



Unitarian  
Universalist  
Society of Bangor

The  
Chalice and Chimes  
Newsletter

March 2016

## Worship ~ 10:00 AM

**Mar. 6** Service will be led by the AUW Guild.

**Mar. 13** *Guided by Gratitude* - Service will be led by Stewardship Committee.

**Mar. 20** *Maple Syrup Communion* – Service will be led by Worship Committee.

**Mar. 27** *Easter* – Service will be led by Rev. Brenda Bywater.

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## It is time to be “Guided by Gratitude!”

Please remit your pledge commitment for the coming year, within the next few weeks. The drive officially wraps up March 13th. As of February 14th, we were at \$26,425 towards our goal of \$132,000 for the new fiscal year that starts July 1, 2016.

Check out the *Hearts of Gratitude* on the poster board in the hallway. The Heart is filled with messages, from both children and adults, about what they are grateful for at UUSB. More hearts are available, if you haven't posted one yet.

If you don't have pledge material, contact Sue McKay, Connie McVey, or Cathy Elliott. The brochure is also available for you electronically.

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## The Transition Team Committee

For the past year and a half, there has been a Transition Team Committee to assist our interim minister in preparing the congregation for a new minister.

Even though Rev. Arthur Vaeni resigned for health reasons (effective the end of February), the Committee has agreed to continue meeting until the end of this church year. Why? Because Rev. Arthur had served as a focal point for concerns about our transition, after his departure, the Committee felt there still should be a place for the congregation to express any concerns.

If you would like to talk about our transition process, please feel free to contact anyone on the Transition Team Committee: Christina Diebold, LyAnn Grogan, Suzanne Kelly, Glen Koehler, Rissa Moore, and Natalie Norton.

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## Membership-Fellowship Committee

### UUSB Committee Fair – Sunday, March 6

During fellowship hour in the Dorothy Hall, we encourage you to visit the tables and displays set forth by the various UUSB committees. You may see a committee you'd like to learn more about...and possibly become a member!




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## Worship Committee

**Flowers for the Alter:** If you would like to celebrate a special occasion (birthdays, anniversaries, graduation or job promotion) or remember a loved one, sign up to bring flowers on your special day. Your celebration will be honored in the order of worship. Please bring your flowers for the alter 15 minutes prior to the start of the services. Sign-up sheet in the Dorothy Hall. Thank you!

**Chalice Lighters:** We would like to invite all at UUSB, especially new families, to consider lighting our chalice one Sunday. Sign-up sheet is posted in the Dorothy on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Please include your email for a reminder message. See Laura Santilli ([laurabngr@aol.com](mailto:laurabngr@aol.com)) with any questions.

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## UUSB Auctions Are Coming in April!

*Mark Your Calendar, and Check Your Home For Quality Items to Donate.*

*These are our largest "Fun"draisers of the year!*

The Silent Auction will kick off Saturday evening, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Live Auction and conclude on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The Live Auction will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> in the Dorothy Memorial Hall at UUSB. The evening will begin 6:00-6:30 PM with heavy hors d'oeuvres; then, 6:30-8:00 PM will be the Live Auction.

**Items include: Seats at meals, services and custom-made items.**

Please contact Sue McKay at [suemckay@midmaine.com](mailto:suemckay@midmaine.com) with items, meals and services you would like to donate. Also, a Donation file will be posted on the bulletin board where you can list your item(s).





## Social Justice Committee News

Submitted by Suzanne Kelly

*We're Working Toward Justice*

### Celebrating Martin Luther King and Black History Month . . . back-to-back:

- **UUSB at Martin Luther King Breakfast Celebration:** I will begin by saying that four of us arrived via *Community Connector*. The UUSB sponsored a table, and ten of us sat together to enjoy a delicious breakfast and two amazing presenters--Alison Beyea, the Director of the Maine Civil Liberties Union; and Antonia Carroll, a UMO student who won a well-deserved prize for her poem "Still Stirring," a riveting and inspiring poem about what we all need to do to keep the attention on working towards justice and not letting go! There is a copy of the poem on the Social Justice table in the Dorothy Memorial, and you can watch her on YouTube or by going to WCSH6 – "Martin Luther King Day Speech."
- **Black History Month Film Series:** Valerie Carter introduced the films and led discussions afterwards. We watched two segments of the PBS series *Eyes on the Prize*; and we will watch *La Cuidad*, a film about Latin American immigrants in New York City, co-moderated by Michael Alpert, Director of Bangor area NAACP. It's hard to believe that in the midst of the struggle so much of it could be captured on film.
- **Jim Varner**, Director of Maine Human Rights Coalition, led a UU service honoring Martin Luther King and organized a "**Black Lives Matter Black History Month Breakfast** at UMO on February 21st.

### Support for the Muslim Community:

- Joanie Ellis' letter, written on behalf of the SJ Committee and signed by our members, was sent in support of our Muslim friends and neighbors (see copy on our table).
- The Islamic Center is holding an **Open House on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** for those of you interested in attending. **Let me know if you want to do a group-ride on the *Community Connector*.** There will be a **worship service on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the UU church** led by leaders of members of the Center. Nancy Jacobson is our contact with the Muslim community so check in with her.

**Trans Pacific Partnership:** An informational meeting was held. Ask Lee Giles about particulars.

### Politics: It's Caucus time again so be informed and get involved:

- For those who want to find out more about the **Maine Clean Election Act** or donate to a Clean Election Candidate: [www.maine.gov/cleanelections](http://www.maine.gov/cleanelections).
- **Republican Caucuses:** Saturday, March 5: 9:00-7:P.M. – check [MaineGOP.com](http://MaineGOP.com) for locations
- **Democratic Caucuses:** Sunday, March 6 — check [MaineDems.org](http://MaineDems.org) for times and locations

### Youth Involvement:

- Meredith Jones reported on plans to raise money for their ***Safe Passages*** program. They will sell Fair Trade Coffee and baked items at the Peace and Justice Center's HOPE Festival on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Youth and SJ Committee will alternate months collecting/ bringing food to local food cupboards.



### Upcoming ways for UUSB to get involved:

- **Hike for the Homeless: Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Mike Grondin will help coordinate.
- **HOPE Festival on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – UUSB will have a table there.
- **If you're interested in the Referendum Supporting Universal Background Checks in Maine:** **Maine Moms Demand Action (MMDA) will be holding a Forum at the UU church on the evening of Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in the Vestry.**

*Check out SJC table/and calendar in Dorothy Memorial, and Facebook posts by communications guru, Jeanne Curran, for updates on the above and other upcoming events and meetings.*

# Treasurer's Report

Submitted by: Rosemary Parsons



July 1, 2015 thru January 31, 2016

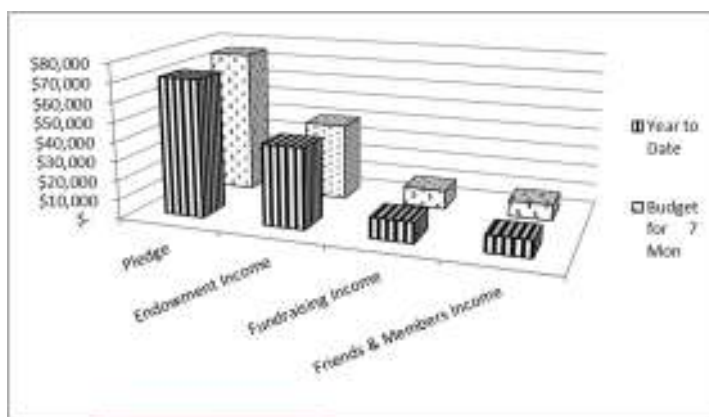
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INCOME	Year to Date	Budget for 7 Mon	% Rec'd	\$ Ahead (Behind)
Pledge	\$ 71,165	75,055	55%	(3,890)
Endowment Income	41,549	39,950	61%	1,599
Fundraising Income	10,554	9,625	64%	929
Friends & Members Income	8,738	8,225	62%	513
		\$		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 132,006</b>	<b>132,855</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>(849)</b>

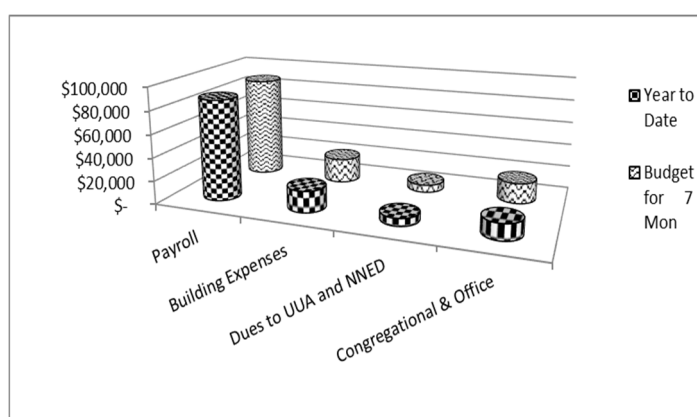
EXPENSES	Year to Date	Budget for 7 Mon	% Spent	\$ Ahead (Behind)
Payroll	\$ 87,116	87,811	58%	(695)
Building Expenses	18,254	21,117	50%	(2,863)
Dues to UUA and NNED	6,452	6,452	58%	0
Congregational & Office	13,687	17,476	46%	(3,789)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 125,509</b>	<b>132,855</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>(7,347)</b>

**Net income for 7 month is \$ 6,497**

FY 2016 INCOME



FY 2016 EXPENSES



## ON-GOING FUND-RAISERS



♦ **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 to help raise money for our Social Justice Service Trip to Guatemala. The bags are in the Dorothy Memorial Room. Please see Laura Santilli for details. *Thank you!!!*

## Announcements & Reminders

### *Easter Flower Offering:*

Our **Easter Memorial Garden** is created each year through generous gifts offered in remembrance of people and significant events. Donations can be placed into the specially marked envelopes in the orders of worship this month, or mailed to the church office. The remembrances will be printed in the Easter Order of Worship on March 27th.

### **Special Collections Reminders:**

The second Sunday of the month is **Food Cupboard Collection Sunday**. Donations of non-perishables may be placed in the plastic tub by the entrance to the sanctuary. Cash/check donations are also gratefully accepted in the collection. On the third Sunday, of the month we have a **Personal Items Collection** for the area needy taken during the service. Please give what you can—paper products, soaps and hygiene products, or money donations gratefully accepted! Any Sunday, please consider donating to the **Bangor Homeless Shelter Laundry Fund**. The current status of laundry funds at the shelter allows guests with no income to be able to wash their clothing on average once a month. Imagine only washing your clothing once a month! Please help and contribute any change (bills work too!) in the jug as you are leaving the Sanctuary on Sundays. *Thank you for your generosity and caring!*

### **UUSB Book Cart in the Dorothy Memorial Hall**

Have you checked out our offerings of gently used books? Just put your money in the box and take your new reading material home.

### **RESCHEDULED: A New National Park and Recreation Area for Maine?**

A presentation and discussion with Lucas St Clair, offered by the Appalachian Mountain Club, will take place on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Vestry. Lucas St. Clair, the primary proponent of the park and current owner of lands in this area, will present the concept and be available for questions and answers following the presentation. The talk is being offered by The Maine Chapter of the AMC and Maine Conservation Policy Office, who have not yet taken a position on this question. For more information, contact Nancy Jacobson: [nancyjeffj@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjeffj@gmail.com), or 942-4924.

**The next R.E. Action League Planning Breakfast** will be on March 13, 8:30 AM. Come be part of one of the most integral teams in our church! A light breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to Connie McVey, for food and childcare planning.

**Every Tuesday Night!! UUSB Coffee House Open Mic Night.** Join us from 7:00-10:00 PM in the Vestry. Open to all UUSBers and to the Public. Come sing and play with us! There will be coffee, tea, and snacks for purchase. For more details, contact Susan and Eric Olson, Karen Childs or LyAnn Grogan; or, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/UUSB-Coffeeshouse-Open-Mic-1053951664657557/>

**Winter Market Info** ~ Bangor area localvores will be able to eat local **all winter long** thanks to the **Winter Farmers' Market:** 11 AM – 1 PM every 1st and 3rd Sunday, January through April **inside** the banquet room at the Sea Dog Brewing Company, 26 Front St., Bangor.

**The 8th Annual Meeting of the Northern New England District, Unitarian Universalist Association** will be held at the [UU Church in Concord, NH](#) on Saturday, April 9, 2016. The Board will be hosting a reception on Friday evening, April 8th. Look for details and registration online; or, email Joy Blanchette for more info at [jblanchette@uua.org](mailto:jblanchette@uua.org).

The UU Church of Belfast is sponsoring a weekend workshop by Rev. Chris Antal, **Tending Moral Injury in Returning Veterans**, to be held May 20-22, 2016. It is a workshop for clergy and faith leaders from faith communities. The Rev. Chris J. Antal, who is an ordained Unitarian Universalist Minister in Final Fellowship with the UUA, is a clinical staff chaplain in the Philadelphia VA Medical Center and the called and settled minister at the UU Congregation at Rock Tavern, New York. Prior to that he served four years as an Army chaplain with one tour in Afghanistan. **Cost:** \$125 per person or \$345 for three or more from one faith community. **To register or FMI contact:** Kathy Kreamer, [kathrynkreamer@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynkreamer@gmail.com) or 207-338-4482. **Registration and payment deadline:** May 1, 2016; please mail to 129 Miller St., Belfast, ME 04915. **Sponsored by:** the UUCB Peace Advocacy Documentation Committee.

**Announcements & Reminders - *continued***

**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 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).



**Coming in April**



**Join us for the UUSB Choir Festival**

The afternoon of Sunday, April 3rd, the annual UUSB choir festival will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Waterville. This will involve a large combined choir, as well as individual choirs. It is an amazing experience UU, and we welcome all who wish to join us! Please contact Nancy Lewis if you have any questions.

**UUSB Annual Auctions:** The Silent Auction will kick off Saturday evening, April 9th, at the Live Auction and conclude on Sunday, April 17th. The Live Auction will be held on April 9th in the Dorothy Memorial Hall at UUSB. The evening will begin 6:00-6:30 PM with heavy hors d'oeuvres; then, 6:30-8:00 PM will be the Live Auction. Items include: Seats at meals, services and custom-made items.



**Attn: All Church Officers, Staff and Designated Committee Representatives**








Be looking for a letter/e-mail regarding this year's deadline for submitting **2015-2016** Annual Report materials to the Church Office.

**Attn: All Holders of UUSB Building Keys**

To enhance personal safety for all members of the UUSB community, as well as protect the Church's physical assets on the property, the policy of this Church is to issue keys and security codes only to eligible individuals approved on the basis of need as opposed to convenience. At the recommendation of the security system company, with UUSB Council approval, we will be "updating" all PINs (individual 4-digit ID codes). [It is far easier and less expensive to do this rather than re-key the building.] Expect to receive a memo with specifics on new code assignments sometime during the month. Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Any questions, contact Susan Vernal in the church office.



MARCH 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> 6:30pm Meditation 7:00pm Coffee House	<b>2</b> 6:30pm National Parks Presentation (Vestry)	<b>3</b> 10:00am E-newsletter Deadline 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings	<b>4</b> 12:30pm Knitting Circle 	<b>5</b> 10am DRE Cluster Meeting
	<b>6</b> 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship & UUSB Committee Fair – <i>Check it out!</i>	<b>7</b> (Office closed) 9:00am Soup Kitchen Cook 'n' Serve (off-site)	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Coffee House 	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Membership Cmte 7:00pm Bldg. & Grds Cmte	<b>10</b> 10:00am E-newsletter Deadline 4:15pm Executive Cmte 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings	<b>11</b> 10:00am Budget & Finance Cmte 
<b>13</b> 8:30am RE Action League Planning Breakfast 10:00am Worship Service (Food Cupboard Collection) 11:00am Fellowship	<b>14</b> (Office closed) 12:00 noon Chimes Article Deadline for April 2016 Newsletter	<b>15</b> 6:30pm Meditation 7:00pm Coffee House	<b>16</b> 11:00am AUW Guild 6:30pm Council Mtg. 7:00pm Moms Demand Action Presentation	<b>17</b> 10:00am E-newsletter Deadline 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings	<b>18</b> 12:30pm Knitting Circle 7:00pm Penobscot Contradancers 	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00am Worship Service (Personal Care Items Collection) 11:00am Fellowship 11:30am Social Justice Cmte	<b>21</b> (Office closed) 7:00pm Temple of Fem. Divine Event (Vestry)	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Coffee House 	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Worship Cmte	<b>24</b> 10:00am E-newsletter Deadline 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00am Bag Lunch Prep 2:30pm Bean Supper (evening) Women with Wings (Vestry)
<b>27</b> EASTER 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship 12:00pm Drumming Circle	<b>28</b> (Office closed) 	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Coffee House	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10:00am E-newsletter Deadline 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings	Please check the <a href="http://www.uubangor.org">www.uubangor.org</a> website for calendar updates!	

## About Us

### **Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor**

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### **Our Mission Statement**

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor is a 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.

## Contacts

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**Pastoral Care Team:** Call Church Office (207) 947-7009 and leave message; or, call Phyllis Havens' cell 944-0181 and leave message; someone will return your call.

**Church Council:** *Council meets at 6:30 PM on the third Wednesday of each month.*

Chris Packard, Chair; Bridgette Chalila, Vice Chair; Rosemary Parsons, Treasurer; Michele Caitlyn-Strout, Clerk; Charles Boothby; Valerie Carter; Catherine Foxson; Cary Jenson; Ted Pierson

### **About Our Newsletter**

*The Chalice and Chimes* is published ten times a year (Sept-June). The deadline for submissions is the 14th day of each month. Contributions are solicited and should be sent to the Administrator/Editor at the church office. An email reminder is sent out to all member and friends on the church's database mailing list when the newsletter has been posted to the church website, where it may be viewed or down-loaded. It is also available in paper format on the table by the sanctuary entrance and by US mail (request from the Church Office).

### **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.