



## Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

### Worship Invitation September 18, 2022



**Sept.18: - The Welcome Table**- Rev. Ariel will share a story of a time when belonging felt complicated, but one person's simple gesture of welcome changed everything, and invite us to reflect on how we can demonstrate welcome in our own lives and communities.

**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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### **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!

**From Rev. Ann Bancroft**

Dear Midcoast friends,

It was great to be with you all last weekend for the worship service and especially for the potluck picnic at Carol and Chris Robin's house afterwards. How nice to have time to sit and chat and get to know you all better in the beauty of the afternoon. I'm hoping we have more time for that going forward!

I'm also hearing more about all the things you do to support your congregation as I meet with various committees and teams via Zoom. You are a delightfully busy crew!

I know you will welcome and enjoy having the Rev. Ariel Aaronson-Eves with you tomorrow. As it happens, Ariel and I were on Star Island the same week this summer. It was great to share some of that time with her. (This is the view from my room in Founders, looking out at Gosport Harbor.)



I hope you're all enjoying these final days of summer. The Autumnal Equinox is the 22<sup>nd</sup> this year, officially bringing us into fall. I leave you with these words from Mary Oliver as we anticipate the changing light.

***Lines Written in the Days of Coming Darkness***

*Every year we have been  
witness to it: how the  
world descends  
into a rich mash, in order that  
it may resume.  
And therefore  
who would cry out*

*to the petals on the ground  
to stay,  
knowing, as we must,  
how the vivacity of what was is married*

*to the vitality of what will be?  
I don't say  
it's easy, but  
what else will do*

*if the love one claims to have for the world  
be true?  
So let us go on*

*though the sun be swinging east,  
and the ponds be cold and black,  
and the sweets of the year be doomed.*

Perhaps some new candles are in order?  
Take good care, and please reach out if I can  
be helpful, or if you'd simply like to chat.  
([abbancroft@gmail.com/617-548-3271](mailto:abbancroft@gmail.com/617-548-3271))

Rev. Anne

## Religious Exploration

Children are invited to join YoUUth Explorers on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House. This program is geared to grades 4-7. The program is still evolving, but this **Wednesday, September 21**, we will be exploring and celebrating the Autumn Equinox (Mabon).

**Adults from the congregation (with or without children) are invited to join us** if you are curious about the Wheel of the Year and want to explore & celebrate with us. Please let Carney know if you plan to come - [re@uumidcoast.org](mailto:re@uumidcoast.org).

# YoUUth Explorers

at the Friends Meeting House  
77 Belvedere Rd., Damariscotta



**Wednesdays**  
**from 6-7:30 p.m.**

## Caring Ministry Team

Co-leaders Sandy Barth and Kay Miller met with Rev. Anne Bancroft this week to review previous activities of the Caring Team and make future plans for the coming year. We talked about organizational needs and what is feasible for services the Team can offer. In the past this has covered occasional meals or transportation, memorial service refreshments, and home visits especially during COVID. We decided a change of name to "Caring Ministry Team" would be appropriate at this time.

We will have more regular meetings this Fall and encourage more members and friends to join. We also encourage those who may not have time for regular meetings to get in touch with Sandy ([sbarth1942@gmail.com](mailto:sbarth1942@gmail.com)) or Kay ([kayndick@gmail.com](mailto:kayndick@gmail.com)) if you would be available for occasional special needs. A current special need is for David and Sylvia Bailey. They are doing better after a rough month with COVID in August. Their daughter Johanna says that a big help right now would be afternoon visits. This would give Johanna more time to do her own work. Please check with her first before a visit (cell: 203-464-5322). Thank you to all who have helped in the past or will be able to in the future.

Sandy Barth

## Social Justice

The **League of Women Voters of Maine** has lots of volunteer opportunities coming up! They still need folks to take shifts at their [table at the Common Ground Fair](#) (and you'll likely get a free ticket to the Fair!). You could also canvass in the [Neighbor to Neighbor program](#), train to volunteer with an [election hotline service](#), or spread the word about the [Youth Voting Summit](#)! There are lots of ways to support democracy on their [Events Calendar](#)!

Another way to find opportunities to volunteer on a national level? 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. These events won't be taking place in Maine (for Maine-based opportunities check out the above opportunities with League of Women Voters), but there are lots of chances to phone bank, write postcards, GoTV via text and more!

One of our favorite partner organizations is [The Center for Common Ground](#) in Georgia. Volunteer to write postcards in their [campaign to connect with under-represented voters](#) in key districts across the country.



**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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