



Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

“The Wisdom Way of Jesus”

April 4, 2021



(Photo by Bill Child)

Rev. Charles Stephens, “The Wisdom Way of Jesus”

The Greeting Happy Easter is meant to be a greeting of hope and compassion. Yet, the traditional Easter Sunday message can be challenging for religious liberals. I find it helps if I approach Jesus as a wisdom teacher, with a message about the way his followers could live transformative lives. Let’s join together today, searching through the Easter Basket filled with sweet messages of radical hospitality.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 966 8622 0659

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Upcoming Worship

April 11: 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.

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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Religious Exploration

This Thursday - remember to pre-register

The Importance of Language - a zoom presentation with Sue Campbell of OUT Maine, Thursday, April 8, 6:30 pm

Discuss the importance of evolving language, deepen your understanding of terminology and why correct pronoun usage is such a powerful step towards acceptance.

Register to attend at this link: <http://bit.ly/3vb2xv8>

Why attend? Some folks have been asking why people are using different pronouns like they/them or ze/zir. As part of being a Welcoming Congregation, understanding and using correct pronoun usage sends a powerful message that we are indeed welcoming. Please bring your questions, curiosity and be ready to check out how language is evolving.



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.

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.

Successful Diaper Drive

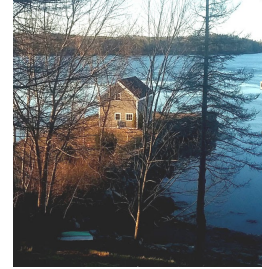
The Diaper Drive (in lieu of the Community Supper) was a rousing success! Molly Davis and Tiffany Vencile met with Sue Rockwood at the Friend's Meetinghouse Saturday to deliver **775 DIAPERS!!!!!!** Thank you to everyone who donated. This action will certainly help many local families who struggle to keep their babies diapered.



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.



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