

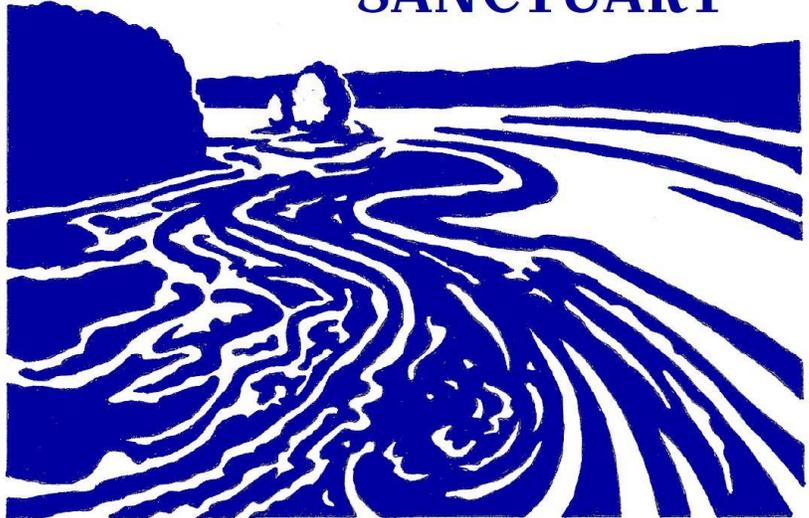
*Ebb and Flow*

*Reversing Falls  
Sanctuary*

*Newsletter*

*September 2018*

# REVERSING FALLS SANCTUARY



*Whoever you are, you are welcome here.  
Wherever you come from, you are welcome here.  
Protestant or Catholic, you are welcome here,  
Buddhist, Jew or Muslim, you are welcome here  
From whatever religious tradition you come, you are welcome here,  
And if you come from no religious tradition at all, you are welcome here.  
If you are a believer, you are welcome here.  
If you are not a believer, you are welcome here.*

*Whatever your sexual orientation or gender expression, you are welcome here.  
Whatever your age or ability, you are welcome here.  
If you come here often, you are welcome here.  
If you have not been here for a long time, you are welcome here.  
If you have never been here before, you are welcome here.  
We open our hearts to you, and ask only that you  
open your hearts to each other.*

## “Kaleidoscoping Christianity”:

**A six-week exploration at Reversing Falls Sanctuary toward a deeper understanding of the Christian faith in these days (wrestling with the tradition all the way to mystery)**

Pastors, priests, professors and poets rooted in the Christian tradition and active in the Christian community will share ways in which they have taken some of the traditional symbols, words, and teachings of the Christian Church and have “breathed new life into them” through a process of deconstruction and reconstruction. Just as a kaleidoscope uses pieces of colored glass, rearranging them in new patterns for new visions and insights, these faith leaders will speak of the ways they have broken open and rearranged pieces of the Christian tradition in an effort to uncover the life and fire and mystery that lies at the heart of the faith.



All are welcome to these presentations and to the conversations that follow. Each of the weeks will feature one or two speakers with time after the presentations for all participants to ask questions, share their own struggles with the Christian tradition, and offer insights they have received in their own process of “kaleidoscoping” the words, symbols and teachings of the faith. Each gathering is on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 4:00, and wrapping up about 5:30, with time before and after for

participants to view art work done by local artists reflecting the themes of the series. The dates, topics, and speakers for each gathering are as follows.

September 23 – Rob McCall offers “An Obscure Lecture on Natural Theology.”

September 30 – Allen Myers and Elaine Hewes kaleidoscope the word “God.”

October 14 – Alice Hildebrand and Dana Douglass kaleidoscope the word “Salvation.”

October 21 – Anne Ferrara and Gary Vencill kaleidoscope the word “Faithful.”

October 28 – Cynthia Bourgeault offers her insights on Teilhard De Chardin and Ecology.

*Elaine Hewes*



## ***Being Here:***

### ***Exploring the wonder of our rural landscape***

The *Gallery Within* at RFS will host several exhibits during the fall months in order to include visual reflections of themes that complement the RFS Fall Speakers Series. The first exhibit: ***Being Here: Exploring the wonder of our rural landscape, opens Sept. 16 at 4 -6 p*** and runs through Thur. Oct. 11, 2018. Please join us for a lively celebration or stop by the *Gallery Within* on Th., Fri., Sat, and Sunday 1-4 p. Exhibition is curated by Bec Poole.

### *Coming Events at Reversing Falls Sanctuary*

Sunday 9/9, 4 p.m. Women's Circle

7 p.m. Michael MacCracken will speak on Climate Change

Wednesday 9/12, 4 p.m. Program Team meets

Saturday 9/15 Art show installation

Saturday, 9/15, 1 p.m. End Violence Together March, Bangor

Sunday 9/16, 4-6 p.m. "Being Here," an art show at Reversing Falls Sanctuary's *Gallery Within* opening reception

Sunday 9/23, 4 p.m. Rob McCall will inaugurate a fall series, Kaleidoscoping Christianity, with a presentation and discussion of his essay, "An Obscure Lecture on Natural Theology."

Monday 9/24, 6:30 p.m. Rob Shetterly will host Keith Mason sharing thoughts from a thirty-year career at the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Monday 9/24 – Friday 9/28, Windowdressers Build at Halcyon Grange: Volunteers needed, sign up at [HTTPS://signup.com/group/795676978062](https://signup.com/group/795676978062)

Wednesday 9/26, 4 p.m. Board of Directors meets

Sunday 9/30, 4 p.m. Kaleidoscoping Christianity series continues as Allen Myers and Elaine Hewes kaleidoscope the word "God."

Sunday 10/7, 4 p.m. Women's Circle

6:30 p.m. Conversation with Jeremy Jackson about his new book on climate change, *Breakpoint*, and what he learned researching it.



## *Community Events*

Saturday 9/8, A National day to “Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice” sponsored by 350.org, the Sierra Club and others. Reversing Falls will observe the event when we hear from Dr. Michael MacCracken on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Saturday 9/8, 4-7 p.m. Katy Allgeyer will host an Artist’s Party for the exhibition of “The Human Condition” by Pat Shafer Falkner at the Arts Katy Gallery, 22 Weed Field Rd., Stonington.

Saturday 9/11, 2 p.m. The Blue Hill Public Library’s monthly book group, “Reading on Race,” will discuss Ch. 8, (Decolonizing the Mind), from Sherri Mitchell’s *Sacred Instructions*.

Friday 9/14, 6:30 p.m. Silvia Calisaya will speak on “The Aymara Path of Spirituality” at the Nancy Hathaway’s Center for Studying Mindfulness, 541 Morgan Bay Rd., Surry. Info: [Hathaway.n@gmail.com](mailto:Hathaway.n@gmail.com)

Friday 9/14-Saturday 9/15, Mystery School: “Beautiful Painted Arrow Teaching” at Healing Hollow in Bucksport. [It is already too late to register for this event, but it is an ongoing venue for events we will want to be aware of.]

Saturday, 9/20, 7 p.m. Baldemar Valesquez speaking on “Farm Labor, Immigration and Social Justice” at the Crosby Center, Belfast. Sponsors are Americans Who Tell the Truth & WERU Music by Shawn and Maizey Mercer.

Friday 9/21, 7 p.m. Music Buffet at Penobscot UMC features Fred Coon.

Save the date: Saturday, Oct 13, 12 noon to 8 p.m. Second Annual Harvest Festival at Nibezun

Bagaduce Theatre: *Vita and Virginia* by Eileen Atkins  
7 p.m. on Sept. 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29  
3 p.m. on Sept. 9, 16, 23, and 30

## Reversing Falls Sanctuary Mission

We strive to create a sacred, welcoming space that seeks to:

- ❖ Build strong community bonds
- ❖ Support local artists and musicians
- ❖ Care for the earth
- ❖ Welcome people on diverse spiritual paths

Photos: Daksha Baumann’ landscape art installation in front of the steps at RFS.  
Bec Poole painting  
Barbara Kourajian at the 2016 Windowdressers Build.

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