

# Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

## Worship Invitation December 17, 2023



**Worship December 17, 2023, 10:30 AM**

*-Led by Rev. Christina Sillari, Carney McRae and Rev. Marty Pelham*

### **A Winter Solstice Celebration**

This is a joint worship service with First Universalist Church in Rockland. It will be live at Wanderwood in Nobleboro for those who registered. Others are invited to enjoy the service from the comfort of **their home**.

**Join us at 10:30 a.m. at this link:**

<https://zoom.us/j/83569202743?pwd=L0dncmlrMEYrdmhTNURqSkkwOTFFZz09>

Phone only: (646) 558 8656 Meeting ID: 835 6920 2743

*(more details on page 2)*



Dec. 24 is Christmas Eve! There will be **no morning Fellowship service**.

Instead, we'll all meet in our usual space at the Library at 4:00 pm for a special Christmas Eve service of lights, carols and readings.



**We are excited that you are joining us for a Winter Solstice worship service this Sunday at 10:30 AM at Wanderwood in Nobleboro.** There will be about 40 people gathering in person and others attending virtually. The weather looks good so far (maybe a little rain). Details are below. See you on Sunday! ~  
Carney, Rev. Marty & Rev. Christina

### **Ridesharing**

- Arrange a place to meet where you can leave cars. There are two Park + Ride locations that could function as meet up spots for carpooling
  - 18-20 Winslow Hill Rd, Nobleboro, ME 04555
  - Edgecomb US Route 1, 0.2 miles south of Dodge Road
  - You also can meet in Damariscotta, park in the back parking lot, and carpool from there.

**Contact your ride share group to determine where to meet and who is driving:**

*Dick & Jennifer – we'll have a place for you to park. Drive right up to the barn for unloading. Rev. Marty and I will be there by 9:30 AM and will help you unload.*

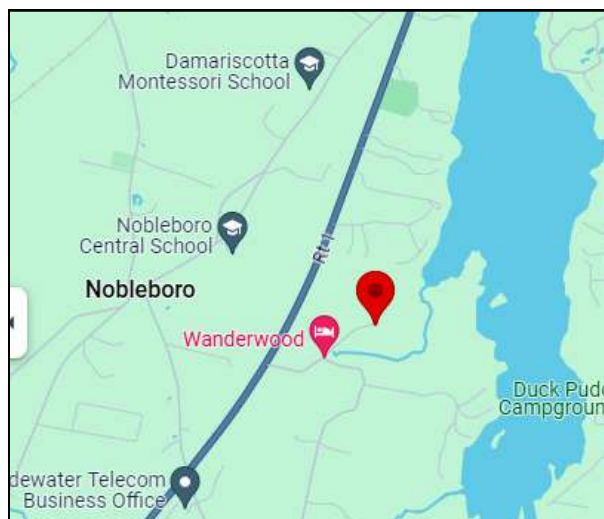
If your ride share is not going to work (for example, if one person wants to leave early), please email me, and I will work that out with you on Saturday.

### **Bring: Potluck item to share**

- Your own place setting (plate, bowl, cup, silverware)
- Warm clothes if you want to take a walk (we'll have a small fire going outside after the service)

We will be meeting in the event barn (a wedding venue), which has radiant floor heat, bathrooms, and a small kitchen. We'll have coffee and tea available after the service.

Note: No single-use plastic & Styrofoam allowed on site (think GREEN).



### **Location:**

Wanderwood, 79 Sidelinger Road

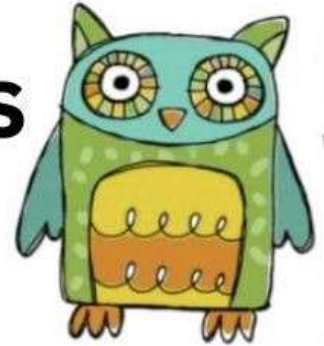
Nobleboro

Just off Route 1



## Religious Exploration

# Our Whole Lives Grades 4-5



## OUR WHOLE LIVES SEXUALITY EDUCATION FOR GRADES 4-5

Registration is now open for Our Whole Lives (OWL) grades 4-5. This program begins with a parent/caregiver & child orientation on Sunday, January 7 from 12 noon-2:30 PM at the First Universalist Church in Rockland. Click the links below for the schedule and to register. If you have questions, contact Carney McRae, Director of Religious Exploration, [dre@uurockland.org](mailto:dre@uurockland.org). Anyone from the community is welcome to participate. Please share with your friends and families.

[OWL 4-5 Schedule](#)

[Registration](#)

[General Information about OWL](#)

**This past Wednesday, the  
YoUUth Explorers participated in our  
annual tradition of making  
gingerbread houses with  
Kate Pennington.**



## **This Year's Founders Award Recipient Is?**



### **Our Choir Director Susan Borg!!!**

Susan has contributed so much to the Fellowship since she and Rashi moved to Bristol Maine from Vermont. She is not only our sterling Choir Director, but is also a Worship Associate, held a lay-led crafting class with Rashi, and regularly is one of our zoom operators. We are so blessed to have her with us!

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### **Cupboard Clean-up Day!**

WA's and Pod people have been talking for ages about cleaning up and clarifying our cupboard and storage area at the Library. So here's an arbitrary edict: on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 2:00 pm (when the Library closes) whoever is interested in cleaning up the storage needs to be there to participate. If you can't be there but have a special treasure that you want preserved, contact Susan Borg at [susangborg@gmail.com](mailto:susangborg@gmail.com) or 563-2535. Let's do this!

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### **Membership Committee**

The next Circle Supper dinner will be hosted by Jayne Gordon at her house in Damariscotta on Friday January 26. I will create a sign up sheet in mid January which will be up for two Sundays. You might want to mark your calendar for January 26, 2024! If you want to host in February or March, just send me an email. Pat Kay, [ppsikay@earthlink.net](mailto:ppskay@earthlink.net)



## Social Justice



# MAINE IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE SERVICES

**MEIRS unites immigrants and refugees with their new Maine communities by providing the skills, support, engagement, and opportunities they need to become self-sufficient while helping them maintain their cultural identities.**

MEIRS is in particular need of winter coats for all ages for refugees settling in the Lewiston area. As many of these folks come from refugee camps in the Middle East or Africa, they are not prepared for our Maine climate. Please contact Mary Finn for pick up. Thank you

## **Gun Safety Day of Action**

**Wednesday, January 3rd**

## **State House Hall of Flags**

Mark your calendars for a Gun Safety Day of Action. Mainers from across the state will descend on the State House in Augusta to demand that our legislators pass strong gun safety legislation in the legislative session that begins that day. It's time for our legislators to hear from the vast majority of Mainers who want these bills. Showing up in numbers that display the breadth and diversity of voices on our side will be vital to passing these bills, and YOUR presence is requested!

Join us to support speakers at a press conference and then talk with lawmakers!

Show up at 9:00am; press conference starts at 9:30am in the Hall of Flags. Be sure to arrive early to come through security and make your way to the Hall of Flags.

## **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 12 noon 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)

### **It's Diaper Drive time again!**

The fellowship will be collecting diapers for the Ecumenical pantry in the month of December. Please bring diapers of all sizes, (even adult diapers are needed) to either fellowship on a Sunday or drop off at Damariscotta Dental.

Tiffany Vencile - [willeywonka@hotmail.com](mailto:willeywonka@hotmail.com) or Rosie Davis - [rosiedavis@gmail.com](mailto:rosiedavis@gmail.com) can be contacted if you need help with drop off or have any questions.



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