



Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation November 6, 2022



Nov 6th: This is not a time for a casual faith. UUs who cannot believe in what happens in after life, all believe in freedom in this life. Join W.A. Tiffany Vencile and Julia Fitz-Randolph to explore our legacy of showing up, leading with love, and organizing for the long haul.

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>

Meeting ID: 932 8681 3206

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Religious Exploration

More Hogwart's Worship Highlights



Photo's from
Sunday, October 30
Intergenerational
Worship Service



Hogwart's Worship Highlights



YoUUth Explorers - Samhain



Remembering our ancestors and making edible witches' brooms!

Wednesday
Evening
YoUUth
Explorers



Caring Commitee

The Team met on Thursday and came up with a plan for distributing "goodies" to some of our members and friends who may be anticipating a quiet Thanksgiving. For those who have the time and inclination, we would welcome your baking help. The distributing will be done the day before Thanksgiving. For questions or to offer help, please contact Sandy Barth (sbarth1942@gmail.com) or Kay Miller (kayndick@gmail.com).

MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Dear Members & Friends,

I am delighted to share with you that Jennifer Ober has very generously donated a brand new electronic piano to our Fellowship to enjoy during our Sunday services. Wow! It arrived in Porter Hall this past Thursday, and we all will be able to enjoy it starting this Sunday.

Old faithful, our long-time Yamaha Clavinova, which has been with us for many years, is now in its twilight years. It has served us well, but we strive to have the best music possible at our fellowship. This new Yamaha Clavinova should put us in good stead for decades to come.



Some of its new features include:

- Stunning upgrades which feel and sound more like a grand piano than all previous generations
- Features Yamaha's highly responsive GrandTouch S keyboard
- Improved onboard stereo speaker system
- 36 different voices from different instruments
- Ability to make audio recordings of performances
- Headsets for private listening.

We will formally welcome our new piano during the service on Sunday, November 13th. We hope that you will be able to join us that day. In the meantime, thank you again, Jennifer!

Zig



New England Region

What Every UU Needs to Know about Changes to the 7 Principles

Maybe you have little interest in by-laws.

Or maybe you are a governance geek.

Either way, as staff of the New England Region UUA we wanted to be sure to get the word out about the **proposed changes** to Article II of the UUA by-laws. This is the article that currently includes:

- a list of the seven **Principles** of the Association of UU congregations,
- a list of the six **Sources** of the Association,
- the **Purposes** of the Association,
- statements of **inclusion** and of freedom of belief.

Article II articulates the covenant at the heart of the Association of Unitarian Universalist Congregations.

Before a final revised draft of this Article is presented to the UUA Board in January, the [Article II Study Commission](#) is inviting all to participate in a feedback process. Now is the time to pay attention, to listen, to learn, to check in with yourself and the values you hold dearest, to engage in conversation with others about what's at the heart of this faith, to offer your feedback, and to participate as you are able in this collective discernment and decision-making process.

To that end, the Commission invites YOU to:

read the new version of Article II — observing how it makes you feel, what it makes you think, and what responses or suggestions you have for the Commission

- participate in Zoom feedback sessions hosted by the Commission to be held
- Tuesday, 11/08 at 10 p.m. Eastern ([register](#))

- Wednesday, 11/09 at 8 p.m. Eastern ([register](#))
- Thursday, 11/10 at 7 p.m. Eastern ([register](#))
- Saturday, 11/12 at 3 p.m. Eastern ([register](#))
- Sunday, 11/13 at 2 p.m. Eastern ([register](#))
- Monday, 11/14 at 9 p.m Eastern ([register](#))

Share your feedback with the Commission through this [online Google form](#).

The [UUA by-laws](#) mandate that Article II be reviewed and possibly revised every so many years. To that end, the Board of Trustees appointed the most recent Article II Study Commission and charged it:

...to review Article II of the UUA Bylaws, and propose any revisions that will enable our UUA, our member congregations, and our covenanted communities to be a relevant and powerful force for spiritual and moral growth, healing, and justice. Proposed changes should articulate core UU theological values...

...the Commission is free to revise, replace, or restructure [the sections] as needed to meet the objectives stated above. There is nothing sacred about the number of principles or sources, nor their specific wordings, nor in the way that Article II is laid out. [\[source\]](#)

Assuming approval by the UUA Board of Trustees in January, the new Article II will be the subject of mini-Assemblies before an initial vote at General Assembly 2023. If it passes that delegate vote by a majority, it will require a 2/3 majority vote at General Assembly 2024 to become the new Article II of the Bylaws.

Whether by-laws bore you or enliven you, please share this information with people in your congregation, join conversations about the proposed changes, and take an active part in this historic process.

In faith,
Your New England Region Team

Social Justice

Time to Care: Putting Paid Leave on the Ballot! Sign up to help the Maine Women's Lobby and the Maine People's Alliance with [Election Day Signature Gathering](#) on November 8th. Let's get this pathway for paid family and medical leave on the ballot!

UU the Vote National Online

- Final push to GOTV in Pennsylvania: Click [here](#) for all PA opportunities!
- All GOTV UU the Vote activities listed [here](#)
- [Election Night Watch & Wait Together](#) November 8th 8:00 - 11:30pm Fun & Spiritual Nourishment with Side with Love - volunteers will hold space on this critical night. Join us for a little while or for hours.

Join MUUSAN in Augusta on Saturday, November 12th, 10 am to noon to celebrate 10 years of UU values being voiced in the public sphere! We'll honor MUUSAN's founders, reconnect with each other after three years of remote meetings, eat delicious snacks, and celebrate! Register [here](#) for the MUUSAN Anniversary Celebration!



Anti-racism Vigil: The time of the Anti-Racism Vigil in Newcastle's Veteran's Park will change from 5 pm to **12 noon, starting Nov. 7** (to avoid standing in the dark after Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 6). Check [PUAR's](#) Facebook page for updates.

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