

# Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Worship Invitation August 21, 2022



<u>August 21</u>: "Why are you Here!?" - Join Worship associate Tiffany Vencile as we explore what brings us to fellowship each week. What fills our bucket and why we keep coming back. Please note - Aram Mitchell was originally supposed to be joining us for this Sunday, but due to family circumstances he will be unable to join us. He sends his regrets and hopes to be back with our fellowship soon.

## 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:

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#### **Upcoming Service**

<u>August 28th</u>: "Coming Together"- Rev. Donna Dolham and Worship Associate Tiffany Vencile. Whether we are talking about a meal or a community, potluck brings together surprises, new ideas and creativity. Join us as we explore together the strengths we bring and the risks our faith invites into!

### From Rev. Anne Bancroft

Dear Midcoast crew,

It was lovely to be with you this past Sunday on an absolutely stunning Maine summer day! The Skidompha Library is such a welcoming place to gather and you all made me feel right at home. Many thanks to Worship Associate, Penny Ziarnik, and to pinch-

Rev. Ann Bancroft hitting tech guy, Zig Ziarnik, for their assistance with the service; and, of course, to Kevin for the music that calms our souls.

I'm hoping the rotating preaching schedule starts to feel comfortable over the next month or two. While this coming Sunday will be lay-led, the Rev. Donna Dolham will be with you on August 28<sup>th</sup>. You'll meet the Rev. Ariel Aaronson-Eves the third week in September. Between the two, I'll be back in town on September 11<sup>th</sup> for the service, and some extra time to say hello again and visit more during the afternoon picnic at the Robins' farm!

These last two weeks of August are such precious days in New England, often filled with family or friend visits, and getting ready for school and fall schedules to resume. Once September arrives, I'd love to find a weekly time to offer for checking in. In the meantime, if there are pastoral concerns you'd like help with, feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:abbancroft@gmail.com">abbancroft@gmail.com</a> or text 617-548-3271 to set up a time to connect.

Be well, new friends! Warmly, Rev. Anne

#### Reflections on Last Sunday's Stone Soup Service

Interfaith summit dreams of America as a potluck, not a battlefield. Hundreds of interfaith campus leaders gathered in Chicago to reimagine America as a potluck, where everyone is welcome — rather than a melting pot. Follow the link below to read the article.

https://religionnews.com/2022/08/16/interfaith-summit-dreams-of-america-as-a-potluck-not-a-battlefield/?

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Rev. Anne

#### Save the date!

Following the **September 11th** service, join us for the **MUUF picnic** at the Robins' farm in Whitefield. More information will appear in upcoming newsletters. To wet your whistle, here are some beautiful photo's from previous MUUF picnics.





#### **Social Justice**

#### **<u>August Skill Up</u>** with UU the Vote National

### Learn How to Sponsor a UU the Vote Phonebank in your Congregation Sunday, August 21st at 4pm

Learn how to sponsor a non-partisan phonebank with your community of faith. You will learn from two UU the Vote volunteers about how to manage virtual phonebanks in your congregations with ease. Beth & Ann will share their experience and present UU the Vote materials that make sponsoring a phonebank manageable - even for first-timers - and connected to our spiritual values. Finally, you will get some tips and suggestions for getting others to join an activity that many people shy away from.

We'll start with spiritual fun and then launch into our training. We end with a chance to find out how to get more involved as a Side with Love volunteer and meet members of the Volunteer Squads. Register HERE!

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On <u>Tuesday, August 23rd 12:00 – 1:00 pm</u> we invite MUUSAN members and friends around the state to learn how to help make sure that all Maine towns are covered in the League of Women Voters of Maine's invaluable <u>vote411.org</u> online voter guide.

The goal of the guide is to ensure that every voter in Maine can enter their address at <a href="vote411.org">vote411.org</a> and see exactly what will be on their ballot. In order to cover every candidate race and ballot question, from federal to local, the League needs our help to fill in the local information. <a href="Register">Register</a> for this 45-minute orientation session to learn the League's research process and see how you can help out!

If your town doesn't have its municipal elections in November, don't worry - the League can use all the research help they can get! Inviting people to vote is important - but so is making sure they have the information they need to make their votes count. Register to attend <a href="here">here</a>! If you have any questions, please email Evan at <a href="here">evan@lwvme.org</a>.



Anti-racism Vigil: The weekly Monday vigil's are from <u>5:00</u> pm- 5:30 pm at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park. Check <u>PUAR's</u> Facebook page for updates.

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