



The Flaming Chalice

The newsletter of The Unitarian Universalist Community Church
69 Winthrop Street ~ P O Box 8 ~ Augusta, ME 04332-0008

Summer 2009

Summer Worship Services

Sundays at 10:00 am
Aug. 16 - Sept. 6

We will be returning to two services beginning Sept 13th
9:15 am and 11 am.

- August 16** "Spiritual Growth in Older Age; What does it look like?" Service led by Dan Sorensen
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Minister: Rev. Carie Johnsen
President: Debbie Mattson
Director of Religious Exploration: Karen Fisk
Administrator: Julie Pelletier
Choir Director: Douglas Barley
Small Group Ministry Coordinator: Kathy Kellison

Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday, 8 am-4 pm
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Minister's Hours: Monday-Wednesday 11 am-4pm

A Congregational Email will be sent with the next Newsletter due date. Thank

A Faith Journey...

Will someone please tell me where the last three months have gone! It seems that just yesterday I was Candidating, and now, here we are, more than half way through summer. After much ado about housing, I have finally located a nice rental along Maranacook Lake. I will be moving August 13th just in time to begin my ministry with Unitarian Universalist Community Church.

I am very excited about entering into a settled ministry with the members of this dynamic and vital congregation. This will be an exciting year for all of us as we begin to imagine our ministry together. I am particularly looking forward to working with Doug, Karen, Julie and Kathy. You have masterfully gathered around you a great team of paid professionals and spiritual leaders. Together, all of us will imagine our future and be the change we wish to see in the world.

You can expect to find me in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11:00 to 4:00 beginning August 17th. I invite you to stop by and say hello. Stay a while. Sit and visit. Share with me your stories of UUC and your hopes and dreams for your beloved church community.

In faith, Carie Johnsen

Office Hours ~ Rev. Carie Johnsen

Mondays	11:00 - 4:00
Tuesdays	11:00 - 4:00
Wednesdays	11:00 - 4:00
(or by appointment)	

Thursdays will be a regularly scheduled day off.

** Please note that Carie follows a sabbath practice on Thursdays. She does not return phone calls, read or send emails.*

Carie will respond to pastoral emergencies. In the event of a pastoral emergency at anytime during the week, please call her on her cell phone at 508-221-5295 and leave a message.



Poetry Sunday

If you are interested in co-creating a poetry worship with Carie Johnsen, our newly settled minister, please call her at (207)623-3663 after her arrival on August 17th. A planning meeting will be scheduled during the week prior to the August 30th service.

Rise Up and Call Her Name

The group has met several times. Planning and offering the service on August 2 helped us to focus on our own spirituality. What goddesses capture your attention and why? How does study of goddesses help us in our lives?

Following is the schedule for the next few weeks. At the end of August, we will be reviewing plans as the church year starts. So join us this summer and be part of the evolving study of the goddesses.

Sunday, August 16th ~ 11:30-1:30 pm
4. West Africa: Oshun, Yemija, Oya
(Annex) Lara Dionne, Facilitator

Sunday, August 23rd ~ 11:30-1:30 pm
6. Asia/India: Shakti/Kali
Helen Zidowecki, Facilitator

Sunday, August 30th ~ 11:30-1:30pm
5. African American
Priscilla Jenkins, Facilitator

It is hard to believe that the summer has gone by so quickly! Once again we are preparing for a busy year ahead. Please join us on Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm in the Sanctuary for Choir practice. Our first practice is scheduled for August 20th. We hope to see you there!



Religious Exploration News

September 13th begins a new Religious Exploration year!

We will offer again two opportunities for Religious Exploration on Sunday morning: Young UU Worship, for ages infant through 18, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 followed by age-specific classes until 10:30; and Spirit Play, a multi-age experience, from 11 to noon. Youth programming will be Sunday evenings with the first Sunday of the month for Peace Jam, grades 9-12; UU Youth for grades 7-9 on the second Sunday of the month; and movie night for Sr. Youth and for Jr. Youth on the fourth Sunday of the month. We are also considering a youth outing club.

This year our special programming includes OWL for K-1 and OWL for 7-9th graders. We continue our Faith in Action program and add a monthly Time for All Ages to our first service program.

Teacher trainings are coming right up. I'll be in touch with dates and times.

Meantime, I am yours in faith,

Karen

President's Column

Our church is a lively faith community for 12-months of every year. I have immense gratitude for all the people that contribute to the vibrancy of our church community during the summer months. My thanks go to:

- The Summer Worship Committee and musicians for week after week of inspiring worship services;
- The youth for providing safe and loving nursery care;
- The Caring Committee and pastoral associates for continuing to respond and give in a way that makes us all proud of our community;
- The Building and Grounds Committee for surveying the buildings to develop a priority list, making repairs, finding a contractor to repair the sanctuary roof prior to In-gathering, and keeping the lawn mowed;
- The Fund Raising Committee for developing plans for fund raisers throughout the year and coordinating a Chowder Luncheon fund raiser on August 22;
- The Aesthetics Committee for finishing touches and furnishing the meeting room at 71 Winthrop;
- The Social Activities Committee for enthusiasm in developing a list of fun activities to meet a variety of interests.

Thank you to the many people that attend church on Sundays during the summer. Thank you to the many people that attended the fund raiser housed in our church for Equality Maine.

We are an amazing community!

Debbie Mattson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fund Raiser

Please come and bring your friends to our **PUBLIC CHOWDER LUNCHEON** in the UUCF Fellowship Hall Saturday, August 22, 2009, from 11:30 to 1:30.

**Variety of Chowders
Blueberry Muffins
Homemade Pies**

**Piano music by Annie Voorhees and Hannah Faulkner
Selected items for sale at Hannah's Boutique**

Adults \$6.00 in advance; \$6.50 at the door Children (ages 5 to 12) \$3.00 in advance; \$3.50 at the door
Ages 4 and under are Free. Advance tickets available from Julie Pelletier during church office hours or
Judy McCown at 897-3683 jsmbierce@myfairpoint.net

Some food items and volunteer helpers still needed. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or
Contact Judy McCown if you can help. Thank you.

Dear Friends,
A sincere thank you to all my
church friends who supported me
through my struggle with a broken
shoulder. The cards, flowers, gifts,
phone calls and visits were really
appreciated.

Barbara Thurlow



Reminder: Mindful Meditation meets Mon-
days 6:30 ~ 8pm in the Sanctuary
Childcare is available .
Please join us!

For more information contact Marty Soule
@ 685- 9270 or martysoule@gmail.com

Greetings from the Social Activities Committee

The Social Activities Committee would like to hear your
ideas on what you would like to see for social events
this coming year! Please contact:

Stefanie Barley (207-623-2824/ 207-841-3922 or
stefbarley@myfairpoint.net) or Cheryl Clukey (441-0337
or cherylclukey5@yahoo.com)

Equality Maine

Phone Banks for Vote No on 1/Protect Maine Equality have been moved to Maine Women's Lobby
Phone banks are held Sundays @ 4pm and Thursdays @ 5:30. For more information contact
Maggie Ricker @ 623-9943 Or Maggiesway@aol.com

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Need to book some space for an event?

Visit our Events Calendar at www.augustauu.org to view upcoming events and space availability. Fill out the request form and submit to the administration office. Space is secured on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions, please call the administration office Mon-Tues 8am-4pm or Sat 8am-12pm.



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Sunday Summer Services

- July 5** "After the Celebration": Independence to Interdependence"
Service led by Helen Zidowecki
- July 12** Service led by Charles McGillicuddy
Rev. Leonard, Chaplain of the Third Maine (1861-1865) speaks on war --
he reads a portion of a sermon that he wrote in 1852, then comments on the
topic from the perspective of 12 years later after he has served as a military
chaplain for 3 years.
- July 19** Non-Violent Communication Practice Group. "NVC—A Language of Life"
- July 26** Service led by Karen Allen
- August 2** Rise Up and Call Her Name Participants, "The Goddess Speaks"
- August 9** A Service of Gratitude and Mindfulness ~ Service led by Chelsea Ray-Schuemann
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From the Director of Religious Exploration



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