

MUUFLETTER for May

Newsletter from Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

SUNDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Always at 10:30 a.m.

*Porter Meeting Hall, Skidompha Library
Entrance on Elm St., Damariscotta*

May's theme: Religious Literacy!



May 6: Come join us as we celebrate Beltane: a Celtic earth-centered pagan celebration, along

with the 35th anniversary of our Fellowship! We will be honoring the end of winter and the beginning of the planting season, SPRING. As we honor our founding members we will connect old with new in the ritual of life, and will even have a May Pole dance (and there will be cake!)

May 13: Mother's of the Generations – a tribute to Mother's led by worship associate Courtney Belolan. We call upon stories, ancient and new, to show us how mothers have found power in powerlessness and how they invite us to be agents of transformation in our own time and place.



May 20: Our guest speaker will be **Molly Brewer**, the ministerial intern at the First Universalist Church of Auburn. She is a candidate for the Unitarian Universalist Ministry and a seminarian at Meadville Lombard Theological School.

*Today's Share the Plate offering will be donated to **Healthy Kids**, your child abuse prevention organization.*

May 27: Why the Principles are Not Religious - Led by Rev. Erika Hewitt



Caity Bogdan

Presidents Corner

Dearest Fellowship & Friends,

Finally the weather seems to be turning! As we dive into summer I hope everyone has excellent plans, either here with the

Fellowship, or for some adventures further away. The Fellowship as always will hold services through the summer.

The slow summer season is a good time to reflect on our plans for the future. The Fellowship has matured a lot in the past few years in many ways, but there are still more opportunities and decisions ahead of us. The Board feels that for many of these next decisions it is really important for us to touch base with the congregation and hear your thoughts and opinions. To do this we've created a congregational survey and are asking for your participation. The survey is going to be done online, so you can find it here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/OdtJkmHrV5MI7S3v2>

If you are uncomfortable with filling the survey out online, or have questions, members of the Board will be available after service on May 6th with hard copies and to answer questions.

The questions in the survey relate to how we are fulfilling our mission, worship, questions about our physical space and some financial priorities for the future. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete, so we would really appreciate your time and consideration. The survey will be closed on May 14th.

Hoping you all are able to enjoy the weather and we will see you around!

In Faith, Caity Bogdan



MUUF RE news for May

Spirit Play Stories for May will reflect the theme of Religious Literacy.

/Carney Doucette

May 6 – Multigenerational service – children attend worship – Happy Anniversary to MUUF!

May 13 – An Infinity of Questions – Maria Mitchell

May 20 – Ways to Pray

May 27 – A House for God

Thank you to everyone who donated pet products to our Earth Day pet products hunt! The children had fun finding the items hidden in the children’s library (all except one). And the Lomas’ took the items to donate to the Lincoln County Animal Shelter.



OWL K-2 group activity



Earth Day pet products hunt



Earth Day pet remembrance



Blessing of the animals

Annual MUUF YAHD SALE / BAKE SALE
Saturday, June 23 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
236 Academy Hill, Newcastle

Spring cleaning time is also a time to find new homes for unused or no longer needed items, a time to “de-clutter”. David & Sylvia Bailey have again volunteered to host the sale. Thanks David! Their “Pond House” already has some items stored for this year. You will have access to bring your items there (on your left at the bottom of their driveway). Sandy Barth has also again agreed to head up the bake sale. Thanks Sandy!

Anxious to volunteer to help set-up on that Friday, or the day of? We need all the help we can get. Sign-up sheet will be available after Sunday services.

[FREE! REGISTER NOW!](#)

**Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network
SPRING CONFERENCE**

& Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 12, 2018

9:30-3:00, delicious lunch provided

**UU Community Church of Augusta
69 Winthrop Street, Augusta, ME 04330**

9:30 Registration

**10:00-3:00 Worship, Keynote, Lunch, Meeting, Issue Groups, Connecting,
MUUSAN Review and Looking Forward**

In challenging times, we need each other more than ever! It is GOOD to come together — for strength, for laughter, for reviewing accomplishments, sharing passion, loving justice and breaking bread together.

Given the recent abrupt Maine legislative shut-down leaving over 100 bills in limbo, and the refusal of some Representatives to allow the legislature to tackle many of the high priority issues for which Unitarian Universalists have so compassionately advocated, it is timely that MUUSAN's keynote speaker will help us think creatively about the notion that "Sometimes there is only the hard way."

The social justice work of MUUSAN and our Maine UU churches and members will prevail if we continue the hard work, the holy work, of showing up. Join us as we gather together to live our faith in action at this critical time.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen, Senior Strategist of Side with Love, is a Unitarian Universalist minister, queer Vietnamese-American and proud Midwesterner. She resources religious leaders, supports racial justice work, and develops programs that serve UU youth and young adults of color. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Rev. Nguyen is affiliated as a community minister with [First Parish in Cambridge, UU](#). She was a founding member of the Lucy Stone Cooperative.

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF INSPIRATION AND RENEWAL!

[PLEASE REGISTER](#) by Thursday, May 10.

FREE — please help us plan food and materials.

FACEBOOK EVENT [here](#) — invite friends and church mates.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Hospitality/Membership Corner

We did not have much luck with the Circle Suppers this winter due to the frequent

Sandy Barth storms and the cold that made everyone (except real winter lovers) want to hibernate inside. So now that it really is Spring, we'll try again. Let Sandy know if you'd like to host a dinner and we'll get sign-up sheets out on Sunday mornings.

Also this month we'll resume our late afternoon "Snack and Chat" get-togethers at Newcastle Publick House. Mark your calendars for Thursday afternoon, May 24th from 4 - 6 pm.



The Sunday afternoon walks have not had a great response. Three of us walked Ocean Point on April 22nd, a lovely Spring afternoon. Above is a picture taken on the walk. The interesting thing about the picture is that it is looking out to Fisherman's Island. The long stone building sitting on top of the island was a Unitarian Retreat House for many years. It matches the Wilson

Memorial Chapel, the stone chapel on Ocean Point Road which was built by John Wilson's grandfather, a Unitarian minister. John (Jack) and Marcia Wilson were founding members of the Fellowship. Jack served as your Treasurer for a number of years.

From now on we'll do it on a more spontaneous basis. Sandy has collected names and is happy to give those out if you have particular date and place you would like to visit.

We have a good roster of people willing to Greet on Sunday mornings, but especially with summer coming, it would be great to have more names so we can spread out the dates and also have substitutes so if something comes up at the last minute there will still be coverage. It is a good way to greet everyone on Sunday mornings and get to put names with faces, both new and old.

If you've been coming for awhile and embrace our mission and principles, we'd love to have you sign our Membership Book. We'll be having a formal Membership Ceremony as part of a Sunday morning service later this Spring for those that have signed the book in the past 6 months or sign in the next few weeks.

The best way to get to know us is to come, see, think and explore with us either by attending Sunday worship or any of the other activities we offer. Your suggestions are always welcome for adding to our warm community and this positive faith.

Sandy Barth sbarth1942@gmail.com

April Share the Plate Recipient - CHIP



Brittany Gill & Bob Whitmire

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health coverage to eligible children, through both Medicaid and separate CHIP programs. CHIP is administered by states, according to federal requirements. The program is funded jointly by states and the federal government.

Winter hours in effect for weekly Anti-Racism Vigils

Every Monday from 12:00 to 12:30 pm (just 30 minutes), members of our Fellowship join other Interfaith citizens at the Memorial Park adjacent to the Second Congregational Church to bear witness to the values of respect, acceptance, diversity and pluralism. Everyone welcome. (Signs provided.)

Community Suppers

Our next Community Supper is May 30th at the Congregation Church from 4:30-6pm. We are always looking for volunteers to help make food items and serve at the dinner. If you are interested in helping out please contact Tiffany Vencile at willeywonka@hotmail.com or Rosie Davis rosiesdavis@gmail.com. This community service is a nice way to get to know folks outside the fellowship. We look forward to seeing you on May 30th!

Support for Transylvania

Yarmouth UU Church and Unitarian Kalaka are sponsoring a crowd funding campaign to support three projects in Transylvania. These include a church hall addition, a playground, and renovation of a community room. Each project builds the strength of community in these minority Hungarian Unitarian villages in Romania. It is important that these threatened villages maintain their culture and their faith- where the roots of our UU faith are found and deeply lived. The campaign runs only through May 9 and can be found at <https://faithify.org/projects/raise-up-unitarian-culture-build-places-to-gather/>.

Hospitality Schedule

May 6 - (Red Pod) Rosie, Bob, Deb Lomas, Diane, Annie & Billie

May 13 - (Blue Pod) Tiffany, Joelle and Kay

May 20 - (Purple Pod) Jennifer & Dick, Robin and Bob & Joan Whitmire

May 27 - (Indigo Pod) David & Sylvia, Lindy, Stephanie & Isaac

Greeter Schedule

May 6 - David & Sylvia Bailey

May 13 - Bill Child

May 20 - Sally Sapienza

May 27 - John Adams

The MUUF Caring Team supports members and friends who might need occasional help such as a ride, a prepared and delivered meal or an errand. Contact Robin Hall, 207-380-7369, robin.hall518@gmail.com."