members and friends are welcome. As most of you know, Bettina's current contract with us runs through July 31st. We need to decide what comes after that, and we want to know what you think.*

If you are not fully vaccinated or are unable to attend, please join us via zoom.

join us at **10:30 am** using the zoom link below:

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)

March 27 - Join worship associate Tiffany Vencile as we celebrate Spring Equinox with reflection, ritual and songs. More information to follow.

President's Message

Dear members and friends,

The Minister Search Team and the Board have reached a consensus on the job description for our next minister who will hopefully start with us on August 1st. Please follow the link below to take a look at it. You will see that it comprises the work of our traditional half-time minister, plus the important additional "Interim Minister" scope that you so clearly asked for in our 2021 Annual Survey and at our 2021 Annual Meeting.

[Link to Job Description](#)

If you have not already done so, please also read the two-page letter from the Board that was included in last week's weekly newsletter. The letter provides a succinct summary of where we currently stand as a Fellowship, and it sets the stage for our discussion on the Sunday regarding our next minister.

[Link to the Board Letter](#)

These are exciting and promising times! So much is going on, and so many people are involved. If you are one of them, thank you for enriching our lives and bringing us joy. We still have plenty of room for more people to get involved in meaningful and fun ways. I am really looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow, March 20th and hearing what you think.

Take care,

Mark (Zig) Ziarnik
President

Diaper Drive

It's another five Wednesday month, when instead of hosting the community supper, we support local families by donating diapers and menstrual supplies to the diaper bank! Diapers and menstrual supplies are expensive, and not every family can afford these necessities. Let's show our support for our neighbors by helping to ease this worry. The tote is on the porch at Damariscotta Dental to put your donations in. Thank you!



-Molly Davis

Religious Exploration



Racial Justice Zoom Discussion

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.**

You choose what you want to read or watch. We provide a choice board with some ideas. And then we discuss our learnings, insights and questions. We did this last month, and found this format rewarding, so we are doing it again. Join others from Midcoast UU Fellowship and UU Rockland, and let's explore together. Hosted by Carney McRae, Director of Religious Exploration.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZIsdeGvrj4vGNeG78ZZkY_YAptkWhU0m3S5

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and a link to the choice board.



Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: In Ancient Times

A five-session religious exploration program in feminist theology*

Presented on Zoom, **starting March 30, 6:30 p.m.**

"Women have no past, no history, no religion." Simone de Beauvoir, 1949

"Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: In Ancient Times" seeks to reclaim women's past, history, and religion. It invites participants to explore the religious myths and symbols of the ancient world, where female images and experiences were central, and to examine the psychological and social importance of reclaiming our female religious heritage. It explores the provocative question: How might our world be different if the Divine was seen as female?

Among other topics, participants will honor the female form, study mother/daughter relationships, and look at women's power. This multi-sensorial learning experience will include story-telling and poetry, small group discussions (in breakout rooms), goddess images, art, music, and guided meditations.

Hosted by our Fellowship with guide Rev. Mary Gelfand, UU, Interfaith Minister and Wiccan Priestess. The congregations of UU Rockland and UU Kennebunk are invited to participate. Suggested donation of \$20; limited to 20 participants. For all genders and ages 16 and older. Registration required by March 25th. Intrigued?! – get full details, including registration link here: [Cakes for the Queen of Heaven.](#)

* *Theology* is from the Greek "Thea," meaning goddess.

Social Justice



MUUF FAITH IN ACTION WITH MUUSAN

By Mary Finn, Congregational Legislative Liaison

Week of 3/20/22

This is the legislature's last week in "action," and there is a lot going on. Please [click here](#) for a list of the current bills that MUUSAN is supporting and action steps that you can take on their behalf. We had a brilliant Lobby Day last Wednesday in solidarity with the Wabanaki Alliance. There were 8 MUUSAN members among the over 100 supporters gathered at the state house. These bills are now out of committee and will be voted on shortly.

From Democracy in Action:

Update on bills: Now is the time to write to your legislators regardless of their committee assignments, asking them to support these bills, especially those on the Appropriations table. You can learn when certain bills will be taken up by Appropriations by signing up on their email list.

LD 1779: Protection of Possession of Ballots and Voting Devices

On the Appropriations Table

LD 1830: Amend Election Laws (Tribal ID and nursing home access)

Divided report (2/7) still awaiting vote—Sect'y State Bill

LD 859: Ranked-choice voting for municipalities

Work session 3/7: Divided report: 7 OTP, 5 ONTP

Awaiting house vote

LD 231: Semi-open Primaries

On Appropriations table—please support funding. [send this link](#) to the LWV site for quick online action for your congregations

LD 1155: Post-election audits

On Appropriation table

From Climate Change:

Why does MUUSAN **oppose LD 1959** - An Act To Ensure Transmission and Distribution Utility Accountability?

1. On the surface it appears to hold CMP and Versant more accountable, but, on closer examination, it's clear that it really doesn't.
2. It shifts all the power over the process to the governor and removes legislative oversight and a mechanism for public input.
3. It makes the path to creating a Consumer-Owned Utility for Maine virtually impossible.



Anti-racism Vigil: Every Monday 12:00 - 12:30 pm at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park. Check [PUAR's](#) Facebook page for updates.

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