

Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

"This is Who We Are"

January 17, 2021



Rev. Molly Brewer (fae/faer/faers). Following the invasion of the U.S. Capitol building On. Jan. 6, the refrain "this isn't who we are!" has been commonly shared on social media. But in the United States, white supremacist violence has been a part of our nation's character since before its founding. What can reaching back into history teach us about where the U.S and Unitarian Universalism have made mistakes, and what can it tell us about the way forward?

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 966 8622 0659

Dial in: 929 205 6099

Upcoming Worship

Jan. 24: Rev. Peter Richardson: "Becoming Human". Our human nature has not always been as it is now. We are part of a dramatic emergence on this planet, still underway. Given the events of Jan. 6, wouldn't you suspect we have more work to do?

Ordained in 1965, Richardson served UU Congregations in Kent, OH, Midland, TX, Needham and Andover, MA, and Kennebunk, ME. He has led workshops on psychological type in 4 countries including 13 U.S. states. He has authored eight books on U.U. history, psychological type and spirituality, poetry, and global religion and history, including most recently, *Our Origin Story*, in 2020. He was present at the founding meeting of the Midcoast Fellowship in 1982. He and his wife, Eleanor, live in Rockland, ME and Naples, FL.

Jan. 31: Choose Your Own Adventure

Stewardship

If you haven't pledged yet, please do so as soon as possible. The Pledge link is below. If you just want to make a donation to MUUF, please use the Anytime Donation Link. The Board of Trustees asks each of us to stop for a moment and consider how much this Fellowship means to us personally, and to give accordingly. We are extremely grateful for your support.

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Social Justice Announcements

Special hour long vigil for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

12 to 1 pm, Monday January 18

Veterans Memorial Park in Newcastle.

Bring your own signs or pick one up by the back door
at Second Congregational Church.

Please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

Religious Exploration

UUA kicks off our annual 30 Days of Love celebration

This is a time to gather and learn from each other and movement leaders, and listen for the ways that love is calling us to show up in the world and for each other.

This year, 30 Days of Love will focus on four themes from the Commission on Institutional Change's report [*Widening the Circle of Concern*](#), reminding us that liberation in the wider world is indelibly connected to liberation within ourselves.

Each week of 30 Days of Love, there will be a weekly theme with a menu of do-it-yourself activities for all ages in the following categories:

- Read: Articles, book excerpts, poems,
- Watch: Videos, concerts and roundtables discussion
- Participate: Artist workshops, writings and actions
- Listen: Music, meditation, lectures, poetry
- Worship: Worship moments - alone or together - to refuel

Click here for this week's activities:

[January 17 – 23: Living Our Values in the World](#)

About Us

Rev. Donna Dolham's mother died on December 29th. Donna is a former member and former president of the Fellowship. After leaving us a few years ago, she received her divinity degree at Andover Newton Theological School, was ordained and did an interim ministry in Texas. She's back in Maine and serving as the minister of Allen Avenue UU Church in Portland. Donna's dad died while she was serving as our president and the Fellowship gave her a lovely prayer quilt made by Janet Elwin. The Dolhams had a blueberry farm in

Union that was the source of blueberries for the Fellowship's Blueberry Festivals that were held in August for several years. Donna and wife Kate's address in Portland is 87 Delaware Court, Portland, ME 04103.

Janet Elwin fell on ice last week and fractured an ankle. She is home under Bud's care but is facing surgery at Lincoln Health-Miles on Tuesday. Their address is 81 Prentiss Cove Road, Walpole, ME 04573. Email is janetelwin@gmail.com.