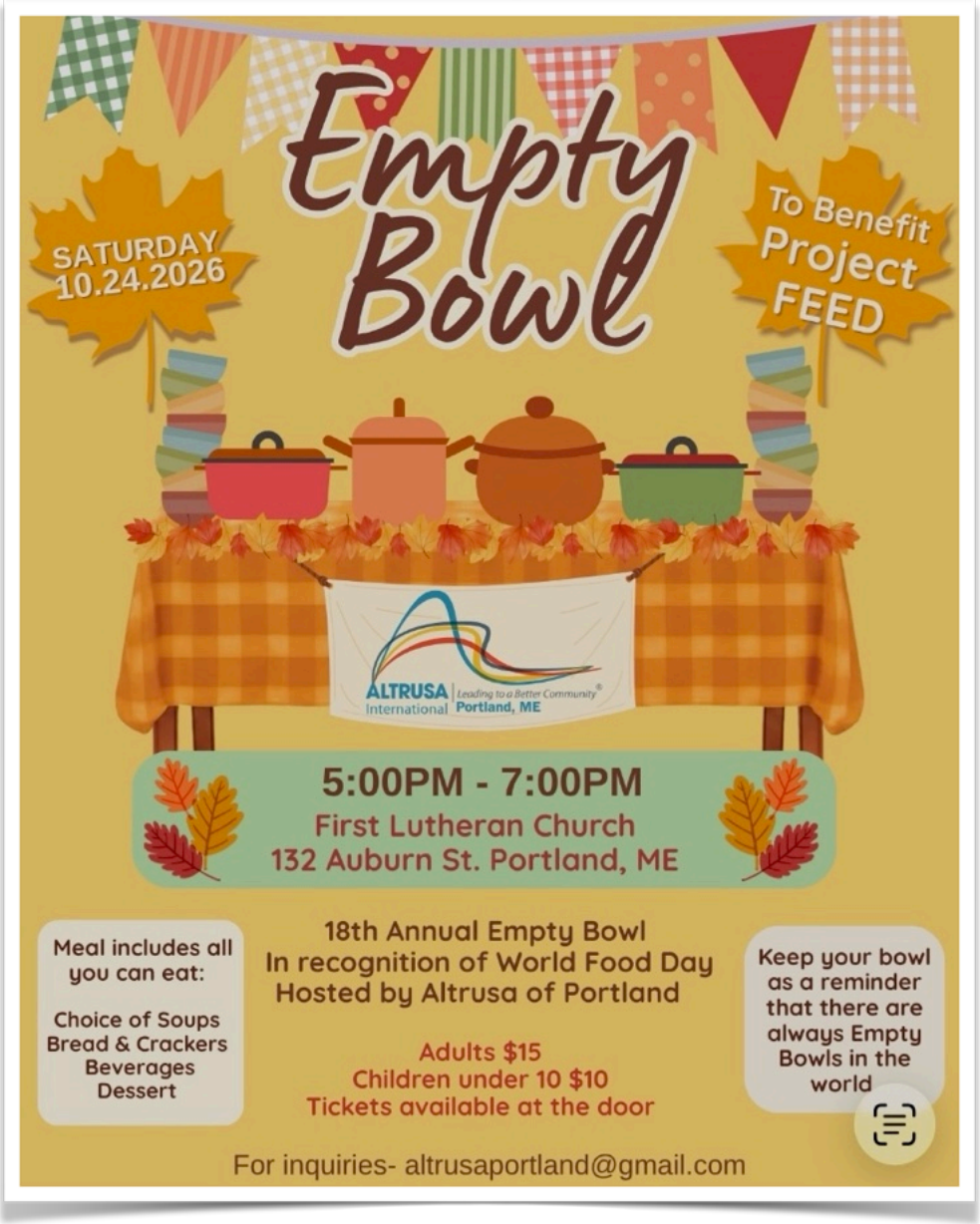
Social Justice Update



Share the Plate: MUUSAN (annual contribution)

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 foundation of love.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CALLS FOR ACTION

Friday (2-3 PM) & Some Sundays at Church

Rooms 7 & 9

FMI email: Cynthia Marten

NEXT SJC MEETING

October 28th at 7PM via Zoom

For Zoom link go to Breeze or contact: Julie Harrison



VIDEO: HISTORY OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN

Matriarchal tribes, then and now, tend to value ideas such as equality, consensus finding, gift giving, and peace building

Click on the picture or underlined text to go to the website or send an email

FACA: OCTOBER IS GET-OUT-THE-VOTE MONTH!

This Fall, FACA members will focus on a variety of non-partisan voter education and encouragement initiatives.

We meet every Friday from 2-3 PM in the Gathering Room (rooms 7&9)

Can't make it on a Friday? This month we will also gather on 3 Sundays after the service.

- October 4
- October 11
- October 25



FACA is open to all and we encourage participation whenever your schedule allows.
All of our work is non-partisan and we have fun doing it!

Encouraging people to vote is the most effective action we can take this month, and we have hundreds of postcards and letters to write!

On Fridays we will have up-to-date information from the League of Women Voters Maine (LWVME) on absentee voting, mailing your ballot vs using a ballot box, and how to help others vote. This information is also available each Sunday at the Social Justice Table.



HIGH SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION

Do you have a connection at a local high school?

FACA is partnering with the LWVME to help increase voter registration. One longer term effort involves engaging local high schools to hold early voter registration drives for students. Young people vote at lower rates than any other group. According to the League's Youth Outreach Coordinator, early registration increases the chances of students' voting when they turn 18.

To get started, we are reaching out to members of A2U2 who have a relationship with a local high school (including teachers, students, parents, and staff), so that we may gauge interest. Drives are run by students with the support of the LWVME and other trained volunteers.



NO KINGS: VOTE EARLY!

Join us on Friday October 16th to make signs for the NO KINGS: VOTE EARLY nationwide day of action on Saturday Oct 17th

For information on FACA contact Cynthia Marten or Terri Grover

FRIDAY OCT 23 – PANEL DISCUSSION "LIVING BOTH: TRANS JOURNEYS OF FAITH"

at the Equality Community Center in Portland. 6:30pm.

A panel discussion with trans/ non-binary Mainers representing different faith traditions and reflecting on the intersection of their trans and spiritual/religious identities.

SUNDAY OCT 25 – WORSHIP "TRANS JUSTICE PREACH-IN."

Faith leaders from across Maine are invited to join together in preaching a message of trans liberation in their Sunday worship service. A2U2's service will be led by Rev. Tara and Alex Kapitan, our workshop facilitator.

The Spiritual Work of Trans Liberation

SATURDAY, OCT 24th

10am-3:30pm

Allen Ave UU Church
524 Allen Ave in Portland

Workshop with Zr. Alex Kapitan from the Transforming Hearts Collective. Lunch provided!

Register here:

Sponsored by Pink Haven ME and the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program

OCTOBER IS LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

Every October, LGBTQ History Month provides a dedicated time to reflect, learn, and celebrate the often-overlooked history and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community. It serves as a vital opportunity to open conversations, challenge perspectives, and honor the individuals whose courage and resilience have shaped the ongoing struggle for equality and acceptance.

Here is a Video about Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson and the Stonewall Rebellion



If you are holding a print copy of the newsletter, here are the QR CODES for links in this issue

Use a Smartphone camera to hover over the QR code and go to the link.

A History of Indigenous Women with Lily Gladstone

LGBTQ+ History: Video about Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson and the Stonewall Rebellion

Video: Billy Porter Gives A Brief History of Overlooked Queer Political Action



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UUA COMMON READ: BOOKS FOR SALE LATER IN OCTOBER

2026-27 UU Common Read: **Love at the Center: Unitarian Universalist Theologies**

