



Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation October 2, 2022



Oct 2: Rev Ariel Aaronson-Eves - "The Courage to Feel"

Sharing our feelings with others can be an act of vulnerability that calls upon great courage. Often, acknowledging our feelings even to ourselves and being present with them also requires great courage. What is possible when we show up fully to ourselves, and when we take the risk to share with others?

LIVE AT SKIDOMPHA LIBRARY AT 10:30 AM

While we continue to recommend vaccination and the wearing of masks during Sunday services, we are no longer requiring them.

We will continue to operate our high capacity Blueair air purifiers in Porter Hall during services. You may also join us via Zoom.

10:30 am using the zoom link below:

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

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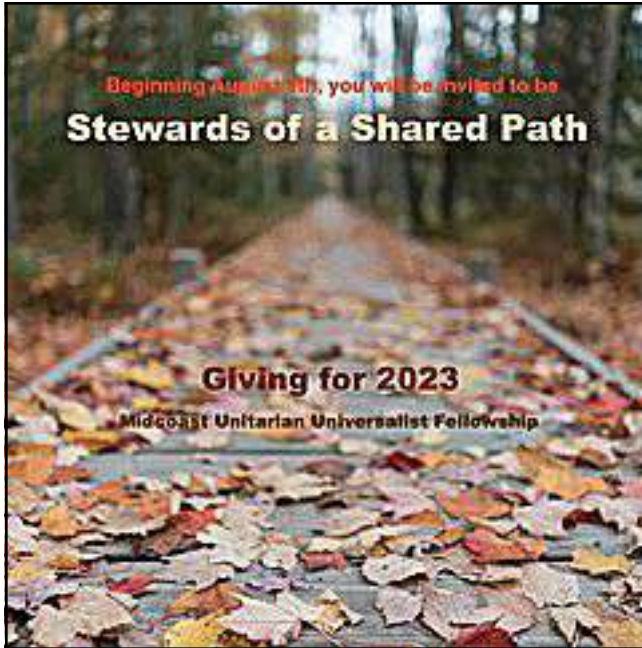
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Upcoming Service

Oct.16: Plan to join us either in person or via Zoom in a service **led by founding members Sandra Barth and Jean Howe to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first service of the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** held on October 17, 1982 at the Edgecombe Town Hall. They will share memories about the early days of the Fellowship, some of the founding members and some of the early history.

From Rev. Ann Bancroft



Dear Midcoast friends,

As we welcome fall, and welcome October, we'll also welcome the season of giving at MUUF! Your Finance Team has been working hard to get this year's campaign ready so that you can begin 2023 with a healthy sense of joy and abundance for the path ahead. Join us October 9th as we consider The Courage to Give.

Rev. Anne

MUUF Picnic 2022



Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry (COM) has been meeting monthly since it was reactivated by the MUUF Board of Trustees in December 2021. With our Fellowship's recent shift to the new model of having Rev. Anne Bancroft with us quarter time and Revs. Donna Dolham and Ariel Aaronson-Eves joining us monthly, this seems like a good time to remind everyone of what the COM is and to be sure you know how and when to contact us.

A primary goal of MUUF's COM is to work collaboratively with Rev. Anne to help ensure her success in our Fellowship's shared ministries. The ministries of the Fellowship are shared by the professional staff, by the board of trustees, and by the committees and volunteers. We want to help ensure that all the ministries of the congregation remain on track and in alignment with MUUF's principles and purposes. We do this by checking in regularly with committee members, board members, the minister, and the Director of Religious Education. We also invite MUUF members and friends to reach out to us with concerns, questions, or suggestions about our shared ministries.

It is important to note that the COM is not primarily charged with conflict resolution. MUUF's congregational covenant asks that we all strive to communicate directly with honesty and respect, and to speak up when we are hurt. The COM is available to help when direct personal communication is not viable, is not desired by one of the parties, or requires support. In such cases we can serve as a sounding board or can suggest other resources that might be helpful.

The scope of the COM – looking at all the Fellowship's shared ministries – is large, but the size of our congregation makes this a reasonable charge. We ask that you help us by remembering MUUF's covenant in your interactions with others at Sunday services and in committee work. As the covenant reminds us, "We all share responsibility for upholding this covenant." We are grateful to have been entrusted with the responsibility of helping MUUF build and maintain our community.

We welcome members and friends to contact us when needed. Our contact information and preferred modes/times of communication are listed below.

Susan Borg, email preferred (susangborg@gmail.com); phone 207-563-2535

Mary Finn, email preferred (maryefinn4@gmail.com)

Kate Pennington, email preferred (mizkatepenn@gmail.com); phone 207-607-2386 (evenings and weekends)

Social Justice



Center for Common Ground

Join us for postcarding underrepresented Black voters from a key district in North Carolina today and next Sunday after the service. We will be joining Reclaim Our Vote, a non partisan campaign of the Center for Common Ground, to help ensure that all registered voters do vote in Johnson County North Carolina! Your Social Justice committee will provide all of the materials for you to personally send 5 postcards.



Dates - Today and Sunday Oct 9 at 11:40 am - Porter Hall, Skidompha Library

Tuesday Oct 11, 5-7 pm, 258 Old Sheepscot Rd, Wiscasset, r.s.v.p Mary at maryefinn4@gmail.com, or 781 866 3317

The **League of Women Voters of Maine** has lots of volunteer opportunities coming up! You can canvass in the [Neighbor to Neighbor program](#), or attend a training to be a non-partisan election observer on [September 28th](#), [October 18th](#), or [October 27th](#). There are lots of ways to support democracy on their [Events Calendar](#)!

Lincoln County Candidates Forum

LCTV is inviting the public to the **Waldo Theatre on Oct. 18 at 7 pm** for a non-partisan, informational candidates forum. This one-hour event will give citizens the opportunity to hear directly from local candidates for the Nov 8 mid-term election. Don Carrigan, reporter for News Center Main, will moderate this free, public event located at 916 Main Street, Waldoboro. The forum will also be broadcast live on LCTV Spectrum/Tidewater 7 as well as live streamed at lctv.org and LCTV's You Tube channel. After the event, it will be available for On Demand anytime viewing at lctv.org.

WANTED - A FEW GOOD MEN TO JOIN A NEWLY FORMING MEN'S ANTIRACISM GROUP

Five women from our Fellowship have been part of an Antiracism reading and training group with a skilled Diversity Trainer since the murder of George Floyd 2 years ago. This has opened our minds and hearts about how we have participated in harming others by our own racism, that we didn't even know we had! Here is an opportunity for men in our Fellowship to do the same. It is time!

The group will be on Zoom and led by Paul Sanderson and Leigh Anne Keichline, 2 veteran educators. Through bite-sized readings, videos, or other media, each session will be structured by experience facilitators. While many of the materials and discussions will help us to think about race and racism, it will also make space for intersecting topics (gender, ableism, LGBTQ, classism, etc.). This will be a safe/brave space within this small group to learn, listen, question, grow together, and share our experiences and perspectives.

See Patti Anderson for further details.



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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