**Worship Services**

**Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

**May 2nd**

*This I Believe...for now anyway*  
Rev. Carie Johnsen

The participants of the Building Your Own Theology class will share their personal credos and 10 commandments. Woven into these statements of personal beliefs and values will be credos from historical figures in our Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist History.

**May 9th**

9:15  
**Peace Jam Service**  
Peace Jammers

Celebrate peace with a multigenerational service led by the youth of the UUCC Peace Jam. Peace Jam is an international youth movement to promote nonviolence and work for positive change, guided by Global Calls to Action from Nobel Peace Prize Laureates.

11:00  
**Dance of the Dissident Mother**  
Rev. Carie Johnsen

In 1870, Julia Ward Howe (a Unitarian) wrote *A Mother’s Day Proclamation*. Two years later she began promoting a Mother’s Day for Peace to honor peace, womanhood, and motherhood. Let us celebrate her dance with dissidence.

**May 17th**

*The Greatest Gift*  
Rev. William A. DeWolfe

Unitarian Universalism was the finest gift I ever received. It has been with me my whole life and continues to sustain me. I will share a few glimpses into my life experiences that may open a few doors to enriching your own lives. Bill retired in 1993, after 43 years in the Universalist and UU ministry.

**May 23rd**

9:15  
**Religious Exploration**  
**Recognition Sunday**  
Karen Fisk, Director of Religious Exploration

Please join us for a multigenerational worship service led by the children and youth of our church community. This is an experience of joy and celebration for all members of our church. We will also recognize and honor our bridging seniors during this important service.

11:00  
**Earth is my Larger Self**  
Rev. Carie Johnsen

At the Earth Day Service we briefly touched the world view of Deep Ecology. In this service we will examine the message of Deep Ecology—“an awareness that the environment is not ‘out there,’ separate from us, but that we are part of vast cosmological, geological and biological cycles which are concentric and interrelated.”

**May 30th**

*In Memoriam:*  
Rev. Carie Johnsen

*Happy 200th Birthday Margaret Fuller*

We will join UU congregations around the country to lift up and celebrate the legacy of Margaret Fuller—a women’s rights activist, writer, literary critic, professional journalist and a member of the Transcendentalist circle of the 19th century.
A Faith Journey...

In May and June, Unitarian Universalist congregations across the globe practice their congregational polity through annual meetings, conferences and gatherings. Unitarian Universalist Community Church has scheduled the Annual Meeting for June 6th. The Northern New England District, of which we are a part, has scheduled the Spring Conference and Annual Meeting for May 1st in North Conway, NH. The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, of which we are a part, has scheduled the Annual General Assembly for June 23rd to June 27th in Minneapolis, MN. I plan to attend all three events.

In the stewardship service, I preached about the privileges and responsibilities of being stewards of this liberal religious tradition we value and treasure. Our forefathers and foremothers challenged the religious institutions of their time so that we would know religious freedom—the right to choose what we believe. We also refer to it as the freedom of the pulpit and freedom of the pew.

I know that many of us look at the monthly newsletter for the Sunday Happenings at the church and then pick and choose where we want to expend our time and energy. When it comes to annual meetings, not everyone puts it on the top of their lists. But I would like to invite and encourage each and every one of us to take on the task of being stewards of our faith. At the annual meetings, we do way more than just listen to the reports and vote in new members. We engage a fundamental part of our Unitarian Universalist heritage. We engage our preferred form of governance—congregational polity—meaning the church is governed by the people.

Ours is a living tradition. It is constantly shaped and molded by our presence, our shared opinions, our desires for the future, our ideals, our values and our beliefs. As varied as this may be at times, the one thing that holds all this together is our fundamental belief that we can find unity in our diversity. We can do this through congregational governance in our faith communities where the people make decisions from the bottom up (not the top down).

I recall my first annual meetings as a new UU person. I was in awe witnessing how people shared their diverse opinions, discussed options, openly disagreed, spoke truth in love and came to decisions. For me it was a spiritual experience of human commitment to being in a gathered and covenanted relationship.

At the district conferences and Annual General Assembly, I am reminded that we are much bigger than the 200 or so people at UUCC of Augusta. In the assembly halls, conferences, worships, lectures and programs with hundreds of Unitarian Universalists, I am inspired and empowered to stay focused and committed to our liberal religious tradition. At General Assembly the parade of banners is a joyous and hopeful experience. I so love worshipping with thousands of UU’s; it is a spiritual experience like no other.

I invite you to come this year. Be a Unitarian Universalist by exercising your right to religious freedom and by voting according to your values and beliefs thus shaping the future of this movement for centuries to come.

- For more information on the UUCC Annual Meeting, see the June Newsletter.
- To find out more about the Northern New England District Meeting, go to http://nned.uua.org/
- To find out more about the General Assembly, go to http://www.uua.org/images/graphics/ga/147216.shtml

In faith, Carie
From the Director of Religious Exploration

I recently read the moving and beautiful book *Marching for Freedom: Walking Together, Children, and Don’t You Grow Weary*, by Elizabeth Partridge. About children’s role in the civil rights movement, this book holds powerful and sobering narratives of how the young freedom fighters were terrorized by white authorities, and how these strong, peaceful children overcame their fear with the hope and support of their communities and with faith in their mission: equality for all. Throughout the story, aside from police chiefs and presidents, only two white people are mentioned by name: James Reeb and Viola Luizzo. They were martyrs to the cause, murdered by angry whites, their deaths (particularly because they were white) were pivotal to securing the Voting Rights Act of 1965. They were both Unitarian Universalists.

James Reeb was a Unitarian Universalist minister and civil rights activist who lived with his family in inner city Washington, D.C. He answered the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s, call to clergy to join forces in Selma and march to Montgomery to protest the death of young Jimmie Lee Jackson, murdered by white police officers while attempting to protect his 82-year-old grandfather during a nonviolent march for voters’ rights. Reeb was attacked by a racist mob after eating at a café following the march. He died as a result of the beating, and President Johnson took notice.

Viola Luizzo was a member of a Michigan Unitarian Universalist church and mother of five children. She was transporting marchers from Montgomery back home to Selma when she was shot dead by Ku Klux Klan members.

They are only two of an untold number of human lives lost (and still being lost) in the name of social justice, and they are our own.

It is not mentioned that they were Unitarian Universalists in this book. Does it matter? The move in the late 20th century Universalism was away from denominationalism and toward universal unity of faith, unity in combating social evils and creating heaven on earth. But, it does matter to me that James and Viola were Unitarian Universalists. It matters because it helps me even better understand that our faith appeals to those who want to see beloved community here and now, and our faith appeals to those willing to work to make equality happen.

I am raising my children in a household informed by the sources of Unitarian Universalism and guided by its principles, the keystone among those to grow always in our understanding of what is right and true. I arrive on Sunday morning to share that gospel with our children and youth and all adults who hear the Young UU stories and Times for All Ages. We need to be awake to our world. We need to watch, and to participate, and to take action for change when needed. We need to listen with care, and discern our own truths, and reality-check those truths with our community. We are both empowered individuals and members of a powerful community. (And may our current and future heroes be those who lived to share their ideals with the next generation in person.)

As we approach the end of another glorious and lovely Religious Exploration year, I invite you to reflect together as families on what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist, what it means to stand by your principles and assert your individuality while also supporting the human community. I urge you to consider volunteering in our RE program and being a part of guiding a new generation of UUs to continuing the process of building a land where “justice shall run down like water and peace like an ever flowing stream.” Because, there is still a lot of work to do.

Yours in faith,

Karen
Elders Lunches, May 9, Noon-1pm, Fellowship Hall  
Dan Sorenson (685-3681, sokarldan@roadrunner.com)  
*Informal conversation and a connections.  
*“Elder” is self-defined. *Lunches are delicious!

Looking at Later Life - Gifts, Challenges, Celebrations in the Wisdom Years  
This series will begin again Fall 2010. Topic suggestions are welcome.

Continuing the Welcome: 6:30-8:30pm, Fellowship Hall, Helen Zidowecki  
May 26 To Welcome or Not To Welcome  
When we voted to become certified as a Welcoming Congregation in 2009, we talked about looking at areas of intentional welcoming. addressing the “null curriculum” – the things that we do not talk about. How have we increased our welcoming this year? How can we be more welcoming to people already in our congregation as well as in reaching out?

~ Peaceful Heart Sangha ~

Practicing meditation in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh at UUCC  
Every Monday & Wednesday 6:30 – 8 PM  
ALL INVITED

Chairs available. Bring a cushion if you prefer to sit on the floor.

First Mondays  5:30 – 6:15  ~  Meditation practices for children & adults  
6:15 – 8:15  ~  Childcare available  
Third Mondays  5:30 – 6:15  ~  Introduction to meditation  
Fourth Mondays  5:30 – 6:15  ~  14 Mindfulness Trainings

Independent Film Series: 
May 23, Noon-3pm Light Lunch, Fellowship Hall, TBA  
Tom Waddell (512-5382, us1863@roadrunner.com)  
Films have a social, religious or political message. They will be entertaining and educational, with questions for reflection.  

HISTORY COMMITTEE

The History Committee is working on the display for RE Recognition. Please see the RE Artifact that were collected for a study of world religions, older books and curriculum, and pins of recognition for attending Sunday School, among other findings from the History Room.

Quotes from the WAYSIDE

To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often ~ Cardinal Newman

I am not afraid of storm, for I am learning to sail my ship ~ Louisa May Alcott

It is only when we are aware of the earth as poetry that we truly live ~ Henry Beston
May 2, 2010
Celebrating BELTANE: Celebrating Creativity

May Day, or Beltane, is the beginning of Summer! Summer – we are barely into spring! Our culture has moved to designating the beginning of the seasons by the key points of the sun – the Solstices and the Equinoxes. In reality, these are mid-points. Consider the seasons this way:

- **Spring** Imbolc (February 1) to April 30, with mid-point of Spring Equinox (March 20)
- **Summer** Beltane (May 1) to July 31, with mid-point of Summer Solstice (June 21)
- **Fall** Teltane/Lammas (August 1) to October 31, with mid-point of Fall Equinox (September 21)
- **Winter** Samhain (November 1) to January 31, with Winter Solstice as (December 21)

Beltane is the celebration of the brilliant display of new life in flowers. It is an awareness of our own growth into maturity, beyond the sprouts comes the flowers. The Goddess Continuing celebration of Beltane focuses on creativity in various ways, from creativity that is tangible (poem, story, picture), experiential (song, dance, touch), or relational (connections, conversation, touching of spirits). Please join us in a couple of ways.

**May Basket** – This will be available for the services. Please share your creativity by adding a poem or picture to the altar table, or write your creativity on a card that can be placed with the basket.

**Celebration 12:15pm Fellowship Hall** This will be informal readings, singing and sharing our creativity.

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**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

We are fast approaching the end of the year! With that comes the need for **Annual Reports**. Please have all annual reports submitted to me by email at: (admin@augustauu.org) no later than **May 7th**. They will be ready for distribution on **May 23rd**. Thank you!

To submit weekly announcements or newsletter articles your committee or group...

To submit a weekly announcement please send a completed announcement to Julie, church administrator, at admin@augustauu.org by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Announcements indirectly related to church life will be included as space permits. For special announcements from the pulpit, please contact Carie at revcariejohnsen@gmail.com prior to Sunday morning service.

To submit a monthly newsletter article please send a completed article to Julie, church administrator at admin@augustauu.org by the monthly deadline indicated on the bottom page 1 of each monthly newsletter

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**Board Highlights – April 12th, 2010**

- Annual Meeting has been scheduled for June 6, 2010
- Board Reviewed Preliminary Budget for 2010-2011
- Carie will be arranging summer coverage for while she is away
- Motion was made and accepted to identify a process for naming individual buildings
- Terry Cookson and Doug Rooks reported on the Leadership Workshop they both attended
- Discussed smoking in/around UUCC buildings
The Peace Jammers were honored to meet and hear the inspiring words of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel March 27-28 in Hartford, CT, at the North East Peace Jam Conference. They were honored also with a standing ovation for the presentation of their Global Call to Action Project! But first, a little about Peace Jam.

Peace Jam might not be a UU program, but it does, without a shadow of a doubt, support the principles of Unitarian Universalism. And the strongest, most pervasive message we have received over our three years of attending Peace Jam—meeting Jody Williams, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, and, now, Adolfo Perez Esquivel—is that the greatest thing we can do to promote and live peace is to know our principles and stick to them.

Esquivel was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1980 for his nonviolent work striving to secure human rights in Latin America. Jailed and tortured in 1977, Esquivel continued his work on the behalf of humanity after an Amnesty International letter campaign forced his release in 1978. He told our youth that he was sustained through all the terror of his incarceration by his belief that his mission of peace and human rights was right and would prevail.

“We have to continue to work for hope, and YOU are the hope of the world,” he said. “We must develop values to really understand who we are. The one message is a message of hope. We must carry it from one to another like a message runner. Hope, solidarity, cooperation: this is the only way the world will survive.”

He shared that we must seek balance. “To live fully, we must adapt and live with the changes, but we must always apply our values, our will. We must always look with a critical and evaluative view so we do not just accept what people tell us. Being passive makes us slaves.”

He concluded by saying: “If we sow war we will get war. But if we sow peace, we will plant a more fair future for us all.”

His words remind me of the Unitarian minister and social reformer of the 20th century John Haynes Holmes, who brought the teachings of Gandhi to the attention of American parishioners, and said, “to meet injury with service and evil with good—this is at once to conquer every difficulty, stay every peril, and win mankind.” Before him, Jesus and Buddha urged the same strategy for peace. It is sort of a lasting message: Answer evil with good and the good will prevail. Esquivel’s eloquence and clear kind-goodness won everyone’s hearts, and what he survived steeled resolves to do and be good.

Well, as if that wonderful experience was not enough: At the end of the conference, each group presents their Global Call to Action, or their service-learning projects. When our group presented their call, they did so as a rap song, and the crowd LOVED them. If you want to see the presentation, please join us for the Mother’s Day Peace Jam Service, first service, May 9th. Come and see what made more than 350 Peace Jammers stand and cheer.

Peace!

Karen

Religious Exploration Retreat ~ Please mark your calendars!
Religious Exploration Retreat, Sunday, August 29, 4 to 7 p.m.

Join us for an exploration of Curriculum Mapping for our Children and Youth followed by a dinner to celebrate our commitment to our religious exploration program.
May Day! May Day!
Help needed for church yard work!
Saturday May 1, 8:30 am.

Plans are to reseed the area dug up by street repairs and to mulch flowers beds.

Tasks include:
- weeding
- raking,
- seeding
- rolling
- shoveling
- mowing

Please bring gloves, rakes, shovels, dandelion forks. Also, if anyone is dividing hardy perennials like hosta, lily of valley and day lilies please consider donating a clump to the church grounds.

Contact Marilyn Dunn with questions or suggestions. 512-5382 or maine2007@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

UUCC Welcoming Congregation will be planning a presence at the Gay Pride Day being held June 19th in Portland and June 26th in Bangor. More information coming soon!

New Member Ceremony

A New Member Ceremony has been scheduled for Sunday, May 2nd at both the 9:15 and 11:00 services. During this ceremony the new members will be invited to sign the membership book. This special ceremony celebrates the religious commitment of new members and offers the congregation an opportunity to bring a warm welcome to all new members. Please sign up to participate by contacting Julie at admin@augustauu.org.

FUNDRAISING

Please contact Judy McCown or Bruce Bierce for information regarding Fundraising bbierce@myfairpoint.net

May 8th Concert and Dinner
The Jim Scott Concert will be held on Saturday, May 8th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. His music celebrates peace and the environment and is wonderful entertainment for all ages. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. Children with parents are free.

There will be a Lasagna Dinner at 6:00 preceding the Concert. The cost for this is $7 for adults and $3 for children. Young children - six and under - are Free.

June 12th Annual Yard Sale
The Annual Inside-Outside Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 12th. Set up will be on Friday, June 11th. Many volunteers will be needed. If you can help please sign up on the Fundraising Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

Donations for the Yard Sale may be put in the garage. The key can be borrowed from Julie Pelletier during church office hours.

On-Going Fundraising Activities
Charlene Cleven and Roberta Record continue to sell their lovely cards and books in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. A portion of each sale is donated to the Church.

A GREEN NOTE

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Drop-off Day
May 15th from 9:00-12:00 at Augusta Public Works (55 North St.)

Residents of Augusta, Manchester, Belgrade, Fayette, Gardiner, Hallowell, Winthrop, Monmouth, Readfield and Wayne may bring computers, T.V.s, other e-waste, chemicals, medications (pills or liquids, pesticides, cleaners, hobby supplies to this location for disposal.

Bread of Life Ministries is in need of a full-charge volunteer team on the fourth Saturday of every month. The team will be responsible for preparing, cooking, and serving approximately 120 meals to soup kitchen guests. A team should be 6-10 hard-working people, and can be folks from one church or a group from several different churches as long as one person (or two) will be the group’s leader. Our Kitchen Manager will be available to assist you and will meet with the group for a quick orientation. If you are interested in exploring this mission opportunity, please contact Patsy Tessier, at 621-6385. Thank you!

Karen McGuire, Office Manager
Phone: (207) 626-3434
Small Group Ministry has a particular shape at our church. If a group of people meets regularly for a specified amount of time to have a discussion using a prepared format, it is Small Group Ministry. It is pretty clear.

I thought about this recently as I was encouraged to start a Family Ministry Group. When I asked myself what it would look like, I realized once again that 'family' is a complex term as it is used in our church community. I like that about us! I see this Group being composed of adults and children from different households who meet as described above. This Group will offer a different kind of connection from what we find in our current program offerings. Meetings will be structured to include adults and children with the younger ones invited either to join the circle of discussion or enjoy one another's company in a different way. Scheduling the Group would take everyone's degree of being busy into account. It might meet less frequently than other Groups do.

We have had family groups in the past. Even with a span of ten years between the youngest and the oldest, connections among the younger set worked well. I picture a kind of family reunion with cousins coming together! These Groups also offered an opportunity for adults and children from different families to become better acquainted. If this idea appeals to you, I hope you will speak with me.

I also want to celebrate our two newest Groups. We have a new Group on two Tuesdays a month which is off and running despite challenges from the weather in recent weeks, and a Men's Group which had its first meeting on March 1. Both Groups are available for new members. Again, let me know if you are interested.

Small Group Ministry flourishes because of the interest of members of the congregation who want to participate and because so many people come forward to take on support roles for this Ministry. All of us are the richer for the connections nurtured in SGM. I invite you to consider whether there is a place for Small Group Ministry in your life. There certainly is a place for you with us.

Kathy Kellison
Faith in Action Committee News
Formerly known as Social Concerns

Diaper brigade time has arrived.

It's time to "put out the fire", hmmm- well no not exactly, but diaper collection time is back. I've received word that the Essentials pantry needs larger sizes of kids diapers: sizes 4,5,6.

Faith Madore has been volunteering at the pantry. On the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 9-1:00, volunteers sort, re-package and bag to give away as needed, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo and Diapers....etc. The pantry can use help from people who are detail oriented, even for part of the time or occasionally. Pat Bamforth is the Essentials Pantry volunteer coordinator, call her @ 626-0073. We need you, she says.

Public Suppers

Did you know that our very own youth have been baking cookies for the free public supper which is served on the 1st Saturday at St. Mark's church? Karen Fisk leads them on those Sat. mornings and they deliver! This summer our congregation will become more central to our community by joining St. Mark's and St. Barnabus Episcopal Congregation members to prep, cook and serve 3rd Saturday (of June, July, August) public suppers. Why, because other hard working churches take the summer off from serving. The coordinators have met once and will meet again soon. I encourage you to consider helping out at one of the current public meals, if you haven't got your feet wet yet. Carie dove in to help this month at St. Mark's and during brief lulls, talked with their leaders and coordinators. I'm excited about our U-U joining the 6 churches in this ministry. Ome on out and enjoy-get to know some new people, become part of the hum of activity emanating from the Augusta Angel Food Network.

If you have questions please call: Jenny Mckendry @ 622-4501

Augusta Angel Food Network Meals Schedule

1st Sat. (9 Summer St.) St. Mark's Episcopal, 5-6:00 p.m., year round, for information call 622-2424 or email stmarkaugusta@myfairpoint.net

2nd Sat. (9 Church St.) So. Parish Congregational, 5-6:00, Sept.-May, for information call 622-0552 or email south.parish@verizon.net

3rd Sat. (13 Green St.) Green St. Methodist, 5-6:00, Sept.-May, for information call 622-0843 or email greenst@verizon.net

3rd Sat. (9 Summer St) St. Mark's Episcopal Church with Unitarian-Universalist Community Church of Augusta, (69 Winthrop St.) 5-6:00, June-August, for information call 622-2424 or UUCC church office at 622-3232. You may also email UUCC at info@auggstauu.org

4th Sat. (35 Grove St.) Penney Memorial Baptist, 4:30-6:00, Sept.-April, for information call 622-6401 or email office@pmubc.org

5th Sat. Bread of Life Soup Kitchen 157 Water St. Prince of Peace Lutheran, 5-6:00, months with 5th Sat, for information call 623-9486 or email the office at poplink.org

A New Need

Our community needs help with Starter kit's, which would be provided to people who have been homeless and need kits including a bowl, mug, spoon, fork, plate, knife and can opener. An individual or group, perhaps a small group ministry is needed to organize, putting kits together, gather more supplies. Kits would then kits would be picked up by Mary Laughlin a caring worker from DHHS. St. Mark's already run's Addie's Attic, the Essentials Pantry, and helps with the Augusta Food Bank with just a small Congregation.
From the Desk of Rev. Carie Johnsen

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Thank you Mildred!

Spelling Correction: Ron Le Blanc

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