

Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Sunday July 11, 2021



Join us at 10:30 am for our service led by Rev. Ariel Aaronson-Eves

The ancient book of Leviticus lays out rules and rituals for a tribal people in search of a home and building a sense of shared identity beyond their shared experiences of oppression. It can seem like it has no bearing on our modern lives. But what lessons might it, and other sacred texts, offer us as we move through our own liminal wildernesses? How might a foundation of gratitude for abundance transform how we consider our obligations toward each other, towards the planet, and towards the divine?

Raised UU in New Jersey, Ariel Aaronson-Eves spent four glorious years farming in Arkansas before making her way to Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California, to pursue her Master's of Divinity degree. Ariel moved back east, to Maine, in 2019 to do her parish internship with the UU congregations in Castine, Ellsworth, and Belfast. Since then she has remained in Wabanaki territory, dividing her time over the past six months between family in New Hampshire and a just-completed chaplaincy internship in Bangor at Eastern Maine Medical Center. Ariel graduated from seminary this past May and was recently welcomed into Preliminary Fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 966 8622 0659

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MINI-NEWSLETTER

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is hoping you will stay after the **in-person Worship Service at the Damariscotta CLC YMCA on July 18th** for our first real social get-together in 16 months. Bring lunch for you and your family. If convenient, you could bring some snacks to share with lunch. Later you can cross the street to Round Top Dairy for an ice-cream treat. It should be an informal but fun time for all of us to catch up after a much too long period.

Upcoming Communal Opportunities

As your Membership Chair and a new Worship Associate, I am trying to figure out ways to include more of you in creating and conducting worship services. Here are two participatory opportunities for July.

First, as we look forward to our first in-person service on **July 18**, I would like to work with you to create a Responsive Reading that truly reflects our coming together at last.

To do this, I would ask each of you (all ages) to complete this phrase: **“Being together is...”** I will incorporate all your responses into one piece which will be printed in the Order of Service for us to say at our gathering with Rev. Charles under the tent at the Y. I need a little time to compose this masterpiece, so please email me your words by **July 12**.

The other time to participate will be on the following Sunday, **July 25**. I am putting together (for Zoom) a service based on the words of Henry Thoreau:

“WALKING, WORKING, WAKING: WHAT WAS THOREAU SEEKING?”

Ultimately, I want to ask what it is that WE are seeking, so the Thoreau quotes are meant to provoke us to consider our own lives. I need MUUFers to be readers - as many of you as possible. I will coordinate all the aspects of this; all you need to do is tell me if you want to join in. You will all have your scripts by July 19th, so you'll have plenty of time to practice! Again, please let me know if you would like to be a reader by **July 12**.

Thanks so much! I am excited about our upcoming communal projects, and hope you will be involved in them with me.

Email Jayne Gordon at jaynegor@gmail.com with your submissions.

Our Facebook page needs you!

Head over to the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship page on Facebook and like us. This helps to boost our visibility, and we're always eager to reach more folks. Thank you! Questions? [Contact Penny Ziarnik](#).

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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.

Social Justice

Anti-racism Vigil: Every Monday **5:00-5:30 pm** at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park until further notice. Check [PUAR's Facebook page](#) for updates.

