

Weekly E-Blast

Unitarian Universalist Community Church
Wednesday, August 6, 2025

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A message from our Minister

I am out of the office this week enjoying some restorative time off. I hope you are enjoying the variety of lay-led service topics and leaders that we have had so far this summer. There has certainly been many voices and messages that were inspiring and engaging. Thank you to all the worship leaders and team members that have provided these compelling services.

I will return to the office next week and will be at the pulpit this Sunday and next Sunday. Please see below for the upcoming service topics. After next Sunday's service, I will be out of the office the weeks of August 18th and August 25th.

I am excited to announce our new Closed Captioning for Boxcast AND wanted to give you a heads up about our special ingathering service on September 7th.

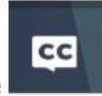
Love and Light,
Rev. Donna, she, her

***Ingathering* - Special Celebration Service Sunday, September 7th, 2025 at 10:00am**

Please Plan to join us for Sunday, September 7th at 10 am in person or online for this water ceremony. Please gather a small vial of water from your travels from a place where you find peace, centering and joy. During this service you will be invited to bring the water forward as a symbol of community collaboration and the vibrancy of life. To read more about the history of the Water Ceremony, visit:

<https://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/water-communion/original-water-ritual>.

Announcing → Accessibility improvements to Boxcast!



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Upcoming Services

<p>Sunday August 10, 2025</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>Dragon Flies, Weeds and Other Things! Rev. Donna Dolham</p> <p>Is there ever anything new created in the weeds of life? Come join us as we explore the reality, messiness, simplicity and love of living in community.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Lori Milner will be our worship associate. Angie Blevins will run the slides she created. Marty Peters will serve as our Boxcast tech and Karen Allen will be our pianist.</p> <p>Other members of the team are Janet Caldwell and Susan Shaw who will be hosting fellowship hour, Joseph Brock who will serve as our in-person usher and Hilary Neckles, our greeter.</p>
<p>Sunday August 17, 2025</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>The Steady Beat of Resistance Rev. Donna Dolham</p> <p>With what feels like a fire hose of fascism in our nation, how will we keep the steady beat of resistance and acts of justice? Let's explore together the spiritual grounding required to tend our hearts and community for this time in history.</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Marty Peters will be our worship associate. Angie Blevins will run the slides developed by Hannah Brown. Nan Bell will manage Boxcast technology. Stefanie Barley will be our pianist. Other members of the team are June Zellers and Michaela Loisel who will be hosting coffee hour, Elaine Boucher, our in-person usher and Karen Allen our greeter.</p> <p>SHARE THE PLATE: <u>Maine Family Planning</u> will be the August Share the Plate recipient. Due to a recent ruling, the Trump administration may succeed in removing Maine Family Planning from the MaineCare</p>

	<p>program, threatening care for thousands of Mainers. Your support will help keep clinics open, protect reproductive freedom, and ensure access to birth control, cancer screenings, abortion care, and more.</p> <p>For more information about Maine Family Planning or to make an individual contribution, please see their informative web site: mainefamilyplanning.org.</p>
<p>Sunday, August 24</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>All Will Be Well [Again] Dale McCormick</p> <p>A special thank you to our worship arts team. Nan Bell will be our worship associate. Cheryl Ring will run the slides developed by Nan Bell. Betty Cairn will manage Boxcast technology. Karen Foust will be our pianist. Other members of the team are Melanie Lanctot and Katie Stein who will serve as our coffee hour hosts, Dennis Maddi will serve as our in-person usher and Harry Grimmnitz. Our greeter has not yet been identified.</p>
<p>Sunday, August 31</p> <p>Ingathering music to begin at 9:55 a.m.</p>	<p>Watch the website for more information about this service, as it becomes available.</p>

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.

As a community committed to “going green”, we do not hand out paper orders of service.

If you would like to print one at home or bring it up on your phone during the service, don’t hesitate to go to our online order of service. The order of service is updated on Fridays. [Here is the OOS link](#)

If you want to watch the livestream of the service, please visit:

<https://boxcast.tv/channel/mtifpth0utvesjggiyej>

If you missed the service or want to watch the service again, the link above also allows access to the prior service. A service may be viewed on Boxcast for a week after the service is live.

Accessibility Reminders

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please leave the empty spots in the first two rows of the sanctuary seating for our folks using wheelchairs. • Due to fragrance allergies, we are asking people not to wear perfumes or natural scents when attending services and programming at UUCC. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you require one of our hearing assistance devices to access services, please ask the greeter for assistance. • Please let us know how we can help you engage with our community! • NEW -- Closed Captioning is now available on Boxcast! <see minister’s article> |
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Special Events / Notices / News

Inquirers Series

A new series will be beginning on August 10th. Rev Donna Dolham will be leading Questions and Answers with the minister.

On August 24th: Kathy Kellison will be leading Principles, Sources and Values.

The series is designed for visitors, new church members and inquirers. The 10-week series is offered continuously through the year. Sessions are scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Begin 15 min after the service, in the conference room next to the nursery.

Small Group Ministry Potluck Picnic

for

Participants in Small Group Ministry

Those interested in learning more about Small Group Ministry

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, NOON-2PM

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Small Group Ministry is exploring opportunities for additional ways to offer the program

BRING A SUMMER FAVORITE FOOD TO SHARE

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 TO

Linda Findlay or Helen Zidowecki by emailing: [SGM Leaders](#)

**** Note some schedule changes coming this fall****

UUCC Choir Rehearsals will resume on Aug. 27th.

The rehearsals will be held at an earlier time -- **time has been changed to 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

Starting on August 26, Gentle YOGA will begin meeting on TUESDAYs at 5:00 p.m.

The class will no longer meet on Wednesdays after 8/26.

READ LEARN SHARE Book Group - CHANGE IN MEETING TIME

Starting when we convene for our first meeting in the church's new year (October 2), we are changing our meeting time (but not day) to 10:30 a.m. to noon. We meet both in the Fellowship Hall and in the church Zoom room. Our new list of titles will appear in the August E-blast. As always, all are welcome to attend. If our prior meeting time did not work for you, perhaps this time slot will work better.

AND if you cannot meet for the Book Group during the day but would still like to join a group, let us know the best day and time for you by using this button [\[Contact Book Group\]](#).

We will collect these results and investigate whether there is energy for a second group reading the same books.

Thanks, Kathy and June

UPCOMING Special EVENT

Thursday, August 21, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

Concert at Unitarian Universalist Community Church, Augusta, ME



Join bassoonist Scott Pool, as he demonstrates how an instrument known for grumpy grandfathers and clowns can be transformed to expressions of our deepest emotions.

Selections will feature classical as well as contemporary composers, including local composer Lindsey Wiehl and Morgan Lee on piano.



**** Don't miss this concert ****

Condolences to the Caldwell Family --UPDATE

Susan Caldwell's father, Harlan Robinson Jessup, passed away on Father's Day. His obituary can be found at <https://www.centralmaine.com/2025/07/02/obituaryharlan-robinson-jessup-jr-2/>. A service will be held on September 27th at the church he and his wife joined when they moved to Maine in 2018 - St Paul's Episcopal in Brunswick. A time was not noted. If you would like to reach out to Susan and Jim, please use their contact information in the church directory.

Capital Area New Mainers – It's Not Too Late

Emergency Funds needed to aid families affected by ICE detention

UUCC was privileged to have Jon Godbout, Executive Director of Capital Area New Mainers Project (CANMP) as a guest in our pulpit on July 27. Jon spoke of an asylum seeker living in Augusta that is being detained in Ohio. The man was stopped by the police while driving for no other discernable reason than the color of his skin. Because he was driving with an international license, the police called ICE. Our neighbor is now in a detention center in Ohio; he and his wife are expecting a baby in September. He has been granted status as an asylee but still detained; the U.S. government's lawyer asked for 30 days to appeal the judge's decision.

In the latest CANMP Newsletter, Jon writes of 2 other families who have had loved ones detained by ICE. CANMP is helping each of these individuals by paying the costs of some legal fees and translations of legal documents; CANMP is helping each of the impacted families with emergency needs.

CANMP was the recipient of the July Share the Plate. The money collected went to an emergency fund to help individuals and families impacted by ICE detention and the threat of deportation. It is not too late to donate to the CANMP Emergency Fund. Instructions for donations are on the website <https://www.newmainersproject.org/> under the tab "Get Involved."

Capital Area Interfaith Social Justice Coalition is sponsoring a community educational event explaining the immigration system and the perils for our new neighbors seeking asylum and permanent status. Speakers will include Jon Godbout, Executive Director of the Capital Area New Mainers Project in Kennebec County and Lisa Parisio, an immigration attorney with the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project in Portland. This information session will be held at Lithgow Library in Augusta, September 16, 5:30-6:30.

Pastoral Care Team Opening and Update for Ride & Meal Coordinator

There is an opportunity to assist coordinating rides and meals for UUCCers. If you have questions about this role or would like to fill the coordination position for rides and meals, please contact [Martha Pelletier or Rev. Donna Dolham](#).

In September, if this position is not filled, UUCC will not be able to accept new requests for transportation or meal assistance. This ministry is intended to meet short term needs of those in our community.

The pastoral care team will continue to support the community through lay visiting, pastoral listening and supportive outreach.

SPRING AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

The spring UU Auction is a time for having fun and bidding high for valuable items and services. The first few auction donations have already been submitted. This online form is required for all auction submissions. [Auction Donation Form](#)



Please ask your favorite businesses if they would donate a gift card, service or item for the church fundraising effort. Or donate something yourself! Please submit description and photo on the form. The auction coordinator will create the catalog of auction items soon after the New Year. For more information, contact Catherine Palmer (see UU Directory for her email and cell number).

Side With Love Denounces IRS Decision Undermining Johnson Amendment, Reaffirms Church-State Separation

Check out this story at: [Side With Love Denounces...](#) discussing political activity for churches (as non-profit organizations).

Full link is: https://sidewithlove.org/ourstories/2025/7/15/side-with-love-denounces-irs-undermining-of-the-johnson-amendment?fbclid=IwY2xjawL3Tw5leHRuA2FlbQlxMQBicmlkETFhU2s2dkRqeGNkOGR2SGJzAR4M0Ilv8Dvd9r87Uztsu4V_nBg8wzYnCYNhtmX_VUIQDBZXVJGHYk0RGr0_xg_aem_CJJMlieRnQMWRxMG8K5ZA

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – Planning for the fall!

I have collected a few thoughts for Possibilities for FALL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

1. Fri Sept 12, 2:00 or 7:00 p.m.

CAROLE BAILEY STRING BAND@ the SAWYER FOUNDATION, Greene, me.
Music of the '50s which reflected and shape life as we know it and the birth of RICK N ROLL.

2. Sept. 15th@ the PUBLIC THEATER, LEWISTON .

“THE IRISH AND HOE WE GOT YHAT WAY”
A MUSICAL REVue and a tribute to the IRISH AMERICAN experience.

3. Oct. 27?? Haunted House Woods Walk

Every year a Litchfield family hosts a HAUNTED HOUSE WOODS WALK FOR THE PUBLIC, free of charge. It is a night of Halloween fun and adventure. So if you dare let's go and have a night of a Halloween experience.

Please let me know if these suggestions appeal to you to assess interest enough to proceed to start organizing. Thank you. Cheryl Clukey

Covenant Engagement Team

As we approach the beginning of our new church year with Ingathering Sunday, it's a great time to continue our practice of keeping our Covenant alive and thereby protect and nourish our relationships with each other. If you took our May workshop, "How to Say Hard Things", you might like more practice using the Brave Model: name the harm; invite the common value; offer help. Or you may just want to explore what's the best thing to do when you see or hear something that seems to challenge our Covenant.

Here's a situation to ponder: You are in a church committee meeting. After the chalice lighting, a reading, and a check-in, the first task is to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Before there is much discussion, Person A turns to Person B (sitting next to each other) and whispers but loud enough for others to hear: "Did you notice that, as usual, I didn't get credit for the suggestion adopted at our last meeting. I think she's [referring to the Committee's secretary] just jealous of me."

How would you respond to one of more of the following prompts?

1. Imagine you are the Committee's secretary, what would you do or say -- and when?
2. Now imagine you are Person B and the Secretary doesn't say or do anything. What would you do or say -- and when?
3. What if you were the Chair of that Committee?
4. Would it make a difference if you had an informal agreement (or even a committee covenant) about not engaging in "side" conversations? If so, how?

Submit your response(s) by August 29th here [CET Team](#).

Summaries of the responses (without names) will be available through the September 3rd e-Blast.

Tired of Drafty Windows?

WindowDressers can Help!

Do you or someone you know live in a home with windows that let heat escape in the winter? WindowDressers is a nonprofit organization that supports volunteers in constructing lightweight insulating window inserts that fit inside a home's existing windows to let in all the sunlight while keeping in more heat. Not only do inserts make rooms warmer, they lower heating costs and reduce carbon pollution. Inserts are built by volunteers at local "Community Builds". This construction model keeps insert costs low for all, and free for anyone experiencing financial hardship.

This October, the Conservation Commissions of Hallowell, Augusta, and Manchester are partnering to host a Community Build at the Buker Community Center in Augusta. The deadline for having windows custom-measured by volunteers is early September, so interested folks should request inserts soon at WindowDressers.org. For more information or local product testimonials, contact Hilary Neckles.

A Call for Donations to the Augusta Food Bank

Fellow friends and members of UUCC,

Although the holidays are still a few more months away, a time when the need to help families suffering from food insecurity seems to be right in front of us, I urge you to recognize that given the climate we currently find ourselves in begs the question, “can we wait”?

A couple months ago, and with the blessings of the Social Justice Committee, I delivered an announcement after the service via the Worship Associate to draw your attention to the rather humble Augusta Food Bank “donation box” on the floor in our coat room. I made the promise that, as a Food Bank volunteer, I would deliver your donations to the Food Bank every Tuesday. Thank you for all who responded so generously.

But as I outlined above, we are again at a critical point. As I believe we are all painfully aware of, the new federal budget bill, adopted on May 22nd, will critically impact our vulnerable neighbors in need, including more and more of those we call “us”.

Those experiencing food insecurity will be hit hard. The SNAP program will now require states to partially pay for SNAP benefits in addition to covering more administrative costs. All the funding for the SNAP program has now been relegated to the states.

I imagine most of us focus on how losing crucial food assistance impacts families with children, but additionally AARP has highlighted how it is also going to be devastating for seniors stating, *“About 12.6 million adults ages 50 and older have limited access to nutritious food because of financial constraints. They are often hungry, cutting back on or skipping meals because they can’t afford groceries.”*

I don’t have the numbers in front of me, but I know that our clients at the Food Bank have increased exponentially, especially on Free Food Thursday when no residency requirements are in place.

So here I am again my friends. Serving the hungry cries out in service to so many of the communities that we attempt to protect and respect: the immigrant communities, the unhoused communities, the community of people with disabilities and our elders. I am so fulfilled to be able to do this work, **but this is not about me.** This is about us creating Beloved Community and this is one of the ways we can do that.

So, if you are still one of the fortunate members of our congregation who can donate canned vegetables or fruit, cereal, dried pasta and gluten free products you know where the donation box is. I check it every time I am in the sanctuary.

But, lastly, if **your** situation has changed given so many painful and Draconian cuts, I would be more than pleased to be a bridge for you, of course all in confidence and I help you join as a client. No one should ever go hungry.

In community with you,
Kathy Shaw (contact information in the church directory)

Are you interested in offering programming or scheduling an event for the UCC community?

Please use this [program request online form](#) to help guide the process.

Connections by Day of the Week


ALL church events and meetings are reflected on the UCC 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

<p><u>Monday</u> <u>Each week</u> <u>6:30 – 8:00</u> <u>p.m.</u> See details</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p>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 on the first Monday of each month</u>.</p> <p>Please contact Marty Soule for updated Zoom login information at: email: <u>martysoule@gmail.com</u>. FMI: <u>peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com</u> <i><u>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</u></i></p> 
<p><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Monday</u> <u>9:30 – Noon</u> Meeting August 11th & 25th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sewing/Craft/Hobby Group</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Questions: Contact Martha or Nancy at <u>Contact Sewing/Craft Group</u> All are welcome. Bring a friend, if you like.</p>

<p><u>Tuesday</u> <u>10:30 a.m.</u></p> <p><u>UUC</u> <u>Virtual</u> <u>Zoom</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lectio Divina</u></p> <p><Lectio Divina will not meet in the summer months – the program will resume September 9th.></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p>
<p><u>Wednes-</u> <u>day</u> <u>5:00 -</u> <u>7:00 p.m.</u></p> <p><NOTE THE NEW TIME></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUCC Choir Rehearsal</u></p> <p><Choir rehearsals are not held in the summer - we will resume rehearsals on August 27th.> Please note that the TIME for choir rehearsal will change this fall.</p> <p>Our weekly choir rehearsal in the fall will be from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We look forward to welcoming new members! Inquiries to Bridget Convey at Contact Music Director.</p>
<p><u>Wednes-</u> <u>days</u> <u>Each Week</u> <u>Starting 8/26</u> <u>will begin</u> <u>meeting on</u> <u>Tuesdays</u></p> <p><u>5:00 – 6:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gentle YOGA</u></p> <p>Please note that the DAY of the WEEK for Gentle Yoga will change from Wednesday to Tuesday – beginning Aug. 26th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hosted by Debbie Mattson</p> <p>UU Yoga is offered as a hybrid gathering. People can choose to gather in the Fellowship Hall for yoga, Wednesdays 5 PM-6 PM or join via zoom. Here is the zoom link:</p> <p>https://maine.zoom.us/j/95825651125?pwd=UWJpOVFjVFJGb3dMWmZoOT-RXa3VoUT09 ----- Password: 174192</p> <p>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</p> 
<p><u>2nd & 4th</u> <u>Wednesday</u></p> <p><u>1:00-2:30pm</u></p> <p>2nd and 4th Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Meeting August 13th & 27th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seasoned Souls</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>FMI: For more information please contact Hal Booth at Contact Seasoned Souls.</p>

<p><u>Thursdays</u> Each Week</p> <p><u>8:00 – 9:30</u> <u>a.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Peaceful Heart Sangha</u></p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please contact Marty Soule for updated login information at martysoule@gmail.com. FMI: peacefulheartsangha@gmail.com <i>Sangha gatherings are free and open to all.</i></p>
<p><u>1st</u> <u>Thursday</u></p> <p><u>Noon-1:30</u> <u>p.m.</u></p> <p><u>NEW TIME:</u> <u>10:30 to Noon</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Read Learn Share Book Group</u></p> <p>The book group is on break for the summer. See Notices for information about a TIME CHANGE this fall – new meeting time is 10:30 a.m. to Noon.</p> <p>The group is now in the process of voting on book selections for next year. The list of books will be released in the fall and the group will begin meeting again in October.</p> <p>For more information about the group, reach out to June Zellers or Kathy Kellison at Contact Bookgroup Leaders</p>
<p><u>Fridays</u> Each Week</p> <p><u>6:00 – 7:00</u> <u>p.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fabulous Friday AA Meeting</u></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><u>Every</u> <u>Saturday</u></p> <p>9:00–11 am in the Sanctuary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>UUCC Occasional Orchestra</u></p> <p>Orchestra is now on summer break – there will be NO rehearsals until September.</p> <p>In September they will resume every Saturday morning, 9-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Come and share your musical talents with our UUCC community. All are welcome, please join us!</p> <p>Questions: please contact our UUCCOO Orchestra Director, Michael P. Atkinson at: Contact UUCCOO Director</p>
<p><u>Sundays</u> Each Week</p> <p>5:00-6:00pm Fellowship Hall, Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Serenity Sunday Al-Anon</u></p> <p>Every Sunday, In person, use door on Summer St.</p> <p>Or ZOOM: Meeting ID #846 4156 7190 Passcode: #04330 Use Zoom only during inclement weather.</p>
<p><u>3rd</u> <u>Sunday</u></p> <p><u>11am-</u> <u>12:30 p.m.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FELLOWSHIP LUNCH</u></p> <p>3rd Sunday (October – May) 11:30-12:30pm, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Fellowship lunches ended in May for this season. Lunches will resume in October 2025.</p>

<p>4th Sunday</p> <p><u>Fellowship Hour</u></p> <p>Next Aug. 24th</p>	<p><u>FREE BOOK CENTER</u></p> <p>Time: 4th Sunday during Fellowship Hour</p> <p>Visit the Library when the Committee Room is available. Also see the FREE BOOK DISPLAY during Fellowship Hour on the fourth Sunday.</p> <p>Variety of topics available. Service Project of Small Group Ministry Contact: Mary Shifman at FREE BOOKS FREE BOOKS during Fellowship Hour on the 4th Sunday : July 27 and August 24</p>
<p>4th Sunday</p> <p><u>1-2:30 p.m.</u></p> <p>Next Meeting is Aug. 24th</p>	<p><u>Goddess / Earth Circles</u></p> <p>GODDESS/Earth Circles Goddess/Earth Circles: 1:00-2:30pm - In person in FH and UUC Zoom</p> <p><u>August 24</u> Overview of Goddess/Earth Circles (Phases of Our Lives, Cycles of the Seasons, Wisdom Books) and other ways to enrich our Gatherings. Review the related section of the Library.</p> <p>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.</p>

Social Justice Updates

MUUSAN

**Maine Unitarian Universalist
State Advocacy Network**

Visit <http://www.muusan.org> for more information about how YOU can get involved

What is MUUSAN?

The Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) is a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in our Unitarian Universalist faith and animated by its principles. The legislative ministry links Maine's 26 Unitarian Universalist congregations to promote just, humane laws and policies in keeping with our UUA Principles. We welcome as partners and collaborators all those who share our values.

In 2012, Maine became the 17th state to create a State Advocacy Network. At work today in 25 states, SANs are the fastest-growing arm of Unitarian Universalism nationwide, and for good reason.

UU congregations and individuals are creating Advocacy Networks, including MUUSAN, because they realize that, vital as they are, worship services, good works, and study groups are not enough. In a denomination that is characterized by social activism, we are called to bring our values to bear in the public arena: in the State Legislature, the news media, the development of policy, and the pursuit of justice.

Board of Trustees

Agenda
Thursday August 14, 2025
5:00 to 7:00 pm
in-person & Zoom



Present:
[Board Covenant](#) (from former Board)
Chalice Lighting:
Check-in: [breathe with me]

Board Members (Read)
Karen Allen
Karen Allen

New Business

1. Approve [prior month minutes](#) - Motion/second
2. Finance Committee Report Harry Grimmnitz
3. Treasurer's Report Nancy Fritz
4. President's Report Karen Allen
5. Minister's Report Rev. Dolham
6. Vice President Update Becky Harvey
7. Next Board meeting(s)
8. Thank Yous

Old Business

Chalice Extinguishing: Becky Harvey
ADJOURN: Karen Allen

All are welcome to attend but please see the [UUCC Policy for Board Meeting Visitors](#).

If you have an item that you would like the Board to consider, please contact [Karen Allen](#). Please make your item request to Karen one month in advance of the Board Meeting. Next Board Meeting is Thursday, Sept. 11.

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.

Reach out to: [Contact Pastoral Ministry Team](#)

Martha Pelletier, Chair

Helen Zidowecki

Lori Milner

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 upcoming E-Blast schedule is:

- E-Blast (8/6)
- NO E-Blast (rest of August)
- E-Blast (9/3)

<September E-blast schedule may change as we adjust to accommodate Admin time off >

UUCC Office Hours NEXT WEEK

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

Or by appointment

Rev. Donna Dolham

Minister's study – (207) 623-3663

Pastoral Emergencies only - use cell phone

Email: [Contact Minister](#)

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.

Staff Contact information:

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