



## **Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

### **Worship Invitation September 24, 2023**



#### **Sept. 24: What Kind of Community Are We Planning? Rev. Donna Dolham**

“What is extraordinary appears to us as a habit, the dawn, a daily routine of nature.”

*Abraham Joshua Heschel*

Abraham Joshua Heschel’s words invite us to remember that there is no accident to creating a beloved community. Please join us this Sunday as we explore creating community together!

#### **Oct. 1: Rev. Mark Harris      Worship Associaite Tiffany Vencile**

#### **“An Illustrated Guide to Toppling the Patriarchy: Rethinking Unitarian Universalist History”**

by Mark W. Harris

When Anne told me that the theme for the month was “Heritage,” I immediately thought of the ways in which I struggle with teaching UU history these days. With a Christian, Biblical, Protestant, Enlightenment based faith founded by white men and grounded in reason, it immediately becomes apparent that we are talking about a religion that might need some new reflections. Do we have to obliterate the past, or can we expand our ways of thinking?

Rev. Mark W. Harris is a retired Unitarian Universalist minister who lives in Owls Head. He is minister emeritus at the First Parish of Watertown, MA, and was an adjunct professor at Boston University.

### **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:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93286813206>

Meeting ID: 932 8681 3206

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## **A Note From the Vision Team**

Your Vision Team is pleased to have heard from a number of congregants in response to the Draft Vision Statement you see below! Feel free to add your feedback by emailing us at [vision@uumidcoast.org](mailto:vision@uumidcoast.org).

We are scheduling TWO Zoom sessions to hear more from all of you. We are intending for these to be LISTENING sessions, where each person is able to share their thoughts and feelings in response to the draft statement. We will not be wordsmithing, but listening to each other.

**One session is scheduled for this Sunday, September 24th, at 5:00 p.m.  
The second will be on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 1:00 p.m.**



## **Adult Education**

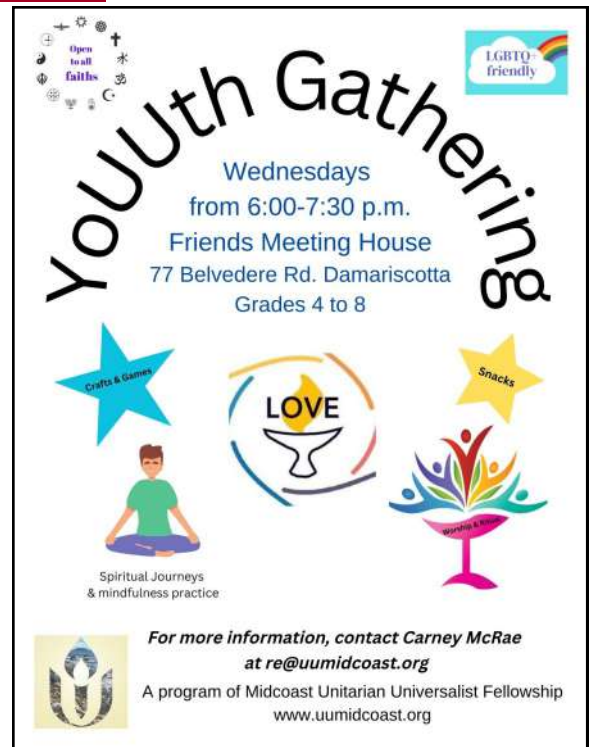
### ***Any Body Can Sing***

*The first musical instrument in the history of the world is the human voice - and everybody has one! Come learn how your body makes music with MUUF Choir director Susan Borg. The 8-week Adult Education class meets at Great Salt Bay School in Damariscotta on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm, beginning Oct. 3. To enroll, contact Adult Education at [clc.coursestorm.com](http://clc.coursestorm.com) or at 207-563-2811.*

*Class fee is \$69.*

## Religious Exploration

Last Wednesday we started 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 [re@uumidcoast.org](mailto:re@uumidcoast.org). Help us spread the word!



**Youth Gathering**

Wednesdays  
from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Friends Meeting House  
77 Belvedere Rd. Damariscotta  
Grades 4 to 8

Icons: open to all faiths, LGBTQ+ friendly, Crafts & Games, LOVE, Snacks, Spiritual Journeys & mindfulness practice, worship & prayer.

For more information, contact Carney McRae  
at [re@uumidcoast.org](mailto:re@uumidcoast.org)  
A program of Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
[www.uumidcoast.org](http://www.uumidcoast.org)

## **Super fun swimming at our Annual Picnic** **A good time was had by all!**



*Autumn Vencile and Carney McRae*





## Social Justice

A great opportunity is available to support our LGBTQ+ youth in our community. The training is provided by OutMaine. Several Social Justice Committee members are already signed up to attend. Financial aid is available if you'd like to attend. Please contact Rosie Davis at [rosiesdavis@gmail.com](mailto:rosiesdavis@gmail.com) for more information.

[https://www.outmaine.org/know-your-students-rights-at-school/?mc\\_cid=29d5432c8e&mc\\_eid=5712c5eff7](https://www.outmaine.org/know-your-students-rights-at-school/?mc_cid=29d5432c8e&mc_eid=5712c5eff7)



### Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth in Schools & Communities

Thursday, October 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Damariscotta, Maine

This training is designed for anyone who works with youth. It will provide a foundational understanding for those who are new to working with LGBTQ+ youth, as well as updated and in-depth information for those who are looking for a refresher. During this training participants will review: terminology and pronoun usage; risk and protective factors, supporting transgender and gender expansive youth, LGBTQ+ rights in Maine, intervening on harmful behavior, creating inclusive forms, and navigating facility needs. This extended training will be based on our published Best Practices for LGBTQ+ Inclusive Programming.

**\$85 per person**  
Tea, coffee, & light refreshments provided

**REGISTER ONLINE:**



Participants will receive a Contact Hours certificate.

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## 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 [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 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](mailto:peopleuar@gmail.com)

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[news@uumidcoast.org](mailto:news@uumidcoast.org)

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