



Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation May 22, 2022



May 22: "Are Pigs Flying a Miracle?" - Former member Rev. Donna Dolham and Worship Associate Tiffany Vencile—Conversations with children offer their own unique opportunities for engaging our faith with the world. This service will consider ways to recognize the wonder and beauty of the vast world and universe through the eyes of all ages.

Donna Dolham is a Unitarian Universalist minister working as a Hospice Chaplain with Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice. She has served as a Beyond Categorical Thinking facilitator with the Unitarian Universalist Association traveling throughout the US to congregations in transition and has been in lay leadership positions prior to entering seminary. If you'd like to know more about her ministry, please visit her website at donnadolham.com.

LIVE AT SKIDOMPHA LIBRARY AT 10:30 AM

MASKS REQUIRED (Note: N95 masks are most effective)

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

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93286813206>

Meeting ID: 932 8681 3206

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Upcoming Services

May 29: Creating Beauty - Our service on May 29th will be a celebration of our shared creativity! Our Fellowship is full of artists of all sorts. Please bring some of your art work: painting, photography, quilts and wearable art, sculpture, carving, jewelry, musical pieces or performances, poems, stories, essays! Our Fellowship is also full of creative folks who don't consider themselves artists: gardeners, homemakers, cooks, bird watchers, parents, teachers. Please bring photos or stories about your creations!

If your creation is an object, please bring it to the Sunday service on May 22 and give it to Susan Borg. If your creation is in written form, please send it to Susan Borg at susangborg@gmail.com as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Susan Borg before Wednesday, May 25, at susangborg@gmail.com or at 563-2535.

Religious Exploration

Congratulations to our OWL (Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education) grades 7-9 group for 2023! They have been meeting over the past 5 months. We had youth from UURockland, Midcoast UU Fellowship, United Christian Church in Lincolnville, along with some friends! Thank you to our facilitators: Ashby Bartke, Lane Sturtevant and Hannah Faesy for the hours of prep time and loving facilitation that they all gave. Given the state of our nation on matters of reproductive rights and LGBTQ issues, this ministry is more important than ever! We are blessed to have adults willing to facilitate at all levels of OWL.



From Our Minister

Antiracism Discussion Group

This informal group is a time to share what we've been reading/watching/thinking about. Our conversations are always interesting, and we come away inspired to keep learning. Join us wherever you are on the continuum of anti-racism work. The journey starts with the willingness to question.

Time: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25

Join Zoom Meeting

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pwd=WnJxeVljS2ZTOUtoaWcyeXpNT3JMUt09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86896348104?pwd=WnJxeVljS2ZTOUtoaWcyeXpNT3JMUt09)

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From Our President

Our Fellowship Needs Your Help

Now that we are back at Skidompha for Sunday services, we want to reestablish five "Pod" Teams. Each team will be asked to volunteer to set up for one Sunday service per month, and put things away afterward. The weekly Pod will also greet people as they arrive and provide refreshments for the Sunday they are on duty. Members within a given pod can decide how they want to share the duties. Two important goals of the Pod Teams are to let our Worship Team focus on worship, and to make our Sunday services feel warm and welcoming to all who come. It can also be fun and a great way to get to know each other better! Five teams of four or more people each means that we need at least 20 volunteers to step up. If you are willing to help or have questions, please send us an email at pods@uumidcoast.org.

Last Call for Bylaws Feedback

The Bylaws Committee was formed to examine and update our Bylaws by incorporating lessons learned over the past few years that will help us respond more effectively to internal and external challenges and opportunities. Since September of 2021, the committee has thoroughly reviewed the Bylaws from diverse perspectives and produced an important and comprehensive update of the document. Our Bylaws are essentially the rules our Fellowship establishes to govern itself.

On May 10th everyone on our Members & Friends distribution list was emailed a copy of the existing 2018 Bylaws, the proposed revised version, and a summary of the changes. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has provided us feedback thus far. Thank you!

If you have not yet done so, we encourage you to read and compare the existing and proposed Bylaws, ask questions, and offer suggestions to help us further improve the document. Members of the Bylaws Committee will be available to hear your comments and suggestions after this week's worship service. Alternatively, you can also email your questions and comments to bylaws@uumidcoast.org. The team will soon be calling a Special Meeting for our membership to vote on adopting the proposed revision. If you have any concerns regarding the revision, we would like to hear them now.

The government is providing a third round of free COVID test kits to households. Request one at this link: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>



Gift Card Scammers Targeting Congregations



In carefully targeted scams, email, text messages, etc. of any kind, designed to look like they were sent by a Minister or member of the Board of Trustees, etc. to ask members for gift cards.

To be clear, no legitimate Minister or MUUF Board Member will EVER do this!

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Welcoming Congregation Committee

Help Us Celebrate Pride on June 18!

June is Pride month, and the Pride Parade and Festival in Portland is back on this year. MUUF will once again be marching in the parade as part of MUUSAN. All are invited to join us on Saturday, June 18. The parade starts at Monument Square at 1 p.m., proceeds along Congress Street to Congress Square Park, and goes down High Street to Park Avenue, where it enters Deering Oaks Park. Details are still pending, but we will most likely meet at the First Parish UU Church on Congress Street around noon and then proceed to our assigned starting point. If you can offer a ride to Portland or would like to request a ride, please contact me and we will start coordinating. Join us for this joyful celebration!



Kate Pennington, on behalf of the Welcoming Congregation Committee,

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Social Justice



Anti-racism Vigil: The weekly Monday vigil's are from **5:00 pm-5:30 pm** at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park. Check [PUAR's](#) Facebook page for updates.

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