

# Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Worship Invitation September 17, 2023



#### Sept. 17: Belonging Rev. Christina Sillari

What does it mean to belong to our family, our community, our own self? How does belonging nourish our beings? Come and explore the notion of belonging and how we cultivate it in our lives.

"My hunger to belong was not merely a desire to be attached to something. It was rather sensing that great transformation and discovery become possible when belonging is sheltered and true." ~John O'Donnahue

### **LIVE AT SKIDOMPHA LIBRARY AT 10:30AM**

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:

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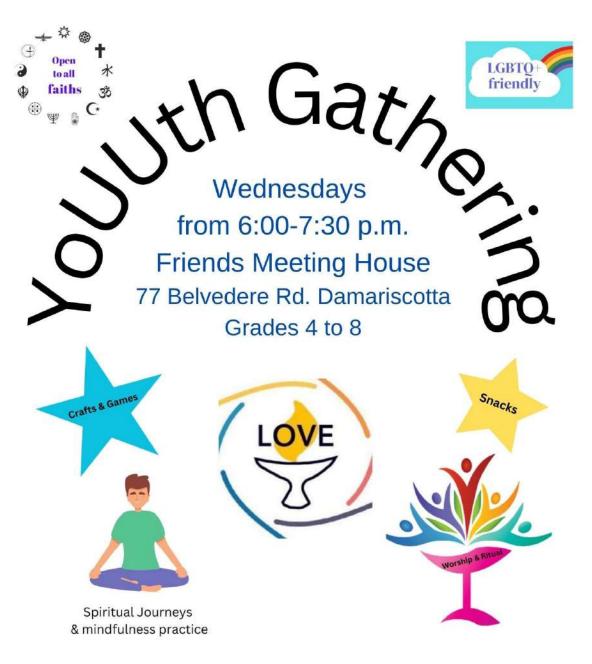
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#### **Religious Exploration**

This coming Wednesday, September 20, 6-7:30 PM we start up our YoUUth Explorers group again. The program is designed for grades 4-8, but we welcome other ages - questions please email Carney McRae, Director of Religious Exploration, at <a href="mailto:re@uumidcoast.org">re@uumidcoast.org</a>. Help us spread the word!





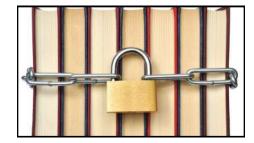
# For more information, contact Carney McRae at re@uumidcoast.org

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# Please join First Universalist Church in Rockland for this social justice virtual journey.

# Banned and Challenged Books: Intellectual Freedom and the Right to Read

What is the difference between a banned book and a challenged book? What happens when a book is



banned? Who has the authority to ban a book? Let's take a deep dive into the topic and read a currently or historically banned book each month.

We will start with an introduction to intellectual freedom and banned books on **Wednesday**, **September 20**. We will read Gender Queer in October. For a list of books we plan to read through January 2024, <u>click here</u> or contact <u>Morgan Dunton</u>.

We will meet virtually on the third Wednesday of each month for 90 minutes at 7pm. Please register so we can remind you of upcoming sessions and send you the link to our virtual meeting.

## **Membership Committee**



I am happy to report that Pat Kay has agreed to be the new Membership Committee Chair. [I have recently become President of Coastal Senior College, so I have my hands full right now.] I will continue to work with Pat on this MUUF committee, but we need more members. Could you be one?

Pat Kay

The committee will continue to work on attracting, welcoming/orienting, and retaining members. Immediate plans call for re-starting the small-group suppers in member homes, and adding a new covenant circle. We also will work with our ministers to initiate and implement more adult RE programs, and a regular calendar of mixed-age gatherings.

And now we are in Pat's capable hands! Please contact her if you are interested in joining us to better serve our members: <a href="mailto:ppskay@earthlink.net">ppskay@earthlink.net</a>.

Jayne Gordon

## **Social Justice**

#### **People United Against Racism**

The regular Monday Vigils in Veterans Memorial Park in Newcastle have been paused. We are transitioning to Vigils on an "as needed" basis, in response to unfolding events.



Community members can suggest a vigil by emailing <a href="mailto:peopleuar@gmail.com">peopleuar@gmail.com</a>, 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 and on Mondays, unless otherwise indicated.

People United has partnered with Leigh Anne Keichline, who has been running the anti-racism book groups through Skidompha and created a monthly PUAR calendar to help publicize local antiracism events. Folks should sign up for emails, and to receive the calendar every month, if you haven't already.

peopleuar@gmail.com

### **Weekly Quote**

Because true belonging only happens when we present our authentic, imperfect selves to the world, our sense of belonging can never be greater than our level of self acceptance.

~ Brené Brown

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