



## **Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

### **Worship Invitation July 17, 2022**



#### **July 17: Playful Community**

The theme for July services is Community and Play. Susan Borg and Rashi Nessen will lead an interactive service called Playful Community, exploring how we can create deep connection while having fun together.

**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>

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## Upcoming Service

### **July 24: This Joy**

Join Bettina Lehovec and worship associates for Bettina's last service with Midcoast as we celebrate change, growth, joy, and surrender. "Find out where joy resides, and give it a voice far beyond singing. For to miss the joy is to miss all." — Robert Louis Stevenson

## From Our Minister

Dear Midcoast Members and Friends,

My time with you is nearly at an end. I'm away on retreat this weekend and will be back to lead worship on the 24<sup>th</sup> — my last service with MUUF!



*Bettina Lehovec*

Leaving you is bittersweet. I am looking forward to what comes next for me — some quality time with family and friends, an opportunity to finish a writing project I've been working on, space to deepen my spiritual identity and discern what comes next.

I am also sad to leave this Fellowship and all the relationships we've formed. Each one of you is dear to me. You've helped me grow as a minister and I am grateful! We've done some good work together over these past eight months and that mutual formation will continue.

I know you will thrive because you have each other. I've seen the commitment and the care that you bring to one another and to the success of this Fellowship as a whole. Several of you have told me you feel the Fellowship is on a solid footing again. I experience you as more cohesive than you were when I started.

That's because of you! Take a moment to really appreciate yourselves for the hard work you've done in these past couple of years. It is your commitment, your passion, and your belief in the Fellowship that enables it to thrive.

I'm excited about the innovative model for ministry that you'll be pursuing for the next

year. Having three rotating ministers will allow you to experience a variety of ministerial strengths and styles, while providing some consistency at the same time.

Having Reverend Anne Bancroft coordinate the team, in concert with your wonderful worship associates, adds another layer of depth and continuity. Anne understands the need for the Fellowship to set goals for the coming year and to work together to meet them. You'll be a stronger Fellowship with her guidance and with the contrasting energies Rev. Donna Dolham and Rev. Ariel Aaronson-Eves will provide. And with the continued enthusiasm and support of your own lay members and leadership.

One of you put it to me this way: "You don't always get what you want, but maybe you end up getting what you really need." It is my shared belief and hope that this model will give you what you need to strengthen and grow for the coming year.

One of the hardest parts about leaving a ministry is not being able to stay in touch. Best practices ask me to take at least a year away. You've been a wonderfully supportive congregation and I so appreciate the encouragement and care you've given me! I take you with me in my heart...

With love,  
Bettina

### **From Our President**

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Please plan to attend a Special Meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, July 17th in Porter Hall of the Skidompha Library in Damariscotta for the purpose of voting on the following motion.



*Rev. Ann Bancroft*

**Proposed Motion: Authorize the Board of Trustees to hire Rev. Anne Bancroft as our quarter-time minister beginning August 1, 2022.**

Note that the vote is to authorize hiring Anne for a 12-month term that will run from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. We will likely amend the motion in the meeting to make that clear.

The meeting will start at approximately 11:30 AM and will hopefully be done by noon, depending on how much discussion people wish to have before we vote.

All members and friends of the Fellowship are welcome to attend the meeting, however voting will be limited to members. It is important that we have a strong turnout of our members so that we can meet the 40% quorum requirement specified in our bylaws. Please make it a point to attend in person or via Zoom using the link that will be provided for that Sunday's service. Note that if you have scheduling issues, you do not need to attend the worship service to attend this Special Meeting that follows it. The meeting will use the same Zoom link as the prior service.

For a description of Anne's role and how she will coordinate with our two steady guest ministers, please see the UU Midcoast email to our members and friends dated July 15th.

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### **Religious Exploration**



**Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are.**

NASA's Webb telescope captured these incredible photos of galaxies far, far away just this week. Check this YouTube video to learn more: [Official NASA broadcast](#)

As a Unitarian Universalist, our sources about wonder and science are exemplified in

these images. What are our sources? Check out the uua.org website: [Sources](#). Here is the children's version of our sources.

*Our Unitarian Universalist beliefs come from the sense of wonder we all share.*

*Our Unitarian Universalist beliefs come from wise people of long ago and today whose lives remind us to be kind and fair.*

*Our Unitarian Universalist beliefs come from the ethical and spiritual wisdom of the world's religions.*

*Our Unitarian Universalist beliefs come from Jewish and Christian teachings that tell us to love all others as we love ourselves.*

*Our Unitarian Universalist beliefs come from the use of reason and the discoveries of science.*

*Our Unitarian Universalist beliefs come from the harmony of nature and the sacred circle of life.*

*Our Unitarian Universalist beliefs come from faithful words and actions that shape our Unitarian and Universalist heritage.*

My spirit sings when I see images like this or when I look at the night sky. I am filled with wonder and awe, and am grateful for the scientists who have helped us see deeper into the universe. I encourage you all to step out some evening and gaze at the summer sky, and notice how you feel. Do you feel connected to something greater? What does the statement, "we are all made of star dust" mean for you? Take time to wonder upon the stars.

*~ Carney*

## Social Justice

### Rosie Davis invited you to **Midcoast March for Reproductive Rights**

Let Rosie know if you can make it.

[Tell her you're going](#)



As many of you know, on June 24, 2022, SCOTUS overturned Roe V Wade. In an effort to show support to the people directly affected by this heartbreaking decision, we are hosting the Midcoast March for Reproductive Rights. We will be gathering at Veterans Park in Newcastle, and marching down to Rising Tide Co-op in Damariscotta. There will be time to stand up and share your thoughts, feelings, stories, frustrations, etc. with everyone. There will be resources and information about reproductive healthcare, places to donate, and how you can help. We hope to see all of you there. More details to follow!

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**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.



## UU Reproductive Justice Congregational Organizing Series



# SIDE WITH LOVE

As we face the fall of Roe v Wade, we know that there will be a huge need for local organizing, resource sharing, and collective action as abortion becomes criminalized in various places. By [signing up](#) for this three-part series put on by the UUA's Side with Love Organizing Strategy Team, you are committing to being a part of organizing a team in your congregation that will organize the congregation for specific action(s) in support of abortion access and Reproductive Justice in your community. Everyone who signs up for this series is expected to bring at least one other person from their congregation, with whom you will apply the learning from these sessions immediately in your own context. Facilitated by Revs. Ranwa Hammamy and Ashley Horan of the UUA's Side With Love Organizing Strategy Team.

Participation in all 3 sessions (July 21, July 28, & August 4th) is required. Register [HERE](#).

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