

# Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

## *“Pentecost and Mary Magdalene”*

May 23, 2021



**Lindy Gifford** - Pentecost Sunday is today, May 23, this year. Growing up UU, I knew little about Pentecost until recently, when I decided to learn more about the Christian heritage of both Unitarianism and Universalism. Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples of Jesus, is considered to be the day the Christian church was born. The four canonical Gospels and Acts of the Apostles tell the widely accepted story of what Jesus said and how the church came to be. But there are other versions of that story, which were in wide circulation in the early years of the church. One of these is the “heretical” and long-lost Gospel of Mary Magdalene. What can this gospel tell us about the power struggles and specifically the suppression of women’s voices and influence in the early church. Can it help us access again some of the more “feminine” Divine Wisdom of Christianity which was so systematically silenced?

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

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

Meeting ID: 966 8622 0659

Telephone: Dial by your location  
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

## Upcoming Service

**May 30: Choose Your Own Adventure** - Join Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society in Middlebury, Vermont at 10 a.m. for worship on Sunday, May 30th.

**LGBTQIA+ Service** led by Jordan Young with special guests, music by Jannalee Nieuwenhuis, and the choir singing *Peace for All* by Chuck Miller with text by Lucy Tenenbaum.

Stream the service from YouTube by clicking from top of [cvuus.org](http://cvuus.org) home page OR attend via zoom clicking on <https://zoom.us/my/cvuuservice>. Followed by coffee hour on zoom.

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## Religious Exploration

Our next RE event will be on **Sunday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m.** We will be sharing how our religious exploration programs over the past year have helped us make the world a better place. **This will be a joint worship service with First Universalist Church in Rockland.** Please plan to attend – this service will have lots of visual material, including a tour of the Minecraft realm where children built different faith buildings based on their learnings. We also will be bridging our youth who are finishing up high school and heading out into the world. If you usually call in by phone and only have audio, you might want to join another congregant to share their zoom screen.

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## Stewardship

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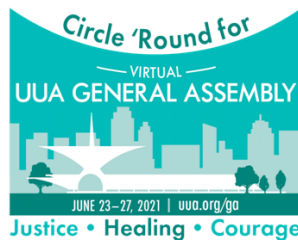
## Pastoral Care

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.

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## Social Justice

**General Assembly (GA)** is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist



Association (UUA). Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. **The 2021 UUA General Assembly a 100% virtual event being held on June 23-27, 2021!** This is an inspirational engagement and learning opportunity for UUs at any point in one's spiritual journey.

Anyone may attend and registration is \$200. The Midcoast UU Fellowship is eligible to credential two delegates who agree to be present to vote on UUA business. Once you have registered, please email Zig Ziarnik at [president@uumidcoast.org](mailto:president@uumidcoast.org) of your interest in becoming a delegate. Julia Fitz-Randolph has attended GA for the past six years and welcomes anyone to

contact her with questions and inspiration. Here's a highlight: Stacey Abrams and Desmond Meade are the Ware Lecturers this year!

For more information visit <https://www.uua.org/ga>

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**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.

