

Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Mini-Newsletter October 2, 2021



Upcoming Services

October 3: *“Changing The World: Charity and Justice”* led by Rev. Charles Stephens.

This seems like an important theme as we see our legislators in Washington D.C. debating and arguing over increasing the Federal budget and expanding the meaning of our country's infrastructure. And world leaders are facing serious questions that threaten the stability of our world. How and what can we do here in Midcoast Maine?

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 10: Indigenous Peoples Day - Mary Finn, Jill Linzee and Patti Anderson will lead a service in celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day. In accordance with our UU First Principle of the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and our six additional Principles we will share personal reflections, readings and music expressing our indebtedness to and our love and support for Indigenous People.

FROM YOUR WORSHIP ASSOCIATES

*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 of 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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## **Social Justice**

### **[Anti-Racism Organizing in Maine.](#)**

**Saturday, Oct. 16** -- all day, all virtual event now. The speakers lined up are excellent, and the pricing is flexible and very reasonable, given the caliber of the speakers and what value of the day seems to be:

***Info here:***

***<https://communitychangeinc.org/arom2021/>***

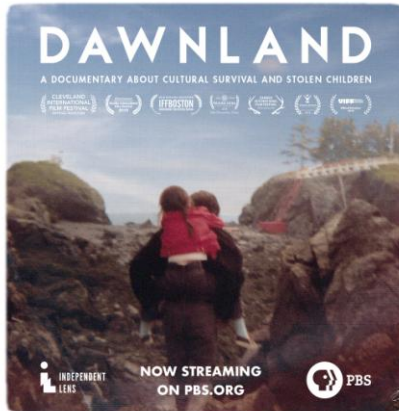
***Registration info here:***

***<https://communitychangeinc.networkforgood.com/events/33172-anti-racism-organizing-in-maine-arom-gathering-2021>***

If you've been wondering how to get more involved here in Maine, and where efforts are needed, this event could be an important event for you.

## Dawnland Film and Discussion - Indigenous People's Day - Online

October 11, 2021 6:00 PM



Don't miss this unique opportunity to engage with a few of the women who created Wabanaki REACH and the historic Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The documentary film about their work, *Dawnland*, will be available to view online prior to the panel discussion.

*Dawnland* is a documentary about the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation

Commission (TRC). Film makers Adam Mazo and Ben Pender-Cudlip follow the TRC to contemporary Wabanaki communities to witness intimate, sacred moments of truth-telling and healing.

The feature-length documentary will be available to view from October 7-11, 2021 and the panel discussion on Indigenous People's Day, October 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM. [Register Now!](#)

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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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