



# THE COMMON

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF CASTINE

July 2021

## Sunday Services

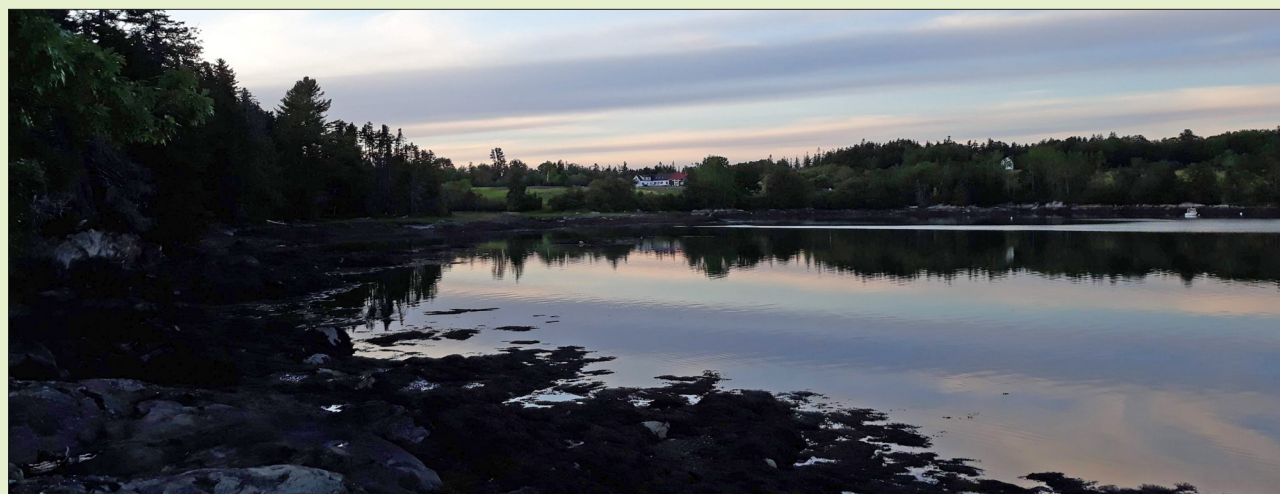
July Theme: Our Network of Mutuality

**July 4:** Guest Worship Leader  
Rev. Jane Dwinell  
“Living with Dementia”

**July 11:** Rev. Margaret Beckman  
Spirit of Place

**July 18:** Rev. Margaret Beckman  
Five Smooth Stones of Faith  
**Welcome back to the Meeting House**

**July 25:** Rev. Margaret Beckman  
Faith and Works



Lampson Preserve by Jean Lamontanaro

## Our Mission

To establish and promote an open and welcoming congregation that supports and sustains the spiritual, ethical, intellectual and overall well being of our members while serving our broader communities.

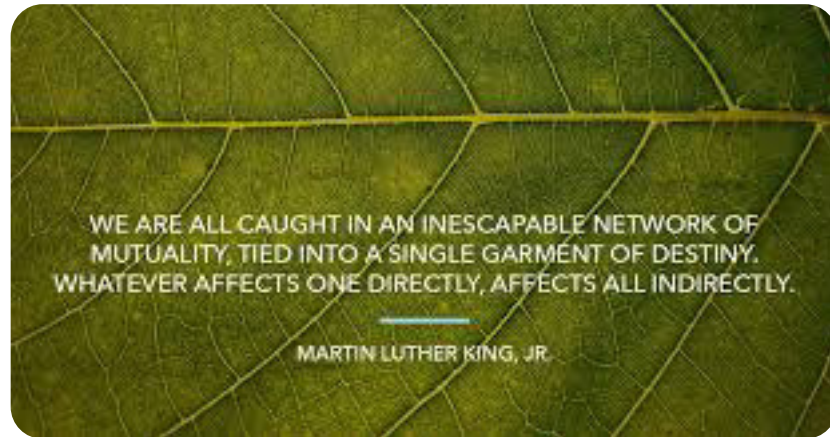
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## Lakeside Reflections, July 2021



### **We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny.**

The truth of this statement from Martin Luther King, Jr. strikes me almost daily.

Wherever I look, what I see is that everything is part of the interdependent web of existence that I share with everything else. We don't always pay close attention to that fact, or to what it means in terms of how we live when we do pay attention. Nevertheless, the truth is before us and we will do well to live within this truth.

Here are a few of the ways that I see our own network of mutuality. I will continue to share thoughts and invitations about these connections throughout this month.

Our Ministry of Philanthropy touches organizations that are connected to us and to each other and to others both nearby and farther away. Whether that is our work with Families First, the Childhood Learning Center, H.O.M.E., No Neighbor Left Behind meals, or the Castine area relief fund — we are connected and our destiny is tied together.

Our ministry of personal and congregational well-being leads me to ponder the power of the spirituality of place. Each of us lives in a particular place and some of us have more than one home on this beautiful planet. Yet, we are not the first, nor will we be that last, to inhabit these places made sacred by our presence and our love. Perhaps our understanding of the spirituality of the places we cherish and call home can be enhanced by gaining a deeper understanding of those who came before us — including Indigenous people who made their homes where we now dwell.

This network of mutuality informs our faith. We are among those who declare that faith and works go together in living a life of integrity. Faith and Works. Spirit and Body. Head and Heart. All are part of that single garment of mutuality and shared destiny that MLK preached about during his lifetime.

During July, this is my quest: to try to notice and honor in mind, body, heart and spirit all the aspects of my days where my destiny affects that of others and how the destiny of all the threads running through the garment of mutuality affect me. I invite you into this quest. I look forward to our time together as we explore the life we share.

Namaste, *Margaret*



## The Unitarian Universalist Meeting House in Castine



**It's been freshly painted.**

**There's a new sound system.**

**It's been empty far too long.**

### Now ..... Let's go inside!

Beginning on Sunday, July 18th, we will hold our Sunday morning service on Zoom and in the Meeting House. We will see each other in both spaces as we come together for worship, renewal and fellowship. Please come to church – either on-line through zoom or on-site in our Meeting House.

Zoom sharing time begins at 10:00 a.m.

Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour (without food or beverage) following the service – inside for a few, outside for a few more and some on zoom.

All of this is experimental. We are doing our very best to make sure all the moving parts of multi-platform worship come together in harmony. BUT, we will need to try it and work with it make adjustments as we go. Patience and Generosity are called for as we move together to new these ways high tech and high inclusion worship.

### A Call for Volunteers

It will require several people working together to achieve this multi-platform miracle.

Will you volunteer to help make this work?

- We need people to be worship associates – to help out from the pulpit – especially when we have guest worship leaders.
- We need a few people who can run the PowerPoint slides (from the tech booth in the Meeting House or from home).
- We need a few people who can operate the cameras and the sound equipment – this sounds more difficult than it will be.
- We need people to trouble shoot and offer support.

Please, be a volunteer. Email the minister (Margaret Beckman) with the way you can help to make our Sundays bright!

[minister@uucastine.org](mailto:minister@uucastine.org)



## Friends of Witherle Library to honor Anne Romans

From the Witherle Memorial Library website at <https://witherle.lib.me.us/>:

On Saturday, July 3, the Friends of Witherle Library invite the Community to a tea in honor of Anne F. Romans, Library Director, who will retire at the end of June after 23 years of service. The party will take place 4 to 5:30 pm. Guests can mingle both inside the library as well as outside under the tent. Iced teas and light refreshments will be served.

Library Board Chair, Jeff Ackerman summed up Anne's accomplishments as "far too many to list." Under her leadership the library converted

**Saturday, July 3**  
**4:00 pm - 5:30 pm**  
**Witherle Memorial Library**  
**41 School Street, Castine**

the card catalog to an online system, joined a Maine library consortium, increased open hours, dramatically increased circulation, to name a few. Anne has worked closely with both the board of trustees and the Friends. Their efforts merited three national awards from the Library Journal.

## Robert Shetterly "Americans Who Tell the Truth"

Robert will be giving an illustrated history of the Americans Who Tell the Truth portrait project, sharing stories of some of the past and present subjects, showing some original portraits, and discussing the lessons - political and historical - learned from it.

"Art can transform the way a message is articulated and received. The medium of art is aesthetic, visual, and visceral. Non-verbal. It doesn't attack the viewer but invites inquiry and participation. It gives the viewer space to think, feel, react and respond...or not. The viewer becomes the active participant. The portraits in particular try to present a person who emanates integrity, along with a statement about justice and compassion. They try to present an image of trustworthiness. They hope to elicit a response of integrity and trust and consideration of the issue in return..." If Robert Shetterly's interpretation of art intrigues you, please come to the Barn at

**Saturday, July 3**  
**7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**  
 Free (Your donations are greatly appreciated!)  
**Surry Arts & Events at the Barn**  
**8 Cross Road, Surry**  
 Reserve your seat at:  
[www.surryartsandevents.com](http://www.surryartsandevents.com)

7pm on July 3 to experience his art and message in person.

To reserve a seat book on our website:  
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*Enjoy the classic jazz duo*  
**Brad Terry and Peter Herman**  
*while contributing to H.O.M.E., Inc.!*



Clarinetist Brad Terry, inspired at age 8 by Benny Goodman, does not read music! Now at 84, with his rescued dog, Ella, by his side, Brad continues to teach, learn, and collaborate with other jazz musicians, including jazz guitarist Peter Herman. Visit: <https://www.seacoastjazz.org/brad-terry.html>

**When: 5 PM on Thursday, July 22**

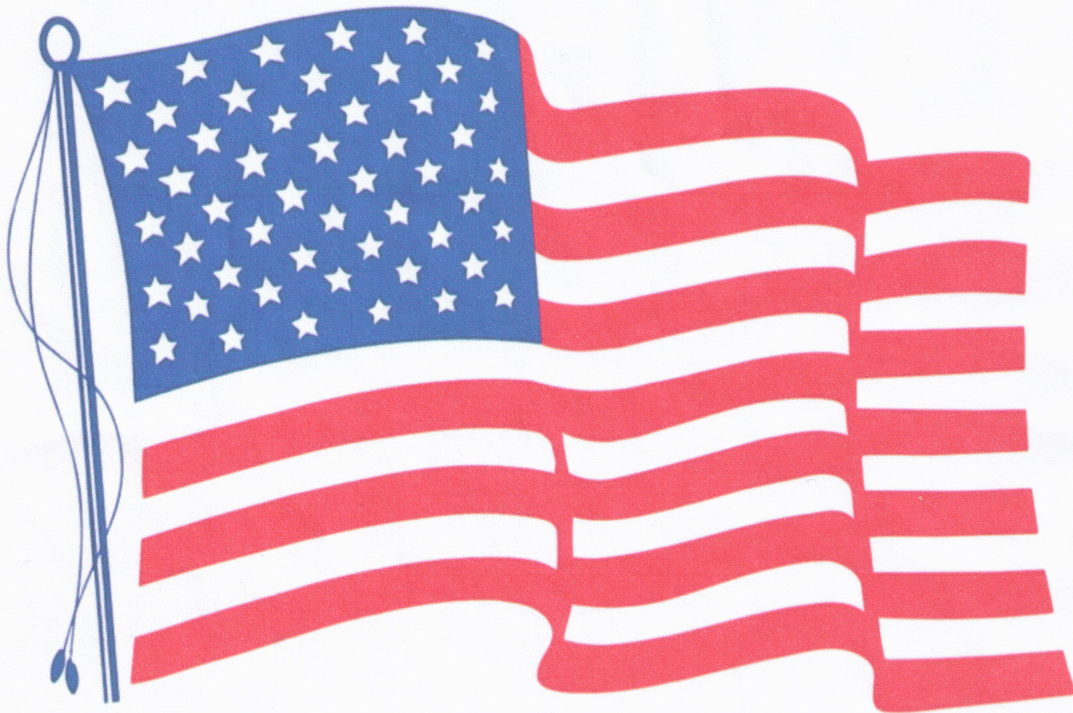
**Where: Unitarian Universalist**

**Congregation of Castine,  
at 86 Court Street**

**ALL donations benefit H.O.M.E., Inc.**



# Concert on The Common



**July 4th at 4:00**

Brass, singers, clarinets, flutes  
Lots of music.

Presented by The Castine Town Band

