

Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation February 18, 2024



February 18: From Courage to Resilience with Rev. Christina Sillari

How do we muster courage in these difficult times? How can we be resilient when the world around us seems to be falling apart? Come and explore how we can move from courage to resilience as people of faith.

Quote: Tara Brach “May whatever arises in my life; may this serve the awakening of my heart.”

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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YoUUth Explorers

Our Wednesday night YoUUth Explorers looked at justice and equity. We used [Intergroup Monopoly Rules](#) to quickly create inequity among players. This was an activity suggested in our Soul Matters Middle School packet. Learn more about this activity and some history about Monopoly. [Click here.](#)



“Equality is treating everyone the same. But equity is taking differences into account, so everyone has a chance to succeed.”

Jodi Picoult

Membership Committee - Circle Suppers

Save the date, Saturday March 16th. Jennifer Ober is hosting the next Circle Supper (luncheon) at 1:00pm on that day. She is going to serve assorted homemade quiches. I will have a sign up sheet at the Service the first two Sundays in March. Pat Kay ppskay@earthlink.net. home phone 207 677 2141



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 Nobleboro 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.

Diaper Donations

Thank you for the diaper donations, they are getting put to good use!

from Sue Rockwood, Quaker Meeting House (where the
diapers are stored before distribution)



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!



Social Justice

Did you miss Saturday's inspiring Network Meeting: **Advocating for New Gun Safety Laws for Maine?** **[Click here to watch the recording!](#)**

& the next Gun Safety Action Team Meeting is Thursday, Feb 22, 4:30-5:30pm at [this](#) Zoom link.

- **Climate Action Team Priority Bill for 2024 - LD 2077: *An Act Regarding Customer Costs and the Environmental and Health Effects of Natural Gas*** **[Link to Fact Sheet for LD 2077](#)**

ACTION: Please ask your state legislators to support LD 2077

- Fund 4 environmental bills still stuck in Appropriations (they passed in 2023)

ACTION: Take easy action by [signing petition](#) on MCVoters website

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