

E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Wednesday, November 5, 2025

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A message from our Minister

*If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be.
Now put the foundations under them. ~ Henry David Thoreau*

Organizations, congregations, committees and groups gather, inspired by possibilities for the future. A couple of years ago, the *Love is Louder* steering committee worked together for the first time in response to the shooting in Lewiston.

This year, the Capital Area Interfaith Justice Coalition of which UUCC is a member, worked together to bring this beautiful event into the greater Augusta community once again. A vision for the future helped a group of people create a way forward. A foundation was placed under this idea.

The goal of VISIONING is to develop a common understanding of who we are and who we would like to become, drawing upon outside support and expertise where needed. UUCC continues to grow in many ways. We are not the same community as we were just 2 years ago.

It has been quite a few years since UUCC engaged in a visioning process and so much good work has unfolded since its creation.

UUCC Vision Statement:

We seek to:

Enhance Spiritual growth;
Provide a respectful religious home for all ages;

Join in celebration and friendship;
Be a common voice for justice;
Share the light of our principles with the wider community.

Together, UUCC has created a Church guided by covenant and committed to justice. The work of covenant has helped guide the community into a space where spiritual growth is possible and a celebration of friendship is present. The Social Justice Committee has experienced the support of the congregation and developed relationships with other congregations.

Its work is evidenced by the success and multi-faith presence on Saturday Mornings for the Breakfast which now serves between 60 and 75 people a morning! There is a Green Sanctuary movement afoot and this coming Sunday (11/9) the congregation is invited to stay following the service for a follow up discussion on this process. A new Community Garden/Green Initiative is unfolding. In so many ways UUCC has stretched toward and met the vision created many years ago.

As we move forward and continue ministries that connect us to the greater Augusta community, we have an opportunity to more deeply understand who we are and who we would like to become. I wonder where we will imagine going next!

Love and Light,

Rev. Donna, she, her

Upcoming Services

Sunday November 9, 2025 Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.	Rev. Donna Dolham A special thank you to our worship arts team. Nan Bell will be our worship associate. Slides developed by Angie Blevins will be run by Lindsey Weihl. Betty Cairn will serve as our Boxcast tech. Karen Allen will be our pianist. Other members of the team are our usher, Marsha Stone and our Board of Trustees greeter, Becky Harvey. Stick around after the service for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall hosted by our new Coffee Hospitality coordinator DJ Guzofski. We will hold another Inquirers session in the meeting room. You are also invited to join us at the Green Sanctuary Initiative Kickoff being held in the Sanctuary starting at 11:30 a.m. We have changed this month's SHARE THE PLATE collection to this week. The collection will be given (in its entirety) to Feeding Augusta Families, a community volunteer effort organized by Gabrielle Berube Pierce to provide meals to our community while families in Augusta and across the country await the release of SNAP funds to help pay their grocery bills. Evening meals will be served in two school locations each Monday and Thursday during November. <See Below for details on all these events>
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Sunday
November 16, 2025

Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.

Music Sunday
Rev. Donna Dolham

A special thank you to our worship arts team. Sara Hodgkins will be our worship associate. Slides were developed by Angie Blevins and will be run by Betty Cairn. Angie Blevins will serve as our Boxcast tech.

Our  and Orchestra will present Ode to Joy by Beethoven and The Rose by Gjelo; with Morgan Lee, piano and string quartet.

Other members of the team are Lynda Lemar, our usher and our Board of Trustees greeter, Hilary Neckles.

Join us after the service for **Fellowship Lunch** so we can serve you a lovely sit down meal.

Sunday worship service is held IN-PERSON in the Sanctuary.

Please be aware that the doors will be locked 10 minutes after the service begins. The greeter will be at the front door to let anyone in after that time. The order of service updated on Fridays. [Here is the OOS link](#)

If you want to watch the livestream of the service (or watch it again), please visit:

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/mtifpth0utvesjggivej>

Special Events / Opportunities

THIS SUNDAY EVENTS – Nov. 9th

Inquirer's Series

Sunday Nov. 9th

A conversation for visitors, newcomers and new members, and occasional inquiring members. Meets in the room next to the nursery 15 minutes after the Service.

Green Sanctuary Initiative Kickoff

Sunday, Nov. 9th - 11:30 to 1:00 in the Sanctuary

Join us for the kick off of our Green Sanctuary initiative.

Bring a brown bag lunch or snacks.

Chance to meet with others interested in focus groups to continue progress towards Green Sanctuary.

Participate in a small breakout group to discover where you can make a difference.

MORE Upcoming EVENTS

Mid-Maine Unitarian Universalist Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

Saturday, **November 8, 2025**, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
First Universalist Church, 345 Broadway, Rockland

Goals: To create opportunities for area UU leadership to share, inspire and support one another.

Agenda: Will include worship, discussion in small and large groups, and a shared meal. Lunch will be provided.

Who Is Invited: Please invite clergy, DRE, Board members, Treasurer/finance people, Group/Committee members, recent leaders, and anybody who is interested in supporting the well-being of your congregation.

More Info: Check out the poster in the Fellowship Hall or contact [Karen Allen](#).

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

ONCE AGAIN IT IS TIME FOR THE
UU TRADITIONAL ALL-CHURCH

HARVEST DINNER



PLEASE JOIN US:
NOVEMBER 21, 2025
AT 5:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

BRING A FRIEND
AND, OF COURSE,
A FAVORITE DISH TO
SHARE.

(We will supply the turkeys)

Contact Cheryl Clukey if you are available to assist with set up on Friday afternoon and clean up after the dinner.

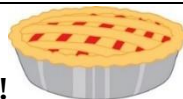
Cheryl: 441-0337 or cherylclukey5@yahoo.com

There are still a couple of openings for this event – register to save space for your youth TODAY!

Crafting for Young People will be offered on two consecutive Saturdays, **Nov. 22 and 29**, from 10:30 to 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. This exciting new opportunity is for young people ages 8 through 12. The guides for the day include Nancy Fritz, an experienced quilter, Kathy Sparrow, a former public school art teacher and Martha Naber, a former home economics teacher. They have many years of experience guiding children in crafts. All material will be provided. There is no program charge. Children will be asked to bring their own lunch.

Advance registration is required. [Click here to register](#) for Crafting for Young People

Calling all Pie Bakers!



We could still use a few more pies for the sale - all sizes, fresh or frozen, store-bought or home baked. All proceeds benefit UUCU. Cash donations also welcomed.

If you can bake or donate, please sign the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Let us know what kind of pie, how many pies you will make, and list your contact phone/cell number.

Pies are needed at church by Friday, November 21, no later than 3:00 p.m., or you may deliver them directly to Longfellow's by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 22. Please inform Kathy Shaw or Catherine Palmer of your plans.

If there are any pies left over, we will offer them for sale at Fellowship Hour on Sunday, November 23rd. The pies may be purchased with cash, check or credit card.

Volunteers needed

SAVE THE DATES: Dec 2 (6:30 pm) and Dec. 3 (9:00 am) - Decorate Holiday Fair wreaths

Annual UUCU Holiday Fair December 6, 2025 ~ 9:30 - 2:00

Please consider donating:

New, gently used or unique Christmas ornaments;
Cookie tins for the cookie walk.

We will have a white elephant table with gently used and new items if you'd like to donate something for the table please contact Marilyn Dunn. If you would like to participate in the fair and missed signing up to help contact Nan Bell.

Thank you

NOTICES / NEWS

Coffee Hour Update!

Thank you to DJ Guzofski for volunteering to coordinate the Coffee Hospitality on Sunday mornings. DJ has support including Marilyn Dunn who will help DJ find his way around and is available with a team of other helpers to be mentors when folks sign up for coffee hour who might need some guidance.

Please watch for more information as DJ begins in his new role. Coffee Hospitality is part of the Global Hospitality Committee. A signup sheet is in Fellowship Hall.

UUCC Solar Farm UPDATE



On Thursday, November 2, 2023, UUCC bought a 7.2 kW share of a solar farm built by Revision Energy and located in Starks, Maine. We used \$23,580 from an unrestricted bequest from the estate of Mark Goldberg to finance a loan to ourselves to purchase our share. Since that time, we have been repaying that loan into our endowment fund on a ten-year schedule with 4% interest.

Our reasons for buying into a solar farm were rooted in our UU principles of reducing our impact on the earth as well as our fiduciary responsibility to reduce the amount of money we were paying to the electrical utility.

To date, our investment in the solar farm has been saving us about \$200 per month. We take great joy in the expanding utilization of our church building related to our ever-expanding program offerings to the greater community, and the opportunity to finance some of our electric use with a renewable energy source.

The Covenant Engagement Team (CET)

Our November Promise:

Because we value our relationships with each other, we promise to: Accept one another for who we are and not allow differences of opinion to affect our respect for the person.

Questions/Comments: contact the [Covenant Engagement Team](#).

CET Team: Michaela Loisel, Liz Nitzel, June Zellers, and Rev. Donna Dolham

Connections by Day of the Week

ALL church events and meetings are reflected on the UUCC calendar
Click below to view ALL events, including any group meetings or other business meetings.

<https://www.augustauu.org/events-calendar>

[Click here to join Events in the Zoom Room](#) For other ways to join Zoom, see [General Information](#)
Zoom meeting id: 823 807 0673 – Password: 6971

<u>Monday</u> Each week <u>6:30 – 8:00</u> <u>p.m.</u> See details	<u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u> We meet <u>EVERY Monday online</u>. You may join us at 6:15 to settle in. The group also meets <u>in-person</u> in the Sanctuary (not hybrid), <u>ONLY</u> on the first Monday of each month. Please contact Marty Soule for updated Zoom login information at: email: <u>martysoule@gmail.com</u>. FMI: <u>peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</u> <i>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</i> 
<u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Monday</u> <u>9:30 – Noon</u> Meeting Nov. 10th & Nov. 24	<u>Sewing/Craft/Hobby Group</u> Sewing/Craft/Hobby Group meets in the Fellowship Hall the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon. We ask that attendees help set up and put away tables and chairs. Just bring whatever you'd like to work on, machine or hand sewing, craft or hobby item you are working on, and we will all help one another as needed. Be sure to let us know if there is anything you need from one of us...we are likely to have whatever it is! Questions: Contact Martha or Nancy at <u>Contact Sewing/Craft Group</u> All are welcome. Bring a friend, if you like.
<u>Tuesday</u> <u>10:30 a.m.</u> <u>UUCC</u> <u>Virtual</u> <u>Zoom</u>	<u>Lectio Divina</u> <u>Important Notice:</u> Lectio Divina will <u>not be held</u> on Nov.11th. It will resume Nov. 18th. --- Lori Milner and Rev. Donna Dolham A weekly Lectio Divina program will be offered weekly on Tuesday from 10:30 to 11:30. Lectio Divina can be translated as divine reading. We will share a chalice lighting, centering meditation, sharing and reflection time based with a variety of sources. This program will be facilitated by Rev. Donna Dolham and Lori Milner and is open to the wider community. Join as you're able, you do not need to attend every week, although you are welcome to!

<u>Tuesdays</u> <u>Each Week</u> <u>5:00 – 6:00</u> <u>p.m.</u>	<u>Gentle YOGA</u> Hosted by Debbie Mattson UU Yoga is offered as a hybrid gathering. People can choose to gather in the Fellowship Hall for yoga, Tuesdays 5 PM-6 PM or join via zoom. Here is the Gentle Yoga zoom link: https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOT-RXa3VoUT09 ----- Password: 174192 Please join us a few minutes before 5:00 to settle in so we can begin class right at 5 p.m. FMI: Contact Yoga Class 
<u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Wednesday</u> <u>1:00-2:30pm</u> Fellowship Hall Nov. 12th and 26th	<u>Seasoned Souls</u> Seasoned Souls is a group of participants in the UUCC community who are over 65 years of age and meet as a study/support group to talk openly about topics related to the aging process. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in-person in the Fellowship Hall ONLY. FMI: For more information please contact Hal Booth at Contact Seasoned Souls.
<u>Wednes-</u> <u>day</u> <u>5:00 -</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>UUCC Choir Rehearsal</u> Our weekly choir rehearsal is held on Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 7:00pm in the sanctuary. We look forward to welcoming new members! Inquiries to Bridget Convey at Contact Music Director.
<u>Thursdays</u> <u>Each Week</u> <u>8:00 – 9:30</u> <u>a.m.</u>	<u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u> You may join us at 7:45 a.m. to settle in. Meet from 8-9:30 -- IN-PERSON every Thursday at the River Studio, 332 Water St. Hallowell (except the last Thursday of the month) --BY Private ZOOM – last Thursday of the month Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at martysoule@gmail.com. FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com <u>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</u> 
<u>1st</u> <u>Thursday</u> <u>10:30 to Noon</u> In Fellowship Hall or in UUCC Zoom Room	<u>Read Learn Share Book Group</u> The group is open to anyone who is interested in one of our titles or all of them. You can drop in or come every time: you will always be welcome. To be as inclusive as possible, we meet in Fellowship Hall and in the Church Zoom Room which you can access through www.augustauu.org or the link in the eblast. Information for the upcoming month appears in the E-Blast every month. Because of declining Zoom attendance, we are closing the Zoom link if no has signed in by 10:45. If you are interested in participating on Zoom and expect to be late, please let us know using the Book Group link.

	Our chosen book for our meeting on November 6 at 10:30 is <u>The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian A Jew</u> by Ranya Idliby Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner. “A groundbreaking book about Americans searching for faith and mutual respect, <u>The Faith Club</u> weaves the story of three women, their three religions, and their urgent quest to understand one another.” Our book group meets at 10:30 on DECEMBER 4. This is our next opportunity to expand our vision and deepen our connections. You are invited to read <u>The House in the Cerulean Sea</u>, by TJ Klune and join our discussion. <i>An enchanting story, masterfully told, <u>The House in the Cerulean Sea</u> is about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place.</i> ~Goodreads Our chosen book for our meeting on November 6 is <u>The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian A Jew</u> by Ranya Idliby Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner. “A groundbreaking book about Americans searching for faith and mutual respect, <u>The Faith Club</u> weaves the story of three women, their three religions, and their urgent quest to understand one another.”
<u>Fridays</u> <u>Each Week</u> <u>6:00 – 7:00</u> <u>p.m.</u>	<u>Fabulous Friday AA Meeting</u> Join us for this Alcoholics Anonymous meeting from 6-7pm in the church at 69 Winthrop St. Please enter through the Summer Street door and join us in the room straight ahead and through the double doors.
<u>Every</u> <u>Saturday</u> 9:00–11 am in the Sanctuary	<u>UUC Occasional Orchestra</u> UUCCOO rehearsals are held in the Sanctuary every Saturday morning, 9-11:00 a.m. Come and share your musical talents with our UUC community. All are welcome, please join us! Questions: please contact our UUCCOO Orchestra Director, Michael P. Atkinson at: <u>Contact UUCCOO Director</u>

<u>Sundays</u> <u>Each Week</u> 5:00-6:00pm Fellowship Hall, Zoom	<u>Serenity Sunday Al-Anon</u> Every Sunday, In person, use door on Summer St. Or ZOOM: Meeting ID #846 4156 7190 Passcode: #04330 Use Zoom only during inclement weather.
<u>3rd</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>11am-</u> <u>12:30 p.m.</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP LUNCH</u> 3rd Sunday (October – May) 11:30-12:30pm, Fellowship Hall Next lunch is Nov. 16. Join us after the service. Enjoy community at a restaurant style sit-down meal – no need to register – just join us in Fellowship Hall after the service. We generally have a "base" kitchen crew but need a few extra volunteers to help set up and serve. To sign up to help set up or serve, please email Marilyn Dunn at Contact Fellowship Lunch.
<u>4th</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>Fellowship</u> <u>Hour</u> Next Nov. 23rd	<u>FREE BOOK CENTER</u> November 23 during Fellowship Hour Visit the Library when the Committee Room is available. Service Project of Small Group Ministry Contact: Mary Shifman at FREE BOOKS
<u>4th</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>1-3:00</u> <u>p.m.</u> Next Meeting is Nov. 23rd	<u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u> Goddess/Earth Circles: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall Join Us for a Celebration of Croning and the Wisdom of Women. Goddess/Earth Circles focuses on the phases of our lives and earth-based spirituality. All ages and genders are welcome. FMI Contact Helen Zidowecki at Contact Goddess/EC.

Social Justice Updates

MUUSAN

**Maine Unitarian Universalist
State Advocacy Network**

Visit <http://www.muusan.org> for more information about how YOU can join other UU's to get involved promoting just, humane laws and policies in keeping with our UUA Principles.



Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network

Saturday Nov 15th 2025
Fall Network Meeting
1030-1230 in person
at Augusta UU
or on zoom

*Join UU's from around the
state
with featured presenter
Rev Doctor Jodi Hayashida*

Board of Trustees

Agenda
Thursday November 13, 2025
5:15 to 7:30 pm
in-person & Zoom



Present:
[Board Covenant](#)

Board Members (Read)

Chalice Lighting:
Check-in: [breathe with me]

Karen Allen
Karen Allen

New Business

1. Approve [prior month minutes](#) - Motion/second
2. Personnel Policy
George Lapointe & Jane Gilbert
3. Treasurer's Report
written report from Nancy Fritz
4. Finance Committee Report
Harry Grimmnitz
5. ICE Response Update
Karen Allen
6. Committee Liaison Role
Karen Allen
7. President's Report
Karen Allen
8. Minister's Report
Rev. Dolham
9. Executive Session
10. Vice President Update
Becky Harvey
11. Next Board meeting(s)
12. Thank Yous

Old Business

Chalice Extinguishing:

Karen Allen

ADJOURN:

Karen Allen

Next Board meetings: Thursday, Nov. 13th and Dec. 11th

All are welcome to attend but please see the [UUCC Policy for Board Meeting Visitors](#). The Board meets in person, with Zoom attendance available by request. If you would like to attend by Zoom please contact Karen Allen one week in advance of the Board Meeting.

If you have an item that you would like the Board to consider, please contact [Karen Allen](#) to make your item request to Karen two weeks in advance of the Board Meeting. As they become available, Board agendas and minutes can be found on the Website – Governance page and on the “Board of Trustees” bulletin board in the hallway of the Sanctuary.

General Information

Worship Services are held IN-PERSON **Events may still be held virtually in the** ***UUCC ZOOM ROOM***

Other ways to UUCC Zoom Room Zoom:

- 1. Join from your internet browser by clicking this link or typing this into your browser:**
<https://zoom.us/j/8238070673>, launch Zoom, then enter **passcode: 6971**
- 2. Select “Join Meeting” from the Zoom application on your computer or mobile device.**

UUCC Meeting ID: 823 807 0673 – then enter **passcode: 6971**

- 3. Join by phone:** dial 1 646 558 8656 (**NOTE:** toll charge may apply)

At first prompt (meeting id: 823 807 0673#)

At second prompt: press # (no personal id needed) <No passcode needed when joining by phone>

NOTE---*6 is mute AND un-mute on your phone. The host cannot mute or un-mute people who phone-in.

HOSTS: Once in your meeting, claim the host using the **HOST KEY** as you have done in the past.

UUCC Pastoral Ministry Team

We are here for you. Feel free to reach out in times of need for compassionate listening, for casual conversation, to share some good news, to share your struggle or just to say hello.

Caring Cooperative support includes rides, meals, errands, get well and condolence cards as well as companion visits. If you would like to request or suggest meal support or cards, contact us too.

For general inquiries: [Contact Pastoral Ministry Team](#)

Martha Pelletier, Chair Helen Zidowecki Lori Milner
Tracy McNaughton Helen Brown (rides / meals – reach out to [Meals/Rides.at.UUCC](#))



UUCC Small Group Ministry

Looking for greater human and spiritual connection during this most disconnected of times? Small Group Ministry offers this vital need in our spiritual community, and so much more! For more information, contact Linda Findlay and Helen Zidowecki [Contact SGM Leaders](#)

UUCC Office Hours & Notes

The deadline for submissions to the E-Blast is noon on the Tuesday preceding the publication date.

The upcoming E-Blast schedule is:

- E-Blast (11/5)
- NO E-Blast (11/12)
- E-Blast (11/19)
- NO E-Blast (11/26)

EBLAST SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Articles due by noon on Tuesday, the day before the E-blast is distributed. Articles received after this time may not be included in the E-blast. Send articles to admin@augustauu.org

Visit [Calendly Scheduling Link](#) to schedule an appointment with Rev. Dolham.

Mondays will be Rev. Donna's Sabbath. If you are having a pastoral care emergency, please call her cell phone and leave a message at: 207 701-1581.

Fridays will be a writing day and Rev. Donna will not regularly be checking emails or returning non urgent calls.

UUCC Office Hours NEXT WEEK

Open office hours (Tues and Thurs 10am – 2pm)

Or by appointment

Rev. Donna Dolham

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Pastoral Emergencies only - use cell phone

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Staff Contact information:

Church Administrator, Lynn M. Smith, [Contact Admin](#), Phone (207)622-3232

Music Director, Bridget Convey, [Contact Music Director](#)