



Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Worship Invitation - December 25, 2021



December 26: "Gratitude" - Please join UU Rockland via zoom at 10:00 am with UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray. Worship Leader: Carney McRae, Director of Religious Exploration. As we enter the new year, we have an opportunity to draw our attention to what sustains us, to draw our attention to the sources of love and care and gratitude in our lives. (Homily pre-recorded on November 21, 2021)

VIRTUAL SERVICE ONLY

Join UURockland at 10:00 a.m. at this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/83569202743?pwd=L0dncmlrMEYrdmhTNURqSkkwOTFFZz09>

Phone only: **(646) 558 8656** Meeting ID: **835 6920 2743** Passcode: **846947**

[Order of Service](#)

January 2: "We Begin Again In Love" - Bettina Lehovec, Edgecomb Town Hall at 10:30 am. This is the time we set intentions, seeking to chart a course for the year to come. Let's add a hefty dose of self-compassion to the process. Let's forgive ourselves in advance for the resolutions made and broken...for all the things we strive to be and are not. How about this resolution for 2022? To accept ourselves as we are. And to begin again in love.

New Year's Hike

Join your Midcoast UU friends for an easy hike on **Sunday, Jan. 2, from 1:30-3 p.m.** Bettina Lehovec and Jayne Gordon will lead. Family friendly! Open to all. We hope to see you there!

JANUARY 2: BACK COVE, NEW HARBOR 1:30-3

This 1.5 mile circular walk is for when you just want to get outside and want an easy, short loop, mostly on roads. It has a nice variety of scenic views, great even on gloomy days!

The Drive: From Damariscotta, take Route 130 down the peninsula towards Pemaquid Point. Go past the intersection with Route 32, past the Pemaquid Craft Coop, and turn left on Southside Road by the ice cream place. Follow the Thompson Cottages signs and park on Southside (which Google Maps also calls N-2-A) just beyond the intersection with Leeman Hill Road.

Gingerbread Houses on December 30th

It's a tradition! We will
be gathering at the
Lomas house! Thanks
Kate Pennington for
providing the houses &
decorating materials!



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

You are invited to attend Caitlin Lomas' dance recital and cheer her on. *(Sorry there will be no virtual option)*

The dance recital is on January 8th at the Coastal Christian School in Waldoboro. There is a 1pm and 6pm show. Caitlin is dancing in both. \$10/ticket. Pay at the door. Masking required.

Immigrant Justice

During this month of giving, one of the most helpful things you can do for new Maine immigrants is to make a donation to ILAP (Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project). Their primary mission is to provide legal services to 3000+ people in the next year. Your gift will be doubled by a generous \$10,000 match opportunity from the George J. and Theresa L. Cotsirilos Family Foundation. You can send a check directly to **ILAP, P.O. Box 17917, Portland, ME 04112** or give a donation to **Sandy Barth at a Fellowship service** and she will submit it for you to ILAP.



Social Justice



Representative Rena Newell

Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network
Next Network Meeting:
Saturday, Jan. 8
10:00 am - 12:30 pm via Zoom

Special focus on the Maine Tribal Sovereignty bill (LD 1626)
with guest speaker
Passamaquoddy Tribal Representative Rena Newell

Sign up at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqcO2rqj0oE9xO1LTdHPfdmlwr9d1p0qr>



Anti-racism Vigil: Every Monday 12:00 - 12:30 pm at the Newcastle Veterans Memorial Park. Check [PUAR's](#) Facebook page for updates.

December is another Diaper Drive month!

We collect diapers and menstrual supplies for our local families all month long. Please leave them in the tote on the Damariscotta Dental porch. (Size 5 and 6 are especially helpful.) *Thank you!*



"I'm happy to report that our system of having a volunteer take a month at a time to stock the diaper cart at the Newcastle Ecumenical Food Pantry has been working well for six months! We have adapted, during these pandemic months, to safely continue our mission to help with area diaper need. Thanks ever so much to you and your congregations.

We've given out 9,850 diapers during the first 10 months of this year, so I expect we will distribute 10,000 diapers this year. That's despite having a slight decrease in families coming to the Newcastle food pantry for diapers (and the food pantry had a decrease in number of patrons, too). Perhaps the combination of pandemic isolating and pandemic aid and stronger turnout at other local pantries helped influence the numbers, but they seem to be picking up again as the weather turns cold. We also started distributing diapers through the Jefferson Food Pantry and the Waldoboro Clothing Closet.

Despite not holding a formal "Mother's Day till Father's Day" diaper drive this year, individual donors and member churches stepped up. We've collected enough donations in diapers and finances to cover those 10,000 diapers we distributed, and a little bit more."

- From Sue Rockwood at Midcoast Meeting of Friends

COVID MESSAGE

For the health of our members, families and friends, please use your own good judgment when deciding whether or not to attend our worship services in person. Please do NOT attend worship in-person if any of the following conditions apply to you:

- You are not fully vaccinated against Covid.
- You are feeling ill.
- You have tested positive for Covid and may still pose a risk to others.
- You have recently been exposed to someone who may have Covid.

Individuals who fall into one or more of these categories are asked to participate in our worship services remotely, via Zoom.

Everyone who attends our worship services is asked to wear a protective mask while inside the building. If you need to temporarily remove your mask when speaking, please replace it when you have finished. New paper masks and hand sanitizer should be available at the entry table.

Ultimately, if you feel unsafe, stay home and join us via Zoom.



2022 Stewardship Appeal

Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Celebrating 40 Years of Community

Nurture Spiritual Growth,

Engage in Justice,

Build Community with Respect and Compassion

Introduction

To build and maintain a healthy and thriving Fellowship takes money. Thank you for your financial support in 2021! We would not be where we are without it. And we will not get to where we want to be in 2022 if we don't have adequate financial support to bring our dreams to reality. This is why we are reaching out to all of our members and friends with this 2022 Stewardship Appeal.

You don't need to be a member of the Fellowship to submit a pledge, and we will gratefully welcome financial support from our many dear friends, but all of our members are strongly encouraged to submit a pledge for 2022. What's different in this year's pledge form? It's that we are asking for a two-part pledge: one baseline and an additional, contingent "stretch" goal.

Part 1: Support for our Baseline Budget

The currently proposed baseline budget for 2022 is \$68,013. This is the budget that will enable us to continue on our current path, including:

- Our half-time Minister, at UUA fair compensation
- Our Religious Education Director and program
- Our Music Director/Accompanist
- Rent for our worship venue
- Budgets for social justice, choir music, worship services, and flowers for caring
- Contributing our fair share to the UUA Annual Program Fund

Part 2: Making a Full-Time Interim Minister Possible

Our new half-time minister, Bettina Lehovec, will be with us through the end of July. At that point, our Fellowship could either continue with a half-time traditional minister or we could hire a full-time Interim Minister. A UUA Interim Minister has specialized skills for working with congregations that are in transition.

This 2022 Stewardship Appeal is the time for us to make that financial commitment. we are seeking substantial pledges that will enable us and a prospective Interim Minister to feel confident that we will have enough income to finance a full 12-month term running from August 2022 through August 2023.

2022 Stewardship Appeal

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Your Pledge Is Essential

Your Board members invite you to celebrate over 40 years of Community through a 2022 Stewardship Commitment. We need your help to ensure that the Fellowship continues our important work:

- Engaging professional religious leadership and sustaining our lay religious leadership and Director of Religious Exploration
- Providing meaningful music and guest speakers in worship
- Returning to physical in person worship at Skidompha or other locations
- Ensuring that our social justice projects are vital, visible and effective

2022 Stewardship Commitment

Name: _____

Address: _____

PART 1: In Support of our Baseline Budget, I/we pledge to pay a total of \$_____ for 2022 (January 1 through December 31).

PART 2: If the Members of the Fellowship decide to hire a Full-Time Interim Minister to start in August 2022, I/we pledge to donate an additional total of \$_____ to be applied toward the Minister's salary.

I prefer to pay: Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annual Lump Sum Other

[Pledges May Be Fulfilled By Cash, Check, or use PayPal™ here:](#)

www.uumidcoast.org/donate/2022-pledge-form/

Thank you for your contribution to the life of our Fellowship!

Use the link above, place this form in the offering basket, or mail to:

PO Box 1021, Damariscotta ME 04543

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