

Social Justice Update



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Share the Plate - December

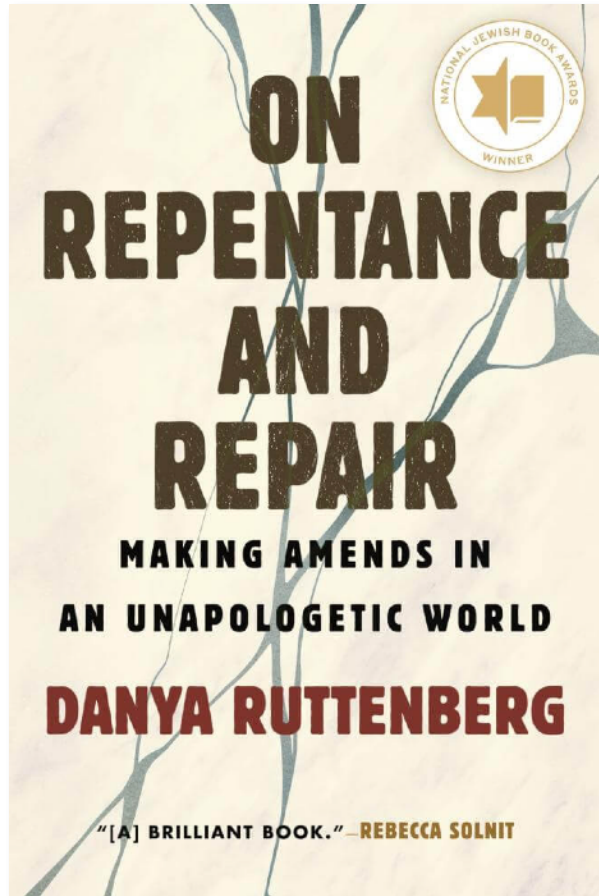
[Minister's Discretionary Fund \(annual contribution\)](#)

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 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
Is still collecting
diapers for Family
Promise families

Social Justice Committee
Monthly Table
January 14th

Gun Safety Day of Action in Augusta
Jan 3rd, 9 AM
RSVP [Here](#)



Common Read 2023-24

On Repentance and Repair by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg

When we do a UU Common Read together, we share in reflection, learning, and action. A UU Common Read can take us on a powerful journey into what it means to be human and accountable in a world filled with both pain and joy.

This Common Read offers a glimpse into one of our faith's foundational sources, Judaism. Readers explore the call to accountability as we follow Rabbi Ruttenberg into a framework for making amends offered by the 12th century Jewish physician and scholar, Maimonides.

On Repentance and Repair invites readers of any faith to explore practices for accountability that can bring us into wholeness and really make a difference in our personal, community, and national relationships.

Books will be on sale on Sundays in the foyer beginning in January for \$14. The Social Justice Committee will lead the three-part discussion group on the book in February/March. Dates to be announced soon. FMI contact Julie Harrison.

WABANAKI ALLIANCE

The Wabanaki Alliance advocates for legislation and policies that improve the lives of Wabanaki citizens and our neighbors around the state, protect and preserve our environment, and honor tribal history and culture. Find our current calls to action click on the picture and learn more about how you can Stand With Wabanaki.

ALLIANCE LAUNCHED VIDEO PROJECT IN NOVEMBER FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

<https://www.wabanakialliance.com/heritagemonth/>



MUUSAN UPDATE

MUUSAN HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN RESHAPING OUR ACTION TEAM (FORMERLY ISSUE GROUP) ADVOCACY TO FIT WITH THE CURRENT ISSUES THAT ARE OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE MAINE UU COMMUNITY.

For 2024 we will have 5 different Action Teams:

- Gun Safety and Violence Prevention
- Wabanaki Sovereignty
- Climate Action
- Democracy in Action
- Housing and Homelessness

If you are interested in joining the Action Team for Gun Safety and Violence Prevention OR Housing and Homelessness, please email (with your name and contact information): Reba Richardson at admin@muusan.org

If you are interested in joining the Democracy in Action Team, please email (with your name and contact information): Betsy Williams at bwilliams120@gmail.com

If you are interested in joining the Climate Action Team, please email (with your name and contact information): Jill Linzee at jlinzee@comcast.net

If you are interested in joining the Wabanaki Sovereignty Action Team, please email (with your name and contact information): Meret Bainbridge at meretbainbridge@gmail.com

You can join more than one team if you wish. If you're interested but not yet sure you want to "join", then send your information to the contact for the Team you're interested in, and they will invite you to join a Team meeting where you can learn more about it.

MUUSAN's Action Teams meet regularly while the Maine State Legislature is in session (this year it will be January to early May), identifies legislation they wish to have MUUSAN advocate for, and plans advocacy actions such as testifying for bills, writing letters to the editor, lobbying legislators, and joining rallies in Augusta.

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES