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<td>“UU’s Praying” was the title of a recent Adult Enrichment class. In this service the participants will share what they learned from the texts they studied, from each other, and most of all, from their personal experience of prayer.</td>
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<td>It wouldn’t be much of a circus without the elephants, but they can be demanding to live with. Church might be the same – it can be exciting but also overwhelming. Some of the people we want to live with can be a little demanding. How is your generosity of spirit?</td>
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<td>We live in a time that emphasizes and even celebrates divisiveness, and yet our hope lies in coming together. This morning we will explore the courage and vulnerability necessary to do the holy work of creating heaven on earth.</td>
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<td>Deep in mid-winter, we'll celebrate our human capacity to experience beauty. In this multi-sensory service we'll honor our ability to perceive it and to create it. We'll wonder why it’s so simple to experience beauty and yet, why we find it so hard to take the time to put ourselves in its path. This service is an invitation to experience it all and to live lives of beauty.</td>
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As we bring to close this month of joy and celebration, I want to take the time to celebrate our professional staff team. We now have a full cadre of staff at Unitarian Universalist Community Church.

Over the past three weeks I have been working with office volunteers and Mary Simpson, UUCC Treasurer to offer our Office Administrator, Lynn Smith a comprehensive training. Lynn has risen to the task of quickly absorbing a long list of office duties, details about how church works and the minutia that lends itself to a smooth church system. We are glad to have her on board. If you have not had the opportunity to meet Lynn, please stop by the office and say hello. She is delightful.

The past couple weeks, Bridget Convey and I have met to begin planning choir music for February, March and beyond. Bridget comes to us with the highest of recommendations from our outgoing Music Director, Joelle Morris. Again, we are fortunate to have an experienced and accomplished person on our staff team.

On Thursday our two new Religious Exploration staff met with myself, Debbie Mattson, from the personnel committee and Diane Smith, Religious Exploration Committee chair for a their three-month evaluation. Nicole and Monique have worked diligently to build meaningful programs for our children and youth. I encourage you to explore ways in which you might connect with them and offer your gifts and talents to this program.

And last, but certainly not least, Kathy Kellison continues to be a consistent leader as our Small Group Ministry Coordinator.

In Unitarian Universalism we have a theology of shared ministry. This means we all have a part to contribute to the ministry of our congregation and our denomination, no matter what age or status as visitor or friend or length of one’s membership. We all take up a ministry of caring for one another, being stewards of our faith tradition and institution, calling each to our best selves and contributing to the success of our mission and vision.

This theology of shared ministry applies to how we support and engage our professional staff team. Each of us has distinct roles and responsibilities toward the goal of ensuring effective and successful ministries of all our staff. These include:

The Board of Trustees holds the sole authority for hiring and terminating staff.

The Minister is the immediate direct supervisor of all staff, working collaboratively with the personnel committee, program committees and reporting directly to the Board.

The Personnel Committee makes recommendations on personnel policies and practices, working with the Minister to make recommendation’s for hire and participateing in the evaluation process for all staff.

The committees (i.e., Religious Exploration, Music, Small Group Ministry) work directly with the staff to identify program goals and support the implementation of specific programs and policies.

The members and friends of the congregation are charged with the task of creating a church environment that supports the successful ministries of our staff and our community. Together we are called to speak truth to our experiences by supporting our staff with program implementation, celebrating our staff’s accomplishments, gifts and talents; and sharing honest, open, respectful and constructive feedback directly with staff, and when necessary with supervisor (Minister) or personnel committee. This includes having difficult conversations when we have concerns.

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Rev. Carie’s Column ...contd.

In the philosophy of shared ministry we all hold responsibility for the successes, and we all hold responsibility for the challenges. Together we thrive. Together we build a dynamic, vital engaged faith community where love lives on in all we say and do.

You will receive this newsletter as I depart on the first part of my sabbatical. I leave all of you for ten weeks confident that our shared ministry with regards to supporting the success of our new staff team is well cared for. While I am away committee chairs, (Diane Smith -- Religious Exploration; Annie Voorhees -- Music; Beth Nasberg -- Small Group Ministry) along with the Personnel Committee (Michaela Loisel and Debbie Mattson) and Gary Chapin, Board President are all well prepared to field any questions from the congregation and support our new staff in their respective ministries.

Take a minute this winter to introduce yourself to our new staff. Ask them about their ministry and the passion they bring to our community. Ask them how you can best support them in their respective programs.

Be part of this vibrant shared ministry. Take part in the ongoing success of our thriving community.

In faith, Rev. Carie

Display Case...

Participate in sharing about UUCC and Unitarian Universalism. Help create this visual opportunity for people attending church activities, as well as people from groups that meet at the church. What is seen in our church reflects who we are within the congregation and the larger world.

We are continuing the general plan for displays: We generally (but not always) follow the Theme for the Month:

- January – Transformation
- February -- Play & Laughter
- March -- Loss-Grief-Acceptance
- April -- Sustaining Earth
- May -- Arts and Spirituality
- Summer -- Personal Spirituality

The displays are usually for the full month. They are put up by the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month, and taken down by Tuesday following the last Sunday.

We encourage individuals and groups (Small Group Ministry, Social Justice, Committees) to create the displays. However, as of right now, there is only one month that has been reserved for a display. For months when no one comes forward with a display, there will be a standard note of Welcome to UUCC and invitation to participate only.

Please contact the church office or Helen Zidowecki (hzmre@hzmre.com, 582-5308) to schedule your display.

Message from New Music Director...

The New Year tends to offer the opportunity to embrace change. As the new Music Director at the UUCC of Augusta, I am embracing this change and I look forward to sharing my love of music with all of you! The choir thrived under the leadership of Joelle Morris and I know we will continue that energy and progress together.

Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and will continue on Wednesdays for the remainder of the choir season. The choir is always welcoming new members! If you are interested in joining the choir or you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: musicdirector@augustauu.org My first Sunday of service will be February 1st... Looking forward.
Hunting the Wow at UUCC: A Celebration

A group of us have been doing some work with prayer, here at the church. It started as a class – “UUs Praying” – but now has just become, The Prayer Group. We talk about prayer, read about prayer, write prayers, say prayers. It has been an amazing experience even in these early days. Anyway, one of the books we have looked at has been Annie Lamott’s, Help. Thanks. Wow. The Three Essential Prayers. The idea is that any prayer will fall into one of these areas, a request for help, gratitude, or awe.

I’ve been thinking a lot about the Wow, here at UUCC. As it happens, my Great-Grandfather Ellis Parker Butler wrote a book published in 1934 called, Hunting the Wow, in which he wrote, “From coast to coast the brains, the intelligence and the what-have-you of the nation are struggling day and night to produce enough Wows to meet the demand!”

They should come to our church.

Two nights ago I had the privilege to participate in the Unitarian Universalist Community Church Occasional Orchestra’s Annual (hopefully!) Hymn Concert. I played an accordion solo, and joined in on one piece with the orchestra, but the whole night was an amazing experience, from the pot luck through the concert all the way to the cleanup. There were four (four!) amazing pianists (actually, there were five, but one didn’t have to play, she sang. (That’s what they mean by, “an embarrassment of riches!”). I was in awe that such an agglomeration of talent could be gathered in our sanctuary! It was a Wow.

Earlier that day, another of our musical lights – our choir – shone in the firmament. The last day of choir director Joelle Morris’s tenure here (I almost wrote, “tenor,” heh) was our Music Sunday. They were the best I’d heard them. Inherently outstanding, they contributed to our community’s worship with grace and power. It was quiet and musical and important and sacred. A different kind of awe. A different kind of Wow.

There are other Wows:

The children we are blessed to have around: the young’uns in the sanctuary, the really young’uns in the rocking chairs, those in RE, and those “Coming of Age” (one of mine there, sigh).

Our new staff – Lynn, Bridget, Nicole, and Monique – all new, but frighteningly competent!

Our volunteers from Finance to Buildings and Grounds to the Board to RE to the Social Activities Committee, the quality of our caring is wonderful.

Our congregation. Not for what we do but what we are. A caring community, in covenant, engaging in worship with each other. “People you can really talk to,” as one friend said.

I am in awe. I am amazed. I have found a good bit of Wow, here. And if you are hunting the Wow, you could do worse than look around our church. Find the Wow.

It’s a kind of a prayer.
Coming in February and March: a six session opportunity to deepen the spiritual practice of Unitarian Universalism in your life. Led by our Small Group Ministry Coordinator, Kathy Kellison.

We will use the book *Not for Ourselves Alone* by Hallman and Carley. Our discussion of each chapter will be structured using the Small Group Ministry format as employed here at UUCC. Our goal will be to discover spiritual depth by exploring our relationships with others and with that which is larger than all of us.

Participants can expect to find their own answers to significant questions.

- What does it mean to me to be Unitarian Universalist?
- To whom or what am I committed?
- How am I accountable in that commitment?

We will inevitably encounter the theological diversity that exists within Unitarian Universalism.

Join us for stimulating and thought provoking reading and discussion. Dates and time will be established early in January. Please let the church office know of your interest soon so that we can find a mutually agreeable schedule. Willingness to read the material and attend all of the sessions is essential to successful participation. Identity as a Unitarian Universalist is expected!

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**Augusta’s Warming Center opens early!**

Our church was well represented at the first meeting of the Advisory Committee of Augusta’s Warming Center held at the Kennebec Valley United Way office. The Center was due to open on December 15\textsuperscript{th}, but because of the emergency circumstances caused by the two fires in downtown Augusta, it opened early to accommodate the people left homeless by the fires. The Warming Center was able to provide some **winter clothes**, but is in need of more clothing of all sizes, particularly adult winter clothes, boots, jackets, etc.

They also need the sort of contributions that this church was so generous with last year: **Coffee, creamer, sugar, hot chocolate, tea, healthy snacks**. There are children at the Warming Center every day, so think of the kind of snacks kids would like. The staff could also use donations of **cleaning supplies** because a great effort is being made to keep the space clean and tidy by the volunteers who visit daily.

There is a container in the coat room marked “Warming Center” where donations can be deposited. There will be a **special dedicated collection January 4\textsuperscript{th}**, the proceeds of which will go directly to the Augusta Warming Center. If you won’t be in church that day but would like to contribute, please send your check to the church office with “Warming Center” written in the memo line.

For information, contact Roberta Record or Nancee Campbell.
The work of any minister is multi-faceted, detailed and complex. What makes the vocation especially significant is that it deals intimately with people, their real everyday lives and their spiritual quest. It’s an awesome and delicate responsibility, and one that must be balanced with the business aspect of running a church, the worship responsibilities of tending to the spiritual growth of the congregation and the teaching obligations that come with the job. And in addition to all that, pastoral care calls for tending gently to the heart of the people in the pews.

Rev. Carie was wise when she organized the Pastoral Ministry Associates to assist her in the pastoral care of this treasured church community. She has trained and supervised several of us over the years, and we continue to meet monthly to support and guide our work in service of the needs of the congregation. We are here to assist and validate those among us during difficult transitions in our lives, or just during the rough spots. We are here to coordinate assistance when people need help in times of hospitalization and recuperation, and to make sure the hand of the church is extended to those who might be confined to their homes. We are your fellow congregants who are also knowledgeable about community resources and are able to refer individuals to any needed service.

The Pastoral Ministry Associates help coordinate churchwide worship events, such as our annual “Blue Christmas” and World AIDS Day, and would leap into action should the congregation want to respond spiritually to a local or national event (remember Occupy Augusta?). We also represent our church at community activities, such as the Warming Center, and bring our support into their endeavors.

With Rev. Carie on sabbatical, the Pastoral Associates stand ready to assist you in any way necessary. We continue to meet monthly and participate in training exercises. If anyone wishes to avail themselves of the services of a pastoral minister, please contact Nancee Campbell, Chair, at 621-7727 or pastoralministers@augustauu.org.

The next St. Mark’s Public Supper will be January 3, 2015

Liz Johnson and Jenny McKendry will lead the January community supper with lots of help from the congregation again. We will plan on shepherd’s pie and will contact volunteers. Call or email me if you’d like to cook or volunteer.

We’ll follow the same method as we did in November. We’ll need eight shepherd’s pies, desserts and more, cooked up at home. We will distribute the steel pans and ingredients for those that need them to make the shepherd’s pie.

Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:
1:00-3:00PM for prep and set-up
3:30-7:00PM for serving and cleanup

Enjoy the season’s festivities! Happy Hannukah, Happy Kwanzaa, and Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night”.

Jenny McKendry 480-0980 jdrawmck@gwi.net

WHO TO CALL FOR CHURCH BUSINESS OR WITH GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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If you don’t know whom to call, try the Sabbatical Committee. They are prepared to field any calls or inquires and find the right person to respond.

Co-Chairs are Rita Cherubini (781) 856-2335 cherub1@rocketmail.com and Nancee Campbell at (207) 621-7727 nancee1944@gmail.com
You are invited to join the Peaceful Heart Sangha as we follow the pattern of Buddhist communities around the world who have been practicing a winter/rainy season retreat for centuries.

The dark, quiet beginning of the New Year is an ideal opportunity to commit to the deepening of our meditation practice and to experiment with new ways to bring our mindfulness practice into our daily lives. We each look deeply to see what would nourish us, help us move closer to our deepest aspirations, help us to gradually change the things that hold us back from happiness. We might consider adding sitting or walking meditation to our day, having a silent mindful meal or a silent cup of tea or coffee, reading a book, choosing a special teaching to study & practice, or any of a number of things. Second Body Practice is another option for practice (a way to practice empathetic listening).

A Saturday meditation and vegetarian potluck gathering will begin and end the intensive. They will be held in the UUCC sanctuary where we usually meet for meditation.

**Opening Session:** January 3, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM, including a vegetarian potluck lunch.

**Closing Session:** January 31, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, including a vegetarian potluck lunch.

Please bring a cushion or bench to sit on, if you like. Chairs will be provided.

Please RSVP so we know how many are coming.
Email: martysoule@gmail.com or call, 685-9270. Thank you.

NOTE: Attending one of the opening or closing sessions is not required to benefit from this practice. Also, if you cannot attend the first session, you are welcome to come to the second. Simply use the attached worksheet to make January a month of renewed commitment.

SEE WORKSHEET BELOW TO GUIDE YOUR PARTICIPATION
Copies are available at our weekly practice gatherings (which are open to all!)
Mondays 6:30 – 8 PM at UUCC and 8 - 9:30 AM at 322 River St, Hallowell
or can be emailed
2015 JANUARY INTENSIVE COMMITMENTS

Here are suggestions to give concrete form to good intentions, possible ways you might choose to support your commitment, deepen your practice, and walk further down the path to awakening. **Please print this out, fill out what you would like, and bring it to the opening session January 3 where those who wish may make their commitments public.** We will also have a few printed copies available at sangha and at the first session. You can pick one or two commitments, or as many as feel comfortable, or make up some others. At the closing session we will share our experience in light of the commitments we made.

**Sitting, Walking, Eating Meditation:** For the duration of this month, I intend to:

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**Mindfulness:** For the duration of this month, I will try to be fully present as I perform one simple daily task:

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**Precepts Study:** For the duration of this month, I will watch my own behavior, examining myself in light of one or more of the Five Mindfulness Trainings or a part of the Noble Eightfold Path or another part of the Buddha’s teachings. In particular I will focus on:

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**Sutra Study:** During this month I will undertake to study (a particular sutra, teaching or book)

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**Dharma Talks & Practice:** During this month I will listen to _____ of Thich Nhat Hahn’s or another Dharma Teacher’s talks (eg [http://tnhaudio.org](http://tnhaudio.org), [joannefriday.com](http://joannefriday.com)) or will attend a retreat or Day of Mindfulness.

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**Service Practice:** Remembering the Buddha’s emphasis on the practice of generosity, I will offer my time and resources in the following way:

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**Second body practice.** For the duration of this month, I pledge to meet or talk with ______________________ at least ____ times and to listen to ______________________ at least ____ times per month. (Second Bodies will be announced at the opening session)

**Sangha Gatherings:** My commitment for this month is to attend (opening and/or closing session, weekly meetings, etc.)

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Signature ________________________________ Date ________________________________
UUCC’s Personnel Committee hits the ground running: Almost as soon as the Board voted to form a Personnel Committee last May, we found ourselves involved in the first of several unanticipated hiring processes resulting in two new Religious Education Staff and a new Administrative Assistant and Choir Director. All this activity has proven the addage "change is the only constant". Deb Mattson and I will now be able to focus on updating the Church Personnel Policy Manual and job descriptions and will be available to church staff for any personnel needs that may arise. One take home learning from the After Pastor Conference (attended by Debbie) was the need to clarify and communicate the shared ministry roles and responsibilities of Minister, Board, Personnel Committee and congregation with regard to staff.

We will soon be recruiting for our third committee member and encourage anyone with interest in serving on this committee to contact me or Deb Mattson. The Personnel Committee oversees employment matters relating to paid staff other than the Minister and will meet on an as-needed basis.

Michaela Loisel, Chair

The Board reviewed its covenant to determine if it was still relevant and useful to new board. It had been about 5 years since it had been reviewed. There were no revisions made but there will be further discussions about how we keep it present in our minds as we meet. 

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted. There was some confusion regarding the line item from which the new RE teachers’ salary was being taken. Carie and Treasurer will review format. UUCC received its expected rebate from the National Gas Conversion Project. 

Ballard Trust. The board voted unanimously to ‘Authorize the Finance Committee to consider either Kennebec Saving OR Maine Community Foundation as successor trustee to Keybank for Ballard Trust’. It’s believed UUCC would get better dividends with another trustee and is pursuing the change.

Personnel Items: Board set staff mileage reimbursement for church related travel at the federal rate.

Sabbatical Brochure: The brochure outlines the purpose and expectations for both the minister and the congregation during Rev. Carie’s sabbatical. The board approved the 5 goals set for the congregation. The brochure will be distributed in the very near future. There also will be a community leadership Common Read during the sabbatical: ‘Who’s in Charge Here’.

Families of the Fire: UUCC has partnered with Red Cross and the Red Barn Foundation to provide household items to the families. Donated items are being stored in the Drew House as the children and youth will not be using Drew House for 3 weeks. An all-congregation email will be sent requesting donations and volunteers to help distribute items during the two upcoming Saturdays. UUCC is focusing only on household items; towels, sheets, dishes, toasters etc. PJ Jenkins is UUCC contact.

Leadership Council. The first of 4 planned meetings, meant to occur in November did not get off the ground. So a new meeting of all Leadership Council members has been set for January 25. Time & place TBD. Martha Naber is the contact.

Ask The Board congregational meeting has been rescheduled for January 4, right after the second service. Plans are underway for the annual ‘Finances 101’ congregational meetings, which will also, hopefully be held in January. Liza Gottlieb is the contact.

Save the Date!

Leadership Council Meeting

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Submitted by Board Clerk, Maggie Ricker, 12/9/14
**Goddess Continuing/Earth Circles...**

*A Winter Solstice Packet* with readings and reflections for Solstice Week (December 21-27) is still available in the front hallway! And join the Solstice gathering on December 28, 12:15 - 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring readings, songs, reflections, and wishes for the expanding light into the New Year.

January 25: Gathering topic is **Witchcraft**, including material from *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven* and attitudes to consider:

● The Divine is internalized as the Goddess or God within each of us, and so each person is responsible for her or his own beliefs and behavior.

● Witches believe in a democratic process of shared leadership.

● The Divine is imagined as immanent in all of life, so witchcraft is vitally concerned about the well-being of the earth.

We will focus on the rich symbolism of the pentagram. We will also touch on historic responses to witchcraft.

*Goddess/Earth Circles are open to all ages and genders. Please join us on the fourth Sunday of the month, 12:15 - 2:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.*

See information on the table in the lobby or contact Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com)

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**Nonviolent Communications...**

The **Nonviolent Communications (Also known as Compassionate Communications)** **Practice Group** meets on the first and third Fridays, 1:15 - 3:15 pm, in the Robbins Room. The first Friday will be a more informal meeting, with extended check-in and/or an Empathy Session. The third Friday will be a specific topic related to NVC.

Start the New Year with an informal meeting on January 2nd, and join us for a topic meeting on January 16th.

Personal note: Watching a friend in a complex medical and social service situation gain skill with the objective approach reinforces my realization of how much more can be accomplished and energy can be saved when judgment is excluded from the interaction. *(Helen Zidowecki)*

Contact Helen Wing at 685-3804, hcranewing@roadrunner.com We can make the basic book, *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life*, by Marshall Rosenberg, available for you.

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**Membership...**

“**Meet & Greet**”

January 25, 2015

Immediately after 2nd service (~noontime) in small living room in back of Sanctuary (Robbins Room)

The UUCC Membership Committee invites all visitors, newcomers, and any others to a very informal gathering to meet and talk with members of the Membership Committee and other UUCC leaders. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for anyone new, visiting, or long-standing to learn more about our church, feel connected, get questions answered, and meet a few more people in the church. Please commune with us for ½ hour or so for refreshments, community, and convivial conversation!

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**Seasoned Souls to Meet...**

*Seasoned Souls* is a group that is open to any congregant over 65 who interested in openly and honestly discussing the issues related to aging. The group meets every first and third Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. – noon in Fellowship Hall. Our meetings in December are on the 3rd and the 17th.
"All the World’s a Stage…"

...And the stage is coming to UUCC in February! The Stewardship Committee will be creating a theatrical production to kick off this year’s pledge campaign. This venture promises to be fun, both from the audience and stage vantage point. If you’re interested in being a part of this uniquely UU production – actor, backstage, costumes, technical, etc. please contact Dale McCormick at dmccormick11@aol.com or Nancee Campbell at 621-7727 or nancee1944@gmail.com by January 4, 2015.

This will be an enjoyable way to spend these dark winter months!

Stewardship Committee...

Be the Change!

Save the evening of Saturday, January 31st, to kick off this year’s Annual Pledge Campaign at a dessert-theater event. Following fellowship and sweets, hear from special guests including Martin Luther King Jr., Thich Nhat Hanh, Buckminster Fuller, and Jesus. This theatrical experience was constructed by and for UUs to bring alive the words and wisdom of these famous activists, poets, and sages. Prepare to be inspired! Please mark your calendars now to save the evening -- details will follow in upcoming church communications.

Stewardship Committee: Hilary Neckles, Mildred Stengel, and Denis Thoet

Tech News...

New Reliable & Faster Church WiFi Installed

The church has a new WiFi system installed. Password is the same. We also have limited WiFi in the Drew House that works if you are standing by a window that faces the church.

We need several people to “test” the system for reliability (getting and staying connected ) and speed. Reliability will let us know of hardware problems, speed will let us know if we need to upgrade our internet service.

Reliability can be tested by logging into the church WiFi. Please make note of any problems signing in or staying connected to the internet. Going to a couple of web sites would help too. Speed can be tested by watching a short video on You Tube. Please make note if the video stops and starts or if motion is jerky. Drew House reception should be OK for email but not to watch videos.

If you have any problems send Tom Waddell an email at us1863@gmail.com or call him at 512-5382.

To Connect to UUCC Internet
Click on your laptop’s wireless connection (lower right corner)
If given the option, type in password: UUCCA
If option not given, computer will probably say “no internet connection”.
In this case, type in CISCO.COM in white address bar at top of screen.
There a password box will appear. Type UUCCA and connection to internet will be made.

Adult Education.....

January 7th will begin the study of the book The Four Agreements. The class will meet on four consecutive Wednesday nights to examine this book by don Miguel Ruiz, concluding our review on February 4th. For more information, contact Helen Pare at 623-1924 or Helenjoepare@aol.com
Newsletter Submissions

Please submit all articles as an attachment in a Word document using Arial, font size 11. Don’t forget to give it a title and sign it, and send it as an email newsletter@augustauu.org with the article as an attachment. Photos of church activities welcome!

Deadline: January 19.

Minister: Rev. Carie Johnsen
President: Gary Chapin
Sunday Morning RE Coordinator: Nicole Danielson
Youth Advisor: Monique McAuliffe
Administrator: Lynn Smith
admin@augustauu.org

UU Office hours: Monday and Tuesday 8a.m.-4p.m. Thursday-noon-8pm

Choir Director: Bridget Convey
Office Hours

Small Group Ministry Coordinator: Kathy Kellison
Office: (207) 622-3232