



Unitarian
Universalist
Society of Bangor

The Chalice and Chimes Newsletter

May 2016

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

Sunday Worship

May 1st - Guest in pulpit

May 8th - Guest in pulpit

May 15th - "Hymnfest"

Join John Arimond for a guided musical tour through of Seven Principles. Sing some great hymns and hear performances from John and his special guests in the all-music service.

UUSB Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 15th, after worship service

May 22nd - Religious Education Recognition Sunday

This is the final day of our official RE Classes for the year. We will all gather together in the Sanctuary to appreciate all our amazing teachers and showcase what the classes have been hard at work on this year.

May 29th – Observing Memorial Day – Guest in pulpit

A Word About the Plate Offering:

During May, half the plate offering goes to Hope House, which is the second largest homeless shelter in Maine serving more than 69 men and women each evening with overflow capacity up to 100 people. This is the only shelter north of Portland accepting the homeless that are engaging in substance abuse. It also

provides a day program for the homeless in the greater Bangor area at this location where previously only overnight services were offered. The day program offers a safe haven from the streets, a variety of therapy and skill building groups, direct access to the on-site medical clinic, assistance with social services, and support in moving to transitional or permanent housing.

Reminder: If you use a check for anything other than your pledge, please indicate on the check's memo line for what your donation is intended. 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) 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



Special Events

May 4th (Wednesday), **6:30 PM**, in the Vestry **Appalachian Mountain Club guest speaker** Deb Walters to speak about her kayaking trip in Guatemala to raise funds for Safe Passages. FMI, contact Nancy Jacobson.

May 7th (Saturday), the **4th Annual Erin's Run** will take place in downtown Bangor. You can find more information and register on their website or on their Facebook page. Whether you prefer to run or walk, they hope you will be able to join them. Each year, the family and friends of Erin McGrath Woolley, a young member of the Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance and an aspiring advocate for women, who passed away in 2010, organize a 5k race and walk to honor her memory. Proceeds are donated to Spruce Run-Womancare Alliance, the University of Maine Swimming and Diving Team, a Bangor High School scholarship fund and the swimming program at the Bangor YMCA.

June 5th (Sunday), **11:30 AM** in the Vestry, Glen Koehler will give a presentation on **Climate Change**---its causes, the science, what we can expect and what we can do.

June 4th (Saturday), 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, in the Vestry, the **Annual Plant Sale**. For more information, contact Wendy Erickson.

June 4th (Saturday,) 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, in the Dorothy Memorial Hall, the RE Youth will be having a **Yard Sale**. Proceeds will go toward their service trip. Any questions, contact Karen Childs, DRE.



May 15th

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held after morning worship, in the Vestry, the third Sunday in May. Arrange your calendar so that you can attend. UU churches are self-governing. It is *your* church. Be there to elect officers from the nominees presented; discuss other business as presented or required, and vote on a proposed budget.

UUSB's ANNUAL PLANT SALE



Saturday, June 4th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
in the Church Vestry

Annuals & Perennials
Houseplants
Bushes
Herbs

Also for sale:
gently used plant pots, gardening tools
and garden decorations



For more information, contact
Wendy Erickson



YARD SALE

Saturday, June 4th
In the Dorothy Memorial Hall

Our youth will be holding this yard sale to benefit their upcoming service trip.

July 1, 2015 thru March 31, 2016

75 % of Year

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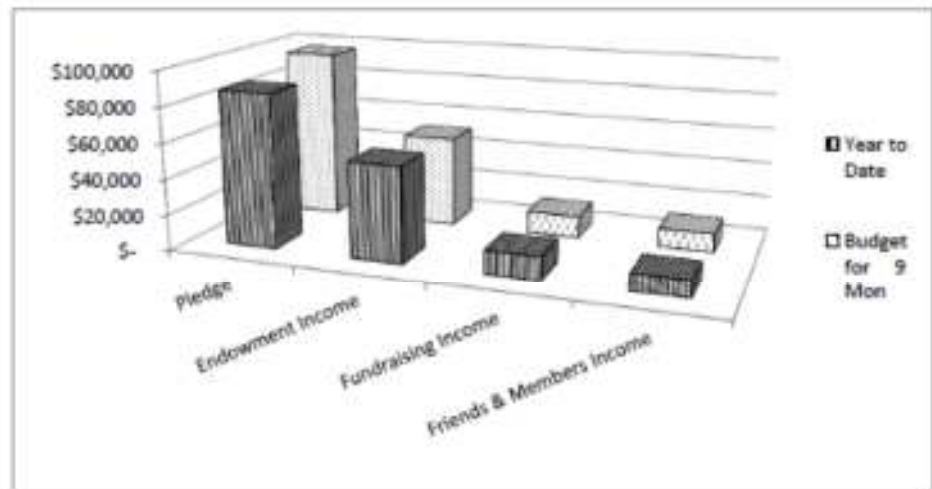
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	Year to Date	Budget for 9 Mon	% Rec'd	\$ Ahead (Behind)
INCOME				
Pledge	\$ 86,874	96,500	68%	(9,626)
Endowment Income	53,660	51,365	78%	2,296
Fundraising Income	13,084	12,375	79%	709
Friends & Members Income	9,876	10,575	70%	(699)
Total Revenues	\$ 163,494	\$ 170,814	72%	(7,320)

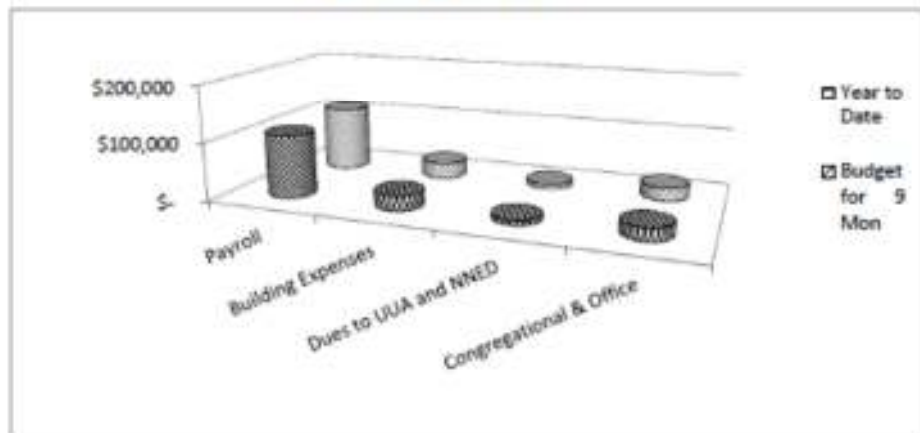
	Year to Date	Budget for 9 Mon	% Spent	\$ Over spent (Under spent)
EXPENSES				
Payroll	\$ 107,263	112,900	71%	(5,637)
Building Expenses	25,755	27,151	71%	(1,396)
Dues to UUA and NNED	8,295	8,295	75%	0
Congregational & Office	20,892	22,469	70%	(1,577)
Total Expenses	\$ 162,205	170,814	71%	(8,609)

Net income for 9 month is \$ 1,289

FY 2016 INCOME



FY 2016 EXPENSES





Social Justice Committee News

We're Working Toward Justice

This will be brief for a change since the Annual Report will need to serve as an update. It was a big job and, if you're interested in what we've been doing this year, check it out.

- **Highlights from April:**

Visit to the Islamic Center to listen to an amazing speaker, Nouman Ali Kahn, and to share in a feast of food, knowledge and fellowship with the Muslim community. Thirty UUSB members were in attendance. Then, we had the opportunity to learn about Islamic traditions at a **worship service in our sanctuary given by members of the Islamic Center.**

Hike for the Homeless on April 9th. UUSB members hiked, donated and carried a banner in support of this important chance to raise money for the Bangor Homeless Shelter

Earth Day Celebration at Pickering Square to support the **Community Connector** on April 22nd. UUSB well represented for this event that promotes expanding and improving public transit.

Forum to Support Gun Safety Initiative (Universal Background Checks) on November ballot given by Maine Moms Demand Action on April 16th, with UUSBs in attendance.

UUSB at the HOPE Festival: UUSB table, Baristas serving Fair Trade Coffee and UUs from Safe Passages selling lunches to raise money for Guatemala Trip.

- **Upcoming in May:**

May 4th: Deb Walters, guest speaker by the Appalachian Mountain Club Maine Chapter, speaking about her kayaking journey to raise money for **Safe Passages**

May 8th: **Rank Choice Voting Training** directed by Natalie Norton and RCV representative

May 22nd: Present "**Last Stop on Market Street**" to Youth **in honor of Rev. Vaeni**

- **Need to continue to advocate for:**

Adequate Maine Clean Elections funding; using Federal monies to extend Maine Care Benefits; ensuring continuation of LGBT rights; and keeping Sexual Orientation as a protected category.

- **Food Security** continues to be a focal point: look into how you can help with Ecumenical Food Cupboard donations, serving in some way at Bean Suppers and Soup Kitchen.

- **Check out our Board in the Dorothy Memorial for how you can get involved and/or come to our next meeting: Sunday, May 22nd after the service.**

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.

BTW, 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!!!*

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

E-news articles – 10:00 AM each Thurs.

June Chalice & Chimes articles – May 14

MAY 2016

Please check the www.uubangor.org website for calendar updates!

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>(Office closed) 9:00am Soup Kitchen Cook 'n' Serve (off-site) 7:00pm Temple of Feminine Divine</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30pm Meditation 7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30pm AMC Guest Speaker (a Safe Passages benefit) 6:30pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:30pm Knitting Circle</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service (Food Cupboard Collection) 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00pm Building & Grounds Cmte 6:30pm Membership- Fellowship Cmte</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:15pm Executive Cmte 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am Budget & Finance Cmte</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00am Discussion on Celtic Spirituality 12:00pm Deadline for June newsletter 6:00pm Democracy Now Community Event (rental)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service (Personal Care Items Collection) & Annual Meeting 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>(Office closed)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm Meditation 7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00am AUW Guild 6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:30pm Knitting Circle 7:00pm Penobscot Conradancers</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship 11:30am Social Justice Cmte 12:00pm Drumming Circle</p>	<p>23</p> <p>(Office closed)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ OpenMic</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4:00pm Worship Cmte</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am Bag Lunch Prep 2:30pm Bean Supper</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>(Office closed)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>				

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

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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; 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.

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