



Unitarian
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Society of Bangor

The Chalice and Chimes Newsletter

April 2016

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Worship: 10:00 AM Office Hours: Tues-Fri, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

UU Choir Festival - April 3, 2016



It's time for the annual UU Choir Festival! We will gather for the annual performance on Sunday, April 3rd at 5:30 PM, at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Waterville. This year choirs from Bangor, Belfast, Rockland, and Waterville will be performing individually, and together. Your choir has been working hard to prepare, and we hope you are able to come down and support us. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Lewis.

The UUSB community has been invited to the open house at the Islamic Center of Maine. Nouman Ali Khanwill, renowned Quranic speaker, will discuss the topic *Cooperate in Matters of Goodness*. This will be followed by a Q&A session and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Islam and to appreciate the faith of our neighbors.

Saturday, April 2nd, from 5-7 PM, The Islamic Center of Maine; 151 Park St. (Route 2), Orono. For mosque etiquette information: www.theicmo.com
For ride sharing information call Nancy J. at 942-4924 or email nancyjeffj@gmail.com.



Attn: All Church Officers, Staff and Designated Committee Representatives

April 15th** is this year's deadline for submitting **2015-2016** Annual Report materials to the Church Office. If for some reason you anticipate being unable to make that deadline, please let me know. You may submit your report electronically to uubangor@gmail.com, or manually as a neatly handwritten or typed version. [**Don't forget** to include a list of your current committee members, which is needed to complete the Annual Report's committee roster summary page.] Any questions, contact Susan Vernal in the Church Office.

***Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 15, 2016; hence, Annual Report must be available to members on Sunday, May 8th. I realize the April 15 deadline is a little earlier than usual, but I'd appreciate having the extra week lead time to get the Annual Report and Member-Friend Directory typed, reproduced and assembled. Thank you! – SV*



COME
ONE,
COME
ALL!



6:00-6:30 PM
Heavy hors d'oeuvres
will be served

6:30-8:00 PM
Live Auction
Event



A **Silent Auction**
will kick off Saturday
evening, April 9th, at the
Live Auction and conclude
on Sunday, April 17th.

Saturday, April 9th
in the Dorothy Memorial Hall



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For more info, contact Sue McKay
at suemckay@midmaine.com

**A sampling of Auction items
to bid on:**

- Pool Party
- Day at the Lake
- Schwinn Airdynne exercise bike
- Trek street bike
- Cuban dinner
- Fondue dinner.
- Progressive dinner
- Hand-turned wooden bowls
- ... and *much more*.





Social Justice Committee News

Submitted by Suzanne Kelly

We're Working Toward Justice

April is multi-focused.

We start out by **expanding our knowledge of the Muslim Community:**

- **The Islamic Center is holding an Open House** on Saturday, April 2nd @ the Islamic Center in Orono from 5-7 P.M. Check the Center's website: www.ico.com. We're putting together a car pooling effort since the *Community Connector* is not an option.
- **Worship Service on April 10th** led by members of the Islamic Center. Ask **Nancy Jacobson** (942-4924).

Let's do something about **Food Security. It is a major component of our UU mission** and a clear way to help level the playing field. Spring is a perfect time to put this in the forefront:

- **UU Youth** will be in charge of gathering the food contributions that are brought to church and delivering them to the **Ecumenical Food Cupboard** and **Bangor Homeless Shelter** during March, April and May. **Pam Healy**, with assistance from our committee, will gather and deliver thru the summer.
- **Charlie Boothby** will be getting the **Gleaning Project** underway as soon as the Farmer's Market in Brewer has a surplus. Find out about the team he has in place for this.
- **Soup Kitchen** the 1st Monday of every month at the Salvation Army. Contact **Pat Moulton** (942-2292) or **Marj Lawrence** (862-3994) to see how you can help.
- **Free Bean Supper** on the 4th and 5th Saturday of every month. Casseroles and extra helping hands are always needed. Supper is often served to as many as 100 people. Contact **Vyvyenne Ritchie** (907-4772) or **Michael Grondin** (266-8515). For info about helping with bag lunches on those same days, contact **Joanie Ellis**: 327-2183.

Ways for UUs to get involved:

- **Hike for the Homeless: Saturday, April 9th** – We are aiming to put a **UUSB team** together. We will have a sign-up sheet at the Social Justice Table. The deadline for an official “team” is March 31st although we can still walk together from Bangor H.S. to the waterfront. Ask **Mike Grondin** or **Suzanne Kelly** or check the webpage: www.bangorareashelter.org.
- Come to the **HOPE Festival** (www.peacectr.org) on **Saturday, April 23 from 11-3 at the UMO Fitness Center**. **UUSB** will have a table there and **UU Youth** will be selling food and coffee to raise money for their *Safe Passages* trip to Guatemala.
- **Earth Day celebration on April 22nd at Pickering Square from 11-1** to bring attention to the *Community Connector*. We'll keep you posted.

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.



Volunteer Baristas needed for HOPE Festival

UUSB has been invited by the Hope Festival organizers to sell our Equal Exchange Coffee buy the cup this year. We are looking for volunteer baristas to make and serve coffee and tea. Possibly not as much fun as the Folk Festival Beer tent but it will be fun! This will be small fundraisers for the church and give us more community visibility. The 22st Annual HOPE Festival will be held Saturday, April 23th, 2016 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Student Recreation and Fitness Center University of Maine, Orono. Theme this year is SIMPLE SOLUTIONS to BIG PROBLEMS. Volunteers can pair up and have one hour shifts should we get enough folks interested then you can enjoy the festival. If you are interested in helping with our UUSB table and fundraiser, please sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Dorothy or Contact Vyvyenne at 907-4772. I promise it will be a fun time!

Membership-Fellowship Committee

Membership Class

The Membership Fellowship committee will offer the final Membership Class before upcoming Congregational meetings, where members will vote on the calling of a new settled Minister and later at the UUSB Annual meeting. The class will be conducted over two Wednesdays, April 6 and the 13th, 6:30- 8:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Dorothy Memorial Hall Bulletin Board. If you have questions, please speak to any M/F committee member. (We wear rainbow ribbons on our membership buttons.)

Religious Education

The next **RE Action League (REAL)** meeting will be on Sunday, April 10th, from 8:30-9:45 AM in the Vestry. We will be planning the end of the year activities, UUSB summer camp, discussing curricula for the coming RE year, etc. All parents and members are welcome and encouraged to attend! A light breakfast will be served. If you need childcare, please email conniemcvey@gmail.com by April 5th.

Can you believe it?? It's time to start planning for our **Summer Day Camp!!** This year we are scheduled for the Week of July 11 and the Week of Aug 22. Our Summer Day camps are a great way for our kids to connect during the Summer months. We will explore our local area, play games, have fun with arts and crafts, explore our world through science, and go SWIMMING! Check in with Karen for a registration form. **Sign up deadline - April 30!!**

Are you interested in being one of our Camp Counselors? Please ask Karen for an Application!

Spring Pool Party ~ April 30, 2016 5:30-7:30 pm

We are looking forward to our Annual RE Pool Party!! We will all meet at the Lura Hoyt Pool in Hampden, swim for an hour, and then enjoy a pizza party! Please bring a healthy side or dessert to share. We will collect \$5/person or \$15 per family to help cover the cost of pizzas. Please **RSVP by April 25th** with Connie McVey (conniemcvey@gmail.com) so we know how many pizzas to order, and if you have food restrictions.

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 for your support!!!* [BTW, AMC guest speaker Deb Walters is scheduled to speak at UUSB on Wed., May 4, 6:30 PM in the Vestry, about her kayak to Guatemala to raise funds for Safe Passages. Something to look forward to!]



To: The UUSB Transition Team and Congregation

From: The Ministerial Search Committee

Now that we have met with all of our pre-candidates, the search committee will perform the difficult task of determining which of them best meets the needs of our congregation as outlined in the results of our survey and cottage meetings and your discussions with us. We can safely say at this point that each one of the candidates has many good qualities that would serve our congregation well. The committee's task will be to weigh these qualities in relation to our hierarchy of needs as delineated by the congregation before making a decision about which one we think would be the best fit.

The UUA Transitions Office specifies that all congregations in search must wait until the first Thursday of April at noon before contacting the minister of their choice. At that point, assuming our number one choice also has chosen us, we will make plans for them to come for a full week of candidating. We cannot announce the candidate until after they have accepted our offer and completed a favorable background check.

The candidate will visit UUSB for a week sometime in late April to mid-May (depending on their availability and our schedule). It will be important for everyone, young and old, to participate in candidating week. This will be your chance to meet and get to know the candidate. During the candidating week, the Transition Team, Search Committee, and Membership/Fellowship Committee will develop a schedule for the candidate to meet with as many committees and members of the congregation as possible. It will be an exciting week, full of meetings and activities. The candidate will conduct the service on both Sundays of that week, and after the second Sunday's service there will be a congregational meeting to vote on whether to call the candidate as our next settled minister. UUSB will put out a special call for all members and friends to attend these important services and participate in the week's activities.

We hope that the information we've provided here can help to ease some of the concerns. The Search Committee has collectively invested thousands of hours in the search process on your behalf. It has been an inspiring journey, and we look forward to soon being able to share the final results with you.

In service,

Joanie Ellis (Chair), Laurie Cartier, Sue Ann Gaitings, Bob Kelly, Linda Koehler,
Mark McCollough, Anne Perkins

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by: Rosemary Parsons



July 1, 2015 thru February 29, 2016

67 % of Year

INCOME

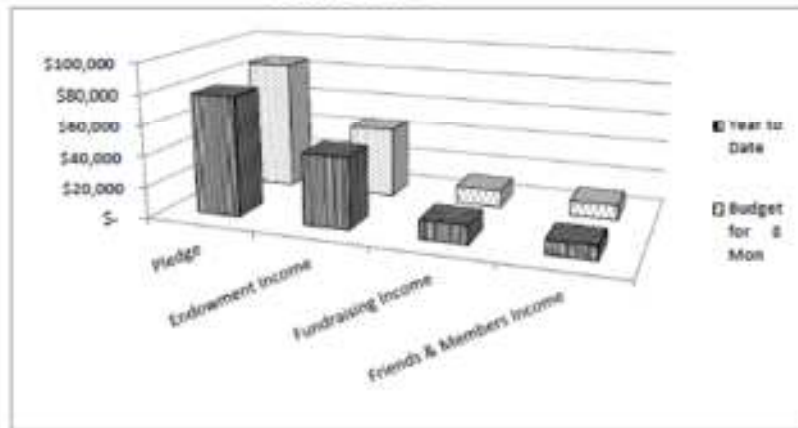
	Year to Date	Budget for 8 Mon	% Rec'd	\$ Ahead (Behind)
Pledge	\$ 78,465	85,777	61%	(7,312)
Endowment Income	45,572	45,657	67%	(85)
Fundraising Income	12,114	11,000	73%	1,114
Friends & Members Income	5,999	9,400	64%	(401)
Total Revenues	\$ 145,150	\$ 151,835	64%	(6,685)

EXPENSES

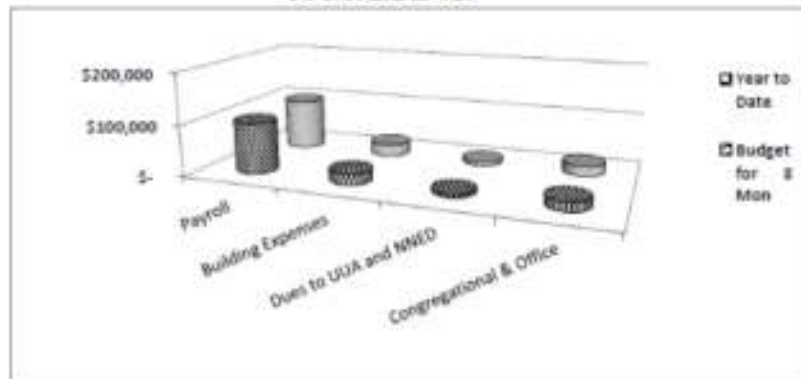
	Year to Date	Budget for 8 Mon	% Spent	\$ Ahead (Behind)
Payroll	\$ 98,887	100,355	66%	(1,468)
Building Expenses	22,189	24,134	61%	(1,945)
Dues to UUA and NNED	7,373	7,373	67%	0
Congregational & Office	17,187	19,972	87%	(2,785)
Total Expenses	\$ 145,636	151,835	64%	(6,198)

Net income for 8 month is \$ (486)

FY 2016 INCOME



FY 2016 EXPENSES





Recently, some concern and confusion has arisen over the UUSB Community Group on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/uusbcommunity/>).

Please note that this is *not* an official church page; it was started by and moderated by members as a place to share whatever is on their mind—whether it be family, faith, frustration, events, politics, or fun.

The description and name have been updated to help clarify some of the confusion. Please also know that this is a "closed group" which means that nothing from the group is viewable by the public, only other people in the group. The new group description is listed below:

"This is an informal place for discussion, community building, and sharing by members and friends of the UUSB. Opinions expressed here only represent those expressing them and do not necessary represent the official policy of the UUSB. The UUSB is located in Bangor ME. Please see the Society's official website or page for more info about it: www.uubangor.org, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/uubangor/."

Guided By Gratitude Annual Pledge Drive Concluded Short of Our Goal

The Pledge Drive for FY 2017 officially wrapped up on March 13th. To those who were *Guided by Gratitude* and responded with your pledge commitment, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. For those who increased your pledge amount over last years, special thanks to you! We are still receiving pledge commitments, and each is very much appreciated.

Being affiliated with UUSB offers so much, not just to members, but to everyone, adults and youth alike. Our outreach programs seek to make the world a better place as we strive to remain the liberal religious voice in the greater Bangor region.

As of March 16, we were about \$25,000 short of our goal of \$132,000.

The members of the Stewardship Committee—Sue McKay at suemckay@midmaine.com, Cathy Elliott, Connie McVey and Laurie Cartier—will be happy to talk to anyone who has a “change of heart” and wants to make a new or additional financial commitment to keep UUSB vibrant. Every dollar matters!

Thank you.

Your Stewardship Team

Announcements & Reminders



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-Coffeehouse-Open-Mic-1053951664657557/>



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.

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.

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) with any questions.



Flowers for the Altar: If you would like to celebrate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, or job promotion) or remember a loved one, sign up to bring flowers on your special day(s). Your celebration will be honored in the order of worship. Please bring your flowers for the altar 15 minutes prior to the start of the service. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Dorothy fellowship hall. Thank you! ~ Worship Committee

Ranked Choice Voting Educational Forum Sunday, May 1st, 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

Do you understand the system of ranked choice voting? Do you have questions about some aspects? Come to our educational forum to learn and participate in a fun, hands-on demonstration! Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

For more information, contact Natalie Norton, 469-2189 or natalienorton2@gmail.com.



APRIL 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	Please check the www.uubangor.org website for calendar updates!				1 11:00am ME Educ. Ctr for Deaf/HH Sleep-over Event begins @ UUSB 12:00pm Mid-coast Tween Sleep-over event @ Rockland UU begins 12:30pm Knitting Circle	2 9:00am ME Educ. Ctr for Deaf/HH Sleep-over ends 12:00pm Mid-coast Tween Sleep-over event ends 5:00-7:00pm Open House at Islamic Center
3 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship 5:30pm UU Choir Festival @ Waterville	4 <i>(Office closed)</i> 9:00am Soup Kitchen Cook 'n' Serve (off-site)	5 6:30pm Meditation 7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic	6 3:00pm Shakespeare Club Rehearsal 6:30-8:00pm Membership Class	7 3:00pm Shakespeare Club Performance 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings	8 10:00am Budget & Finance Cmte	9 Day to "Hike for the Homeless" ANNUAL AUCTION 6:00pm Hors-d'oeuvres 6:30-8:00pm Auction!
10 8:30-9:45am R.E.A.L. Meeting 10:00am Worship Service (Food Cupboard Collection) 11:00am Fellowship	11 <i>(Office closed)</i>	12 5:30pm Shawl Ministry (offsite) 7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic	13 6:30-8:00pm Membership Class 7:00pm Bldg. & Grds Cmte	14 4:15pm Executive Cmte 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings	15 12:30pm Knitting Circle 7:00pm Penobscot Contradancers	16
17 10:00am Worship Service (Personal Care Items Collection) 11:00am Fellowship 11:30am Social Justice Cmte	18 <i>(Office closed)</i>	19 6:30pm Meditation 7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ OpenMic	20 11:00am AUW Guild 6:30pm Council Mtg	21 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings	22 11:00am-1:00pm Earth Day Celeb. (Pickering Sq.)	23 HOPE FESTIVAL 11:00am-3:00pm 10:00am Bag Lunch Prep 2:30pm Bean Supper
24 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship 12:00pm Drumming Circle	25 <i>(Office closed)</i>	26 7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic	27 6:30pm Worship Cmte	28 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings	29	30 10:00am Bag Lunch Prep 2:30pm Bean Supper 5:30-7:70pm RE Inter-gen Pool Party w/Pizza!

About Us

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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

Minister Emerita: Rev. Becky Gunn (retired)

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Religious Educ. Director: Karen Childs, uubangorre@gmail.com

Church Administrator: Susan Vernal, uubangor@gmail.com

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; Eric Olson, 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.