

Social Justice Update



Share the Plate - Window Dressers of Maine

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.

ECO-FICTION READING GROUP

Nov 24th
11:15-12:45PM

Join us in discussing
Barbara Kingsolver's
Flight Behavior



PINK HAVEN WORKSHOP

November 2nd.
1PM at A2U2

SJC MONTHLY MEETING

November 20th at 7PM
via Zoom

Go to Breeze or
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Links

Positive News of the Month



Radical Terraces Are
Transforming the
Hills of Rwanda



Podcast of the Month

The League of
Women Voters-
Downeast in
cooperation with
WERU FM produces
a monthly radio
program on topics
in participatory
democracy. It's
called the
Democracy Forum.
This month: **What's
on Your ballot?**

Post-Election Processing Space

Wednesday, November 6th
6:30–8pm (7/9 & Memorial Rooms)

No matter the results, this has been an exhausting election cycle for us all. Please join us for tea, snacks, and a space to reflect as we process these past months/days/hours together.

There will be both quiet space for contemplation (Memorial Room) as well as community space for talking and sharing (Rooms 7/9). Stop by for a while or stay the whole time.

All are welcome!

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!*



Please plan to join us in-person at A2U2 on **Saturday, November 2nd** from **1-3pm** for a trans safety organizing workshop (known as "Pink Haven") with Rev. Laura Randall from the UU Service Committee.

We'll gather with members of other local congregations interested in the work of helping trans families relocate to legislatively safer states (like ME) and Laura will guide us through the first steps of getting ourselves organized for this work.

www.safecommunitiesmaine.org



500 VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR ELECTION DAY SIGNATURE GATHERING FOR THE SAFE SCHOOLS, SAFE COMMUNITIES

BALLOT INITIATIVE SPONSORED BY THE MAINE GUN SAFETY COALITION.

We need YOU to help qualify the Safe Schools, Safe Communities initiative for the ballot to reduce gun violence in Maine!

Together, we can help Maine enact a true Extreme Risk Protection Order law to help keep our kids, families, and communities safe from gun violence.



This Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, we have the opportunity to gather 75,000 signatures in just ONE day. Gathering signatures inside the polls is the easiest signature gathering possible with thousands of registered and engaged voters at each polling place, ready to sign. We will give you all the training and materials you need for a productive and rewarding experience.

Join us for Election Day by completing the form [here](#)!

If you are interested in volunteering (packet making, phone calls, notarizing petitions, etc.) but unable to gather on Election Day, please send us an email with your name, address, email, phone number, comments at info@safecommunitiesmaine.org and we'll add you to our database!

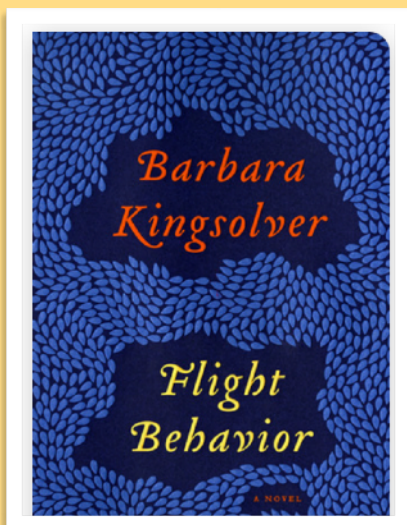
Stay connected.

[Join their Show Up Network.](#)

ECO-FICTION READING GROUP

Join us in discussing Barbara Kingsolver's *Flight Behavior* on **Sunday, November 24, 2024 from 11:15-12:45**. a story centered around a disruption in the migratory behavior of the Monarch Butterfly.

Bring your lunch!



Why Read Eco-Fiction?

Through the power of storytelling, eco-fiction raises awareness of ecological and environmental issues that we are faced with in the real world. Often containing themes of resiliency, community, and hope, the genre allows us to consider alternate ways of living in harmony with nature.

UUTHEVOTE WRAP-UP

It was wonderful to see how many of our A2U2 members and friends turned out to participate in get-out-the-vote postcard and letter writing events!

Gathering as a church community to write to voters was empowering, providing connection during this difficult time in a collaborative way.



Partnering with Center for Common Ground & Vote Forward, we completed 450 postcards & 380 letters to infrequent BIPOC and young voters in NC, GA, & FL. It is encouraging that many are continuing to engage in the democratic process through phone banking, canvassing, delivering voter guides, signing up for poll observation, etc.

After this election cycle there will be opportunities to continue this work in partnership with the League of Women Voters ME and MUUSAN. More information to come.



NEWS AND THANKS!

Thank you to those who brought much needed items for the family during our Winter Clothing donation drive!

And to the knitting ministry at A2U2, whose members have been hard at work knitting hats, mittens, and scarves for the family!

As you are changing your closets over from summer to winter clothing, please keep the family in mind if you find things you no longer need. A donation box for FP is located on the bench in the foyer.

We are also preparing for the 2024 Giving Tree, which will launch at the Holiday Artisans Fair. Stop by the tree to choose a gift request tag for a child or an adult member of an asylum seeking family. We will be collecting the gifts Sundays after the service.

PROJECT FEED REOPENS IN A NEW SPACE!

While renovations take place at Woodfords Church, Project Feed will be temporarily renting a space at 640 Brighton Ave, in the back of the building.



This arrangement was made possible by the generosity of Trinity Episcopal, Williston Emanuel and Hope Gateway Churches, and their combined Beloved Community Fund, which dates back to the Civil War! The fund is intended for hunger relief, and they have offered it to Project Feed to cover the expense of rent. This extremely thoughtful and kind contribution will allow Project Feed to continue providing services for the food insecure in our community, with only a short gap.

Many volunteers have worked hard to make this happen, and there is still much to be done before the pantry can reopen in December. Look for announcements in the eBlast or on the Social Justice bulletin board for updates on volunteer needs and food items needed to restock the shelves. FMI contact Delene Perley, delenepерley@gmail.com, or check the Project Feed website, projectfeed.org