



The Common October 2018

SAVE
THE
DATE

October 14th Potluck Sunday

October 20th Turkey Supper at our Parish House to benefit our Filipino Partner Church

October 25th Governing Board Meeting

November 18th **Bringing Families Together** Conversation sponsored by the Castine Compassionate Coalition

December 9th UUCC Annual Meeting following the Sunday morning service

December 10th **Castine Christmas Celebration** at 7:00 p.m. at the UU Meeting House

2018 Pulliam Grant Recipients

Congratulations to our 2018 Pulliam Grant Recipients!

MUUSAN	\$5000
Maine Coalition to end Domestic Violence	\$2400
Families First	\$5000
Maine Prisoners Advocacy Coalition	\$5000
Nichols Day Camps	\$4600
Volunteers for Hancock County Residents	\$4000

Sunday
Service

Sunday Service Calendar

October 7th Rabbi Darah Lerner.
"Civil Discourse, or, How to Answer a Fool"

Ian Brenner-Simpson, Musician

October 14th Opportunity Fund
Guests in the pulpit are W.G. and Nancy Sayer of the Community Childhood Learning

Colleen Fitzgerald, Musician

October 21st Rev. Margaret Beckman, "Follow the Money"

Juliane Gardner & Chris Poulin,
Musicians

October 28th - Collaborative Ministry Retreat at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine. NO SERVICE in Castine

November 4th Rev. Dr. Duncan Newcomer will be in the pulpit.

Ian Brenner-Simpson, Musician

President's Desk

Leslie Fairbank

A new season is upon us. There will be some changes to our normal schedule. From now until the end of 2018, we will have Pot Luck on the second Sundays. October's will be on the 14th, November's on the 11th, and December's on the 9th.

We have also scheduled the Annual Meeting for December 9th. In order to prepare for that, we need to put together the budget for 2019. Committee chairs and others are asked to submit their budget requests to the board by our next meeting, October 25th. Reports to be included in the Annual Report should be submitted to Becky (office@uucastine.org) by November 15th. Please list all members of each committee, as well as grant and scholarship recipients.

The Nominating Committee is at work assembling the Governing Board for 2019. We hope folks will consider saying yes, if asked. We appreciate the work that all our volunteers take on. Elaine Gerard-Climo, of Partner Church, will be recruiting help to prepare a turkey dinner on October 20th for the benefit of Dollars for Scholars, so please save the date and be willing to participate.

Our hearts go out to the folks in the Carolinas whose lives have been upended, including our own Del Thomas. As our seasonal folk wend their way southward, we wish them Bon Voyage and happy winter.
Warm regards, Leslie



MUSIC NOTES

We are in search for a new Music Director who will provide Sunday music and lead the choir. Contact Leslie Fairbank or Margaret Beckman if you know anyone who might be perfect for UUCC!

Religious Education

Kay Hansen

Our religious education program has gotten off to a great start. Lane Fisher and I are working together to get to know each other and set some routines for the group. The children have responded well to our first couple of books from the "Picture Book Unitarian Universalism" curriculum. Our first book, "The Big Orange Splot," showed us that it was all right to be different and make our houses... "look like me...and all my dreams." Two of our books featured turtles: "old turtle" who helped all the creatures on earth live in peace with each other and another real-life turtle that made friends with a hippo. You may have seen the clay turtles made by the children.

As we begin October and a change of season, Lane will offer a book that illustrates the seasonal "circle of life." In the weeks to follow, we will learn more about Henry Thoreau and his love of nature through a children's book titled, "Henry Hikes to Fitchburg," and for potluck Sunday, we will read the book, "Stone Soup" and make something to share for potluck. On the last Sunday of October (the 28th), both Lane and I will be at Ferry Beach. There will be no religious education program at the church.



The Future of Faith Formation: A workshop for exploring the current trends in "Faith Formation" (Religious Education). This is a workshop that had been scheduled in the spring but cancelled because of more pressing current events. The Mid-Maine DRE Cluster Group has rescheduled this workshop for Saturday, November 17, 2018, 10:00-3:00 at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor. Kim Sweeney, independent consultant and previous lead staff member for Faith Formation and Safe Congregations for the New England Region, will lead the workshop. Churches from this area and beyond will be invited to attend this discussion and share ideas for the future of our religious education programs. Please contact Kay Hansen hansen85023@gmail.com if you are interested in attending this workshop.



Opportunities to Serve

The Common

The Common is our congregation's monthly newsletter. The Common is sent to a diverse mailing list of people within and beyond our members and friends. It is a good way to keep our friend near and far away close to our hearts and the activities of our congregation. We need a new editor and several new contributors.

You might be the right person to take on the task of writing for The Common or the role of editor. We need you!

Please consider how you might be part of a small team of people who make this part of our ministry happen each month.

Contact Rev. Margaret Beckman or our President, Leslie Fairbank, to volunteer your service.

**NEEDED:
GOOD PEOPLE TO
SERVE AS
GREETERS & USHERS**

**NEEDED:
GOOD PEOPLE TO
HOST COFFEE HOUR**

Sign Up for your
Sundays to serve
on the board in
the Parish House

Nominating Committee

The Congregation's Nominating Committee has been charged with producing a slate of members to be elected or re-elected to the Governing Board for the coming year at the Annual Meeting. According to the By-Laws adopted in 2016, Members and Officers are elected for two-year terms, limited to two consecutive terms, unless the Congregation chooses to override this limitation. As of now, the Treasurer, Diana Bernard, has finished her two terms as Treasurer. We will need to elect a new Treasurer at the Annual Meeting in December.

Some people are eligible for re-election to another term and we hope they will choose to continue to serve the Congregation. There are other leadership positions on the Governing Board that will need to be filled.

If you feel that this is the right time for you to serve as lay leader or if you have a suggestion for a new Board Member or Treasurer, feel free to share this with any member of the Nominating Committee:

Sue Clement
Marcia Mason

Joan Bothwell
Lynn Parsons

Worship Associates

Shared leadership in planning and conducting worship is a wonderful way to keep our Sunday morning services diverse, relevant and well-organized. When we invite a guest to preach or be our primary speaker, we need someone to assist with the planning, selection of hymns and readings, and to lend support during the Sunday morning service.



If we had a team of three or four people take on this role with worship, everyone would benefit.

See Rev. Margaret Beckman to learn more about Worship Associates and join the team.

UCC Opportunity Funds at Work in our Communities

Community Childhood Learning Place

*** L e a r n * C a r e * P l a y**

The Childhood Learning Place is under construction.
The trusses are installed. The roof sheathing is in place.
By winter, the building will be enclosed.

Have you noticed the changes throughout the fall?
The metal roof is being installed.
Things will be happening inside all winter.

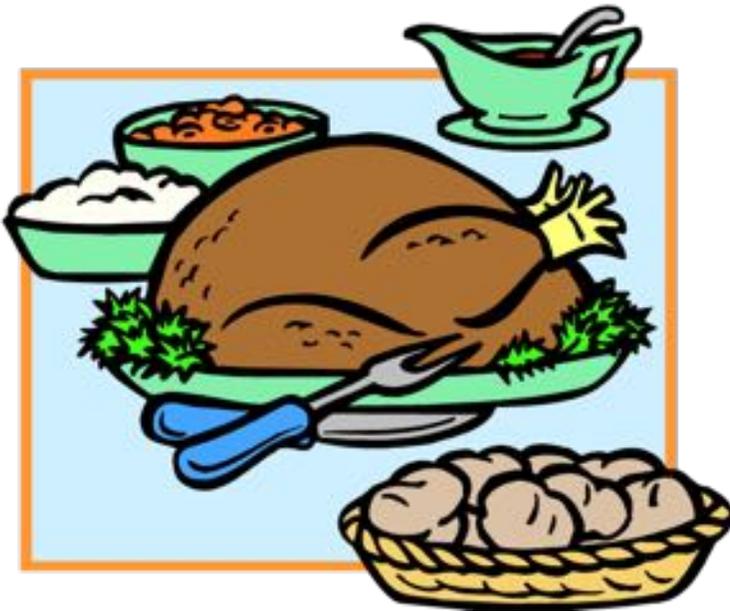
The Mission

The program will recognize the rich potential of each child, the valuable contribution of family interaction, community involvement, and the importance of engaging quality staff well grounded in child development principles and the physical well-being of children.



Partner Church Update

TURKEY DINNER



**At the Unitarian Universalist
Parish House
On The Common, Castine**

Oct. 20, 2018

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Adults \$20.00

or

Families \$40

Children eat for Free

Bring Your Friends and Neighbors



Proceeds to benefit children in Aquino, Philippines: school tuition, books, uniforms, school transportation and much more!

Call (207) 326-0992 for Reservations by Oct. 18, please.

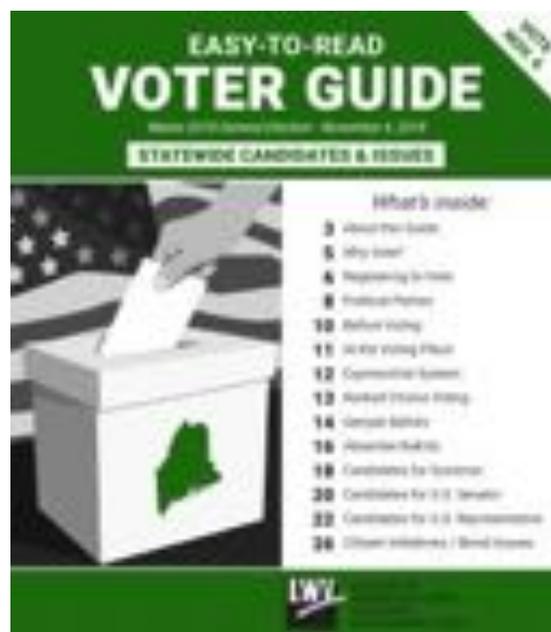




The League of Women Voters Maine Education Fund is distributing free paper copies of the nonpartisan Easy-to-Read Voter Guide to citizens throughout Maine. This year, they are printing and distributing 75,000 statewide copies. The guide will be posted to the LWVME website, www.lwvme.org. We're also excited that for the first time ever, the League will be offering Somali and Arabic translations of the digital and paper guide, as well as a spoken-word and an ASL video version.

A PDF version of the English guide is now available at <http://lwvme.org/guide.html>. ASL and audio versions will also be available.

Paper guides will be delivered by Tuesday, October 9, to distribution hubs in Portland, Bangor, Farmington, Augusta, Lewiston, Machias, Ellsworth, Rockland, and Brunswick. We will also be sending guides through the inter-library system to libraries across the state.



Lakeside Reflections, October 2018



October at Acadia National Park. A quiet paddle on a quiet creek is a wonderful way to enjoy life here in Maine and to remember what a gift our National Parks system is for all of us. It was an absolutely beautiful day when we went for a two hour paddle at Acadia. The scenery was as good as any fall foliage day could be. When the cares of our national dialogue about what it means to be an American and what we cherish as a nation are too much to carry, like Wendell Berry, I go to rest with the peace of the wild things.

We here in Maine are the stewards and the beneficiaries of Acadia National Park and other wilderness places like the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. Being outside in the Autumn is a blessing. I hope everyone can find and take the time to be silent and simply drink in the spirit of nature that restores our souls.

There will be plenty of time to be activists, protesters, and peacemakers. Our call to be active participants in our world is strong and true. It does not require of us every day or every minute. Go to the places that restore your soul and be with the people you love.

When despair grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting for their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.
Wendell Berry

May your days be full of the beauty of nature and your lives blessed by sharing it with those you love.

Namaste,
Margaret

