

## Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

### Worship Invitation January 14, 2024



#### **January 14: "Dream On"**

Rev. Mark W. Harris

Many of us associate Martin Luther King with his famous "I Have a Dream" sermon, but five years after the March on Washington, the year he was assassinated, he delivered a sermon called "Unfulfilled Dreams." Here he reminds us that much of life consists of plans and hopes that never reach fulfillment. Yet we often learn that it is that the planning that brings hope to our lives. Sure, we like to celebrate our accomplishments, but it is often the unfulfilled dreams that keep us striving towards justice.

#### **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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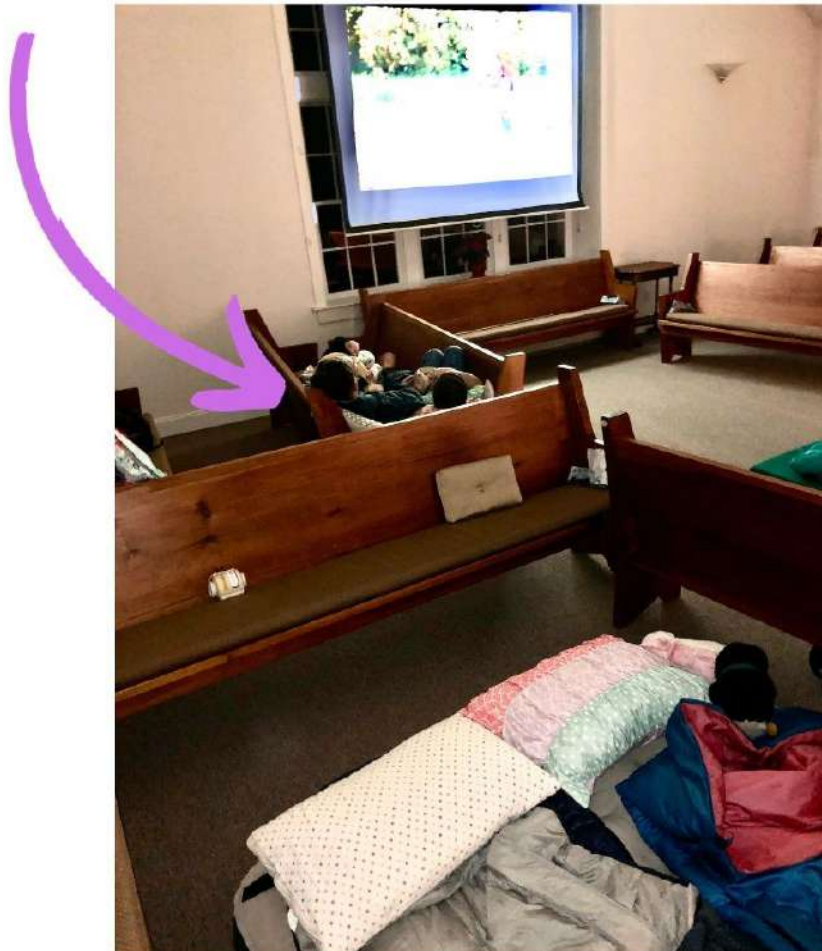
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## YoUUth Explorers

The YoUUth Explorers had their first overnight at the Friends' Meeting House. Liz Greenleaf and Carney McRae chaperoned, and Tiffany Vencile cooked breakfast for the crew. We had supper together and played some board games, then watched the movie, "Up," before heading to bed (note that I did not say sleep because do you really sleep at a sleepover?). The photo shows where some of the kids camped out for the movie, pulling the pews together, and in the foreground was one of the sleeping areas they created. On Saturday morning we had a delicious breakfast and then created vision boards. We ended the sleepover with a walk over at Salt Bay Farm. One of the youth suggested a monthly sleepover - yikes!

### Youth Overnight last weekend



## Board of Trustees

The 2024 Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Board of Trustees, elected by Fellowship members at the Annual Meeting on December 10, 2023, met for the first time on Thursday, January 11, 2024. The election of officers took place during the meeting, with the following results:

**President:** David Bilski

**Vice President** - Patti Anderson

**Treasurer** - Ron Hiser

**Secretary** - Penny Ziarnik



Rosie Davis, Michael Mason, and Tiffany Vencile also serve on the 2024 MUUF Board.

Thank you for your confidence in us!

Sincerely,

Penny Ziarnik

Secretary

## Membership Committee

### Circle Supper sign up



Jayne Gordon is serving a chicken main dish to a lucky group on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up for the January Circle Supper after church on the next two Sundays, January 14 and 21<sup>st</sup>. In February Carol Delaney has offered to host a group at her place. We can keep this going until Spring arrives!

Let me know if you can host in March or April. Pat Kay [ppskay@earthlinki.net](mailto:ppskay@earthlinki.net)

## Social Justice

# Book and Film Discussions on Black History and Anti-Racism

### January

Lesser-known speeches and writings of Dr. King  
Short materials, all free and available on the internet

### February

PBS documentary *Driving While Black*  
Film is free to watch on PBS.org

### March/April

Books on addressing extremism

Your choice of reading:

*Breaking Hate, White American Youth, Rising Out of Hatred*

### May/June

Books about "The Green Book" and the intersections of travel and race in U.S. history

Your choice of reading:

*Driving While Black, Overground Railroad, How the Word Is Passed*

All discussions are free  
And open to the public

Both Zoom and in person options

*You are welcome to join for any number of the*

Email **[paperandshells@gmail.com](mailto:paperandshells@gmail.com)**  
to register or for more details

*Discussion series led by Leigh Anne Keichline, a local educator and discussion facilitator*

## **Join a MUUSAN Action Team for the 2024 Legislative Session!**

Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) has been actively engaged in reshaping our Action Team (formerly Issue Group) Advocacy to fit with the current issues that are of greatest importance to the Maine UU community.

**In 2024 we will have 5 different Action Teams:**

- **Gun Safety and Violence Prevention**
- **Wabanaki Sovereignty**
- **Climate Action**
- **Democracy in Action**
- **Housing and Homelessness**
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If you are interested in joining the Action Team for **Gun Safety and Violence Prevention** (first meeting on Zoom 4pm on Monday, January 8th) OR **Housing and Homelessness**, please email (with your name and contact information): Reba at [admin@muusan.org](mailto:admin@muusan.org)

If you are interested in joining the **Democracy in Action Team**, please email (with your name and contact information): Betsy Williams at [bwilliams120@gmail.com](mailto:bwilliams120@gmail.com)

If you are interested in joining the **Climate Action Team**, please email (with your name and contact information): Jill Linzee at [jlinzee@comcast.net](mailto:jlinzee@comcast.net)

If you are interested in joining the **Wabanaki Sovereignty Action Team**, please email (with your name and contact information): Meret Bainbridge at [meretbainbridge@gmail.com](mailto:meretbainbridge@gmail.com)

You can join more than one team if you wish. If you're interested but not yet sure you want to "join," then send your information to the contact for the Team you're interested in, and they will invite you to join a Team meeting where you can learn more about it.

MUUSAN's Action Teams meet regularly while the Maine State Legislature is in session (this year it will be January to early May), identify legislation they wish to have MUUSAN advocate for, and plan advocacy actions such as testifying for bills, writing letters to the editor, lobbying legislators, and joining rallies in Augusta.

**You can really make a difference on issues that you care about!**



## **People United Against Racism**

### **PUAR Calendar**

See PUAR's January calendar for events and workshops relating to anti-racism on the Midcoast or across Maine. [Click here to view the calendar.](#) In two weeks, we will compile February's calendar — please send us any events, workshops, discussions, etc. you think we should include.

### **Open PUAR Meeting in February**

General interest PUAR meeting in February, after the successful turnout last April. We hope to build some momentum this winter/spring by holding several meetings. Share your voice with us — we look forward to hearing from you. Dates and more info to come.

### **Writings of MLK discussions through Skidompha library:**

**Mon. Jan. 22 at 6 pm on Zoom.** Facilitated discussions are offered on a few lesser-known speeches/writings of Dr. Martin Luther King. Readings will be short, and all materials are free on the internet (or through the library). Email [paperandshells@gmail.com](mailto:paperandshells@gmail.com) for more details and/or to sign up. Please put "January MLK discussions" in the subject line of your email.

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**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.

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