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Chalice and Chimes

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10 A.M.

September 4 Observing Labor Day Valerie Carter

September 11 Water Communion Rev. Andrew Moeller
We will celebrate the beginning of our fall/winter/spring portion of the year with this intergenerational service, where we will reflect on the spiritual aspects of water in our lives. Everyone is asked to bring a small sample of water to add to our communion bowl. This year, we will not be asking where your sacred water comes from; instead, we will provide people a chance to speak about how water has changed, nourished and supported peoples' lives. Come, join the UUSB family as we welcome the choir back after a summer break and Rev. Drew as he begins leading us in worship for the first time as our settled minister.

September 18 The Road Now Taken Rev. Andrew Moeller
Our personal stories provide powerful insights into our life's being. In this service, Rev. Drew will share his spiritual autobiography and how that relates to his understanding of the power and complexity of our faith as Unitarian Universalists.

September 25 Black Lives Matter Matters! Rev. Moeller
Black Lives Matter is a movement that began as a response to the violence and discrimination against people of color in our society, especially at the hands of law enforcement. As UUs who support our first principle of "the inherent worth and dignity of each person," how might we engage in supporting this important work of equality? The choir will sing.

It's Choir Time!

It's time to think again about singing in the choir. Rehearsals will begin Thursday, September 1st, at 5:30 PM, in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals run from 5:30 to 7:00; if you can't get there right at 5:30, it's OK to arrive at 6:00.

Who should come? Anyone who enjoys singing, regardless of training or experience, is most welcome. Our goals are to add beautiful music to our worship services and to enjoy singing together. We sing in two worship services a month, plus a few other events. This year we plan on singing in the Winter Solstice Celebration, the Christmas Eve service, and the spring Choir Festival.

If you have any questions, please contact me at lewis@maine.edu or 272-4369. I'd love to speak with you.

Nancy Lewis
Music Director



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WATER COMMUNION REMINDER...



Remember to bring a small container of water to our September 11th service. The waters we bring will be merged in the ritual of Water Communion. It is a fitting transition from one season to the next, and a way of reconnecting with the church community after our summer wanderings.



Drew's Views

First of all, I want to thank everyone for making my transition into ministry with UUSB such a wonderful and welcoming experience. I am so happy and excited to be here that it still feels a bit like a dream.

As we begin a new chapter in our ministry together, I am reminded of a joke that seems to capture well the experience of being the newcomer in any congregation or organization. It goes like this...

A new minister is called to a new congregation. After some conversation, the president of the congregation and a staff member thought it would be great to invite the new minister out as a means of welcoming the new minister for the congregation. Since this congregation was located near a very scenic lake, the president and the staff member thought it would be great to take the minister fishing. The minister accepted.

They started out in the morning and fished most of the day. They brought along a huge thermos of coffee and sipped at it all day. Finally the congregational president's bladder was full, so he stood up and walked across the water, went into the bushes and came out several minutes later much relieved. Then he walked across the water again, sat down in the boat and resumed fishing.

About half an hour later, the staff member had to go. She stood up walked across the water to the bushes, took care of business, and then walked back across the water and sat down and resumed fishing as well.

Finally the new minister needed to go. The minister actually had needed to go for hours, but was a little intimidated by the fact that the president and the staff member could walk on water. Finally the minister thought, "Hey, if the president and staff member can walk on water—so can I!" And so the minister stood up, stepped out of the boat, and fell into the water and sank.

Quickly, the president and staff member reached out and pulled the new minister into the boat. As they did so, the staff member said to the president, "*Perhaps we should have told the new minister where the stones were!*"

This joke is a great reminder of the dynamics of starting a new position anywhere. There are things I have yet to learn about this congregation, and the congregation has much to learn about me as well. From my perspective, the primary work of the next several months is for me to immerse myself in the culture of UUSB and to "be myself" so that we can come to know each other in a way that is real and authentic and which will provide the foundation upon which we will build a beautiful and meaningful ministry (and ministries) together.

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Looking for Volunteers

On the first Monday of every month, members of UUSB prepare lunch for the **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen**. Cooking begins at 9:00 AM, with serving at 11:45, and clean-up to follow. If you have any time available on this special Monday, please contact Marj Lawrence.



Drew's Views—*cont'd*

As we move through this process of getting to know each other, I am asking for your help in the following ways:

Tell me your name. Even if you've introduced yourself several times, the more I hear your name the quicker I will remember it. According to our Membership Committee there are only about 300 names for me to remember so it will take a while.

Give me reminders. I am just starting to become familiar with all the committees and activities that happen around UUSB. I am trying to note them all on my calendar (and reminders help).

Invite me. Over the course of the next couple of months, part of my goal is to meet as many of you as possible. I like invitations. Of course, I won't be able to accept every invitation. If I am not able to accept the first one, try again. It would be awesome to eventually get a chance to meet everyone personally.

I am happy and grateful for being...for being here... and for being here with you together!

Namasté,

Rev. Drew



Rev. Drew's Office Schedule (September):

Mon - Sabbath Day (minister's day off)
 Tues - office hours 1:30 to 4:30 PM (walk-ins OK)
 Wed - office hours 1:30 to 4:30 PM (walk-ins OK)
 Thurs - sermon writing day (sermon preparation day —
 I will respond only to urgent matters)
 Fri - office hours 1:30 to 4:30 PM (walk-ins OK)

In addition to the office hours above, I am available most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings, and Saturdays by appointment. As a new minister, my schedule does change sometimes unpredictable—so I encourage people to call and check-in before dropping in, just to make sure I am here. I can be reached via email - drewuu2@gmail.com, or leave a message on voicemail at church 947-7009 (dial "1" for the minister's mailbox).

A letter of appreciation

Dear Members of the Shawl Ministry and the Women's Guild,

Thank you so much for the warm and welcoming potluck dinner you arranged for my visit to Bangor! It was wonderful to meet so many welcoming faces and especially to put faces to Catherine Elliot, who knit the beautiful shawl that I frequently wrap myself in, and Joan Ellis, who has been emailing me and making me feel so welcome even from afar!

I was touched by being invited to light the chalice on the second Sunday I attended services. Even though the applause took me by surprise, and in the moment wasn't I wasn't sure how to acknowledge it, I do want you who applauded to know I appreciated it and felt blessed by it.

Thank you all for welcoming your new minister's mom as warmly and as openly as you have welcomed him!

With blessings and gratitude,
Myra MacDonald



Spirit of Drumming . . . with Laurie and LyAnn

The Spirit of Drumming circle took a break over the summer and is planning to return with renewed energy for the 2016-2017 church year.

We will be planning to teach new rhythms, remember those we have already learned, and bring new ways to energize our connection to spirit through rhythm. We are also going to try offering time for drumming both during the week on the Third Monday of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM and after church on the First Sunday of the month from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. We hope to also offer times for the children to join us, but those dates are to be determined. Let us know if your child(ren) are interested and what time might work best for you.

Our first drumming circle will meet on Monday, September 19 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Sanctuary at UUSB. As always, our circle is open to all who are interested in drumming—so bring your friends to join in the fun. We have lots of drums and rhythm toys to share, and those who have them are welcome to bring their own. We appreciate people arriving a little early to help set up the space with chairs and drums and staying to help clean up. This takes very little time, if everyone helps! See you in September!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

"A Merger Moment"

The two churches (First Universalist Church of Bangor and the Unitarian Church of Bangor) had agreed to consolidation; however, to become the official entity known as the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor, they had to wait for approval of the consolidation from the Secretary of State. The Agreement of Consolidation was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on August 14, 1995—and then the two churches were *really and truly* one consolidated entity. The Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor came into being as of that date.

On September 10th, the last service was held at the Unitarian Church after which, amid much fanfare and celebration (and probably a few tears shed, too), church members proceeded up to Park St., where a luncheon of homemade soups and breads awaited them.

On September 19, 1995, the first service of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor was held on Park St.

**Happy 21st
birthday,
UUSB!**



The worship committee is encouraging everyone to participate.

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 service. Sign-up sheet on the board in the Dorothy.

Thank you! ~ *Worship Committee*

Treasurer's Report ~ Submitted by Rosemary Parsons

July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016

FINAL 8/17/2016



INCOME

	Year to Date	Budget for 12 Mon	% Rec'd	\$ Ahead (Behind)
Fledge	\$ 117,452	128,666	91%	(11,214)
Endowment Income	72,592	68,486	106%	4,106
Fundraising Income	20,049	16,500	122%	3,549
Friends & Members Income	12,081	14,100	86%	(2,019)
Total Revenues	\$ 222,174	\$ 227,752	98%	(5,578)

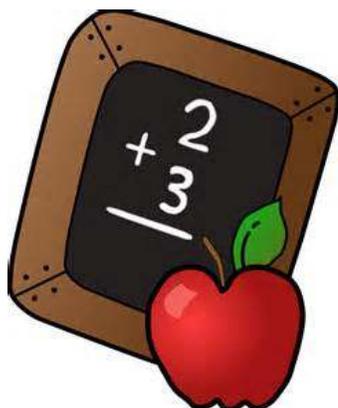
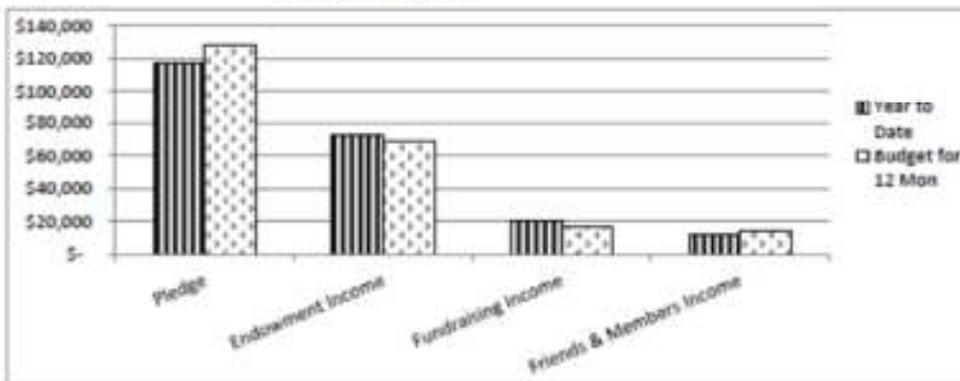
EXPENSES

	Year to Date	Budget for 12 Mon	% Spent	\$ Over spent (Under spent)
Payroll	\$ 128,873	150,533	86%	(21,660)
Building Expenses	37,093	36,201	102%	892
Dues to UUA and NNED	11,060	11,060	100%	0
Congregational & Office	32,449	29,958	108%	2,491
Total Expenses	\$ 209,475	227,752	92%	(18,277)

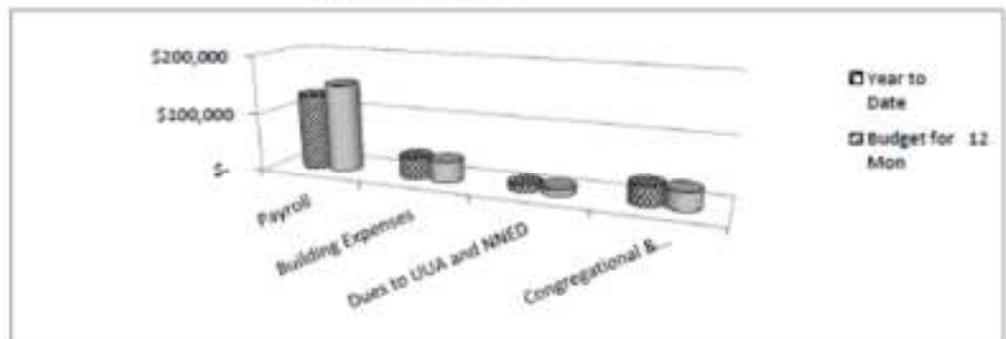
Net income for 12 month is \$ 12,699

The FY 2017 used \$15,000 of unspent money

FY 2016 INCOME



FY 2016 EXPENSES



Treasurer's Report—cont'd

July 1, 2016 thru July 31, 2016

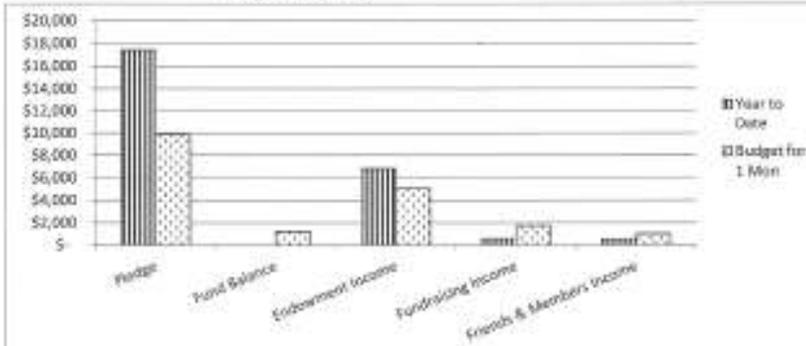
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INCOME	Year to Date	Budget for 1 Mon	Budget FY 2017	% Rec'd	\$ Ahead (Behind)
Pledge	\$ 17,402	9,842	118,109	15%	\$ 7,560
Fund Balance	\$ -	1,250	15,000	0%	\$ (1,250)
Endowment Income	\$ 6,810	5,073	60,875	11%	\$ 1,737
Fundraising Income	\$ 582	1,746	20,950	3%	\$ (1,164)
Friends & Members Income	\$ 561	1,043	12,520	4%	\$ (482)
Total Revenues	\$ 25,355	\$ 18,955	\$ 227,454	11%	\$ 6,401

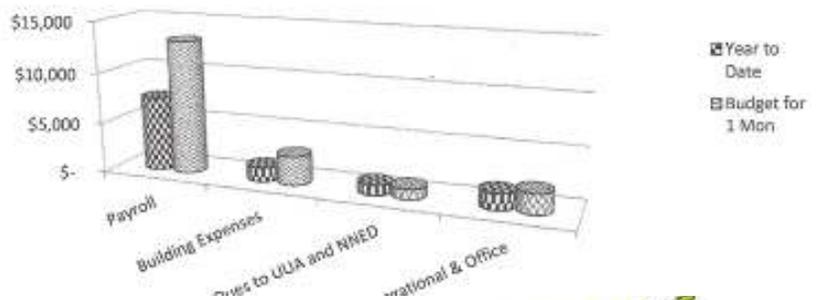
EXPENSES	Year to Date	Budget for 1 Mon	Budget FY 2017	% Spent	\$ Over spent (Under spent)
Payroll	\$ 7,380	13,152	157,829	5%	\$ (5,772)
Building Expenses	\$ 1,389	2,854	34,242	4%	\$ (1,465)
Dues to UUA and NNED	\$ 986	986	11,840	8%	\$ 0
Congregational & Office	\$ 1,566	1,962	23,543	7%	\$ (396)
Total Expenses	\$ 11,321	18,954	227,454	5%	\$ (7,633)

NET INCOME \$ 14,034

FY 2016 INCOME



FY 2016 EXPENSES



Keep up-to-date!

Check out the online calendar at our website:

www.uubangor.org



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If you don't know what this word is....check out page 11 of this newsletter.

News from your Church Council

Greeting Members and Friends of UUSB!

Welcome back from your summer vacations, pilgrimages, and migrations. I look forward to seeing you all in the coming weeks at Sunday services and Fellowship Hour.

With great anticipation and revelry, we welcome Rev. Drew Moeller to the Society as our settled minister. Council has been working closely with Rev. Drew to assist in the formation of the Committee on Ministry. The CoM "support[s] and monitor[s] the health of the ministry of the Society including, but not limited to, activities that directly involve the minister." The committee is integral in the credentialing process. Several candidates have expressed interest in serving on the committee. Rev. Drew. has informed Council of his intent to use the committee to promote the concept of Shared Ministry, through which we all have a stake in the health of the Ministries of the congregation. Fresh and innovative ideas are on the way!

Council is currently planning its retreat in October. On the agenda are the formation of the Council Covenant, our goals for the coming year, and a review of the strategic plan. We will be working together to complete the ministerial transition with Rev. Drew.

One housekeeping matter I'd like to discuss is the Security system. Please be aware that due to the volume of false alarm calls to the Bangor Police Department, the Society has been burdened with unexpected expenses of over \$1,000. Please, if you are unsure of how to operate the security system, contact Susan Vernal to schedule a reminder lesson. Also, the Buildings and Grounds committee has commissioned a task group to review potential strategies to prevent such occurrences, not limited to re-coding and re-keying the locks, and implementing a new procedure for how to enter the locked building. A penny saved is a penny earned.

As always, Council is looking for your input for plate offering recipient organizations, fundraising ideas, and feedback. Please feel free to reach out to me (olsonea@gmail.com), or any of our wonderful Council members.



Yours In Service,
Eric Olson
Council Chair

Committee/Leadership Contacts:

Archives - Cindy Todd
 AUW Guild - Balenda Ganem
 Budget & Finance/Pledge - Rosemary Parsons
 Building & Grounds - Rissa Moore
 Council/Executive Cmte - Eric Olson, Chair;
 Chris Packard, Vice Chair; Rosemary Parsons,
 Treasurer; Michele Caitlyn-Strout, Clerk
 Hersey Bequest Trustees - Lynne Gardner or
 Maureen Smith
 General Endowment Trustees - Patti Woolley
 or Glenn Rampe
 Green Sanctuary - Christina Diebold or
 Catherine Foxson
 Marketing - Laurie Cartier or Valerie Carter
 Membership/Fellowship - Sarah Thornton or
 LyAnn Grogan
 Music/Choir - Nancy Lewis
 Nominating Cmte - Glen Koehler
 Pastoral Care Team - Gail Bickford or Phyllis
 Havens
 Pledge Collector - Ann Hartman
 Religious Education Committee - Connie
 McVey or Karen Childs
 Social Justice - Suzanne Kelly
 Soup Kitchen - Marj Lawrence
 Stewardship - Cathy Elliott or Judy Boothby
 Webpage - Karen Childs
 Worship Committee - Phyllis Havens



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. Moeller 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 at 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.

Affinity Group Contacts:

Drumming Circle - Laurie Cartier, LyAnn Grogan
 Earth-centered - Catherine Foxson
 Humanist - Karl Norton
 Buddhist/Meditation - Vyvyenne Ritchie
 Shawl Ministry - Cathy Elliott
 Taoism - Paul Grosswiler

Social Justice Committee News

We're Working Toward Justice



Why do we engage in the work of Social Justice, as individuals and as leaders, in the UUSB community? What is the focus and purpose of our committee?

These are the questions we asked ourselves at the **Social Justice Retreat** on August 13th, with Rev. Drew as our guide. As one person mentioned, "I (we) completely forgot he was new!" We shared our personal justice roots and what drives us towards justice in the here and now. We identified the current core, congregational focus: *Food Security*, noting what we do now and the ways we could expand our involvement. While acknowledging that it is easy to take on too much and noting the obvious limitations, we brainstormed the possibilities for our committee and congregation: educating and acting as a clearing house within the UUSB community and beyond; advocating, taking action and learning to be allies to those who may be struggling.

Ask one of our members about the specifics and we will also post a summation at our SJ table in the Dorothy Memorial. Two things for sure: we will have a Follow-up Retreat, and take the UUSB pulse (possibly a survey) to see what social justice issues and actions the UUSB congregation decides to take on.

In closing, Rev. Drew led us in the inspirational Holly Near song "I am Willing". I am only including the chorus here, but I'm very sure we will all get a chance to sing it together sometime soon:

*I am open and I am willing
To be hopeless would seem so strange
It dishonors those who go before us
So lift me up to the light of change*

Ongoing and Upcoming: (check the calendar at our table)

Saturday, September 17th at West Market Square: *End Violence Together Rally*

Sunday, September 18th after Fellowship time: *Social Justice Committee meeting* at approximately 11:45 AM in the Vestry

Tuesday, September 20th, in the Dorothy Memorial, 5:30-8:00 PM FLIA (*Faith Linking in Action*) *Potluck and Meeting* (sharing ways that different Faiths can work together to level the playing field in our community). All are welcome.



Over the Summer: A well-attended and deeply moving anti-violence vigil was held locally on Wed., July 13th, in honor of the recent deaths in Baton Rouge, Minneapolis and Dallas. Our local Bangor Police Department, including Chief Hathaway, who was present with several officers, was recognized for its outstanding support. Eloquent speakers defined the issues and called for more support to end the pain and suffering of minority people and law enforcement. The UUSB Social Justice Committee also attended. To see more photos, courtesy of Jeanne Curran, visit UUSB's community Facebook page.

Senator Mitchell to Speak at Civil Discourse Event

The Maine Council of Churches has announced 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 well in advance. You should check the MCC website at 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 May 13, 2016 (paraphrased)

Membership-Fellowship News

Mark the date! Do You Want to Become a Member of Our Congregation?

We offer two membership classes each year. The first one will be Saturday, November 5th. This will be a one-day class, time to be determined. Lunch and child care will be provided. In this class you will learn more about our chosen faith, the many particulars about UUSB, as well as the expectations of membership. This is an opportunity to meet many members, who will come to share their knowledge and experience of UUSB, as well as for us to answer any questions you might have. Attending the class does not commit anyone to joining, but it does let us know you are interested in exploring the possibility. If you do decide to join, the membership "signing" for new members is tentatively planned for the end of November, date to be determined.



Please register for the class by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Dorothy Memorial Hall or by contacting the church office at 947-7009 or emailing the church at uubangor@gmail.com. Please note if you will need childcare and provide the names and ages of your children.

October 22: Great Pumpkin Yard Sale! 8:00 AM—2:00 PM, in the Vestry, rain or shine!

This is another one of our "fun"draisers. We need donations, so it is a great time to do a home inventory. Perhaps you have two of something, or items that you haven't used in a while and just didn't have the heart to throw away that you could donate. On **October 21st**, bring those treasures to church and we will tag and display them. We prefer to have you drop off items between 1:15 and 5:30 PM. If that timeframe doesn't work for you, you can drop off items in the annex (the original entrance to the sanctuary on the street level) that week, when the church is open. Please ensure your donations do not block the fire exits! Please provide items that are clean and in good working order. No clothing, heavy items or electronics. Please donate items such as: household items, gardening tools, books, small pieces of furniture, children's toys.

RE: Religious Education Notes



A welcome back **Pancake Breakfast** for children and youth (and their families) will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11th. Set-up begins at 8:00 AM. Pancakes will be served from 8:45–9:30 a.m. After that, children and youth are invited to meet their teachers and tour their classroom space. Then each family can participate in the intergenerational Water Communion service. We'll need a number of volunteers to help set up, flip pancakes and clean up; let DRE Karen know if you can help.

On Thursday, September 15th, 6:30-8:00 PM, there will be a **RE Teacher Orientation Brownie Sunday Extravaganza**. All teachers are encouraged to attend for a "Meet & Greet" with their Teaching Teams, as well as cover important orientation material. Teachers will pick up curricula for classes, meet Teaching Teams, fill in paperwork, see classroom set-up. Important topics covered will include Child Safety, Fire Safety, Emergency Evacuation Plan. Connie McVey will chat a bit about Mandated Report information, and Rev. Drew will talk about Theme-based Ministry.

The first formal RE classes will begin Sept. 18th.



From the Desk of the RE Director

Welcome back to UUSB 's RE Program! I am looking forward to sharing adventure and fun with all of you in the upcoming RE year.

Some Important Dates:

Sept 11, 2016: We will be having our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast right before the Water Communion service, 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. Let's gather together and enjoy Rev Drew's very first service, as we share our spirituality through water in our Annual Water Communion Intergenerational Service from 10:00 to 11:15 AM.

Sept 15, 2016: RE Teachers, please plan to come to the Teacher Orientation Brownie Sundae Extravaganza from 6:30 to 8 :00 PM for brownies, ice cream, a bit of paperwork, classroom planning, teaching team meetups - woot woot!!

Sept 18, 2016: The first day of religious education classes.

What's New in Religious Education for 2016-17??

There have been some room swap-a-roos in our RE Wing! Be sure to take a peak downstairs to see where your classroom is being held this year.

The **Nursery-Pre-K class** will be playing their way through a brand new curriculum called *The Rainbow Connection* - a fun way to introduce the Unitarian Universalist principles to our youngest crew.

The **K-1st grade class** will be enjoying the much loved *Picture Book UU* curriculum. This curriculum uses a variety of stories to share with our young ones our Unitarian Universalist principles and values.

2nd-3rd grade class will be using the *Faithful Journeys* curriculum. Our kids will embark on a pilgrimage of faith exploring how Unitarian Universalism translates into life choices in everyday actions.

Our **4th and 5th grade** group will be working to make the world a better place through a brand-new curriculum called *Harry Potter and UU*. This is a social justice themed curriculum focusing on seven social justice horcruxes. We look forward to working with the greater congregation on these social justice issues.

Our **6th-8th grade** class will be exploring religious education through the *Building Bridges* program. They will spend the year learning about a variety of world religions, as well as exploring religious traditions by participating in several field trips to several local congregations.

Our **9th-12th graders** will be enjoying a new curriculum called *Virtue Ethics*. This curriculum will engage our youth in thoughtful conversation about how we can shape the person we want to be by making intentional thoughtful decisions.

The **Youth Group** is going to have a brand new rotating schedule this year. Wk 1 will be a lesson, Wk 2 will be Youth Group in the Sanctuary, Wk 3 will be a lesson, and Wk 4 will be a f-UUn Sunday where the youth will enjoy ping pong tournaments, board games, possibly trips to Bagel Central, etc. — the fun ideas are endless!

Seeking Teachers:

I am still seeking a couple of teachers for our Nursery/PreK and 2nd-3rd Grade rooms, as well as on-call substitute teachers. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested!

In comm-UU-nity,

Karen Childs

Director of Religious Education



Announcements, Reminders & Program Notes



IT'S BACK!!

Every Tuesday Night!!

The 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 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!!!*

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.

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

The local **Fresh Start/Alcoholics Anonymous** meetings take place in our Vestry, Monday through Friday, 12:00-1:00 PM. Please be respectful of their privacy if you are in the building at that time.

KNITTING CIRCLE/CLASSES will start up again by the end of September. In the past, the group has been meeting on either a Friday at 12:30 PM for about an hour and a half. FMI, please call Marj Lawrence. Everyone is welcome, beginner or not. Marj has lots of knitting patterns you can borrow.

PLEASE . . . Remember that the small parking lot at the front of the church, by the Narthex/Vestry entrance, is **FOR STAFF ONLY**. Especially during weekday business hours, it is inconvenient and non-productive (not to mention energy-draining) for staff to have to leave work and move their cars every couple of hours...and the price of a parking ticket in Bangor has increased.

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 continued generosity and caring!



Good ways to keep informed about your church community: 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); 4) feel free to contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

From the Church Office



Over the summer, I reached a milestone: my 15th anniversary as church administrator at UUSB. It is most gratifying, and I've enjoyed the many wonderful relationships I've cultivated here over the years.

I like to think I've help provide this spiritual community with a well-functioning office that enables the minister to focus on ministry, provides valuable support to committees, congregants...and anyone else who comes through the door on a given day. Within the job description, that means being organized, efficient, accurate, flexible, responsible, trustworthy, computer savvy; meeting deadlines and being a problem solver.

And then, perhaps more importantly, are all the things that don't fall neatly into a job description.... the "intangibles," so to speak. I pray I've had the "inner gifts and grace" through the years to help those within the church and the community who come to me—as the initial person of contact when seeking the minister—with news of illness, death of a loved one, a personal emergency. Those situations that present, sometimes suddenly and unexpectedly, require compassion, empathy, perhaps nurturing responses of understanding, encouragement and hope.

Though not UU, my acceptance of the principles, especially believing in the inherent dignity and worth of others, has been valuable to me—both on the job and personally. I truly *feel* a spiritual component to my position at UUSB. I further believe, over these many years, it has helped me strengthen my abilities, hone my skills, and develop a compelling willingness to reach out and help others. I've admired this congregation's ongoing willingness, enthusiasm (indeed, courage) and energy in advocating social justice issues, and it has impressed me. And, of course, I am ever grateful to this UUSB family, who have been continually supportive of me and my small family...through the loss of a partner, the raising of a disabled child and, more recently, personal health issues.

Wishing you all a wonderful new church year, full of comradery, purpose, and blessings!

Susan V.

Secretarial Notes



The church administrator is in the office Tuesday through Friday, 900 AM-12:00PM, which comprises half my **working hours**. The other half of my work hours takes place at home. So don't hesitate to continue to email the church (uubangor@gmail.com), as I frequently check it.

Any **meetings and events** taking place in the building should be cleared with the Church Administrator to assure no room scheduling conflicts on the official church calendar (which may be seen at any time on the church's website uubangor.org).

Articles for the **monthly Chalice and Chimes newsletter** are due on the 14th day of each month. Hence, the deadline for the October issue will be Sept. 14. Electronic submissions are preferred.

Articles for the **weekly e-newsletter** are due by noon each Wednesday. The e-news is distributed Thursday evening.

Orders of worship are usually printed Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning. Any insert announcement should be received in the office by Wednesday noon.

You security is important to us. Our church's security alarm system only does so much. Remember, if you are having a meeting in the our Church building, exterior doors should remain locked after your attendees have arrived (late comers should ring the door bell to be let in). The Park Street exterior doors and the Church Office door have "peep" holes to view visitors before admitting them into the building. In the Church Office/Conference Room, you can always turn on the security system's monitor screen (located on the secretary's desk next her computer monitor and keyboard) so you can see people at the middle and lower Park Street doors. The monitor's power button is located on the lower right rim of the screen, and turns a pretty aqua blue when pressed on.

On the UUA National Scene

Speaking of elections.....the race for 2017 election of next UUA president has begun. If you're interested in the nominees, check out of *UUWorld* Election page online at <https://www.uuworld.org/topics/uua-elections>



SEPTEMBER 2016



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

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				<p>1</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:30pm Knitting Circle</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>11:45am Pastoral Care Team</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Soup Kitchen Cook 'n' Serve (off-site)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm Buddhist/ Meditation</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30pm Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:15pm Executive Cmte</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am Budget & Finance Cmte</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Water Communion</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service (Food Cupboard Collection)</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12:00pm Newsletter Article Deadline</p> <p>6:00pm Bldg. & Grds Cmte</p> <p>6:30pm Membership Cmte</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12:30pm Knitting Circle</p> <p>7:00pm Penobscot Conradancers</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service (Personal Care Items Collection)</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>11:30am Social Justice Cmte</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Spirit of Drumming</p>	<p>20</p> <p>4:00pm Faith Linking in Action</p> <p>6:30pm Buddhist/ Meditation</p> <p>7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:00am AUW Guild</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Temple Fem. Divine</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00am Bag Lunch Prep</p> <p>3:00pm Bean Supper Prep</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Worship Service</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship & SOUPER SUNDAY</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00-10:00pm Coffee House/ Open Mic</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:00pm Worship Cmte</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00pm Women with Wings</p>	<p>30</p>	

ABOUT US**Unitarian Universalist
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Rev. Andrew Moeller

Minister Emerita:

Rev. Becky Gunn

Music Director:

Nancy Lewis

Director Religious Education:

Karen Childs

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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.

HOW TO REACH US**Secretary's Office Hours are**

Tuesday through Friday, 9 AM—12 Noon

The office administrator is Susan Vernal.

Office phone/voice mail: 207-947-7009.

You may email her anytime at

uubangor@gmail.com

Our newly called Minister,

The Rev. Andrew Moeller, began his duties August 1, 2016; his first sermon in the pulpit will be Sunday, Sept. 11, for Water Communion. He may be reached by email at drewuu2@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 947-7009.

The Music Director, Nancy Lewis, may be reached

by email at Lewis@maine.edu

The Director of Religious Education, Karen Childs, is available

by appoint; you can email her at 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:

Eric Olson, Chair; Chris Packard, Vice Chair;
Rosemary Parsons, Treasurer; Michele Caitlyn-Strout, Clerk;
Charles Boothby; Valerie Carter; Catherine Foxson;
Cary Jensen; Rebecca Anderson

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

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.

Great Pumpkin Yard Sale Saturday, October 22nd

8:00-2:00 in the Vestry
Rain or shine!



Volunteers are needed to help with set up on Friday afternoon. It's going to be a fun project, so join Sue McKay for a shift or two! Contact Sue for more information or if you have a question.

Drop off your donated items: books, toys, cds, household goods, and other items you believe will sell that are in good working order. (Please, no clothes, downhill ski equipment, text books, computer equipment or really heavy items.) Drop off hours in the vestry: Friday, 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

It's Not Too Early to Plan...

For the UU Holiday Gift Basket Challenge

Do you have any basket-worthy items, including baskets that you can put aside for our very lucrative UUSB Holiday Gift Basket Silent Auction??

On Saturday, December 3rd from 8:30 AM -12:00 PM, we will be making gift baskets to raise money along side of the UU Wreath makers.

This is not a call for "yard sale" items—we need new or like-new items that would work in a gift basket (e.g., anything from cookbooks to teapots to tools to scarves, etc.). It isn't too soon to start thinking about this important church fundraising event. If you don't have a place to store them, please contact Suzanne Kelly. *Thank you!!*

Newsletter Submittals

We value your contributions and very much appreciate submittals. When sending email contributions to *The Chalice and Chimes*:
uubangor@gmail.com



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