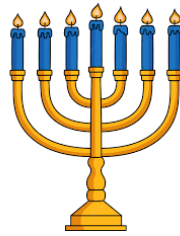




Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation December 18, 2022



Dec. 18: Gathering the Light - Rev. Donna Dolham

With Hanukkah, the Winter Solstice and Advent season among us, we will explore how these ancient yet contemporary celebrations inspire and renew our faith.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm

Please join us for our traditional Christmas Eve service led by our esteemed Worship Associates.



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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Religious Exploration

All Congregation Celebration of the Winter Solstice Wednesday, December 21, 5:30-7pm

Friends Meeting House, 77 Belvedere Rd.,
Damariscotta



Final reminder to please RSVP with Carney at re@uumidcoast.org if you are planning to come. Remember your sweet treat of fun fruit wrapped up for the gift exchange if you wish to participate. Come dressed to be outside for our ritual, and then we will go inside for activities and to eat.

ON DISPLAY AT THE GINGERBREAD SPECTACULAR

We had fun creating these houses and a candy factory.
In this season of joy and celebration, we are also
thinking of people who don't have warm, cozy homes.
Maybe we can all work together to end homelessness.

The Youth Explorers Group of the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



**Holiday activities at the
YoUUtH Explorers
Wednesday Gatherings!**



Religious Exploration

"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 theology, the Great Goddess, mysticism, and the mysteries of Tarot.

DETAILS

Dates: January 12, January 19, January 26, February 2, February 9 and February 16

Times: 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Zoom

Cost: 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 January 3rd.

Register at this link: [Cakes for the Queen of Heaven program](#) *Thealogy is from the Greek "Thea," meaning goddess.

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



Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: On the Threshold (Part II)

Details below. Register by
January 3rd.

Founders Award Winners 2022



Richard Ober

Tiffany Vencile

Dick has served the Fellowship with great “generosity of means” and “generosity of spirit” for nearly a decade. In terms of “generosity of means”, we think of him showing up early to our worship services at the Edgecomb Town Hall and over the summer in the outdoor YMCA tent, as well as at other events, transporting and setting up his own P.A. equipment and electric keyboard.

In terms of “generosity of spirit”, in addition to his tenure as a trustee, he has been our Treasurer for a number of years. It would truly be difficult to imagine the Fellowship staying on track without his consistent, practical, dependable, day-to-day, and week-to-week generosity .

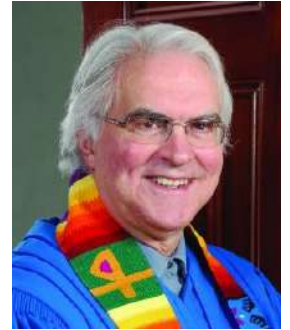
Tiffany stood out as the mainstay of the Worship Committee during the pandemic, reassuring us that “we are still here.” Her zoom services were heartwarming and reassuring. Tiffany’s dedication as a Worship Associate, and her willingness to train others, is beyond comparison. Tiffany also helped with the community suppers for years, and is an active member of our Social Justice Committee, not to mention her dedication to helping Carney with the Wednesday evening Religious Exploration program.

We are indeed lucky to have her as one of the pillar’s of the congregation.

UU HISTORY SERIES

What is the history of our denomination? How did the Unitarian and Universalist movements develop in both world and American contexts, and why did they come together? How does an understanding of our past help us to know how and why we got to our present stage, and where we might be headed?

Rev. Mark Harris, a retired UU minister, UU historian, and current resident of Owl's Head, will give the kickoff lecture for our exploration of these questions: **Sunday, January 8** right after the worship service from **11:45-12:45**. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.



Rev. Mark Harris

Following this launch, a reading/discussion group will meet on the first Sunday of the month after the service to further investigate themes and topics raised in the initial program. We will be using the *UUA Pocket Guide* and other reading materials suggested by Reverends Mark and Anne.

FEB 5 (also the snow date for the lecture if needed)

MARCH 5

APRIL 2

MAY 7

*If you are interested in participating in the small group monthly gatherings, please contact facilitator **Jayne Gordon**: jaynegor@gmail.com.*

MUUF Members Are In The News!

Check out the front page of this weeks Lincoln County News. You will see a feature article about our very own **Bud Elwin**. He's on his way to his fourth Red Sox fantasy camp!

Check out page eleven of section A. Our own **Ann Foskett Miller**, a long time MUUF member and one of the original members of River Company, attended the opening night of their play "A Christmas Carol," at Skidompha library. Also featured is Kate Pennington's husband, Nick Azzaretti who directed the play and embodied Ebenezer Scrooge.

Celebration of Life for Roslyn Strong and Suzanne Carlson

This Sunday, December 18th the Fellowship will be having a memorial service for long time members Ros and Sue at 12:00 noon in Porter Auditorium.
Rev. Donna Dolham will lead the service.

Social Justice



Anti-racism Vigil: The weekly Monday vigil's are from **12- 12:30pm** at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park. Check [PUAR's](#) Facebook page for updates.

December-Diaper Drive

This month we will be collecting diapers in collaboration with the Friends Meeting House. The diaper drive helps families in need and the diapers are distributed at the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Please drop off diapers at Dr. Davis's office or bring them to fellowship and Rosie Davis or Tiffany Vencile will take them to the Friends Meeting House.



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