



THE COMMON

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF CASTINE

July 2024

It is 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 and friends while serving our broader communities.



A Month of Sundays in July

July 7

Guest Speaker: Lisa Simpson Lutts
Musician: Karen Froehly

July 14

Worship Leader: Rev. Amy McCormick
Musician: Colleen Fitzgerald

July 21

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Musician: Colleen Fitzgerald
~Potluck~

July 28

Worship Leader: Rev. Jacquie Robb
Musician: Karen Froehly

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From the President's Desk

I thought our calendars were busy in June, but hold on to your pens, here comes July!

Time to clean the Parsonage and have the asbestos in the attic removed and replaced with safe insulation.

Wait a Minute! Is that a moving van? Yes, Rev. Amy's household goods will be arriving around July 15th. But that's not all, Rev. Amy and her family will soon follow. After all, August is coming soon.

Repairs and restoration to the front of our church are also progressing in July thanks to Tom Mason and Andrew Pataky.



But, with all this we do plan to have fun on the calendar too. Lisa Lutz, Rev. Amy McCormick and Rev. Jacquie Robb will provide the sermons while Karen and Colleen will provide our music throughout the month. Coffee hour and a potluck should be on your calendars too.

Don't forget Bastille celebrations and just enjoy our summer weather. So be happy we have a busy calendar, that we can enjoy all these things and are healthy enough to do them.

Marking things on our calendars can be fun!

With Love, Cindi

Making Our Way from PA to ME

Hello, you fine folks with the Castine Congregation! It is now Friday June 28th and I am listening to Peter Mayer echo against the walls of our empty apartment. This line jumps out about my family and I coming to be with you as we return home:

*Drifting here with my ship's companions
All we kindred pilgrim souls
Making our way by the lights of the heavens
In our beautiful blue boat home.*

See you soon!

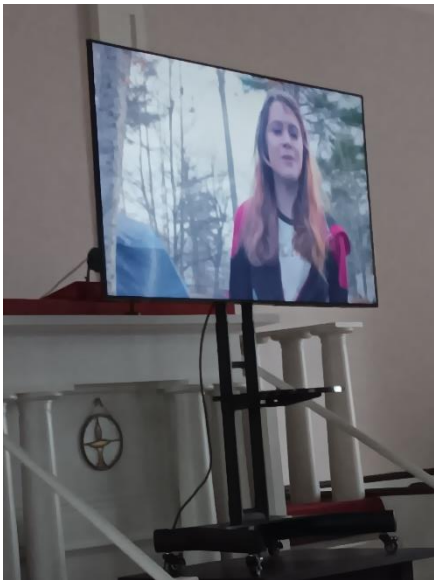
In peace
Rev. Amy



Building Hope Film Premiere



UUCC and the producers were pleased to offer this important film premiere to a full house in our Meeting House on June 29 as well as to attendees via Zoom. We hope this will inspire community conversation and action.



Vanessa Titang's Ordination, June 30th, Ellsworth UU Church



Congratulations to our intern, Vanessa Titang as UUCC joined with UUCE & UUCB and many others in her lovely ordination celebration!

Your future in ministry is bright.
May your light serve others!



No Neighbor Left Behind



July 12 approaches and with it our summer No Neighbor Left Behind. We return this year to the making of a picnic-style meal: an Italian-style sub, chips, watermelon, and a cupcake. Here are the ways in which you may choose to participate:

Cupcake Preparation: I have boxed Duncan Hines cake mixes to distribute, each one of which makes 24 cupcakes. You need to add water, 3 eggs, and 1/2 cup vegetable oil. These I do not provide. I also request that you frost them. Bottom line: Six bakers/decorators are needed, and the cupcakes should be delivered to the Parish Hall by 1 p.m. on Friday, July 12.

There, they will be packed in small wax-paper bags. I will have cake mixes with me on 6/30 and 7/7 Sunday services.

Sub Construction: Yup, we have 140 slices of ham, 280 slices of salami, 140 slices of cheese, plus lettuce that need to be nestled into sub rolls and then wrapped. Show up at 1 p.m. and we'll start putting them together.

Watermelon Dissection: A seedless watermelon of medium size will yield approx. 30 quarter -round slices. Five watermelons will await culinary surgery and zip-lock bagging. We already have a physician on hand to help with the execution of this task!

Packers: Put the pieces together, making them ready for delivery, and take on the sometimes ominous duty of checking our meal counts!

Drivers: Hit the road with these Picnics-to-Go!

As ever,>NNLB can't happen without a team of good-humored, enthusiastic volunteers. I look forward to working with you all. If you have questions, I can be reached at 326-4924 or at johanna.s.sweet@gmail.com.

Thanks, Johanna



Peninsula Students Explore the Bagaduce River, by Tom Adamo

The natural world of the Bagaduce River was generous during May and June to the seventh and eighth grade students, their teachers and staff from the Sedgwick, Brooksville, Penobscot and Castine Elementary Schools. Fifty students and seven school staff, for many a first-time experience, shared the beauty and the wildlife of this significant and important body of water.

The day began with Julia Gray, Executive Director of Wilson Museum, teaching the history and culture of the Bagaduce River through the eyes of the Wabanaki First Nation.

Classes then proceeded to the L'il Toot, a diesel-powered tour boat owned and operated by Zander Parker and Kate Kana of Castine. Additionally, First Mate Patrick Griffin, Lead Ecologist Sarah O'Malley, Photographer Jon Albrecht and Tom Adamo of BWA welcomed the students and staff aboard.

At the beginning of the trip the students, under the guidance of Sarah O'Malley, learned the importance of navigational charts and numbered buoys. "Oh! There's number 3, it's red so this must be where we are" was said excitedly by many young voices.

Along the way the students tested the water temperature and salinity of the river at different sites and discussed the possible causes of variation.

A student commented on the curiosity of a Harbor Seal swimming adjacent to the boat - it would stop and look toward the boat often. This curiosity was confirmed; while towing a



plankton net astern a seal surfaced and followed the net, certainly curious as to what the object was. The Plankton gathered in the net's collection jar was brought back to the respective schools for viewing under a microscope.

The natural highlights of the trips were seeing sixty-seven (67) Harbors Seals feeding or basking on rocks, Bald Eagles roosting, four (4) circling overhead, Cormorants feeding and drying their wings, Gulls, Ducks and Loons. A rarity in the river was a pod of Harbor Porpoise which had an "Alewife Bait Ball" encircled as they took turns feeding and jumping out of the water. A sight which will last forever in the minds of those who saw them; an experience most adults have never seen.

The four trips were sponsored by the Bagaduce Watershed Association and funded by the Opportunity Fund of the

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine. Water and snacks were donated by Hannaford, Blue Hill. The owners of the Pentagoet Inn set up tables and chairs for all to eat their brown bag lunch as the town dock was under reconstruction from this winter's storms.

The Bagaduce Watershed Association V.P. and Acting President said "The students will inherit this river. This experience will contribute to the sense of importance of their role as the future stewards."

It is the intention of BWA to continue these experiential educational excursions going forward as long as funds become available. To see more photographs of the trip go to Bagaducewatershed.org



Our Partner Church in the Philippines

A Child Dedication Ceremony



Mount Kanlaon Volcano eruption on June 3rd.



Around Our Neighborhood

Thursday, July 4th
Lobster Roll Celebration!
 THIS IS HOW I ROLL

Lobster rolls - \$25 (includes chips & cole slaw)

Pie - \$6/slice

Stop by or reserve ahead:
 • call 207-326-9486,
 • email info@tcpoc.org,
 • or visit www.tcpoc.org
 • or VisitCastine.com

12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
 68 Main St
 Proceeds will benefit The Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

Bastille Day
French Toast Breakfast
Saturday, July 13
8-10 AM
 at the Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

The meal is free - donations will support our community outreach efforts!



Marcia "Mitzie" Goodfellow Schatz 1940 - 2024

On June 12, 2024 the world lost Marcia (Mitzie) Goodfellow Schatz. She was born December 10, 1940 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Fred and Kay Goodfellow.



Marcia earned a teaching degree from the University of Northern Colorado. After teaching in California, she moved to the Denver area, and received a master's degree in library science in 1978. It was there that Marcia gave birth to the most important people in her life: Kathryn and Melissa.

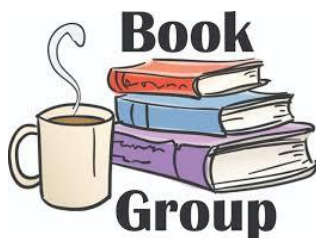
Marcia married Jim Schatz in 1979. In 1980, this newly blended family moved to Blue Hill, Maine. Jim and Marcia purchased a 48-acre subsistence farm once owned by the Saunders family and eventually turned it into an inn. The inn operated for nearly 30 years.

Over her time in Maine, Marcia taught at the Blue Hill Consolidated School and was school librarian at Sumner High School, Deer Isle-Stonington High School & the Brooklin Elementary School. During that time she served on the Blue Hill Public Library Board and became the Blue Hill Library's director for seven years.

In addition to her legacy cited above, Marcia is survived by her husband Jim, sister Janice (Andy), daughters Kathryn (Vanessa) and Melissa (David), niece Kay (Rob) and a blended family that includes 2 sons, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Marcia's life is planned for later this summer. You may honor Marcia's memory by donating to a library of your choice and/or read to a child and/or have a child read to you.

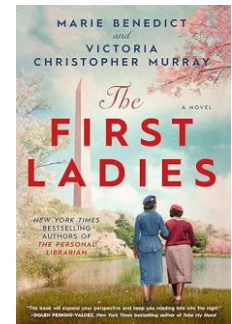
UUC READS - Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. on ZOOM.



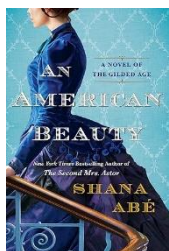
We begin July with a continuation of our discussion of *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

The First Ladies is a riveting look at Eleanor Roosevelt's political rise to First Lady and her eyebrow-raising friendship with civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune. From their first awkward

meeting at a national luncheon for the heads of women's clubs in 1927 to the joyous day the two unite to vote for the Charter of United Nations in June 1945, authors Benedict and Murray are successful in capturing the emotional connection between these two impactful women. The women's friendship helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement. Historically illuminating; recommended to fans of *The Personal Librarian* by Benedict and Murray.



Get ready, the next book will be *An American Beauty* by Shana Abe.



The New York Times bestselling author of *The Second Mrs. Astor* returns with a spellbinding new book perfect for fans of HBO's *The Gilded Age* and readers of Marie Benedict, Karen Harper, and Allison Pataki. This sweeping novel of historical fiction is inspired by the true rags-to-riches story of Arabella Huntington—a woman whose great beauty was surpassed only by her exceptional business acumen, grit, and artistic eye, and who defied the constraints of her era to become the wealthiest self-made woman in America.

Consider becoming part of the UU Reads book discussion. Drop an email to Debbie at office@uucastine.org and we will add you to the weekly reminder list.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Ballot Results

All Items on Saturday's General Session IV Ballot were adopted or affirmed

- Proposed Revision to Article II as amended
 - Adopt the proposed revision to Article II: 2025 (80.2%)
 - Do not adopt the proposed revision to Article II: 499 (19.8%)
- AIW: World on Fire: Humanitarian Work and Climate Change
 - Affirm this Action of Immediate Witness 2312 (95.6%)
 - Do not affirm this Action of Immediate Witness 107 (4.4%)
- AIW: Centering Love Amidst the Ongoing Impact of COVID-19
 - Affirm this Action of Immediate Witness: 1987 (86.1%)
 - Do not affirm this Action of Immediate Witness: 321 (13.9%)
- AIW: Solidarity with Palestinians
 - Affirm this Action of Immediate Witness: 1655 (73.5%)
 - Do not affirm this Action of Immediate Witness: 598 (26.5%)
- Responsive Resolution: UUA GA Support for October 7 Hostages
 - Adopt responsive resolution: 1705 (77.0%)
 - Do not adopt responsive resolution: 508 (23.0%)

Complete details are available on uua.simplyvoting.com.

