

Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

“A Whole New World”

April 11, 2021



Sara Klockwoski “A Whole New World”

On the other side of Easter, the early Jesus movement sought to build a new world where “there was not a needy person among them,” and “everything was held in common.” How might this vision be manifested in our communities today? Join us on Sunday, April 11, as we wonder about what it means to live in solidarity, one choice at a time.

Raised in Massachusetts, Sarah spent most of her life in a Pentecostal tradition, the Assemblies of God. After serving five years as a Bible teacher and youth pastor on the island of Saipan, Sarah began a years-long process of faith deconstruction. Seeking to rebuild her faith on a foundation of justice and liberation, she pursued and completed a Master of Divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York. She now lives in Salem, MA and serves as Ministerial Intern at First Parish in Lincoln as she discerns a calling to ordained ministry.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96686220659>

Meeting ID: 966 8622 0659

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Upcoming Worship

April 18th: Melanie Davis

A UU Take on Faith & Miracles Language can trigger emotional responses related to a listener's spiritual journey. Faith and miracles are two hot-button words relevant to the lives and beliefs of religious liberals. Anecdotes and scientific facts build appreciation of these constructs from a non-theist perspective.

A lifelong UU, Melanie brings to your pulpit a deep understanding of and commitment to our religious movement, plus 15 years of lay speaker experience. She is the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) Our Whole Lives Program Manager, and author of Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education for Older Adults and the UU Views on Sex pamphlet. She is in the UU Trauma Response Ministry.

Stewardship

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Pastoral Care

A reminder that during this time without a minister, members of the fellowship in need of pastoral care can contact the co-chairs of the Care Committee, Sandy Barth (207-563-5565) or Joan Whitmire (207-350-6954). Either of them can establish contact with Rev. Charles Stephens.

Religious Exploration

This weekend is virtual RE time!

This weekend, April 10-11, we have our next sessions for virtual Religious Exploration for children and youth. ChUUrhcrafft World Religions is at 4 p.m. on Saturday, and Lucie Bauer will be joining us to talk about Buddhism; and Widen Your World Social Justice with youth is 4 p.m. on Sunday, checking in and making plans for some meet-ups outside. The April Books & Cooks Cultural Cooking packet was sent out with a story from Argentina about the magic carob tree. Carney will send reminder links to each session.

Letters continue to be exchanged in the Mystery Friends Pen Pal program. And Carney enjoyed delivering Easter eggs to RE children in the Fellowship!

Social Justice

Action for our Second UU Principle: Equity, Equality and Compassion in Human Relations.

We have a unique opportunity to honor our second UU principle by taking action for our Wabanaki neighbors who are striving for sovereignty over their lands and peoples. There is a 400-year history of genocide, racism and abuse towards Native Americans by white people. In Maine, the 1980 Land Claims Act has kept the Wabanaki people separate from the 570 tribes that are acknowledged by the federal government and has caused a myriad of problems. Mary Finn is part of the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) Racial, Native and Immigrant Justice team and these are actions you can take.

1. Read and learn more on the wabanakialliance.com website.
2. Sign the petition in the website supporting Tribal Sovereignty.

3. Contact your legislators now, and ask them to support the passage of LD 554, "An Act to Create Gaming Equity and Fairness for the Native American Tribes in Maine."
4. Contact Mary Finn at maryefinn4@gmail.com for any questions.



Anti-racism Vigil: Every Monday noon to 12:30 pm at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park until further notice. Check [PUAR's Facebook page](#) for updates.

Sharing the Beauty of Nature

Spring is finally here! If photography is one of your passions, send your Beauty of Nature shot to news@uumidcoast.org and it will be featured in one of our mini-newsletters.