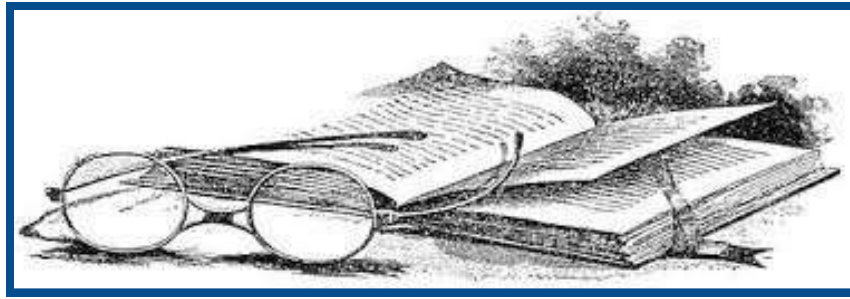




## **Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

### **Worship Invitation May 28, 2023**



**May 28: Poetry Reading Sunday** - Lay-led by Jennifer Ober & Phyllis Loney  
As the theme for May is Creativity, we have invited those who either write poetry themselves, or have a favorite poem, to read it during the service.

**June 4: The Garden of Earthly Delight** - Rev. Ariel Aaronson-Eves  
In this sermon of reflection and celebration, Rev. Ariel will tap into the spiritual wisdom of farmers - especially queer farmers - and explore how working in communion with land helped them to know and love both themselves and the divine.

### **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**



**YoUUth Explorers discussing issues that affect them with Rep. Lydia Crafts. Thanks to Julia Fitz-Randolph for organizing this opportunity.**

**The kids brought in diaper donations for the diaper drive.**



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**Only a few days left to donate to the Diaper Bank!!!**



During the month of May, we will again be supporting local families by donating diapers and menstrual supplies to the diaper bank! Diapers and menstrual supplies are expensive, and not every family can afford these necessities. Let's show our support for our neighbors by helping to ease this worry. The tote is on the porch at Damariscotta Dental to put your donations in. Thank you!

## WE NEED YOUR HELP



Zig Ziarnik

Dear members and friends,

Each Sunday service is made possible by a series of small teams of volunteers (our "pods") who set things up before service, and put them away after the service. Each pod covers one Sunday per month. It's not a big job; a small team of three people can unlock the doors and do the setup in 15-20 minutes or so. Putting things away during the post-service social time is similar, with the final storage and locking up happening when the last attendees are leaving. The more people who are on a pod team, the easier it is for individual pod members to take a month off when they have another commitment.

Our current pods have been doing this for the past year and a few of their members need to step down. This is where we can use your help. Are you willing to lend a hand once a month? You won't be on your own; you'll be working with experienced pod team members.

Please consider adding your name to the volunteer sign up sheet on the table near our hymnals at the entrance to Porter Hall. The more volunteers we have, the easier it is to compensate when someone needs to take their usual week off. We need you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of our pod leaders: Zig Ziarnik, Kate Pennington, Sandy Barth, David Bilski or Susan Borg.



## **MUUSAN (Maine UU State Advocacy Network)**

### **Support Women's Reproductive Rights**

The Christian Civic League swarmed the State House on May 1st in opposition to [LD 1619](#), *An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws*. Over 700 people made faith-based testimony against this critically important bill for women's health and reproductive rights. The sheer force of numbers has apparently caused some Democrats to waiver in their support. We need our faith-based support of this bill to be heard by our representatives. [Here](#) is the official MUUSAN testimony. Please write your representatives asking them to both support this bill and encourage their colleagues to do the same.

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**June 17th**

**Save the Date for Pride Portland!**

**Make a plan to come with others from your congregation to march with UUs from around the state! Click [here](#) for more details and contact [admin@muusan.org](mailto:admin@muusan.org) with any questions or to let us know your congregation will be attending!**

## PUAR Update



We are transitioned to Vigils on an “as needed” basis, in response to unfolding events. Community members can suggest a vigil by emailing [peopleuar@gmail.com](mailto:peopleuar@gmail.com), and we'll send out the call via the PUAR email list and our Facebook page. Any vigils called through PUAR will be at 5 pm (as the weather warms up) and on Mondays, unless otherwise indicated.

People United hosted a community meeting last week. It was a starting place for a coalition of folks already doing so much social justice and antiracism work in our community. There was some brainstorming of issues and a bit of sorting of those. An interesting idea bubbled up about creating welcoming spaces. It seemed a proactive way to make all feel welcome in our spaces. There will be another meeting in the next few months.

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