

# The **UUUCE** **NUUS**

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Celebrating the sacred, we gather in loving community  
to nourish souls and live justice into the world.



# JUSTICE & EQUALITY

# FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVICES

**Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**

**February 4, 2024**

**“On Kings, Councils and Edicts: The Origins of Unitarianism”**

Rev. Andrew Moeller, Worship Leader

Marta Rieman, Worship Associate

\*RE today

\*Plate split Sunday, to benefit Maine TransNet

\*Potluck after worship, hosted by Worship Arts

The Reverend Andrew Moeller is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister serving the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor congregation as its full-time minister. Prior to serving in Bangor, he was a halftime contract minister for the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, NH, as well as serving the Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia as a per diem chaplain. He is a life-long Unitarian Universalist who has served in a professional ministerial position since 2011.

Today we explore the origins of Unitarianism as Rev. Andrew Moeller from the UU Society of Bangor shares some of his experience of visiting Unitarian Congregations in Transylvania last spring on his sabbatical.

2/4 Worship Service Zoom Meeting: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/9761332225?pwd=aVlyNFJDbmo2ZER3ZHpkUi9nKzIGUT09>  
Meeting ID: 976 1332 2225  
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Phone: 646-558-8656



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**10:00 a.m. worship with UU Belfast, either in person or by Zoom**

**February 11, 2024**

**Where is the pulse?**

Rev. Amy McCormick, Worship Leader

Kerri Vacher, Worship Associate

Rev. Amy McCormick, who serves as settled minister to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast, Maine, is also now serving as UUCE's sabbatical minister while our beloved Sara rests and rejuvenates. Amy's ministry had its beginnings at UUCE, when she began attending in February of 2014, realized ministry was her calling, and was then ordained at UUCE in June of 2019.

Our Service this morning is inspired by this quote from Paul Hawken who is an American environmentalist, entrepreneur, author, economist, and activist. Hawken was the co-founder and executive director of Project Drawdown, a non-profit that describes how global warming can be reversed.

“When asked if I am pessimistic or optimistic about the future, my answer is always the same: If you look at the science about what is happening on earth and aren't pessimistic, you don't understand data. But if you meet the people who are working to restore this earth and the lives of the poor, and you aren't optimistic, you haven't got a pulse. What I see everywhere in the world are ordinary people willing to confront despair, power, and incalculable odds in order to restore some semblance of grace, justice, and beauty to this world.”

2/11 Worship Service Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>  
Meeting ID: 469 537 6814  
Phone: 646-558-8656

## February 18, 2024 Two Options Today - You Pick!

**ZOOM Worship or In-Person with UU Congregation of Castine at 10:30am**

### **1. Castine - "I Don't Know"**

Rev. Mark Worth, Worship Leader

Rev. Mark Worth is one of UUCE's Emeritus Ministers who is preaching at Castine today. "I Don't Know." Yes, Mark knows the title of the sermon, it's called, "I Don't Know." Many people want to be certain. They want to have the correct theology, the right doctrines. They want to know for sure that they are "saved." But I'm willing to live with ambiguity, to be comfortable with uncertainty, to have honest questions and doubts. We can only look at the facts we have, and use our reason to the best of our abilities.

2/18 Worship Service Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81325690149?pwd=V2pMOXVmckNReklWQTZFaU9qSDlWZz09>  
Meeting ID: 813 2569 0149  
Passcode: 226744

**ZOOM Worship or In-Person with Belfast at 10:00 a.m.**

### **2. Belfast - "Wrongs made Right: It's Complicated"**

Rev. Amy McCormick, Worship Leader  
Margi Pulkingham, Worship Associate  
Mike Hickox, Special Guest

Today we dive into a deeper look at what it would mean to become a member of the Wabanaki Alliance. Through stories that are both profound and disturbing we explore together what it means to be committed to justice and equity through the process of reparation and repair. We will take a hard look at just how far some people in power will go to avoid this work and the way we all suffer when there is a lack of courage and integrity in those who find themselves in leadership.

2/18 Worship Service Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814>  
Meeting ID: 469 537 6814  
Phone: 646-558-8656

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## **Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**

**February 25, 2024**

### **Change the Narrative**

Rev. Amy McCormick, Worship Leader  
Toby Betancourt, Worship Associate

\*RE today

At our UUA's General Assembly in New Orleans, 2017 I witnessed the most powerful lecture of my life, aside from when I was present for Maya Angelou's visit to UMA. Bryan Stephenson, lawyer, activist, and author blew my mind in ways I am still moved by these 7 years later. Today we'll explore his wisdom in the work to bring justice and equity to those who need it most.

2/25 Worship Service Zoom Meeting: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91517895201?pwd=YzRRcExYYVN5TUNFMlhUZTdZVlVZZz09>  
Meeting ID: 915 1789 5201  
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# ELECTIONS COMMITTEE OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO UUCE

Your Elections Committee (Jill Jeude, Cecily Judd, and Gary Shellehamer) would like to hear from you if you want to give back to UUCE, which gives so much to each of us. You can be even more a part of the church through volunteering to stand as a candidate at the May UUCE Annual Congregational Meeting as either an officer (the positions of Treasurer and Secretary are open, both are 2 year terms--our treasurer Alison Stephens has decided not to run for another term, and Secretary Bob Francis will be running but has indicated it would be good to offer members a choice of candidates for the different open positions), member of the Board of Trustees (one adult position is open and there is an opportunity to serve as an Active Junior member, the board meets once a month and may have special meetings as requested or needed, board terms are 3 years), or Moderator of UUCE Congregational Meetings (3 regularly scheduled meetings and other meetings of the congregation as requested or needed, term is 2 years).

Adult candidates must be a voting Adult Active Member who has been a Member of the UUCE for at least one year and has served actively on at least

one committee may serve on the Board, and the Junior member should, as the title of the position notes, be active in UUCE worship and events.

Position descriptions are found in the UUCE Bylaws, which can be found on the [church website](#) or on file with the church. Specific information is found in Article 7-Governing Structure (with more information on UUCE's methods found in Article 6-Governance).

Please contact a member of the Elections Committee either in person or through the method listed below if you are interested in being a candidate for any of the above listed positions which are open for election at our May meeting.

- Jill Jeude: [jjeude61@gmail.com](mailto:jjeude61@gmail.com),
- Cecily Judd: [cecilyjudd@gmail.com](mailto:cecilyjudd@gmail.com)
- Gary Shellehamer, [gleeindc@gmail.com](mailto:gleeindc@gmail.com), 207-667-0034 (home), 202-494-3593 (mobile)

UUCE works to expand our spiritual lives, create a community focused on love, and live justice into our world. This is your opportunity to be even more active in our community, our mission, and living our values.

Thank you,  
The UUCE Elections Committee







## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Greetings UUCE Congregates and Families,

January has passed us, and we are leaping forward into February faster than I want to envision. One month of Sabbatical down 4 months to go. We are standing strong and can come out of this absence on the other side with renewed connection and vigor. You should be proud of yourself for each small success during this time.

The month of February has been taken as a time to remind us about love. Why? What is it about the month that makes it easy to associate with love? I believe that we know that this is the point in time where we begin to climb out of the darkness and cold of winter and head toward the vibrancy and life of spring. February has Saint Valentine's Day, Random Acts of Kindness Day, and Social Justice Day. These three expressions of love exemplify the love and the compassion we should hold for each other.

Love fills us and surrounds us. It is the shield wall that we do not let break. It is the daisy chain that connects us together. But most of

all it is the net we weave to catch hold of when others don't have the strength to hold. We hold space for each other when we need to leave and for us to come back to if needed.

I want to challenge the congregation this month to find someone they don't know. How many people in the congregation do you "know" and how many people do you know. Pick someone new each Sunday and find out three things about them. We have had Stories from the heart and that has helped us get to begin knowing each other but I want us to take a more active role in this work. Find someone to love just a little and that love will blossom and flourish, spreading love to each of us in return. After all, LOVE IS THE SPIRIT OF THIS CHURCH!

Brightest Blessings to you all,  
Charles A Betancourt, Religious Exploration  
Coordinator.





# Sustaining & Sharing OUR LIGHT, Together

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF ELLSWORTH 2024-2025

## A MESSAGE FROM THE 2024/2025 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee got a head start this year so that Sara could rest easily about the campaign while she is on sabbatical. Hopefully, our being able to have a successful campaign while she is away will mean that we will be able to lighten the load on her in future years.

Just to recap the process of how the Stewardship Committee works. The Stewardship Committee gets the proposed pledge budget figure from the Board and reaches out to the members and friends, asking for a financial pledge that will fund the budget.

This year's Stewardship Campaign theme is "Sustaining and Sharing Our Light, Together." We think it reflects the need to maintain UUCE facilities and programs while being "Illuminators," as reflected in one of Rev. Sara's services to the broader community.

We created both the paper and online pledge forms.

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL Pledge Amount for 24/25** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Monthly \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Quarterly \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **In Full \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Payment Method:**  Check or Cash  PayPal  Bank Checking/Savings Account\*  Credit Card\*  
 UUCE Website Donation  Automatic Bank Payment to UUCE\* (\*Specific information will be gathered later)  
**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Birth Day/Month** \_\_\_\_\_  
 I/We would like a home visit. (A UUCE member will contact you to arrange the date and time.)  
 Stewardship Committee Member's Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth Pledge  
 Card FY: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

There is one additional question on the form this year. "I/We would like a home visit." Note: the home visit can be about anything related to the church not only the Campaign.

I/We would like a home visit. (A UUCE member will co  
 Stewardship Committee Member's Initial \_\_\_\_\_

The committee will work with members/friends to coordinate a mutually agreed-upon time for this to happen if this box is selected.

The pledge forms will be sent out on March 20th, with the Campaign beginning on March 24th and concluding on April 28th with the Stewardship Sunday celebration.

We will need some more hands on March 20th to assemble the paper pledge cards and stuff the envelopes. Please contact Doug Bird if you would like to help with the mailing. We have a good time.

Within the next few weeks, everyone will get an email asking if they want their PLEDGE CARD sent electronically. Please consider this option. It saves on paper, postage, staff, and volunteer time.

If you choose to receive your Pledge Card electronically, you can still make your Pledge by check or through Breeze or direct withdrawal from your bank account as you indicate.

In closing, I want to remember Margaret Thurston, whose many years of work on the Stewardship Campaign continue as its foundation.

With Love,

Your 24/215 Stewardship Committee:  
 Suzanne Aubrey  
 Sally Francis  
 Mac MacDonald  
 Linda Uberseder.  
 Doug Bird, Chair



# CABIN FEVER FUN 2024 UUCE Goods & Services AUCTION

## Saturday, February 17

Online Silent Auction ends at 5 pm

Live Zoom Auction begins at 6 pm

**ONLINE SILENT AUCTION** runs February 3-17  
<https://onlinefundraiser.events/UUCE2024> (online catalog access)

**LIVE ZOOM AUCTION** zoom link for live auction  
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/97613871497>

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**DONATIONS REQUESTED BY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

To donate auction items, please contact:  
Co-chair Liz True [eatrue9@gmail.com](mailto:eatrue9@gmail.com) 207-326-0553  
Co-chair Jeff Jeude [emmaus117@gmail.com](mailto:emmaus117@gmail.com) 573-330-4677



**MASS POOR PEOPLE'S & LOW WAGE WORKER'S MORAL MARCH TO STATE HOUSE ASSEMBLIES, A PART OF 40 WEEKS OF MASSIVE VOTER MOBILIZATION ACROSS THE US**

**MARCH 2, 2024** GATHER AT 10 AM | ASSEMBLY AT 11 AM

*This is a RESURRECTION, not an INSURRECTION!*

**FORWARD TOGETHER! NOT ONE STEP BACK!**

**A DAY OF NATIONALLY-COORDINATED, SIMULTANEOUS DIRECT ACTION IN 31 STATE CAPITALS!**

31 States Mobilizing for March 2nd

AL, AZ, CA, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, NE, NC, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VT, WA, WI, WV

**JOIN US IN BUILDING A 3rd RECONSTRUCTION BY DEMANDING:**

- abolishing poverty as the 4th leading cause of death in the US
- a living wage (\$15+)
- full voting rights
- no more voter suppression
- worker's rights & labor rights
- healthcare for all
- affordable, adequate housing
- an end to gun violence, profit & proliferation
- clean air & water
- environmental justice
- fully-funded public education
- just immigration laws
- an end to systemic racism, white supremacy & the extremist political agenda

Abolishing poverty as the 4th leading cause of death in the US

There are more than 135 million poor & low-wage people in the nation rising back towards 140 million in 2019 because of ending Covid relief.

Activate 85 million poor & low wealth eligible voters!

**REPAIRERS** Poor People's Campaign

**KAIR'S CENTER** Poor People's Campaign

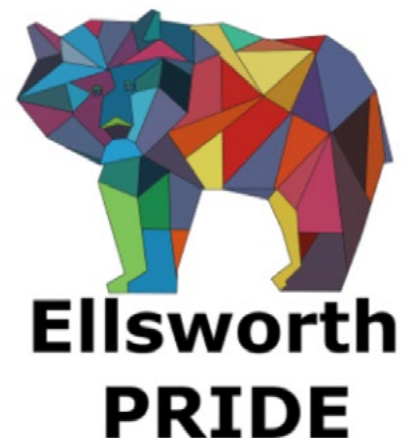
poorpeoplescampaign.org

Bishop William J. Barber, II  
Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis  
National Co-Chairs,  
Poor People's Campaign:  
A National Call for Moral Revival

**March 2. Maine Poor People's Campaign** is calling for people to gather for the Maine State House Assembly at Capitol Park in Augusta at 11 AM. You can learn more about and register for the Maine Assembly [here](#). To learn more about the mobilization watch [this video](#), and about the Poor People's Campaign click [here](#).

## Pride Fest 2024 - Save the Date June 9

Ellsworth Pride is a group of volunteers committed to supporting the LGBTQ+ community in Ellsworth and the surrounding areas. Beginning in 2021, Ellsworth Pride has organized and run the annual PrideFest in Ellsworth, held on the second Sunday in June at the Knowlton Park. For 2024, the Fourth Annual PrideFest will be on June 9, from midday to the latter part of the afternoon. Our group would welcome interested folks who'd like to volunteer to help with planning, doing specific tasks as the event gets organized, and/or helping on the day of the event. If interested, please contact Sue Collins at 546-6735 by call or text.



**Want to learn how to become an effective advocate? MUUSAN's Advocacy Toolkit** is full of resources for giving **testimony**, writing **letters to the editor**, **contacting your representatives** and more.

Visit **PASA's web page** to find resources and to learn more about ongoing peace and social action efforts.

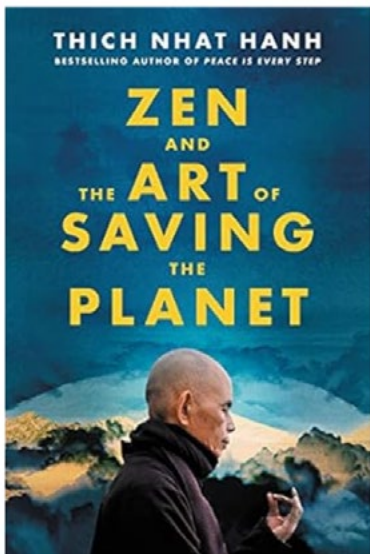


# Coffee House / Open Mic

February 10, 2024 @ UUCE  
6:00-8:00

Stephen Bowman will start us off and then the rest is up to you!  
Poetry....music.....dance.....art... or whatever inspires you  
If you would like to play the piano, let me know - we have a plan.

Contact: Christine Bowman 244-1126 OR ccs9762@aol.com



## Book discussion Group

Zen and the Art of Saving the Planet,  
by Thich Nhat Hanh

**February meetings on 2/11/24 & 2/25**  
**9:15 am @ UUCE** (then 2x/mo going forward)

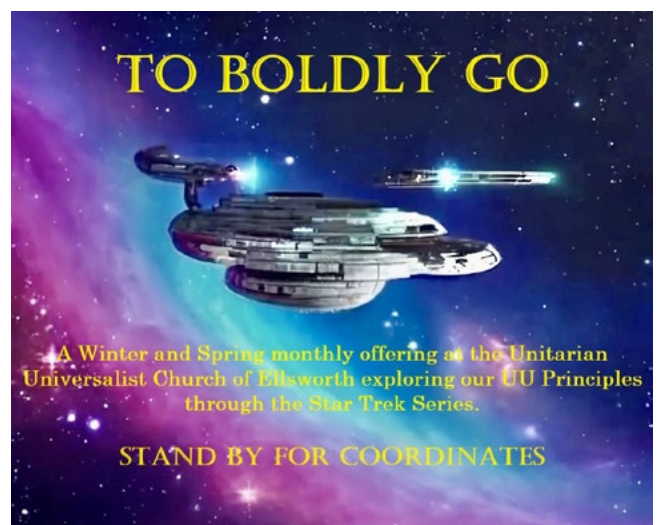
In preparation we will be reading Part 1.

Contact: Christine Bowman 244-1126 OR ccs9762@aol.com

Come and join us!

**All are invited on Sunday, February 25th to attend TO BOLDLY GO at UUCE from 12:30-2:00 pm.**

We will view and discuss "Devil in the Dark" Season 1; Episode 25 from the original Star Trek series. This episode first aired on March 9, 1967 and is a fine example how progressive, albeit cheesy and over dramatic, the original Star Trek was. A vegan hearty chili will be provided, along with popcorn. You do not need to pre-register, and please invite your Trekkie friends and family. All are truly welcome to Beam Up!



**We will have a special guest, Zoe Weil, who will share how Star Trek helped shape her life work as an author, co-founder and president of the Institute for Human Education.** Zoe will share stories of her time working at Star Trek conventions and at a Star Trek store in Manhattan when she was a teenager, as well as some hilarious experiences with the cast as a teenager and adult.



# 8<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPLE NEWS

**February 1 is National Freedom Day** in recognition of the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the joint House and Senate resolution that was later ratified as the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution and abolished slavery.

## **February is National Black Heritage/ Black History Month**

The 2024 theme is “African Americans and the Arts.” Suggested resources might include the [Smithsonian Museum](#); [Indigo Arts](#), Portland, Maine; [Maine History Online](#); and the [Association for the Study of African American Life and History](#).

**Anti-racism congregational conversations.** Belfast and UUCE have been working together to hold a monthly facilitated antiracism conversation. The first will be Saturday, February 10, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. via Zoom. Conversations will run for 4 months, through May 2024. All are welcome to attend any of the conversations, no need to attend to full series. Stay tuned for more information.

**Racial Equity trainings, hosted by Racial Equity Working Group (Bar Harbor)** Sessions are being led by Anila Karunakar, Director of the Office for Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Maine, Orono.

**Thursday, February 15 at 7 PM. “The Foundation of Cultural Competency and Cultural Humility”** with Marwa Hassanien, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Northern Light Health. Sponsored by the Racial Equity Working Group, the Jesup Memorial Library, and YWCA MDI. At the Jesup Memorial Library in Bar Harbor, and also online. For more information and to register – FREE!  
<https://www.jesuplibrary.org/events/kbritain-jbwdf>

**March 12. Implicit Bias, Microaggressions, and Competence Development**  
2 PM-4:30 PM via zoom. The fee is \$25 and scholarships are available. for more information or to apply for scholarships, write to [mdi.rewg@gmail.com](mailto:mdi.rewg@gmail.com)  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/implicit-bias-microaggressions-and-competence-development-tickets-784571513517>

# FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT BETH PEPPER

## LEARNING LESSONS

Thank you to everyone who attended our January Congregational Meeting - we had the number needed to reach a quorum, so we were able to vote on the 3 agenda items. We voted:

**1.** To ordain Vanessa Williams - congratulations, Vanessa!

Her ordination will be on June 30, UUCE will host, and our three-church collaboration, including UUCBelfast and Castine, will ordain Vanessa. Expect to hear more from Anne Ossanna & Lise Williams who are leading Vanessa's ordination committee.

**2.** To elect members to serve on our Elections Committee - congratulations and my thanks go to Cecily Judd, Jill Jeude, and Gary Shellehamer. They will be asking for candidates for upcoming Board vacancies and for moderator, to be voted on at our May Congregational Meeting. Expect to hear more from them in the coming months.

**3.** To call for a cease fire in Gaza. This is where - if I had it to do over again - I would have done things differently and where I've learned some lessons. Given the seriousness of this issue, and its political and emotional nature, I should have held several Congregational Conversations about it before it came to a vote, to discuss it in depth and give all sides the opportunity to be heard, in loving community. There was some opportunity for that at the Congregational Meeting, but looking back on it, it felt rushed and I apologize to the Congregation for that. Our bylaws address voting, but don't address what leads up to the vote. Even if the bylaws don't require it (and maybe their next update will), I think the better practice is to hold Congregational



Conversations on non-routine voting items. The leadership team and I are working with Rev. Amy to create a process for engaging in Congregational Conversations post-vote so we can understand more deeply what we support and make space for differing perspectives and opinions.

Another lesson learned was how we actually vote. Pre-covid, when we met in person, we voted anonymously by paper ballot. Now that we're meeting and voting on zoom, I'd like to find a way to vote anonymously, or at least near-anonymously. One suggestion was that we type in the zoom chat to the Secretary only, what our vote is, since it's the Secretary who counts our votes.

So, I definitely learned some lessons and I welcome your thoughts on how we can improve our processes.

You may see less of me over the next couple weeks, due to my upcoming surgery on February 7 when I'll have my left knee replaced. I understand that recovery to be pretty intense, so I've let Jill Jeude (Board VP) and the Board know that I may not be as present as I'd like to be. But! I fully expect to be auctioneering on February 17 on zoom at our Cabin Fever Fun annual auction, so plan on a fun night of live-auction unique items and the 2 weeks before of silent auction treasures!



## UUCB ONLINE EVENING VESPERS AT 6PM

Our weekly time of rest, renewal, and reflection Thursdays at 6pm. Join UUCB Rev. Amy each week for a 30-minute online service to help settle our minds and hearts, provide nourishment and comfort through music, word and ritual. Everyone is welcome. ~ Rev. Amy

**Thursday Evening Vespers**

[https://us02web.zoom.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814)

[us/j/4695376814](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4695376814)

**Meeting ID: 469 537 6814**

**Phone: 646-558-8656**



## WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS AT 8 AM

Continues while Rev. Sara is on Sabbatical! YAY!



Are you longing for a more intimate space to connect with others in our UUCE community? Do you enjoy poetry, music of all kinds, reading, silence and time for sharing in community? If so, please come! All are welcome to be a part of this ½ hour weekly, contemplative gathering on ZOOM where we companion each other with love and gratitude into the day. While Rev. Sara is on sabbatical, regular attendees of Matins will share responsibility for hosting, creating and facilitating this sacred worship space. We hope you will come!

**Wednesday Morning Matins Zoom Invite:**

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96669607701>

**Meeting ID: 966 6960 7701**

**Phone: 646-876-9923**



# A BIG SHOUT OUT

TO OUR AWESOME SUNDAY TECH-TEAM STAFF:

Nick Hammond and Haji Avila





*Dr. Wayne H. Smith*  
UUCE Historian

# REV. STEPHEN EDWIN PHINNEY (1940 - 2020)



Stephen Edwin Phinney at Brighton High School

Stephen Edwin Phinney was born on March 31, 1940 in Rochester, New York, the son of Robert Morris Phinney and Margaret L. (Smith) Phinney. He graduated from Brighton High School, near Rochester, where he was active in the Audio-Visual Corps, the Band, the Orchestra, and the French Club during all four years. Steve went on to study at MIT and attained his B.S. degree in physics at the University of Rochester in 1964. While studying at Rochester, he met and married his first wife, Lucy Elizabeth Walsh, in December of 1963. Steve and Lucy were to have three children: Sara, Jennifer, and Robert Stephen, and raised them in Dale City, Virginia.

Steve went on to complete his graduate work in astrogeophysics at the University of Colorado in 1972. He worked as a staff systems engineer at IBM Federal Systems Company from 1973 to 1982, then as an advisory systems engineer with IBM in Manassas, Virginia from 1982 to 1994. He then worked as a senior system engineer at Signal Corporation in Fairfax, Virginia from 1994 to 1999.

Steve's wife Lucy, a civic activist and author of *Yesterday's Schools*, a history of the Prince William County, Virginia school system, died of cancer on April 27, 1996 at their home in Woodbridge, VA. At this point in his life, Steve felt a call to ministry and so he went on to receive his Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC in 2003. He served as an intern minister at the First Unitarian Church of Richmond, Virginia from 2002 to 2003, was granted Preliminary Fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association in 2004, the same year that he married his second wife, Cynthia Jean Mortland, in Alexandria, Virginia. Steve was ordained on April 17, 2005 by the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church in Alexandria.





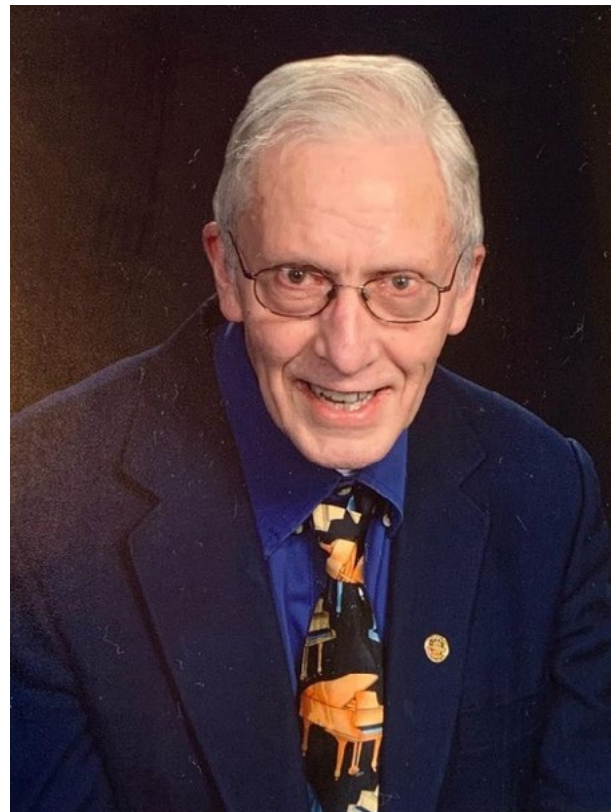


Rev. Phinney served as our interim minister from Sept. 2006 to June 2007. As he explained to a reporter from the Bangor Daily News, “My reason for coming is to help the congregation move into a position to call a new, permanent minister.” He later added, “Unitarians are a religious community that follows an ethic that accepts people as they are...We don’t have a creed or set belief. We encourage each person to discover their own spiritual path, and we enjoy the diversity of viewpoints within the congregation...Ours is a healing, liberal religion that centers on the principle of love.”

Steve said that Downeast Maine was one of his favorite places to visit. He visited MDI several times, going back to as early as 1958. “I’ve hiked most of the mountains, canoed many of the ponds, and sailed to the islands.” In addition to his love of the outdoors, Steve also enjoyed musical activities. He played the trombone and the piano and, like his wife Cynthia, enjoyed singing. He also enjoyed collecting and restoring antiques. He said, “My father taught me to repair and rebuild most items in the house.” He also loved photography, and had a large slide collection of his family’s life and travels.

After he left Ellsworth, he became the settled minister at the UU Westside Congregation in Rio

Rancho, New Mexico from 2007 to 2013. He retired from the ministry on July 31, 2013 and he and Cynthia moved to Aurora, Colorado where he passed from complications of the coronavirus on May 2, 2020.



## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 6 SOURCES

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

1. Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
2. Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
3. Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
4. Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
5. Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
6. Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.



## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM'S 7 PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



## UUCE'S AFFIRMATION OF COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this church,  
and service its law;  
this is our great covenant:  
to dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.



# CONTACT INFORMATION

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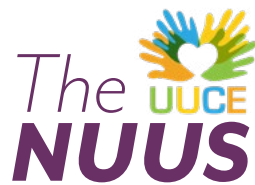
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- The inherent worth and dignity of every human being;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.