

# Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Worship Invitation November 5, 2023





### Nov. 5: Generosity Led

Led by Jennifer Ober

Generosity is the virtue of being liberal in our giving. Giving to others even when you don't have to and treating other people how you would want to be treated is a simple way to express kindness. Join us as we explore the different ways we can be generous.

#### **Nov. 12: Practicing Human** Rev. Anne Bancroft

James Luther Adams, according to Wikipedia "the most influential theologian among American Unitarian Universalists in the 20th century" - and whose birthday is November 12th - is quoted as saying, "Church is a place where you get to practice what it means to be human." His claim begs the question: what DOES it mean to be human? And how do we practice it generously? Join us as we explore these questions in the context of a very challenged world.

### **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

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### **Our 2024 MUUF Community Challenge**

## Seek. Create. Share.

Three words have jumped out to define our path forward. We are those who seek, we aspire to create, and then to share all that we are and have with each other, and with the world around us.

As we enter this year's Stewardship season, we hope you will support our Fellowship as generously as possible, so that our common dreams can take shape. We long for a half-time and local minister to call our own. We long for a place to gather on Sundays, and other days, as well! We long to be a spiritual home that is inclusive and transformative. What we dream is ours to do, so together, let's do it!

### You can make a pledge for 2024 by:

- Clicking on the donate button on the home page of our website uumidcoast.org
- Clipping the pledge form below and putting in the collection basket during Sunday's service
- Mailing the pledge form to us at P.O. Box 1021, Damariscotta, ME 04543

| 2024 Pledge Form                          |
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| Name, First and Last                      |
| Address                                   |
| Your Email                                |
| For 2024 I/we pledge to pay a total of \$ |

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

### **MUUSAN Voter Guide for November 7, 2023**

A Citizen's Guide to the Referendum Election in November is available on the state legislative website <a href="here">here</a>. The League of Women Voters Guide to the November election can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

The five questions below are ones MUUSAN worked on as bills in 2022-23. Click on each link to read the text of the ballot question, and other links to further your understanding of the issues and advocate with Letters to the Editor of your local paper.

**VOTE NO ON QUESTION 1** - Do you want to bar some quasi-governmental entities and all consumer-owned electric utilities from taking on more than \$1 billion in debt unless they get statewide voter approval? Question 1 was written to stall consumer owned utilities, should Question 3 pass. It will slow progress and create more opportunity for misinformation.

**VOTE YES ON QUESTION 2** - Do you want to ban foreign governments and entities that they own, control, or influence from making campaign contributions or financing communications for or against candidates or ballot questions? *MUUSAN has endorsed Question 2. Link to League of Women Voters Letter Writing Guide* 

**VOTE YES ON QUESTION 3** - Do you want to create a new power company governed by an elected board to acquire and operate existing for-profit electricity transmission and distribution facilities in Maine?

MUUSAN has endorsed Question 3: <a href="https://conta.cc/3RBeMil">https://conta.cc/3RBeMil</a>

**VOTE YES ON QUESTION 6** - Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require that all of the provisions of the Constitution be included in the official printed copies of the Constitution prepared by the Secretary of State? *MUUSAN has endorsed Question 6*.

**YES ON QUESTION 8** - Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to remove a provision prohibiting a person under guardianship for reasons of mental illness from voting for Governor, Senators and Representatives, which the United States District Court for the District of Maine found violates the United States constitution and federal law? A <u>YES</u> vote means you want to amend the Maine constitution to get rid of the restriction on voting for people under guardianship for mental illness, which will bring Maine's constitution into agreement with federal law.

### **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.

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