



# The Flaming Chalice

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

August 2010

## Summer Worship Services

### ONLY ONE SUNDAY SERVICE AT 10:00 a.m.

(June 6th ~ Sept 5th)

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**

*First Fruits: Honoring our personal harvest*

Lara Dionne

This is the first traditional harvest holiday in the ancient Celtic calendar, followed by Mabon and Samhain. We will give thanks for the Earth's edible generosity and think about what we have harvested spiritually, intellectually and physically during our individual growth cycles this year, and throughout our lives.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Prima Materia: First Matter*

Noah Gottlieb

An exploration of alchemical principles. Congregants are invited to bring something animal/vegetable/or mineral which may be useful for an elixir

**August 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Democracy vs. Majority Rule*

Joe Laferriere

Many Americans mistakenly believe that democracy and majority rule are the same thing. Quite the contrary, protection of minority right is an essential and indispensable part of democracy. Such rights need to be respected even if the majority opposes such tolerance.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Singing Meditation*

Rev. Carie Johnsen

This service will introduce the practice of singing meditation, which combines repetitive singing of short, simple, interfaith songs with periods of directed and undirected silence.

**August 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Is Beauty Truth? Is Truth Beauty? Is That All We Need to Know?*

Jim Mckenna

We will discuss eloquence and the relation of beauty to truth. Attendees are invited to bring a brief favorite example of eloquence (written or sung) and be ready to describe why they so value it.

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Next newsletter deadline is **August 16th**. Please submit newsletter articles by email to Julie Pelletier, UUCC Church Administrator at [admin@augustauu.org](mailto:admin@augustauu.org)



## A Faith Journey...

As you receive this newsletter, I will be returning from my summer vacation back to the corner of Winthrop and Summer. I am writing this note on June 21 as I contemplate departing the office and the congregation for a week at General Assembly (GA) and July vacation. If all goes as I anticipate, I will have gathered with colleagues and friends at GA, spent a week in SD with family, a week on Cape Cod with friends and a week sailing Penobscot Bay on the Grace Bailey.

Last year was our time to get to know each other, grow Faith-in-Action, share community, celebrate our new ministry and care for each other in times of deep sorrow and grief. I am looking forward to entering into our second year in shared ministry together. Please stop by the office in August to tell me about your hopes, visions and dreams for the upcoming year. It is a good time to visit as the pace of ministry is more relaxed.

In gratitude and faith of all that is UUCC, Rev. Carie Johnsen



### From the Desk of Rev. Carie Johnsen,

Rev. Carie has returned from her summer vacation and welcomes drop-in visitors. She will keep the following office hours through August 27th.

Mondays – Wednesdays and most Thursday 11:00 - 5:00; or by appointment.  
Please call ahead to confirm availability.



**Summer Spirit Play and Nursery Care** is now available at the 10:00 service. Children age 4 and under are welcome in the Nursery. Children age 5-12 are welcome in the spirit play room located on the second floor in the Administration Building at 71 Winthrop.

Liza Gottlieb will coordinate summer spirit play. Please contact Liza at 549-5198 or [lizarose-gottlieb@yahoo.com](mailto:lizarose-gottlieb@yahoo.com), if you would like to volunteer one Sunday this summer to support this family friendly model and bring spirit play to our young people all year long.

### Religious Exploration Retreat Sunday, August 29 4 to 7 p.m.



Please mark your calendars! 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.



## Notes from the Choir

This summer I was honored to be one of 240 UU musicians attending the 27<sup>th</sup> annual UU Musicians Network conference. Our gatherings were held at the First Unitarian Society (FUS) of Madison, Wisconsin, in their LEED Gold certified addition. They have a congregation with over 1,600 members, almost 600 children in their RE program, and three full-time music staff. The music and fellowship was deeply moving, and the connections with other UU musicians and ministers were amazing. I hope to share much of what I learned with you all as we gather this coming year to celebrate and worship together.

So on that note . . . choir rehearsals will continue to be held on Thursday nights this year from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will have our first rehearsal on Thursday, August 19, and I would love to welcome back both our continuing choir members and any new voices age 14 or over who wish to sing!

In peace and harmony,

Doug Barley

## SAVE THE DATE !

### **Bevan's Family Fundraiser**

**Friday, July 30**

**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**\$6 per person / \$20 per family**

**Larger donations accepted**

Bring your family to a Chili Supper to raise money for Tatum Bevans' family! Many of you knew Tatum and Trevor and their 3 daughters while they were living in Maine. Tatum's long and hard battle with systemic lupus ended in April, and she is greatly missed.

Tatum loved to laugh, and she loved chili, so let's celebrate her and raise some money to help pay for some of those medical bills.

Come and laugh with actors from Mainely Improv who are donating their time for this fabulous event!

For more information contact Liza Gottlieb at 549-5198 or [lizarosegottlieb@yahoo.com](mailto:lizarosegottlieb@yahoo.com)

*Board Meeting*  
*Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*6pm*  
*Fellowship Hall*

## ***Leadership Retreat***

*Saturday, Sept 11, 2010*

*Time: TBA*

*Who: Church Leaders*

*For more information contact Sheila Comerford at:*  
***president@augustauu.org***



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Buildings and Grounds ~ Work Days!

The B&G committee really needs your help painting the ramp and stairs at 71 Winthrop St. We have organized four, 3 hour shifts of 3 volunteers each to get this work done. We are asking for volunteers to sign up for just ONE of the four 3 hour shifts listed below. A B&G committee member will be working with you so there will be 4 people at each shift.

We have 4 shifts of 3 volunteers each.



Saturday, August 14, 9-12	Prep work.
Saturday August 14, 1-4	Priming.
Saturday August 21, 9-12	Painting.
Saturday August 28, 9-12	Painting second coat.

Please email or call us at: [us1863@roadrunner.com](mailto:us1863@roadrunner.com) or 512-5382.

## Fundraising



## ~ Kayaking and Picnic Lunch ~ August 21st

Join us for guided excursion in your kayak on Taylor Pond & Hopkins Stream in Mount Vernon

**\$5 per person or \$10 per family ~ Lunch included!**

Reservations limited to 6 adults and children.

All proceeds to benefit the church

For details, contact Hannah Faulkner at [hannahu3@fairpoint.net](mailto:hannahu3@fairpoint.net) or 293-9377, or Melanie Lanctot at 685-3350 or [mlanctot@roadrunner.com](mailto:mlanctot@roadrunner.com)

## Peaceful Heart Sangha

## Mindfulness Meditation in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh Summer 2010

Come join us any Monday or Wednesday from 6:30 - 8 PM. Beginners welcome anytime. We usually meet at church; however, we will have a few meeting place changes this summer.

The Monday sitting will switch to a local home from July 19 - August 9.

The Wednesday sitting will meet at a local home from July 7 until the fall. If you are not on our Sangha email list and plan to join us for one of those evenings, please contact Marty Soule or Greg Fahy for details.

During the summer we will not have Children's meditation, though we will still offer childcare on the first Monday of the month.

For More information contact Mary or Greg at:  
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## Future Small Fundraising Events

A very special Dinner and Film is in the planning stages and will be hosted by Marty and David Thornton at their home in the fall. Details will follow as they become available.

Individuals and groups are invited to host a small fundraising event. The components are a meal, an activity, and a specified number of paid reservations. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Judy McCown or Bruce Bierce, Fundraising Chairs at: [jsmbierce@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jsmbierce@myfairpoint.net)

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**Office News**

**Mark you Calendars!**

**Administration Office will be closed 8/14**