



## Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

### Worship Invitation January 1, 2023



HAPPY NEW YEAR  
**2023!**

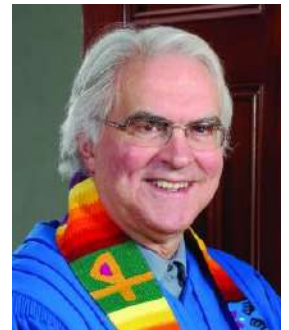


#### **Jan. 1: There will be no service**

Enjoy the day with family and friends or a day of solitude. The Rockland UU Church will have an in person service and zoom service. Service time 10am. <https://zoom.us/j/83569202743?pwd=L0dncmlrMEYrdmhTNURqSkkwOTFFZz09>

### **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*

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.

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](mailto:jaynegor@gmail.com).*

## 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!"



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

Details below. Register by  
January 3rd.

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.*

## Barbara Frederick (BJ) Remembered



*Barbara & Les Frederick*

Barbara Fredericks (BJ) considered herself a life-long Unitarian. She was attending services in Edgcombe when we came to the services in 1994 (after moving here in '93). I first met BJ in the exercise room at the YMCA, and then at MUUF. Her husband, Les, said he was a Congregationalist. Sylvia and I became friends with them. BJ invited me to a meeting to discuss the formation of a senior college, and when then Gov. King agreed with a Portland rabbi that there should be some colleges, money was allocated to the start-up groups. I

joined that board, then began producing the Coastal Senior College catalog. There are currently 17 senior colleges in the state, serving more than 6500 members. BJ would have been proud of that accomplishment because her work helped it all happen.

BJ and Les spent summers in NH on lake Winnepesaukee, winters in Damariscotta with some trips to Florida and warm places in Europe. A few years ago, they sold their home and moved to a house they bought in the Highlands in Topsham. They had come back to town a few times, especially when Les and his cousin were involved with a senior college class. I think they also attended MUUF services a few times since the move.

BJ's daughter, Jenny, had recently moved in with them. I have known her for a long time so she personally notified me of her posting regarding Barbara's passing, "My mother died quite unexpectedly on Dec 11th. She'd been ill with a few infections that she was just too weak to fight off. She requested that no further testing or intervention be taken and was put on hospice care. She passed several days later, surrounded by family. We are planning to wait for warmer weather to have a service for both her and Les in NH at their summer home."

*Written by David Bailey*

## 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.