

Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Mini-Newsletter October 16, 2021



Upcoming Services

October 17: Rev Abigail Stockman - *“Restoring Justice”*

When I entered my graduate program last spring I thought I knew what justice was; now I am not quite as certain. A large part of our Unitarian and Universalist faith is about doing justice. And times of change are opportunities to increase justice. A well-known biblical verse, Micah 6:8, asks what does the good require of us? Part of the answer is to “do justice”. This service will reflect on “doing justice”.

Rev. Abigail Stockman (she/her/elle) describes herself as semi-retired. She has served UU Congregations in Rhode Island, NY, Maryland, NH, and Vermont, in a variety of transitional ministries. Currently she lives in Vermont’s “northeast kingdom” and once again had her socks knocked off by the magnificence of this autumn’s colors. In addition to congregational work her ministries have included hospice, prison, and justice settings. Currently she attends a graduate program in Restorative Justice. Abigail is also a harpist with the Vermont Philharmonic, a community orchestra.

Please join us at 10:30 am using the zoom link below:

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)

October 24: Imagining Our Future – Live at the Edgecomb Town Hall at 10:30 am

On Oct. 24 we'll meet in person at the Edgecomb Town Hall, where we met for 20 years before moving to the Skidompha Library. In small groups, we'll imagine our future as a Fellowship emerging from the trials and changes of the past many months. What are we evolving toward?

Bring your imagination, your ideas, your whimsy!

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**NEWS FROM YOUR WORSHIP ASSOCIATES**

Now that the CLC YMCA tent has come down, we've been without a physical space to meet, but that's about to change! On Monday, October 4, 2021, the Edgecomb Select Board voted to approve MUUF's request to meet in the Edgecomb Town Hall. (Fun fact: the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship first met in October of 1982 at the Edgecomb Town Hall, and services were held there until 2010, when the Fellowship moved to Skidompha Library.)

Members of the MUUF Board and Worship Associates visited the town hall on Tuesday, October 5 to take a look at the space and to ask the Edgecomb Town Clerk LOTS of questions. The result is that **we will have our worship service together on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at the Edgecomb Town Hall**, located at Town Hall Road in Edgecomb.

Please plan to wear a mask while indoors at the service. (Face masks will be available if you forget yours.) The building is heated, there are bathroom facilities, plenty of socially distanced seats inside, and ample space for parking your car. And it's only an 11 minute drive from downtown Damariscotta!

We are so very excited about this opportunity to be together, and most grateful to the

good people of Edgecomb for welcoming us back! Please come join us. It's a lovely place to gather.

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*We are delighted to report that, in the 2021 Fellowship survey, twelve people indicated an interest in learning more about the role of Worship Associate. That level of interest and engagement is truly wonderful. Thank you! We are looking for a few more people to help us out. So here it is - a description of what the job entails, and a list of ways in which you can be involved. Please note that **you do not need to be a computer whiz or a game show host!** We aim to work collaboratively to plan and produce Sunday services, and we even have fun in the process!*

We hope that you will consider helping us in a variety of different capacities. You don't have to be involved in all the components of what it takes to develop a Sunday service, but if any of the following interest you, talk to us! We need an array of talents all coming together to make this team effort work.

Research & Reaching Out

- Picking readings, music or stories for the service
- Finding and inviting guest ministers or speakers
- Finding MUUF members to participate in a service
- Identifying and contacting other UU churches with services on Zoom

Coordination

- Working with guest ministers or speakers to develop the service
- Coordinating the music with Kevin and Susan
- Developing services for all ages with Carney
- Organizing resources in Google Drive that can be incorporated into services
- Working as a committee to plan out the monthly calendar of services

Creation

- Creating a service around a given theme using a template
- Writing an original piece for a reading, prayer, story or personal reflection
- Writing and delivering a sermon

- Creating artwork to accompany a service, or background slides for a zoom service
- Creating a service around a highly interactive format
- Writing out hymn or responsive reading words for the Order of Service

Service Preparation

- Overseeing the physical set-up for a service
- Cleaning up after a service

Tech

- Helping set up the technical aspects of a service
- Running the tech aspects of a service (Zoom and presentation of slides)
- Providing tech assistance to other WA folks

Presentation

- Lighting and extinguishing the Chalice
- Reading the Readings
- Reading a story or leading an activity in Time for All Ages
- Leading a group exercise or break-out session

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

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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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