

Social Justice Update



Share the Plate - September

Greater Portland Family Promise

Each week, we share one third of our offering with a local nonprofit to show our support for organizations whose work furthers the values expressed in our denomination's Seven Principles. We hope that Share the Plate will also bring a greater awareness to the community of Allen Avenue UU Church and Unitarian-Universalist values.

**Social Justice
Committee
Vote Forward
Letter Writing**

September 15

**UU Climate
Justice Revival
service on
Sunday
September 29th**

**Social Justice
Committee
Monthly Meeting
9/25
Zoom**

Links



**League of
Women Voters
Legislative
Scorecard**

Nov 5th -
Election Day



UU The Vote



**How to Request
an Absentee
Ballot**



Lasagna Love is a global nonprofit and grassroots movement that aims to positively impact communities by connecting neighbors with neighbors through homemade meal delivery. The organization also seeks to eliminate stigmas associated with asking for help when it is needed most. Lasagna Love's

mission is simple: feed families, spread kindness, and strengthen communities.
www.lasagnalove.org

Celeste Stickney:

"I started participating with Lasagna Love in March of this year. I have made about 40-50 lasagnas since then, including 10 made during Lasagna Week. Donna Schack and I have been making lasagnas at home and delivering them to



families and individuals together.

Demand is so high that we are hoping to try freezing some for later deliveries. Typically, 40 lasagnas are made in the state of Maine per week, leaving over 50 families waiting for their turn. We need more lasagna bakers in Maine! I love bringing good homemade food to folks that would otherwise not have a meal."

In August, Celeste organized a group at A2U2 to make 10 lasagnas for local people in need of a meal. It was a fun community service project that she plans to organize again in the future. As we waited for the lasagnas to cook, we ate a delicious meal of lasagna and salad that Celeste had prepared earlier at home. This is a wonderful way to spend time with fellow church members while providing a much needed service to our community.

Look for future dates to participate in Lasagna Love at A2U2 in the eblast or on the social justice bulletin board. FMI contact Celeste, cccrdh@aol.com

Pink Haven ME Organizing Workshop

Facilitated by Rev. Laura Randall
from the UU Service Committee

JOIN US!

Saturday 02 NOV | 01:00 PM

Allen Avenue UU Church
524 Allen Ave, Portland ME

Contact your congregation's Minister/leader
for more details and a link to registration!





Over three consecutive Sundays in August, members and friends of A2U2 showed up to write postcards to North Carolina and Georgia voters. We partnered with Center for Common Ground in their Reclaim Our Vote campaign, which focuses on increasing BIPOC voter turnout through postcarding, texting, and phone banking.

Thanks to excellent participation, we were able to complete over 350 postcards!



On the next page look for additional opportunities to participate in UUtheVote at A2U2 for the November election.





UUtheVote engages people in voter registration, issue education, get-out-the-vote drives, voter protection, state leadership development, and more.

Now, in 2024, we have progressed to shift from just election-year organizing to year-round movement-building work toward building a truly inclusive democracy.

UUtheVote at A2U2 will be partnering with organizations to encourage voter turn-out:

Vote Forward is a nonprofit organization that empowers grassroots volunteers to send handwritten letters encouraging fellow Americans to vote.

The majority of their letter-writing campaigns are nonpartisan campaigns, supporting their core 501c(3) and 501c(4) social-welfare mission, which focus on mobilizing potential voters in communities that have historically been marginalized in the political process—such as people of color, women, and young voters.

What: Letter writing with *Vote Forward* in Sept (focuses on young voters 35 & under)

When: September 15, 2024, 11:15 - 12:15.

Where: A2U2 Boardroom
https://votefwd.org/district/PA_2024_C3_STATE

Next month: Distribution of voter guides with the Maine League of Women Voters <https://www.lwvme.org/Volunteer>

For more UU the VOTE events go to <https://uuthevote.org/> or register for



UUtheVoteME Network Meeting

September 7th, 2024

10:30 - noon

Hybrid! Brunswick UU and Zoom

Click [here](#) to register