



Unitarian  
Universalist  
Society of Bangor

## The Chalice and Chimes

June 2016

### UUSB's ANNUAL PLANT SALE



Saturday, June 4th  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
in the Church Vestry

Annuals & Perennials  
Houseplants  
Bushes  
Herbs

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



Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
8:00AM to 3:00PM  
In the Dorothy Memorial Hall

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

### SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

#### June 5 From Conquest to Love - *Flower Communion* (An InterGen Service)

This is a beautiful ceremony that celebrates the bounty of flowers in bloom all around us. Bring a flower from your garden, or from along the way, to church; and then, take home something different to grace your table. Guest in the pulpit is Sherri Mitchell. Rissa Moore, Lay Coordinator; Brenda Bywater, Worship Associate. Music by Nancy Lewis; the Choir will sing.

#### June 12 Summer Solstice Ritual Celebration

Laurie Cartier will lead our service, with Brenda Bywater as Worship Associate. Worship this Sunday will take place in our own sanctuary, since we will not be going to Fort Knox after all. Music by Nancy Lewis; the Choir will sing.

#### June 19 Father's Day

Our service will be led by Tom Bickford, with assistance from Lay Coordinator Phyllis Havens and Worship Associate John Arimond. Robin Wood will provide music.

#### June 26 Faith Linking in Action

Martin Chartrand and Suzanne Kelly will present from the pulpit. Rissa Moore is the Lay Coordinator; Wendy Erickson is the Worship Associate. Music by Nancy Lewis.

#### A Word About the *Share the Plate* Offering:

During June, half the plate offering goes to sustain the life of our church and half goes to support our church's meal programs - **Soup Kitchen, Bean Suppers, Bag Lunches**—that serve to nourish the bodies and nurture the spirits of many in our larger community who are in need.

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.

## Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor

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Bangor, ME 04401-5024  
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10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
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Website: [www.uubangor.org](http://www.uubangor.org)

### Minister:

Rev. Andrew Moeller

### Minister Emerita:

Rev. Becky Gunn

### Music Director:

Nancy Lewis

### Director Religious Education:

Karen Childs

### Church Administrator:

Susan Vernal

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## From the Minister

Dear UUSB Members, Families and Friends,

It's been almost two weeks since I was so energetically called by UUSB to be your new minister. I am still feeling very excited, and I am eagerly looking forward to starting my official duties with UUSB beginning August 1st.

Between now and then, I will be wrapping up my duties and saying goodbye to the UU Society of Laconia, NH, where I have had the pleasure of serving the last four years as minister, and I will begin to pack my things for the move up to ME. In June, I will attend the UU Minister's Association Annual meeting and UUA General Assembly (GA) in Columbus, OH (perhaps I will see a couple of you there...). After GA, I plan on spending some time visiting my family in Michigan and sailing my 26th Port Huron to Mackinaw Island Race in mid-July.

During the summer, I will be making a couple of trips up to Bangor to look at apartments and explore the area so that I will be ready to move at the end of July. When I arrive in August, I will be spending the month meeting with UUSB committees and leadership and getting myself organized so that I am ready to start off the Fall/Winter/Spring cycle of the congregational year well prepared and rested. I will officially start my preaching duties at UUSB on September 11th.

Once I arrive in Bangor, I also hope to explore some of the fun area events and places in Bangor like the Bangor Folk Festival. If you have any suggestions, I look forward to hearing about them. Thanks to Karen Childs, I have created a public "Rev. Drew" Facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/RevDrewMoeller>) where you can follow my occasional updates over the summer and hear my random reflections on the passing scene.

In the meantime, I wish you all a wonderful summer. May you all find some special ways to explore, enjoy the warm weather, and the Spirit of Life that renews the soul and connects us all to one another.

Namaste,

*Rev. Drew*



# Treasurer's Report

July 1, 2015 thru April 30, 2016

83.3 % of Year

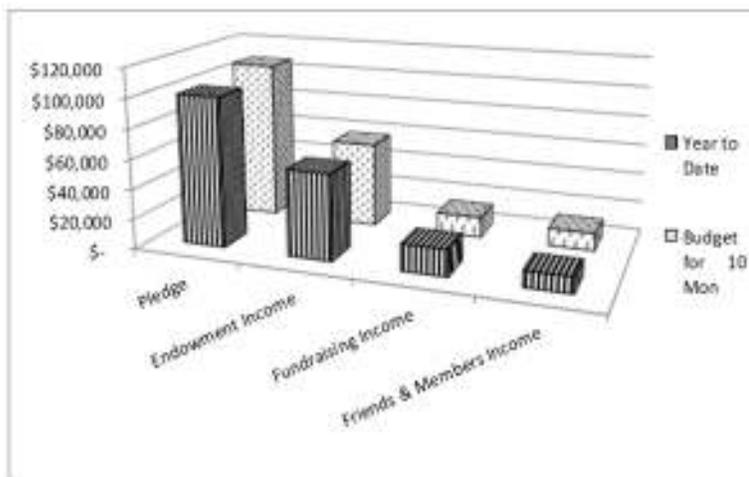
**Receipts for Pledge is \$7,106 behind.**

INCOME	Year to Date	Budget for 10 Mos	% Rec'd	\$ Ahead (Behind)
Pledge	\$ 100,116	107,222	78%	(7,106)
Endowment Income	57,355	57,072	84%	283
Fundraising Income	17,642	13,750	107%	3,892
Friends & Members Income	10,621	11,750	75%	(1,129)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 185,734</b>	<b>\$ 189,793</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>(4,059)</b>

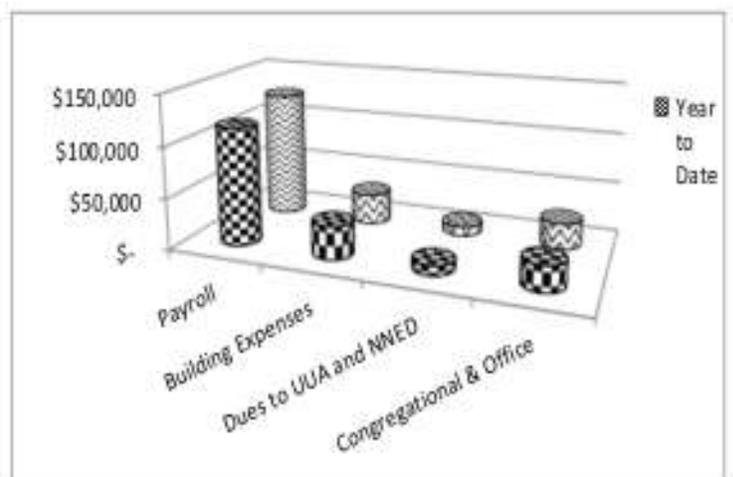
EXPENSES	Year to Date	Budget for 10 Mos	% Spent	\$ Over spent (Under spent)
Payroll	\$ 114,918	125,444	76%	(10,526)
Building Expenses	32,166	30,168	89%	1,999
Dues to UUA and NNED	9,217	9,217	83%	0
Congregational & Office	24,490	24,965	82%	(475)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 180,791</b>	<b>189,793</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>(9,002)</b>

Net income for 10 mos is                      \$ 4,943

**FY 2016 INCOME**



**FY 2016 EXPENSES**



## Social Justice News

*We're Working Toward Justice*

### May Highlights

**HOPE Festival:** UUSB had a table with plenty of volunteers, pix donated by Jeanne Curran and tri-fold donated by Vyvyenne Ritchie. No electricity again for coffee (*sigh*), but Vyv and the Baristas smiled through it all. Youth (one) and Nancy Jacobson served lunches to raise Safe Passage funds. And, we counted at least 10 UUSBers “personing” other HOPE tables.

**Deb Walters** spoke about her 2500-mile solo **kayaking journey from Maine to Guatemala to raise money for Safe Passages**. There were 24 people in attendance, and UU Youth also raised money.

**Rank Choice Voting Training** was directed by Natalie Norton and an RCV representative. It was well received and other trainings will be held throughout the State, with Natalie holding another one at our church sometime in late summer. She'll keep us posted.

**“Last Stop on Market Street”** (2016 Newbery Award winner) was presented to UUSB Youth by the SJ Committee on RE Sunday **in honor of Rev. Vaeni** and his enthusiastic support for connecting UUSB Youth with Social Justice projects. He also received a copy as a parting gift.

### Looking Ahead to the Summer

**Support for Extending Community Connector Bus Hours:** UUSB was well represented at May's City Council Budget Workshop. **Next meeting: Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 P.M., City Hall.** Ask Suzanne or Lee Giles about *Transportation for All* meetings (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 9-11 A.M.).

**Food Security Efforts** continue to be a focal point: **great opportunities for families!**

**GLEANNING: Brewer Farmer's Market begins in June. Contact Charlie Boothby (942-5984).**

**Food Cupboard and personal care donations** will be collected from June through August by Pam Healy, and Youth will begin again with pickups in the fall.

**Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month and Free Bean Supper (s) on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month:** please donate food and/or time.

**We now have a UUSB Ecumenical Food Cupboard Board Member: Stephanie Mattsen!**

**Faith Linking in Action (FLIA)**, representative Martin Chartrand, will lead the Worship Service on June 26<sup>th</sup> and share some about what the organization does.

**Maine Citizens for Clean Elections (MCCE)** Director, Andrew Bossie, says that MCCE will be rolling out plans to educate the public about what was accomplished with last November's *Yes on 1* Initiative and what *is* to be done. **Stay tuned.**

**Mainers for Responsible Gun Ownership** (new name for *Maine Moms Demand Action*) will be revving up their efforts to improve background checks in Maine, an initiative that will be on November's ballot. **Again, stay tuned.**

**Next Social Justice Committee Meeting: Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30A.M. in the Vestry!**

## News on the Maine Scene



### Senator Mitchell to Speak at Civil Discourse Event

The Maine Council of Churches is excited to announce that Senator George Mitchell will be the featured speaker at their 2016 election year Civil Discourse event entitled “From Mudslinging to Mutual Respect: How to Make Politics More Civil.”

The public is invited to attend this very special opportunity on October 20th in Waterville. Doors will open for breakfast at 7:30 AM, and Senator Mitchell will begin speaking promptly at 8:00 AM. He plans to leave ample time after his remarks for Q&A with the audience. There is no charge to attend, but space is limited, so folks are asked to register in advance. In late August, you should check the MCC website ([www.maineCouncilofchurches.org](http://www.maineCouncilofchurches.org)) or their Facebook page for more information about how to register and to get directions to the venue in Waterville.

*Source: Maine Council of Churches email of Fri., May 13, 2016 (paraphrased)*

### In Support of Two Important Citizen-Initiated Bills

The Board of Director of the **Maine Council of Churches** voted unanimously to publicly support passage of two citizen-initiated bills that will appear on the November ballot: the act to raise the minimum wage, and the act to require background checks for gun sales.

If the Maine Minimum Wage Initiative passes, close to 90,000 workers whose families don't make enough to reliably pay for food, housing, heat, transportation, and healthcare could see an average increase in income of nearly \$4,000. And when workers in low-wage jobs earn more, they are most likely to spend it at local businesses, growing local economies. If you are interested in learning more about this initiative, visit [FairWageMaine](http://FairWageMaine) online.

*Source: Maine Council of Churches email of Fri., May 13, 2016 (paraphrased)*



For more information on either of the above articles please see Maine Council of Churches' **News 2016** issue available for viewing and downloading on their website [www.maineCouncilofchurches.org](http://www.maineCouncilofchurches.org).

## Summer Program Notes and Reminders

**Reminder:** Choir and many small groups or committees do not meet during the summer. It is best to call ahead and check with a group facilitator for details.

**Other good ways to keep informed** about our church community over the summer: 1) read your weekly e-new; 2) read Council minutes on the Dorothy bulletin board during fellowship time on Sunday; 3) regularly check the church website and calendar ([uubangor.org](http://uubangor.org)); 4) feel free to contact the church office with any questions of concerns.

**Sunday morning services** will continue to be held at 10:00 AM. Be sure to check your weekly e-news for more details on summer service topics as they become available.

FYI: The **Food Cupboard** still distributes food in the summer months. We will have Food Cupboard Collection on second Sundays as usual in July and August, as well as the Personal Care Items collection on third Sundays. Thank you for your continued generosity.

During the summer months especially, we need people to **volunteer** to help at the Soup Kitchen cook-and-serve offered to the needy on the first Monday of each month at the Salvation Army soup kitchen. If you are able and willing, we really need you! FMI, call Marj Lawrence.

The **Fresh Start/Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings will continue throughout the summer. The group meet Monday through Friday, 12-1 PM, in the Vestry. Please be respectful of their privacy if you are in the building.

**Reminder:** This newsletter is not published in July or August. The next deadline, for the September issue, is August 15, 2016, at noon, to the newsletter editor; email contributions to [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com).

The UUSB **weekly e-newsletter** will continue through-out the summer, as our tool for keeping in touch and informed. Announcement items may be submitted before 10 AM each Thursday to the church office at [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com).

**Have you looked yourself up in the new UUSB Member & Friend Directory yet?** Each listing is based on the information we have on file in our computer. If your info is incorrect or outdated, please send a change or correction to Susan in the church office, 947-7009 or email [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com).

It is not too late to get a copy of the 2016 UUSB Annual Report or the **updated Member/Friend Directory**. Contact Susan Vernal in the church office to request a copy.

**DIGITAL PHOTOS AVAILABLE TO UUSB FOLKS** - If you would like to receive color and/or black and white digital copies of the photos taken by Jeanne Curran for the UUSB directory, please send her an email request at [jpcurran28@hotmail.com](mailto:jpcurran28@hotmail.com). Please be advised that these will be very large copies, so make sure you have room in your email file.

**As the 2015-2016 fiscal year draws to a close**, UUSB's Budget/Finance folks and our Collector would appreciate your timeliness in paying any remaining balance on **your pledge** for this past year. If you need to know how much you pledged and how much you have paid, please contact our Collector, Ann Hartman. After July 1st, payments begin toward your 2016-2017 pledge. *Thank you!*

### **Committee Chairs & Group Leaders**

As the end of the 2014-2015 fiscal year draws near, UUSB's Budget/Finance folks and our Bookkeeper would appreciate your diligent efforts to **submit (or plan to submit) any bills, invoices, and/or check request/vouchers for expenses that need to be "expensed" in this past year.** *Thank you!*

## Summer Program Notes and Reminders - *cont'd*

**The July R.E. Day Camp** has been cancelled due to insufficient enrollment numbers. If you've already paid for the July camp and need a refund, or you would like to have it applied to the August camp, please let DRE Karen Childs know.

**The August Day Camp** will take place Aug. 22-26.

**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, 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.

**Looking for Summer Reading Material??** Check out the UUSB Book Cart in the Dorothy Memorial Hall. We offer gently used books at a bargain price. Just put your money in the box and take your new reading material home. You can also donate gently used books of your own. Leave them in the container provided beside the sale shelves.

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 UU Youths' 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!!!*

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** (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.

The annual **Restorative Justice/Charlie Howard Remembrance Service** will occur on Sunday, July 10th, 10 AM. Charlie, who was a 23-year-old openly gay man, was beaten and thrown from the State Street bridge in Bangor by three teenage boys on July 7, 1984. He drowned in the Kenduskeag Stream.

**Water Communion Reminder:** As you travel this summer, collect a small container of water to bring to our Sept. 4 service. The waters we bring will be merged in the ritual of Water Communion. It is a transition from one season to the next, and a way of reconnecting with the church community after our summer wanderings.

**We often think of child and adult safety in summer/vacation time... seniors need to take special caution, too.**

### SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

-  Stay hydrated.
-  Don't stay out for too long.
-  Check the forecast beforehand.
-  Keep sunscreen nearby and use it.
-  Check your prescriptions' side effects.
-  Turn on the A/C.
-  Beware of heat-related illnesses.

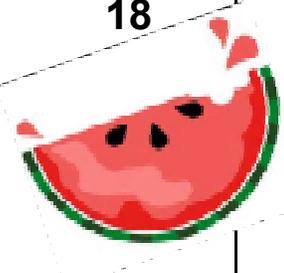
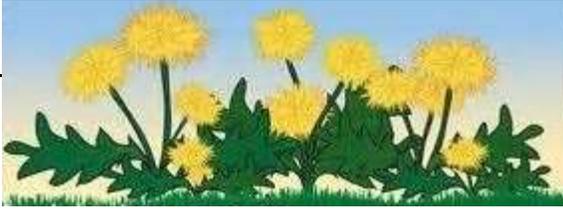
Courtesy of: <https://www.senioradvisor.com/blog/2015/08/summer-safety-tips-for-seniors/>

**For detailed senior summer safety tips, check out this page online:**

<https://www.care.com/a/12-summer-safety-tips-for-the-elderly-1404231319>

JUNE 2016

Please check the [www.uubangor.org](http://www.uubangor.org) website for calendar updates!

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>6:30pm Shawl Ministry</p> <p>4:30pm Transporta- tion for All Rally (Peirce Park)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>12:30pm Knitting Circle</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8am-3pm CHURCH YARD SALE</p> <p>9am-3pm ANNUAL PLANT SALE</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>11:30am Climate Discussion</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>(Office closed)</p> <p>9:00am Soup Kitchen Cook 'n' Serve (off-site)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6:30pm Meditation</p> <p>7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:00pm Building &amp; Grounds Cmte</p> <p>6:30pm Membership- Fellowship Cmte</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>4:15pm Executive Cmte</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:00am Budget &amp; Finance Cmte</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Flower Communion</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service (Food Cupboard Collection)</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>(Office closed)</p> 	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>	 <p><b>15</b></p> <p>11:00am AUW Guild</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>12:30pm Knitting Circle</p> <p>7:00pm Penobscot Conradancers</p>	 <p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Service (Personal Care Items Collection)</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>11:30am Social Justice Cmte</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>(Office closed)</p> <p>7:00pm Temple of Fem. Divine Event</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>6:30pm Meditation</p> <p>7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>4:00pm Worship Cmte</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10:00am Bag Lunch Prep</p> <p>3:00pm Bean Supper Prep</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>12:00pm Drumming Circle</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>(Office closed)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>		



**HOW TO REACH US**  
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 Office phone/voice mail: 207-947-7009.

You may email her anytime at  
[uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com)

**Our newly called Minister,**

The Rev. Andrew Moeller, will begin  
 his duties August 1, 2016; his first sermon in the  
 pulpit will be Sunday, Sept. 4, for  
 Water Communion.

**The Music Director,** Nancy Lewis, may be reached  
 by email at [Lewis@maine.edu](mailto:Lewis@maine.edu)

**The Director of Religious Education,**

Karen Childs, is available by appoint; you can email  
 her at [uubangorre@gmail.com](mailto:uubangorre@gmail.com)

For information on how to reach the a  
**Pastoral Care Team** associate, call the Church Office  
 at (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  
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 Catherine Foxson  
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 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  
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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.

**Special Collections Reminders**

*Special collections and Share the Plate*  
*will continue in the summer.*

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 grate-  
 fully 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 in-  
 come 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 continued generosity and caring!*



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**Next Newsletter Deadline:**

**Monday, August 15th at Noon**

**for the September 2016 issue.**

We value your contributions and very much appreciate submittals. When sending email

contributions to *The Chalice and Chimes*:

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