

# Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Worship Invitation September 11, 2022



### Sept. 11: - Belonging in a Time of Turning

We'll visit thoughts from economist and author, David Korten, Buddhist scholar, Joanna Macy, and the amazing harmonies of Ma Muse to consider this era of turning, as we also remember the events of 9/11, 2001.

# 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**

Sept. 18: - Rev Ariel Aasronson-Eves - "The Welcome Table"

### **Religious Exploration**

### Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: On the Threshold

A six-session religious exploration program in feminist thealogy\* Presented on Zoom

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

The Cakes for the Queen of Heaven program seeks to reclaim women's past, history, and religion. It explores the provocative question: How might our world be different if the Divine was seen as female?



"Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: On the Threshold" follows up with the first part that was held in Spring of 2022. In this series, we look at the role of women in the Hebrew and Christian Testaments. We'll explore the Hebrew Priestess, Sarah the Priestess, Mother Mary and Mary Magdalene. We'll also touch on contemporary witchcraft. Cakes was created by Rev. Shirley Ranck in response to a desire from Unitarian Universalist women for religious and spiritual experiences that honored the role of women in this world. Join the thousands of women and a few men throughout the country who proclaim aloud "Cakes changed my life!"

Our guide is Rev. Mary Gelfand, UU, Interfaith Minister and Wiccan Priestess. Mary has taught Cakes for the Queen of Heaven multiple times and loves the opportunities the program presents to both teachers and students. A practicing Pagan, her spiritual life is rooted in the cycles and seasons of the natural world that are so abundantly visible in New England. She reads and teaches about feminist thealogy, the Great Goddess, mysticism, and the mysteries of Tarot.

#### **DETAILS**

<u>Dates</u>: September 28, October 5, October 12, October 19, October 26 and November 2 Times: 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Zoom

<u>Cost</u>: Suggested donation \$20 per participant (no one turned away because of finances). Send a check made payable to: MUUF with a note in the Memo, "Cakes for the Queen;" PO Box 1021, Damariscotta ME 04543

Can you participate if you did not do Part I last spring? Yes, but you must have a good working knowledge of Goddess AND check in with Mary Gelfand to assure that this will work for you and the group.

# Register by September 23.

Register at this link: <u>Cakes for the Queen of Heaven program</u> \**Thealogy* is from the Greek "Thea," meaning goddess.

Hosted by Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship with invitations to UU Rockland and UUKennebunk congregations.

Next RE Wednesday Night Gathering is **Wednesday, September 21**, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House. We will be celebrating the Fall Equinox.

# MUUF Picnic Sunday, September 11th (12:30-ish)

Please prepare/purchase a dish (examples: casserole, salad, snacks or dessert) to share and utensils with which to serve it. Chris and I will have drinks and ice available.

### Some thoughts and suggestions:

### For the environment:

Bring one table setting per person (plate, silverware, cup) Carpool

### For comfort:

Bring chair or blanket Hat and sunblock (hoping for a sunny day)

### For activities:

Bring bathing suit and towel for dip in the pond Walking shoes for hike in neighboring Maguire Preserve Lawn games



It might be best to caravan as our house is not always recognized by GPS.

Our address is: 228 Heath Road in Whitefield and my cell phone is 207-458-1327.

Looking forward to seeing you and celebrating our amazing fellowship!

### **Lay-led Service Crafting Class to Begin**

You have something to say, a point of view to impart, a moving or inspiring experience to share with the Fellowship. This class is an opportunity to learn how to articulate your ideas and how to craft a service to convey those ideas to others.

There will be an organizational meeting of folks who are interested in this class, after the service on Sunday, Sept. 18. If you're interested, or just curious, come to the meeting and learn more!

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **Social Justice**



Oct 2, 2022 Join us after the service for a PostCard Writing party to help get out the vote in North Carolina. Our partner is the Center for Common Ground, Get out the Vote Campaign. Hard data from the last several years of their postcarding work have yielded the encouraging fact that ...yes! Postcarding increases voter engagement, and reaches voters who do not have phone numbers of file, or may not have mobile phones for texting outreach. Join our Social Justice Committee and UUTheVoteME in this effort. Snacks will be provided!

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Link to **Network Meeting** Announcement & Registration: <a href="https://mailchi.mp/0c7bc27ec384/sept10networkmeetinguuthevote2022">https://mailchi.mp/0c7bc27ec384/sept10networkmeetinguuthevote2022</a>

The **League of Women Voters of Maine** has lots of volunteer opportunities coming up! Whether you want to help at their table at the Common Ground Fair or canvass in the Neighbor to Neighbor program, you can find ways to support democracy at their **Events Calendar** here: https://www.lwvme.org/events-calendar

Another way to find opportunities to volunteer? Check out **UU the Vote National's** Find an Event page! Put in your zip code and nationwide opportunities will pop up that you can participate in!



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.

\*\*\*\* Please email all newsletter articles and website information to: <a href="mailto:news@uumidcoast.org">news@uumidcoast.org</a>

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