

MUUFLETTER for October 2018

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

October's theme: Being Human, Being Humble

Oct. 7 "Whose Culture Is It". This Columbus Day or Indigenous People's Day, our Worship Associates will look at the ways in which white colonizers appropriated and continue to appropriate attractive bits of cultures to which they do not belong but feel entitled.

Oct. 14: Brave Enough - Rev. Erika Hewitt

There are all kinds of ways to be brave, and to exhibit courage, when we'd rather shrink back. What encourages you? How do we make ourselves "brave enough" to honor ourselves and one another?

Oct. 21: Reflections on Racial Justice - Led by Worship Associate Patti Anderson. Over the summer on behalf of People United Against Racism Rev. Erika Hewitt led a 6-part discussion group in our community on Ijeoma Oluo's book *So You Want to Talk About Race*. Among the topics discussed were: racism, white privilege, intersectionality, microaggressions and cultural appropriation. Although some of these words may have been new to us, they inspired an honest dialog and sharing of how racism underlies what Oluo identifies as a systemic cultural divide. Join us as we hear personal reflections on the awareness and growth these book group discussions offered.

Our **SHARE THE PLATE** will be given to the Eecumenical Food Pantry.

Oct. 28: Witch Hunts, Then and Now - Rev. Erika Hewitt

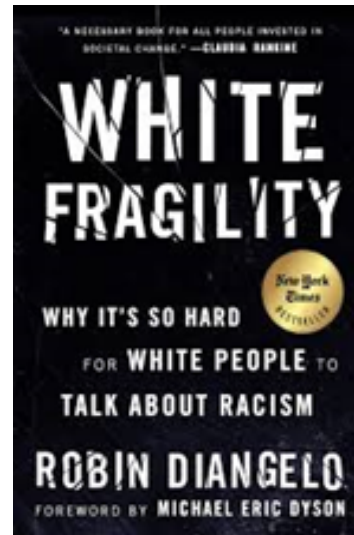


Two centuries before the Salem Witch Trials resulted in the deaths of 20 people, the *Malleus Maleficarum* ("The Hammer of Witches") fueled a European witchcraze that resulted in the persecutions and deaths of tens of thousands of women. What fueled these witch hunts of the past, and what do modern "witch hunts" look like?

Nov. 4 - Rev. Aisha Ansano, guest minister

Daylight Savings — set clocks back one hour.

*THE MINISTER'S COLUMN
WILL RETURN TO THIS SPACE
IN NOVEMBER*



**"White
Fragility"
Book
Discussion
begins
Oct. 8**

Mondays in October & November, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Led by Rev. Erika Hewitt at Second Congregational Church, Newcastle.

In this book (published by our UUA publishing house, Beacon Press), Dr. Robin DiAngelo challenges readers — particularly those of us who identify as politically progressive — to reflect on how we've been socialized to understand racism as something only "bad" people intentionally participate in. The book helps white people confront the role they play in perpetuating racism (whether they're aware of it or not), address their own white fragility, and engage more constructively in conversations about racism.

Meeting #1: October 8th
Foreword, Introduction, Chapters 1-2 (pp. ix-38)

Meeting #2: October 22nd facilitated by Bob Whitmire
Chapters 3-5 (pp. 39-69)

Meeting #3: November 12th
Chapters 6-8 (pp. 71-113)

Meeting #4: November 26th
Chapters 9-12 (pp. 115-154)

Message from the President



Greetings friends,

October is here and your board is working hard for our Fellowship as we attend to our annual business, fulfill our pledges for 2018 and start considering our pledges for 2019.

As we head towards the end of 2018, we ask that you review your remaining pledge amounts and pay in full as soon as you're able. If you're not sure of your remaining amount please contact our treasurer, Dick Ober at treasurer@uumid-coast.org

Your pledge forms for 2019 will be mailed out and will also be available at Fellowship. We ask that you return your pledge forms by October 14th, to enable us to finalize the budget for 2019.

I actually love this time in our Fellowship. I like to reflect on the past year and it allows me time to look at everything that has been made possible for our Fellowship through our pledges.

It feels so good to be a part of something that offers inspiring and challenging sermons and services and joyful music provided by Kevin and visiting guests. I see the Social Justice work that we have been a part of within our Fellowship and the Community. I see how Mason benefits from our Religious Exploration Program as well as the other children enabling and encouraging them to be free thinkers and to question all.

Without our pledges our Fellowship would not be able to thrive. I know we want to do so much more, be it our own worship space, enabling RE to grow, being more present in the community and supporting Social Justice even more than we do now.

These are but a few of my personal reasons to pledge.

I ask you all; please think about what our Fellowship means to you, what you get from being a part of us and how you would like to see the Fellowship grow.

Your Board and Minister have made these reflections and have made their pledges for 2019 at a cumulative amount of \$14,725!

Please remember you do not need to be members to pledge but you do to vote at the annual meeting on Sunday November 11th after service.

In faith,

Rosie x

Please take note of two special events that MUUF is sponsoring: an open mic fundraiser and a special movie on Native American reconciliation in Maine.

All the information is in this newsletter.

Hospitality Schedule

October 7 - Purple Pod: Jennier & Dick, Robin, Bob & Joan

October 14 - Indigo Pod - Lindy, Stephanie & Isaac

October 21 - Green Pod - Kate, Phyllis, Deb Arter, Tim & Karen

October 28 - Red Pod - Rosie, Bob & Deb Lomas

November 4 - Blue Pod - Tiffany, Joelle & Kay

2019 Share the Plate Nominations Welcome Now

Our Fellowship takes pride in dedicating the financial donations collected during one worship service each month to a designated local non-profit organization. Nominations are now being accepted during the month of October. Clip boards will be available after each October service and all members of the Fellowship are eligible to nominate organizations that meet the following criteria: Non-profit organizations with a Social Justice mission serving the Lincoln County community.

The commonly held definition of social justice is the fair and just relation between the individual and society. In the current global grassroots movements for social justice, the emphasis has been on the breaking of barriers for social mobility, the creation of safety nets, and economic justice. Including a requirement to serve Lincoln County enables the Fellowship to strengthen ties to local organizations. In addition, there will be two open slots the Board can choose for organizations that may have a broader reach.

Once nominations close on October 28, the Fellowship's Social Justice Committee will re-view the nominations for eligibility criteria and diversity and recommend 10 organizations for the Board to approve and announce at the November 11th Annual Meeting.

Please remember to sign the nomination form for each organization you nominate so a member of the Social Justice Committee can contact you in case more information is needed.

Please contact Julia Fitz-Randolph, Chair of the Social Justice Committee at jfitz-ra@aol.com with your questions or concerns.

MUUF RE news for October



Carney McRae Doucette,
director of
Religious Exploration

October 7 - **Pumpkin Fest - Voting** - Get out & vote! Today the group will take a walk down Main Street and vote on pumpkin decorating based on different categories developed by Caitlin & Dylan Lomas. Wear appropriate outdoor weather gear.

October 14 - *La Hormiguita* (Little Ant) – We will prepare for presentation of this mini-play about humility.

October 21 - *La Hormiguita* - We will practice this play, and then present it following worship, during hospitality hour.

October 28 - All People Need a Voice

Family Campout Coming Up

Come to a Family Campout on Saturday, October 20, starting at 4:30 p.m. We will be camping at Carol & Chris Robin's house in their field. We'll set up our tents, have dinner (bring your own), and then s'mores (provided) over the campfire. Bring stories and songs to share. We'll have a group breakfast, pack up and head to MUUF for worship and RE. That morning, we'll practice the play, *La Hormiguita*, and present it during hospitality hour. Please email Carney if your family plans to attend the campout with # of adults and children. Rockland UU families have been invited to participate as well. This is fair-weather camping, so if it rains, we will try again another time.



*Enjoying the MUUF family picnic on Sept. 16
picnic photos by Carney*

Hospitality/Membership Corner

With the onset of September, the large number of visitors and relatives that visited the Fellowship over the summer has diminished. But please don't get complacent about warmly welcoming anyone new that comes on a Sunday morning. The Atrium at the library is proving to be a much better space for mingling and conversation. It's very easy to slip out the door after the Service, so please make sure to invite anyone new to stay for coffee and conversation in the Atrium and introduce them to others.

The Annual Meeting is coming up on November 11th after the morning Service. While anyone may stay for the meeting, only members will be able to vote. If you have been attending the Fellowship for awhile, generally support our Principles, and would like to become more involved, we would love to have you join by signing the Membership Book. Speak to Sandy or Rev. Erika. A formal Membership Ceremony will be held later in the Fall.

Thanks to the Robins' for hosting another fun Fellowship picnic at their Whitefield farm on September 16th. It was a warm, sunny afternoon with the kids being able to enjoy the Pond and the adults able to sit outside or inside and converse. And the food was good.

Now that the weather has turned a bit cooler and crisper, it's time to plan another Sunday afternoon walk/hike. There are a few preserves in the Newcastle/Bristol area that are not well-known and would be fun and relatively easy to explore. Sunday, October 21st is a possibility if the weather cooperates. Let me know if you would like to be added to the list.

For any questions on hospitality or membership don't hesitate to ask me or Rev. Erika.

Sandy Barth sbarth1942@gmail.com



Plenty of delicious food at our picnic

***Dawnland* Movie at the Lincoln Theater Oct. 10**

The newly released, nationally acclaimed full-length documentary, *Dawnland*, is showing at the Lincoln Theater, Wednesday, October 10 at 2 and 7 pm. *Dawnland* tells the story of the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission—the nation's first government-sanctioned TRC. For over two years, Native and non-Native commissioners travel across Maine. They gather testimony and bear witness to the devastating impact of the state's child welfare practices on families in the Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribes, collectively, the Wabanaki people. More information and trailer:

upstanderproject.org/dawnland

Penobscot Nation member Dawn Neptune Adams, who shares some of her personal story in the documentary, will be at both showings in person and will introduce the film, and provide reflections and facilitate audience questions and comments at the film's conclusion. Joining Adams for the two shows will be Tom Reynolds and Erika Bjorum, representatives of Maine-Wabanaki REACH, the organization that established and oversaw the Maine Truth and Reconciliation Commission process. Today REACH continues the TRC work through education and support to both Native and non-Native communities in Maine.

Tickets for the program are \$6 for Lincoln Theater members and youth 18 and under; \$8 for adults. **The first 30 high-school students, presenting a student ID at either performance, will be admitted free, thanks to a scholarship, generously funded by the Social Justice Committee of Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.** Our partner organization, People United Against Racism, is a sponsor of the event, helping with other area groups to raise an honorarium for Dawn Neptune Adams. This is a very important event for us all in so many ways. Please be sure to attend and encourage your friends and neighbors to attend—especially high-school youth, who can get in free.

Lindy Gifford

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

in UU World fall issue

Our former part-time minister, the Rev. Danielle Assunta Di Bona, received the UUA's 2018 award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Unitarian Universalism, the association's highest honor, for her more than 30 years of service to the faith. It was presented at the General Assembly

COMMUNITY SUPPER DATE CHANGE

Our next Community Supper is Wednesday October 24th! (*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!*) at the Congregation Church from 4:30-6pm. Our original supper date was Oct 31st. Due to the fact that many of our families participate in community supper we decided to switch with another church to allow our families to partake in Halloween.

Please come help us serve those less fortunate with a hearty meal and a warm smile. 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 willeymwonka@hotmail.com--207-551-9248 or Rosie Davis rosiesdavis@gmail.com

This community service is a nice way to get to know folks outside the Fellowship as well as connect with our own members while doing service work. We look forward to seeing you on October 24th!



*The
Water
Communion
service
on Sept. 16
with
participation
by both
adult
members
and
children*



Community Open Mic

All Ages Invited to Perform

Proceeds to Benefit the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



Sunday, Oct. 14



3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

at

Mobius, 319 Main Street, Damariscotta

Featured Entertainer

Singer/Songwriter Kathi Nordone



Living in Maine for 10 years, Kathi is reaching new listeners everywhere with her original tender yet soulful songs and warm friendly voice.

Most recently she performed at The Union Farmers Market, Fryeburg and Union Fairs, The Bradley Inn, Joe Lane Lobsterman's, The Little Brown Church in Round Pond and now every Sunday at the Saint George River Café in Warren. Her most recent album "Beauty is Bigger" (Greater Than Gold) was recorded in Austin, Texas with Ace in the Hole, George Strait's band.

Performer's Registration fee: \$5 / General Admission: \$10

For more information contact
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