

Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation February 4, 2024



February 4: Celebrating Life

Rev. Mark Glovin

This worship will serve as a reminder that there is beauty even in the midst of hard times. We'll take a moment this Sunday to remember: to remember our connection to each other and the world, to remember that ours is a life giving faith and to remember that even as we are called to heal the world, we are also called to love the world.

LIVE AT SKIDOMPHA LIBRARY AT 10:30 AM

We will continue to operate our high capacity Blueair air purifiers in Porter Hall during services. You may also join us via Zoom.

4:00 pm using the zoom link below:

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

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Dear Midcoast friends and members,



I hope this finds you all warm and well as we get ready to bid farewell to January.

Fingers crossed that you'll be able to welcome the Rev. Mark Glovin to your service this coming Sunday, February 4th.

He had been scheduled to join you in early January when the service was cancelled due to snow!

I know you will enjoy hearing his words of wisdom this week, barring another storm.

AND, I am looking forward to joining you myself the following week, February 11th.

I hope you will be able to stay after the service for a conversation and catch-up.

Your new Board is busily getting organized and we want to make sure you are all up-to-date on plans for the year!



See you soon.

Rev. Anne

Share the Plate



The Share the Plate recipient this month is the Ecumenical Food Pantry (EFP). The EFP helps community members of Damariscotta and Newcastle, as well as Waldoboro and surrounding communities by providing needed food.

Maine has the second highest rate of food insecurity in New England, and 35th in the nation and our local food pantry in 2023 helped secure food for 665 of our neighbors. EFP operates out of the Congregational Church in Newcastle, and is assisted by the sponsorship of surrounding congregations, including us. We have sponsored this organization for 15 years, committing to providing volunteers and resources as well as serving on the EFP's board. At present, Diane Morrison of our Fellowship is serving on the board and volunteers as well.

Our donations go toward purchasing staples, like eggs, cheese, milk, and meat at a reduced cost—every dollar donated is turned into two dollars of food. You can learn more about this organization by going to our website, and clicking on Social Justice. This will take you to Share the Plate with a link to recipients' websites.

Membership Committee



January Circle Supper at Jayne Gordon's

"Thanks for sharing your home & chicken dish & snacks with us. All the food was great!"Kay Miller

"Thank you, Jayne for hosting and thank you to everyone for bringing wonderful food. Pat, thank you for starting the Circle Suppers! Last night was really fun!"Geoff Tilden

MUUSAN

[Register here](#) to attend MUUSAN's February 10th, 2024 Network Meeting

Advocating for New Gun Safety Laws for Maine in 2024

Guest speakers will include:

Senator Anne Carney- Chair of the Judiciary Committee and co-chair of the gun safety caucus. Senator Carney will speak about the key gun safety bills before the Maine Legislature in 2024.

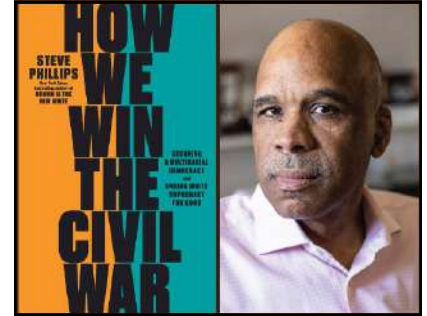
Betsy Sweet- Lobbyist for the Maine Gun Safety Coalition. Betsy will talk about how we can advocate most effectively for these important gun safety bills.

Social Justice

How We Win the Civil War: Securing a Multiracial Democracy and Ending White Supremacy for Good

With Steve Phillips, NYT bestselling author

Chalice Lighting by Paula Cole Jones



Tuesday, February 6

7:30 pm ET • 6:30pm CT • 5:30 pm MT • 4:30pm PT

Via Zoom: [RSVP here](#)

UUSJ is thrilled to announce a talk by national bestselling author, columnist, and political commentator Steve Phillips about his new book *How We Win the Civil War: Securing a Multiracial Democracy and Ending White Supremacy for Good*.

Phillips hosts “Democracy in Color with Steve Phillips,” a color-conscious podcast on politics. He is a regular columnist for *The Nation* and *The Guardian* and has appeared for the *New York Times*, NBC, CNN, MSNBC, and C-SPAN. Phillips graduated from Stanford University and the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, and practiced civil rights and employment law for many years. He lives in San Francisco.

In this book, Phillips warns that the Confederates never stopped fighting the Civil War and that conservatives are taking full advantage of this reality. He then charts the way forward in the post-Trump era, arguing that progressives must recognize the true nature of the fight we’re in to create a truly multiracial democracy and rid our politics of white supremacy, once and for all.

People United Against Racism

People United Against Racism will be holding in-person (and Zoom) meetings throughout 2024.

Our first 2024 People United Against Racism meeting:

Monday February 26 at 5:30 pm

**Friends Meetinghouse
77 Belvedere Rd. Damariscotta
*Light snacks provided***

Whether you can join meetings occasionally or with more regularity,
we welcome your voice and your contributions.

If you can't make this one but truly want to make future PUAR meetings....
please let us know days/times that work for you in March. If Zoom is better for you, we'd love to know that, too. We hope to have more in-person and Zoom options throughout the spring, and want to include folks who are truly interested.

RSVP to peopleuar@gmail.com so we can have a rough headcount -- but joining on the 26th without RSVPing is okay too! We had a good turnout in April, and hope to see both familiar and new faces. You're welcome to bring along friends and family as well.

A range of skills, styles, contributions, voices, and ideas are vital in the sustainability of this work -- so come as you are and bring what you can!



It's Diaper Drive time again!!!



During the month of February, we will again be supporting local families by donating diapers and menstrual supplies to the diaper bank! Diapers and menstrual supplies are expensive, and not every family can afford these necessities. Let's show our support for our neighbors by helping to ease this worry. The tote is on the porch at Damariscotta Dental to put your donations in. Thank you!

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