

Union Church of Biddeford Pool

SUMMER 2017 SPEAKER SERIES

FOUR FASCINATING SPEAKER EVENTS IN BIDDEFORD!

Lively conversation, book sale/signing, & light refreshments. All proceeds benefit primarily local missions (e.g., Seeds of Hope, Stone Soup Food Pantry, Ever After Mustang Rescue, Saco Meals)



Christina Baker Kline, Sunday July 16, #1 New York Times Best-Selling Author

Returning to Union Church following the international success of her acclaimed novel, *Orphan Train*, Kline then trained her literary sights on the relationship between painter Andrew Wyeth and his neighbor, Christina Olsen, the subject of the iconic painting *Christina's World*. Readers are pulled into the mystery in her new novel, *A Piece of the World*. Kirkus Reviews call this heavily researched novel, "Painterly, sensuous and sympathetic."



Anita Shreve, Thursday July 27, New York Times Best-Selling Author

In her fourth appearance at the Series, "our own" Shreve has sold over 6 million books. Short-listed for the Orange Prize and winner of the L.L. Winship/Penn New England Award (*The Weight of Water*), this Oprah-anointed author (*The Pilot's Wife*) has written her 18th novel, *The Stars Are Fire*, set on the Maine coast during the Great Fire of 1947. "Is there a more deft storyteller around than Anita Shreve?" ~ Richard Russo



Howard Mansfield, Thursday August 10, Witty and Rigorously Intelligent Author and Cultural Historian

author of eight books, including *In the Memory House*, *The Bones of the Earth*, and *Dwelling in Possibility: Searching for the Soul of Shelter*, which The Boston Globe called, "a wholly original meditation ... that's part observation of the contemporary built environment, part cultural history, part philosophical account, and at times something like a Whitmanian poetic survey."

The Telling Room, Thursday, August 24, Writing Center for Young Adults "Stories the rest of the world needs to hear." ~ Richard Russo

Incredible stories by high school students from Portland's The Telling Room, a nonprofit writing center that serves thousands of students, aged 6-18, in 50 schools across 20 towns in Maine. *A Season for Building Houses* won the 2015 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from the White House, opening a window to today's immigrant and refugee experiences. *The Story I Want to Tell* pairs student stories with answering creative pieces from award-winning Maine writers. Winner of the 2015 Maine Literary Award--Anthology



Doors Open 7PM. Limited Seating! Series Tickets (\$50), Advance Single tickets (\$15) Contact Elaine Robinson, 283-1398, or erobinson4@maine.rr.com.

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