**Unitarian Universalist Community Church**

**Worship Service - Sunday, April 17, 2016**

**TODAY at UUCC (April 17, 2016)**

 Services, 9:15 am. & 11:00 am “Reverence”\*

 Rev. Carie Johnsen

 <New member ceremony in service>

 Goddess/Earth Circles, 12:15 pm, FH

 Peace Jam, 3:00 pm, DH (1st and 2nd Floors)

 RENTAL-Young Singers Group, 4 pm, Sanctuary

\*\*Celebrating Earth Day (22nd) with *The Practice of Paying Attention* to the nature’s sanctuary. This service will highlight the exquisite beauty and abundance of grace in our own backyards. This Sunday will include our spring *New Member Ceremony*. Join us as we welcome the newest members of our community.

**TODAY, April 17th 12:15–2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

EARTH GODDESSES AND EARTH CIRCLES
Join us to explore the Mythology, Traditions, and Reflections of Creation stories of Gaia and Terra, and others. Mother Nature as a symbol of the Universe and our daily lives. Reflection: What does the concept of the Earth as a Mother mean to us? Has Earth as Mother been part of your spiritual journey? Earth gifts we have been given and gifts that we give. Singing, chanting. Bring drums. Reflecting on the songs in our hymnals. We would like to have a pianist. All genders and ages are welcome. FMI: contact Helen Zidowecki (582-5308, hzmre@hzmre.com)

**Vote TODAY in Leadership Council’s Hospitality Poll**

Thank you to all who have voted about your preference for continuing hospitality at UUCC. TODAY is the last time to add your voice to others to help us proceed following your wishes. The sheet for voting is posted in Fellowship Hall. Thank you. FMI: Martha Naber at naber@midmaine.com

**Notices**

**TOMORROW, April 18th is the DEADLINE for May Newsletter submissions - NO Exceptions**

I will be away from April 20-May 2, so PLEASE get your articles to me by the April 18th deadline. That means I only have one day to set up the newsletter. If I do not have your submission by the 18th, it won't be in the newsletter. Thanks for your help on this!

 Sheila M. Comerford

**Auction THANKS!!!!**

Many thanks to all who donated, purchased or worked on our wonderful April 8 Auction. Many loved Conjuring Carroll Chapman’s Magic Show, and the bidding was exciting and fun. Looking forward to the next time! Questions: Hannah at 293-9377 or hannahuu3@fairpoint.net.

**Nar-Anon meeting Weekly at UUCC beginning Monday, April 25, 2016**

The Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else’s addiction. This group follows a twelve step program offering help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. The group will meet in the Robbins Room every Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 pm beginning April 25, 2016.

**Monique McAuliffe, to be honored in April by KVO**

The Kennebec Valley Organization will be honoring **Monique McAuliffe** our UUCC Youth Advisor during our ***Micah Hero*** Dinner on Thursday, April 21, 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Calumet Club, 334 W. River Road in Augusta, Maine. If you would like to attend this event the tickets are $25.00 each for individuals, and $20.00 each for a table of eight. FMI: Contact Roberta Record at rrecord2002@yahoo.com or 623-2848. More information is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

**Parking REMINDER**

When attending functions at the church during the work week (7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday) – please park on either Winthrop St. or Summer St. We have received a complaint from a neighbor that persons are parking in their lot at 61 Winthrop Street. They graciously allow us to park in their lot after 5:30 pm during the week and on weekends. Please help us be mindful of the use of their lot.

**Small Group Ministry message**

If you are seeking deeper connections with people and greater meaning and purpose in the business of your life, then Small Group Ministry may just be what you're looking for. Small Group Ministry is comprised of groups of 10 or fewer people exploring worship, community and service, while providing opportunities to learn more about your own spiritual path. For more information about Small Group Ministry or to join a group, please contact Luke Curtis, Small Group Ministry Coordinator at SGMcoordinator@augustauu.org or 468-2702.

**Request for Outreach to UUCC Church Member**

Ron LeBlanc would welcome visitors and phone calls. Due to pain from service-related injuries he is usually unable to attend church but would like to keep in touch with his friends at UUCC. Please call 480-1219 rather than the other number shown in the church directory. Ron’s address near Togus is 23 Village Circle, and his E-mail is ronleblanc@gwi.net.

**Seasoned Souls. *Seasoned Souls*** is a group intended specifically for church members and friends aged 65 and older. We are now meeting on the ***2nd and 4th Wednesday*** of the month in Fellowship Hall between 10:30 a.m. and noon. We will meet again on **April 27th** to address the various issues associated with aging. The meetings are open to all Seniors who wish to join this spirited group.

**Would you like to lead a summer service?**

Though it may still be snowing on occasion these days, it is not too early to be thinking about the schedule of lay led summer services. There is a reliable cohort of people in the church who look forward to undertaking a summer service each year, and it can be fun and rewarding to arrange and present a service. There ought to be some room for newcomers. If you’ve ever considered doing one, we of the worship associates committee would be interested in hearing from you, and glad to help you realize your dream of being a worship leader. You could contact our committee chair: Kathy Ann Shaw at 620-4082 or kathyannshaw@roadrunner.com

If you are interested, let us know as soon as possible. ~Noah Gottlieb

**This Week at UUCC …**

**Monday, April 18, 2016**

 🡪<Newsletter articles DUE – **NO** Exceptions>

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary

 SGM Ellis McKeen (D. Maddi), 6:00 pm, CR

 SGM (T. Cairn), 6:00 pm, Drew House (2nd Floor)

 Book Discussion Group (Waking Up White),

 6:00 pm, Drew House, 1st Floor Parlor

 Sangha Meditation, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**

 ALANON, Noon, Robbins Room

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

 Zidowecki SGM Topics Mtg, 1 pm, CR

 Private Piano Lessons, 3:30 pm, Sanctuary

 Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

 RENTAL-Just Guys, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

 SGM (P. Lamb), 6:30 pm, Drew House (1st Floor)

**Thursday, April 21, 2016**

 SGM (Zidowecki), 10:00 am, Robbins Rm

 History Committee Mtg, Noon, DH, Olson Room

 Staff Meeting, 2:30 pm, DH (1st Floor Parlor)

**Friday, April 22, 2016**

 Drum Circle, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

 Private Piano Lessons, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 24, 2016**

 Services, 9:15 am. & 11:00 am

 “The Day Has Come”\*\*, Penthea Burns

 RENTAL-Young Singers Group, 4 pm, Sanctuary

**\*\***This service will consider our relationship and shared history with Wabanaki people. We will focus on how we live in balance with all of creation, acknowledging the past, embracing the present and committing to creating a just future.

Penthea Burns grew up downstream from the Penobscot community of Indian Island. She co-directs Maine-Wabanaki REACH, which envision a future where Maine and Wabanaki people join together to acknowledge truth, and work collectively toward healing and positive change. REACH aspire to restore truthfulness, compassion, love, acceptance, reciprocity, abundance, joy, equality, graciousness and generosity. Penthea is mother to a grown son who lives a bit too far from home. She is a poet and lives with Chinook dogs on a farm in Lewiston.

**Upcoming Events**

**Fri., April 22, 2016, 10 am - Noon,** IN THEIR SHOES:

Be part of this dynamic and interactive workshop to help you understand the path of a refugee and to walk a moment in their shoes. The Catholic Charities Maine Refugee Program will discuss the refugee process, the refugee population in Maine and the challenges faced by these new arrivals. No RSVP necessary. Saint Monica Hall at St. Augustine Church, 75 Northern Ave.

**Wednesday, April 27, 2016 – SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

Craft Night. Carolyn Ladd is offering a workshop creating colorful, whimsical and dimensional cards. No materials necessary. Come and join the group for some fine fellowship. 5:30- 7:00p.m. in Fellowship Hall. FMI: Cheryl Clukey or Martha Naber.

**Thurs., April 28, 2016, 12:30 - 2:30 pm, Fellowship Hall**

OPEN BOOK DISCUSSION: You are cordially invited to join a discussion of Herman Koch’s book, The Dinner. This dark and challenging novel is at least about family relationships, and accountability. We will meet on Thursday April 28 (instead of 4/21 as originally planned) from 12:30 until 2:30 in Fellowship Hall. FMI: Kathy Kellison at kell6787@gmail.com or June Zellers at jzellers@roadrunner.com.

**Friday, April 29th, Fellowship Hall – SOCIAL ACTIVITY**

**DINNER AND A MOVIE:** Friday, April 29th, 5:30 p.m. Once again Cheryl Clukey and Judy McCown will offer dinner and a movie. **MOVIE:** "SPOTLIGHT": The Boston Globe Investigative reporting team who uncovered the scandal of abuse and cover-up by MANY Catholic Priests. The abuse scandal shook the Catholic Church to its core....FINALLY! **DINNER:** Homemade Soups, Bread, Salad, and Dessert. RSVP by Tuesday, April 26th.

**For the complete calendar of events, visit the UUCC website:** [**www.augustauu.org**](http://www.augustauu.org)

**Budget Report**

Deposit (week beginning 4/10/16):

 Pledge Payments (2015-2016) 530.00

 Offering 131.96

 Rentals (Al-Anon and Just Guys) 100.00

 Fundraising (Auction) 3,377.33

 Donation 35.00

 Total income for week $ 4,174.29

Avg budgeted weekly expenses for 2015/16=$ 4,176.20

 ($217,162. divided by 52 weeks)

~~ $50.00 - for St. Mark’s Public Suppers ~~

2016-17 Pledge Payments this week $2,610.00

\*\*Please consider automatic monthly deduction to make your pledge payments.

Please see Treasurer, Janine Bonk or the Office Administrator for the simple enrollment form.

**UUCC Office Hours <hours for next week>**

Monday ----------------------------------<No office hours>

Tues., Wed. AND Thurs.--------------9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Friday -------------------------------------< No office hours >

**Rev. Carie’s Office Hours:**

Monday No office Hours (Writing Day)

Tuesday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday No office Hours (Sabbath day)

 <other hours available by appointment>

**Pastoral Care** concerns: contact Nancee Campbell at (207) 621-7727 or pastoralministers@augustauu.org.

**Caring Cooperative** support, contact Cheryl Abruzzese at cam1nik2@gmail.com or 858-5340.

**Sunday Services / Staff Contact information:**

Youth Advisor, Monique McAuliffe youthadvisor@augustauu.org

Small Group Ministry Coordinator, Luke Curtis, SGMCoordinator@augustauu.org

Sunday Morning Religious Exploration Coordinator, Brigid Chapin, SundayREcoordinator@augustauu.org

Music Director, Bridget Convey, musicdirector@augustauu.org

Office Administrator, Lynn M. Smith, admin@augustauu.org,

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