



Unitarian  
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Society of Bangor

January 2016



# The Chalice and Chimes Newsletter

Worship Services ~ 10:00 AM

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## Along the Ministerial Way

As I write this column, we are approaching the annual marker that has significance second only to our birthdays as a symbol of our life's passage—New Year's Day. As it approaches, we usually remark to one another, "I can't believe another year is almost over. Where did the time go?"

If that is our customary response to the passage of another year (it's often mine), we might more appropriately say, "I can't believe another year is almost over. Where have I been?" If we are surprised by the passage of a year, 12 months or 52 weeks or 365 days or 8760 hours or 525,600 minutes or 31,536,000 seconds (give or take), we might well wonder how consciously we are moving through our lives. Are we allowing ourselves to be so driven by our daily schedules that life becomes unmemorable?

Not to worry though. We can still be saved by the god for whom the coming month is named—Janus, "the god of good beginnings." You may recall that he has two faces, a young one that looks ahead and an old one that looks back. One of the things he is telling us with his bi-facial portrayal is that good beginnings depend on our having some awareness of where we have been. So, before launching too far into the new year, we might do well to take a few moments and look back.

Imagine yourself as an observer looking over the scenes of your life from this past year. Do this in whatever way works best for you. Start with the present and slowly scroll back in time from month to month. Or start at New Year's Day, 2015, and slowly scroll forward one month at a time. Or pop your memory down

wherever it can latch onto something during the year, then, move to whatever else comes to mind from the past year.

If you are like me, it may take a while to get those memory neurons popping. Once they do, try to envision your life as it was in those moments. What were the significant events? Who were the people in your life? What was the nature of your relationships? What were the sights, sounds, smells, sensations? How were you feeling? What were your thoughts? What or who was missing?

Make some notes about each experience that seems significant. When you are done, take a few more minutes for reflection. Are there any apparent themes? What is the story or what are the stories of your life that arise from this past year? What is emphasized? What is missing? Who were you and where were you during 2015?

Having recalled the past and having re-membered your life, turn again to Janus's second face, the young one looking toward the future. Since years keep cycling around, as this year ends, we get to live another one all over again. Another chance - What a great gift! As we attend to our own story from the past year(s), how does that influence the way we might choose to participate in the coming one? May your re-membering help you to have a wonderful New Year.

In love and peace,

*Arthur*



# Ministerial Search Committee

As we move into January, the ministerial search committee will be starting to review information about the ministers who have expressed interest in joining our congregation. This will be an intense and exciting time. We will review written information the first week of January, hold phone interviews in the next week or so, and then decide who to invite for pre-candidating.

Pre-candidating is the time when ministers come to our community and we, the search committee, interview and spend time with them, and experience them presenting a service at another church that serves as a neutral pulpit. We are sorry you are not allowed to be a part of this time in the search process and, for the privacy and confidentiality of the prospective minister, we cannot talk about specifics of this part of the process. Hard isn't it? For us, too! We will keep you posted on everything we can tell you, as we go along.

Thank you, again, for the trust you have given us to do this well. We will keep in mind your preferences, as we learned them at the Cottage Meetings and in the online survey, and will work toward finding a minister that meets the criteria we set out. We created a Word Cloud from the attributes you gave us at the Cottage Meetings — high standards, but we will do our best!!

As always, if you have questions or want to talk to us, we are available by email or phone, or in person at Fellowship Hour!

Your Search Committee: Joanie Ellis (chair), Laurie Cartier, Sue Ann Gaitings, Bob Kelly, Linda Koehler, Mark McCollough, Anne Perkins



# Treasurer's Report - Rosemary Parsons

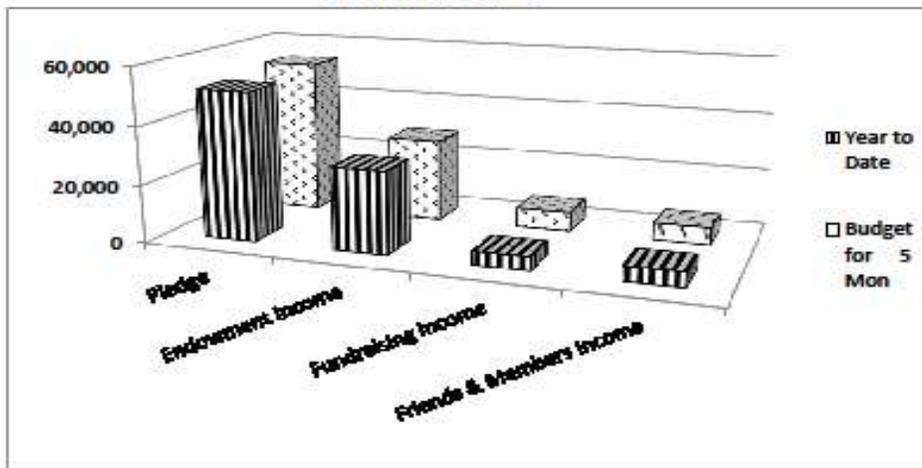
July 1, 2015 thru November 30, 2015 42% of Year

INCOME	Year to Date	Budget for 5 Mon	% Rec'd	\$ Ahead (Behind)
Pledge	51,182	53,611	40%	(2,429)
Endowment Income	28,291	28,536	41%	(245)
Fundraising Income	4,607	6,875	28%	(2,268)
Friends & Members Income	4,986	5,875	35%	(889)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 89,066</b>	<b>\$ 94,897</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>(5,831)</b>

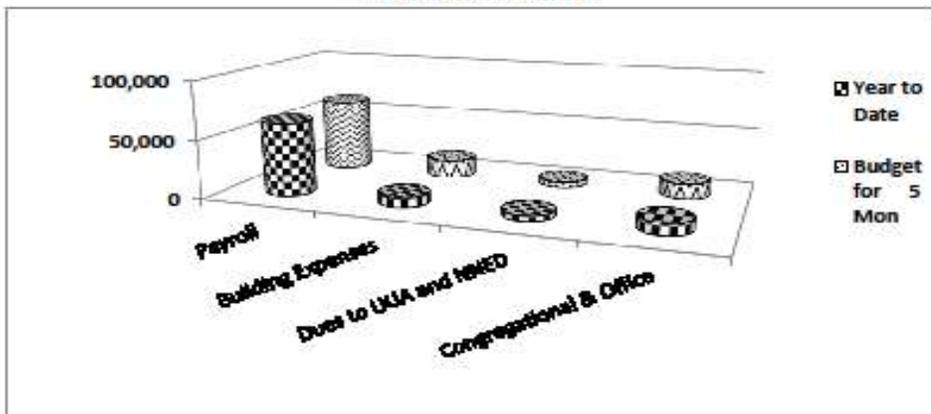
EXPENSES	Year to Date	Budget for 5 Mon	% Spent	\$ Ahead (Behind)
Payroll	62,583	62,722	42%	(139)
Building Expenses	8,932	15,084	25%	(6,152)
Dues to UUA and NNED	4,608	4,608	42%	0
Congregational & Office	10,042	12,483	34%	(2,441)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>86,165</b>	<b>94,897</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>(8,731)</b>

Net income for 5 month is 2,901

FY 2016 INCOME



FY 2016 EXPENSES



## Hannaford Grocery Cards — A Church Fund-raiser

Sold *every* Sunday during fellowship time in the Dorothy. *Convenient to carry! No fees!* Every card purchase helps UUSB!!

Cards are available in increments of **\$25, \$50 or \$100**. Cash, or checks made out to UUSB are accepted.

Buy cards for your own grocery shopping, or buy cards for gifts, or even donate a card to a local food bank.



## Do you have a **CLYNK** Bag??

Be sure to have one handy, so you can easily be collecting bottles and cans that help raise money for our upcoming service trips. The bags are in the Dorothy Memorial Room. Please see Laura, Amelia, Meredith, or Karen for details. Thank you!!!

## Social Justice News

December has calmed down a bit, but there's still plenty **going on!**

- ◆ While it's important to **keep riding** the Community Connector whenever we can, the planning/organizing is at a lull. **It's good for the community and the environment!**
- ◆ Many UUSB members, including two Sunday School groups, worked at **Solidarity Harvest** and helped to put together Thanksgiving meals for over 1200 families across the state. Youth and teachers in R.E. will continue by volunteering at the **Ecumenical Food Cupboard** and collecting non-perishable foods at our church.
- ◆ We have a new **Youth Liaison**, Meredith Jones, who will bring us up to speed on their program, **Safe Passages**, and let us know how we can help and how the Youth can get involved with our committee activities.
- ◆ **Gleaning** figures from Charlie Boothby for the summer/fall season: Food Security Team: 3766 lbs.; Penobscot County: 28,364 lbs.; Statewide: 185,828 lbs.
- ◆ **Soup Kitchen and Bean Suppers and Bag Lunches** are ongoing. Mike Grondin mentioned that we serve about 70 people at the suppers and **can always use casseroles**.
- ◆ **Petition about Welcoming Refugees into the USA**, the petition to Secretary of State John F. Kerry asking to allow 200,000 Syrian and other refugees into our country, has generated much interest in UUSB. Copies of the petition have been available on the Social Justice Table in the Dorothy Memorial Room, and we have gathered more than 35 signatures! Some individuals took a copy of the petition to photocopy and circulate among friends outside the church. This petition is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Any questions, see Natalie Norton, UUSB Representative to the UUSC. *We will be keeping informed about UUSC practices surrounding this issue and how we can get involved.*

### Upcoming:

- ⇒ **Ever wonder what's going to happen now that "Yes on 1" was a success?** There will be a Forum open to the public sometime in January to see how the "win" translates into cleaner elections. A representative from **Maine Citizens for Clean Elections** will fill us in.
- ⇒ Events surrounding **Martin Luther King Day** that UUSB can take part in: **Annual NAACP/UMO Breakfast Celebration**: a great inter-generational opportunity, Monday, January 18, 8:30-10:30 A.M. **Peace and Justice Center's annual potluck and program** (this year a panel discussion of Cesar Chavez's legacy and film, "Food Chains"), Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ Preliminary plans underway for **Black History Month in February**: possible weekly film and discussion series (MPBN's **Eyes on the Prize** with Valerie Carter leading), discussion of **Ta-Nehisi Coates** controversial, 2015 National Book Award winning *Between the World and Me*. *Hopefully other groups and/or committees will have ideas to celebrate the month.*

## Shawl Ministry

### Shawl Ministry Has a New Meeting Schedule

Shawl Ministry will now be meeting *every other month*, on the second Tuesday, starting Feb. 9, 2016. We will meet from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at a member's home for a potluck dinner, then work on shawls. New members are welcome anytime!

For more information, please contact Cathy Elliott.



## Guest at Your Table Program Ends January 3, 2016



Hopefully, with every meal, you have been remembering the people in this world who need our help. The donations you put in the box on your table are a major fund raiser for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. As the UUSC stated in a recent letter:

"It's an ugly irony that UUSC's 75th anniversary has coincided with the worst global refugee crisis since the Second World War. An organization founded to support refugees fleeing the Nazis has spent the last 12 months struggling to stay ahead of this exploding humanitarian crisis:

- In the Middle East and Europe, where "fortunate" survivors of the horrific violence that has engulfed Syria and Iraq are desperately seeking a new home.
- In Haiti, where racism is fueling the Dominican Republic's decision to forcibly repatriate long-time residents of Haitian descent.
- In Southeast Asia, where Myanmar's persecuted Rohingya minority are being pushed, almost literally, into the sea.
- And right here in our own country, where the federal government is treating mothers and children fleeing out-of-control violence in parts of Central America as if they were criminals."

When you bring your Guest at Your Table box to church on Sunday, January 3, peek into the box to estimate how much you have donated. If the amount is \$40 or more, you will become a member of UUSC and receive regular mailings of UUSC's work around the world. If you can give a contribution of \$125 or more, it will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY.

Checks should be made out to UUSC. Please put a return address sticker on your box. All donations are tax-deductible.

*Natalie Norton*, Guest at Your Table Coordinator

Social Justice Opportunities



## Religious Education News . . . with a Social Justice focus ☺

Social Justice work is a delightful way to put into practice all seven of our Principles. Over the next 18 months our church has the privilege of supporting an awesome group of UUSB-ers as they join the Mid-Coast Youth Service Group in the planning of a service trip to Guatemala.

In July of 2017, Nancy Jacobson, Nick Childs, Amelia Santilli, Meredith Jones, and Eamon Laskey will be heading to Guatemala City to participate in a region-wide service trip under the leadership of Rev. Deane Perkins, minister of the Belfast UU, and Rev. Sara Hayman, minister of the Ellsworth UU. In all there will be eighteen UU youth, and six adults from five central Maine UU churches (Rockland, Augusta, Belfast, Ellsworth and Bangor) that will be volunteering at [Safe Passage](#), a non-profit organization that operates in Guatemala City which brings hope, education, and opportunity to the children and families living in extreme poverty around the City's garbage dump.



In addition to team building activities and preparation, a major focus of the group over the next year and a half will be fundraising, both to help support the journey and to make a generous donation to Safe Passages.

We are eager to have your support in these efforts as we send our young representatives and leaders on this undertaking. In the meantime, if you have any sparkles of inspiration for fundraising activities, please email them to Nancy Jacobson, [nancyjeffj@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjeffj@gmail.com).

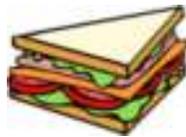
Thanks in advance for your support.

**HOPE. EDUCATION. OPPORTUNITY.**

*Karen Childs*, Director of Religious Education

**Membership/Fellowship**

Your Membership/Fellowship team is planning a number of fun opportunities to brighten the darkness of winter.



The January 24th meal following the service will be another “**NON-soup Sunday.**” There is a meeting for the congregation that afternoon, so we request people provide food that does not require dishes or silverware. **Please bring finger foods** such as sandwiches, hot dogs with rolls and veggie sticks, along with desserts such as cookies, brownies and apples.

**Interested in learning more about UUSB and perhaps joining our congregation?** Join the members of the Membership/Fellowship team on February on the 3rd and the 10th from 6:00-8:30 p.m., when we will host another membership class. All those interested in learning more about our faith and history are welcome. This event is invaluable for people interested in joining our congregation. Those interested should sign up on the bulletin board on the wall by the kitchen in the Dorothy Memorial Fellowship Hall and provide the information requested.

**Game Night:** February 6, 2016, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This is an intergenerational event to come and play. Bring a favorite snack and/or game to share, if you want. It is always fun, and some popular games are Banana-grams, Apples to Apples, Uno and Dominos.



**Position Announcement**

UUSB will be seeking a  
Temporary, Part-time  
**Congregational Secretary**  
for an anticipated period of time  
in the Spring 2016.  
(probably a couple months, sometime  
between March and June)  
Salary negotiable.

Duties include typing, answering phone and emails, handling room rentals, distributing mail and other routine office tasks.

If interested and want to learn more, please speak with Susan at 947-7009 or email [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com).

**Archives Committee**

**History of the A.U.W. Guild**

You may have heard about the “Guild” but have no idea what the Guild is or does. Because the Guild has played such a significant role in the history of the Universalist Church, and UUSB, a brief history may shed some light on the Guild’s amazing achievements.

In April of 1943, five women’s groups at the church combined and formed the Association of Universalist Women. One of the groups, The Clara Barton Guild became a branch of the A.U.W. To accommodate the large influx of women whose schedules varied, the “Guild” met in the evenings and the A.U.W. was an afternoon group. After a period of adjustment, when the Guild’s primary purpose was to aid the A.U.W., the Guild became an independent entity with its own officers and agenda. However, the intent and purpose of the two groups was essentially the same: to support the church’s activities, to raise funds for the church, and to contribute to worthy causes in the wider community. Two or three times a year the two groups, along with the Staples Class, the only other woman’s group to hold out from the merger of the groups in 1943, would have joint meetings and work together on various projects. After several years of having an afternoon A.U.W. group and an evening Guild group, the two merged in 1979 and became known as the A.U.W. Guild or simply “The Guild” for short.

However, before this happened, the evening group began, in the early 1970’s to provide catering services as a way to earn money. The enterprise began to take on a life of its own, and eventually, Guild members were providing catering service throughout the year. It was not unusual to cater a dozen or so events which included anything from teas and all manner of receptions, to luncheons, retirement parties, banquets, and several functions for EMMC, including the annual staff Christmas tea of 1800 people. After more than 20 years of successful catering, the business began to wane and the April, 1993 minutes read simply, “...It was announced that the catering service was being disbanded.”

What a huge undertaking for a volunteer group of women, who, must have devoted much of their spare time to the catering business as well as to the many other activities that the Guild was involved in. It is really difficult to imagine the dedication and commitment made by the Guild members who gave so much of themselves to benefit the church. And benefit the church they did. The Guild has made major financial contributions to the church through the years from the significant income that accrued from the unstinting efforts of these hard-working women. Aside from the financial assistance, the Guild has worked hard to support the church by providing time and talent whenever there has been a need. Today, the A.U.W. Guild meets on a regular basis and continues to make important contributions to the life of the church.

The silver and good china don’t come out much anymore, but on March 6 they will make an appearance once again. The worship service will be conducted by the Guild members, and following the service there will be a formal tea in the Dorothy, just as was done so often those many years ago. We hope you will be able to join us in the celebration of a group of remarkable women who gave so much and inspire us to do the same.





# JANUARY 2016



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Winter Market Info</b></p> <p>Bangor area localvores will be able to eat local <b>all winter long</b> thanks to the <b>Winter Farmers' Market</b>: 11am - 1pm every 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday, January through April <b>inside</b> the banquet room at the Sea Dog Brewing Company, 26 Front St., Bangor.</p> </div>					<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>1</b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;"><i>Happy New Year</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>2</b></p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p><b>GUEST AT YOUR TABLE PROGRAM ENDS</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>4</b></p> <p><i>(Office Closed)</i></p> <p>9:00am Soup Kitchen Cook'n'Serve</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30pm Meditation</p> <p>7:00pm Coffee House</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>6</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>7</b></p> <p>10:00am E-newsletter Deadline</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>8</b></p> <p>10:00am Budget &amp; Finance Cmte</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>9</b></p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>10</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Service <i>(Food Cupboard Collection)</i></p> <p>11:00am Fellowship &amp; Gift Basket Auction</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>11</b></p> <p><i>(Office closed)</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>12</b></p> <p>7:00pm Coffee House</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>13</b></p> <p>6:30pm Membership Cmte</p> <p>7:00pm Bldg. &amp; Grds Cmte</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>14</b></p> <p>10:00am E-newsletter Deadline</p> <p>4:15pm Executive Cmte</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>15</b></p> <p>12:30pm Knitting Circle</p> <p>7:00pm Penobscot Conradancers</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>16</b></p> <p>12:00 noon <i>Chimes</i> Article Deadline for February 2016 Newsletter</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>17</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Service <i>(Personal Care Items Collection)</i></p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>11:30am Social Justice Cmte</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>18</b></p> <p><i>(Office closed)</i></p> <p>5:00pm Martin Luther King Jr. Vigil</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30pm Meditation</p> <p>7:00pm Coffee House</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>20</b></p> <p>11:00am AUW Guild</p> <p>6:30pm Council Mtg.</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>21</b></p> <p>10:00am E-newsletter Deadline</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>22</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>23</b></p> <p>10:00am Bag Lunch Prep</p> <p>2:30pm Bean Supper</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>24</b></p> <p><b>NON-SOUPER SUNDAY</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>12:00pm Drumming Circle</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>25</b></p> <p><i>(Office closed)</i></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>26</b></p> <p>7:00pm Coffee House</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>27</b></p> <p>10:00am E-newsletter Deadline</p> <p>6:30pm Worship Cmte</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>28</b></p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>29</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>30</b></p> <p>10:00am Bag Lunch Prep</p> <p>2:30pm Bean Supper</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>31</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>Please check the <a href="http://www.uubangor.org">www.uubangor.org</a> website for calendar updates!</p>					

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**Our Mission Statement**

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor is an historically liberal religious community, celebrating diversity and supporting spiritual growth and social responsibility in each child and adult.

**We are A Welcoming Congregation**

We welcome individuals and families of all religious upbringings, racial and ethnic backgrounds and sexual orientations. We, a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

**We are A Green Sanctuary**

The UU Society of Bangor, recognized as a Green Sanctuary by the Unitarian Universalist Association, endeavors to incorporate care for the Earth into its worship and religious education while working to promote environmental justice and sustainable living. We covenant to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.

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**About Our Newsletter**

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**Editorial Policy**

Articles submitted for publication in the *Chalice & Chimes* must strive to include, in an unbiased way, only that information that is consistent with the UU faith. Articles should deal with issues of a spiritual nature meant to inspire, encourage, educate, or inform. Although every effort will be made to be inclusive, the Editor reserves the right to determine which articles are accepted for publication. The Editor has the right to edit for space, availability, libelous remarks, or unwarranted personal attacks. The Editor also reserves the right to refuse any item that may affect our Tax Exempt Status.



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**UUSB Church Cancellation Guidelines**

In the case of bad weather, the most important thing is for everyone to be safe. Please do not travel to the UUSB for morning worship if you feel that doing so would be unsafe. UUSB may need to be cancelled due to no lights, no heat, no water, disasters, and other unforeseen circumstances.

The decision to cancel worship and religious education will be made by Sue McKay, Rev. Art Vaeni, and Laurie Cartier, who will reach such decision by 7:00 AM Sunday morning. An announcement will be put on the outgoing phone message of the church office (207-947-7009), and announcements will also go out to the local network television and radio stations; and, if possible (power permitting), an announcement will be sent out via email, on the UUSB Facebook page, and posted on the UUSB website [uubangor.org](http://uubangor.org).