CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

APRIL 2020

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

During April, our services will be held remotely via Zoom. Please follow the weekly E-News and UUSB Facebook group for login information for each service, which will have a unique login code. Our theme this month is "Liberation." In that vein, we will announce the titles of each service through the weekly E-News, so worship content can be adapted to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

April 5 – Stay Tuned to your E-News for more information on this week's service. This week's service will be led by Rev. Drew, with John Arimond, Worship Associate; Judy & Tim Martin, Logistics Coordinators; Karen Childs, Zoom Technical Moderator; and Molly Webster and Jessica Mehre providing music.

April 12 - Easter - Reverend Drew will offer a reflection on Passover and Easter from a UU perspective through the lens of liberation. This week's service will be led by Rev. Drew, with Phyllis Havens, Worship Associate; John Arimond, Logistics Coordinator; Karen Childs, Zoom Technical Moderator; and Molly Webster and Jessica Mehre providing music.

April 19 – This Sunday we will be celebrating Earth Day. This week's service will be led by our Worship Team, including Laurie Cartier, Worship Associate; Judy & Tim Martin, Logistics Coordinators; Karen Childs, Zoom Technical Moderator; and Molly Webster and Jessica Mehre providing music.

April 26 - New Member Sunday - In the midst of the midst of a changing world we pause to offer an ingathering to welcome new members who are joining our congregation. Join us to welcome new members and hear their wonderful bios. This week's service will be led by Rev. Drew, with Laurie Cartier, Logistics Coordinator; Karen Childs, Zoom Technical Moderator; and John Arimond providing music. UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF BANGOR

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DREW'S VIEWS

BY REV. ANDREW MOELLER



"It is a beautiful time of year - a time where we get to see a rapid transformation of dull browns and greys into pale and lush greens." The early Spring is a magical time of year. Already, we have experienced several days of warm weather and the crocuses and daffodils are pushing up through what's left of the snow and decomposing leaves.

It is a beautiful time of year - a time where we get to see a rapid transformation of dull browns and greys into pale and lush greens. Early Spring is a liminal time of year: not quite Winter and not quite Spring. Somehow, amid this welcome transformation happening outside, there is a mix of emotions within us. We are caught between being social and preventing the spread of the oppressive coronavirus.

This experience reminds me of the story of Passover from the Hebrew Scriptures, where God brought the plagues on Egypt and the Pharaoh hardened his heart to the suffering of his people. One after another, the Pharaoh ignores the messages from Moses and his brother Aaron. One by one, the plagues brought intense suffering that affected everyone. The coronavirus, severe weather, illness brought on by air pollution, and the suffering of extreme poverty feel like the plagues of biblical renown. It does not take a particularly active imagination to see the story reflected in our current world order or the way that some of our present national leaders appear to have hardened their hearts to the highest good.

Just as the tender seed faces the difficulty and unknown of the winter darkness before bursting forth, so are many people waking up and looking for spiritual, social, economic, and political change. At the Poor People's Campaign meetings, we sing, "Somebody's been hurting my people, and it's gone on far too long! And we won't be silent anymore!"

Right now, the Spring reminds us of rebirth and the liberation of the seed from the winter's oppressive earth. We, too, are in that liminal space, where something is growing and wishing to burst forth despite our physical separation. We are awakening to the (cont. on page 3)

DREW'S VIEWS (CONT.)

BY REV. ANDREW MOELLER

realization that we are more connected than we ever thought we could be, even when physically apart.

I am grateful for this beloved community of caring and concern. It has been beautiful to see how our society is reaching out to care for each other and how our talented UUSB staff is embracing the changes of a new paradigm of online and telecongregational life. We are taking advantage of the opportunities these changes bring. People are deepening their faith by responding in gratitude for what we have and looking for new ways to support the people who are most vulnerable to the fallout from this virus. May we continue to be kind and caring. May we continue to bring the gifts of our service and love to the altar of human connection. May we continue to build new infrastructure, so when we come out of this pandemic, we can burst forth like the new shoots of Spring and blossom into a better place, and a closer world, together.

Namasté.

Rev. Drew

Minister's Schedule - April 2020

Rev. Drew will be working from home for until social distancing measures are withdrawn. He will be reachable during his normal hours by phone or online.

Mon - Minister's Sabbath Day (day off)
Tues - 10 AM to 1 PM - Office hours (ONLINE or by PHONE) 2 to 4 PM - by Apt.
Wed - 10 AM to 1 PM - Office hours (ONLINE or by PHONE) 2 to 4 PM - by Apt.
Thurs - Sermon Writing / Worship Planning Day (not taking calls or answering emails)
Friday - 10 AM to 1 PM - Office hours (ONLINE or by PHONE) 2 to 4 PM - by Apt.
Saturdays - By appointment (ONLINE or by PHONE)
Sundays - (afternoon / evenings by appointment) (ONLINE or by PHONE)
Note: This month Rev. Drew's weekend off will be April 18-19.

Rev. Drew has a new local line for church business! You can reach him at **(207) 922-2956**





We will send out an email containing a link to a Zoom meeting. All you have to do is click on the link and it will open the meeting/service. You may want or need to load the Zoom app onto your device from zoom.us. It is free. It may ask you about using computer or phone audio and you need to say yes, to hear the audio. It may ask if you want to start with video. You decide if you want others to see you or if you just want to appear as a number at the top of the screen.

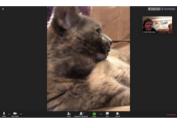
The controls are similar on a phone and on a computer. The screen looks something like this:

View of a Meeting on a Computer or Tablet





View of a Meeting on a Phone



On a computer, View control is upper right corner:

• In **Gallery View** each person will be in a little box and we'll look like the opening of Brady Bunch, each screen the same size.

• In **Speaker View**, the one who is making sound will be large on your screen while everyone else is small on the side or top. You can drag the little boxes to side or top if your view is blocked.



You can "pin" one person to be large on your screen by clicking the 3 dots on the person you want to stay large on your screen and select pin. We suggest this.

On a phone, you just see whomever is making sound. This is why it is so important for everyone to mute their microphone except the presenters.

Sound and camera controls are in lower left of screen when you put cursor there.



- It is essential to mute your own mic, when it's not your turn to speak for 2 reasons:
 - · because the person making sound is *expanded* on the screen in speaker mode,
 - it keeps extra sounds from interfering. Making comments or sounds while someone else is
 - speaking makes understanding difficult. We only want to hear the person leading the service.

When we get to "fellowship hour," if you want to speak the clearest way to indicate that is to **raise your hand on screen**. The facilitator will call on people to speak.

- \cdot When you are called on to speak, please put your cursor in the lower left side of your screen and click the microphone button, so we can hear you.
- \cdot When you are finished, please click it again so we can hear the next person.

There is a **phone number** on the link that you can call **to join the service with audio only**, just be sure to mute yourself.

If you have questions, email lindakoehler29@gmail.com.



CHRISTINE SPRAGUE

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MARCH DEADLINES

CHALICE & CHIMES (MAY ED.) MINDAY 4/20 - SOFT DEADLINE SATURDAY 4/25 - HARD DEADLINE

Building Closed

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and CDC recommendations, the UUSB building is closed until future notice. All staff are working from home.

Mail

I am processing the mail each week on Fridays in the office. Rosemary is picking checks up in the afternoon for deposit. Please expect responses to anything received at the building to be delayed by this schedule. We are working to maintain a regular schedule.

Publications

I am attempting to keep publications as consistent as possible, but with as much chaos as we are all experiencing, please forgive any late *Chalice & Chimes* issues or e-news emails.

Annual Report

The Annual Report deadline for articles is Tuesday, April 28 at 2:00 PM. If you want me to have time for more in-depth editing, please send your article to me by April 17 at 2:00 PM.

Primary Communication

Please keep an eye out for your weekly e-news and on both the UUSB Facebook page and UUSB Community Group. These are our primary methods to communicate at this time. Please check these first, if you need any info.

E-NEWS (WEEKLY) THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM COMMITTEE NOTES FOR COUNCIL WEDNESDAY, 4/8

"OFFICE" HOURS

BY PHONE OR EMAIL TUESDAY-FRIDAY, 10-2 OTHER TIMES AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT.

COUNCIL CRIER

BY TOM BICKFORD

So much has happened in the past month and so much shall continue as we move ahead. The world is coming to terms with what a new "normal" is and we at UUSB want to do everything we can to make sure our congregation of family and friends is taken care of as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. And of course, we need to keep our employees safe as well.

Other things go on with our church community, but as with so much in our world, that is the leading story and has taken up a fair amount of the decision process this past month.

We find ourselves needing the comfort and support of our UUSB home, yet having to come to grips with a new and safe way to do that. We highly encourage you to call members from our community to check in. It's free and very welcome by most.

At our March Executive Committee meeting we had to make the hard decision to suspend inperson church services for the week and then at the full Council Meeting the decision was adopted to stop in-person services, rentals, and public meetings indefinitely, pending future review from our friendly health care providers, the State CDC, and the UUA.

We had a wonderful service on March 15th, led by Laurie Cartier and on March 22nd Drew was back for a full online service. Great work to all and we will continue to work on making the process work for everyone. Please know that if you aren't computer savvy, you can call in and listen to the whole service. Keep an eye out for the bulletins relating to those instructions.

We have also moved to include online pledge and online share-the-plate processing and you can find the "donate now" option on our main church website. For all of our pledging members, it is important for the vitality of the church that we keep our building and our staff intact for when this pandemic resolves. You can of course still mail donations in to the church or continue to use your bank's pay "send a check" option.

We continue working to get our budget and process together for our May Annual Meeting, but are unsure yet how that will look. Please know that we are working on it and will let everyone know as we get closer and get issues resolved that we'll let everyone know.

The Northern New England District annual meeting has been postponed until September 25-26th. The UUA General Assembly is still scheduled for June and we'll keep an eye out to see if that changes.

We on council want you to know that we will continue to do whatever we can to safely move through these trying times. We strongly encourage you to reach out to our staff and our council members if you need additional help. We'll do our best to get you pointed in the best direction.

Be safe, keep your heart open, and reach out for help or to help. Tom Bickford, Council Chair



TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY written in March. February covers 67% of the year.

Income for the month of February was \$13,828. Expenses were \$19,659 leaving a balance of (\$5,831) for the month. The net income for the 8 months ending 2/29/20 is \$8,015.

Income in February included pledge of \$8,035. We need an average monthly pledge income of \$9,143 to stay on track. Our 8-month total to \$86,215 which is 70% of the budget. We had endowment income of \$3,977. The January checking account balance was \$15,000, down from January's \$23,503.

Fuel expenses have been modest. Our bill for 03/13/20 was \$1,248.08. Last year the amount was \$1,922.69 The total cost through 2/29/20 is \$6,836 and last year it was \$9,391 for the period. There is \$4,188 unspent.

Rental income thru February is \$6,593. Unfortunately, we will probably have no more rental this year, leaving a short fall of \$1,407 in that income line.

One of the important activities of UUSB is our food programs. Once a month we buy and prepare the food for a lunch at the Salvation Army on South Park St. This meal costs about \$120 each time. We also provide a supper at UUSB on the 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month. A lot of this food is prepared and donated by church members and friends, so the cost is about \$60. On the same days that we do the supper, a bag lunch is prepared for each guest. This practice started when someone realized that there is no free meal provided anywhere in Bangor on Sunday. The lunch supplies are purchased and assembled on Saturday morning. Cost for this is about \$75.

Funding for these meals is also provided by the "Feed the Hungry" envelope that appears on Souper Sundays. Originally when we started Souper Sunday, participants were charged for the meal, which generated a couple hundred dollars each time. When we changed over to donations for the meal, we received even more money. Over the years this connection has been forgotten, so I am letting you know what the history of Souper Sunday is.

In Service,

Rosemarv Parsons







LOOKING AHEAD WITH MEMBERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP

BY JEAN ADAMSON

New Options for Membership

The Membership-Fellowship Committee and Rev. Drew have launched new options for Friends and Visitors who want to consider becoming a member of UUSB.

Until now, joining has been possible only twice a year, following New to UU classes in the spring and fall. Now, joining will be possible at any time. The new system consists of (1) completing an information request card indicating interest in becoming a member; (2) reading through a Self-Study Guide describing UUism and UUSB; and (3) attending a new Monthly Minister's Tea or a New to UU Class. The Monthly Minister's Teas are on the UUSB's online calendar. <u>The next Minister's Tea is scheduled for May 10.</u> (There is no tea scheduled for April.) **THIS SCHEDULING MAY CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC.** The

Information request cards will be available in the Sanctuary and at the Guest Book Table in the Dorothy. They can be dropped in the box at the door to the Sanctuary.

The Next Membership Signing Sunday is April 26

New members will continue to be introduced to the congregation at our semiannual Membership Signing Sunday. The next Membership Signing Sunday is April 26. THIS SCHEDULING MAY CHANGE AS THE RESULT OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC. We can also quickly reactivate the membership of a past UUSB member or initiate a new membership for a member of another UU congregation who wants to join UUSB.

New to UU Classes

IThe Membership-Fellowship Committee will continue to hold its semi-annual New to UU Classes in the Dorothy Memorial Hall. The spring classes will be held during the evenings of April 8 and 15 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. THIS SCHEDULING MAY CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC. Whether you are interested in becoming a member, just curious about UUism, or want a refresher, these classes are for all interested parties. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the Dorothy Memorial Hall. Child care will be available if needed. (Please let us know in advance.)

Monthly Tea with Reverend Drew

IRev. Drew will be holding a monthly tea that will provide opportunities for informal conversation/questions and answers for UUSB members, friends, and visitors. Attending one of these teas meets one of the requirements for those wishing to become a UUSB member. The next Monthly Tea has been scheduled for May 10. (There is no tea scheduled for April.) THIS SCHEDULING MAY CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC. There will be a limit of ten people per tea. Each participant can bring tea or coffee and a snack from the Fellowship Hour table and come down to Rev. Drew's office. The Annual UUSB

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

Postponement should not prevent you from looking around your homes now for items that can be auctioned! This is our church's largest fund-raiser!

Are there any quality items in your home that you would like to donate? Are you a great (or even good) chef or an amazing artisan?

You can donate things such as meals, custom or hand-made items in "like-new" condition, or services (like an hour or two of yard-work or gardening, cooking, or art/crafting work).

Be creative! Donate! It's FUN!

The auction will begin at 6 PM with "heavy hors d'oeuvres," and the silent auction will continue until 11:30 AM on a day to be scheduled. Cash and checks are accepted.

The exciting, live auction will start at 7 PM on a date to be selected!!!

Please contact Sue McKay at suemckay@midmaine.com with items, meals, or services you would like to donate. There will also be a donation list posted on the Dorothy Memorial Hall bulletin board for you to list your items.

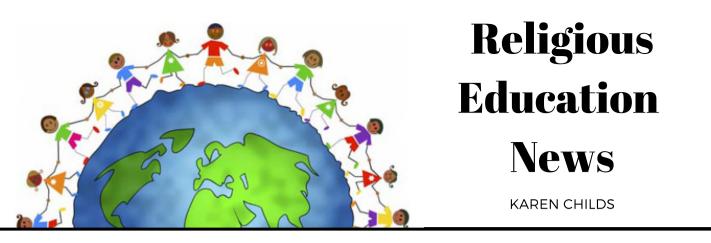


The Mid Maine Youth met on March 22 via zoom for the first time. In addition to learning about a couple of sociological constructs of Guatemala, the group also talked about the coronavirus situation and whether we will be able to go on our trip in July.



Currently, Safe Passage has shut down their campus in Guatemala to comply with social distancing requirements. They continue to serve their community following Guatemala's government orders to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Their leadership will be meeting after Easter to evaluate the situation and then give MMY an update. In the mean time, MMY has suspended our fundraising activities, and we will wait and see what the situation looks like after Easter.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 19 from 3:30 - 5:30 PM via Zoom.



"If we can pause-andget-perspective, we can be *liberated* from the feelings of being overwhelmed."



The *Soul Matters* theme for April is **Liberation**. In these interesting times, there are a lot of situations that might cause us anxiety or make us feel overwhelmed. There are so many adjustments we have had to make over the last month or so. This month, our Soulful Home packet reminds us that if we can pause-and-get-perspective, we can be liberated from the feelings of being overwhelmed, stuck, and disengaged.

When we feel as though we are struggling, one might consider these three questions:

- 1. What am I learning right now, invisibly?
- 2. What is the gift here?
- 3. What am I committed to learning?

When we allow ourselves to focus instead on the learning, it can free us to think and act differently next time, because learning always leads to liberation!

This month, we will explore liberation through conversations, activities, stories, and games. To start us off this month, below you'll find a few conversation starters for 'round the dinner table, in the car, or before bed.

In comm-UU-nity,

UUSB

LOOK FOR YOUR RE NEWS FOR INFO ON HOW TO BRING RE INTO YOUR OWN HOME



At the Table Exploring Liberation Through Discussions

At the Table questions explore the monthly theme through a discussion for all ages. They are designed for a family gathering - maybe during a Friday night meal, a quiet moment in the living room or before a board game night.

Introducing the Activity:

Family members who are readers can alternate who reads the questions. Those who are not readers are invited to share their own impromptu questions. Discussion partners might answer as thoughts come to them or take turns in a circle.

- 1. When was a time you got stuck and needed help getting unstuck?
- 2. Are children more free, or adults?
- 3. Which animal is most free, cats, dogs, birds, or fish?
- 4. In what space in your home do you feel most free to be yourself?
- 5.Can you find the word "liberty" on a U.S. coin? What do you think that means, and why is it there?
- 6. Do you think having a lot of money helps you feel free?
- 7. Would you rather be free to wake up any time you want in the morning, or go to bed any time you want at night?
- 8.Sometimes being afraid feels like being trapped. What scary things leave feeling frozen?
- 9.1s there something you really want to try, but you haven't yet? What might be holding you back?
- 10.Do you know what it means to be a "free spirit"? [If not, spend a moment describing this concept.] Who do you know who is a free spirit? (You might consider people you know, or characters from books or movies.)

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SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

Democracy Task Force

by Jean Adamson

The Poor People's Campaign has just announced that they will not proceed with a physical mass march in Washington, D.C., on June 20 of this year, due to the possible impact of the corona virus in such a large setting. However, the entire movement and march are going digital! They will hold "the largest digital and social media gathering of poor and low-wealth people and people of conscience in this nation's history" (online). To follow ongoing events/obtain further information go to info@poorpeoplescampaign. org.

Also, we can continue our efforts to UU the Vote in spite of the pandemic. We may not continue with events like canvassing, but we can still partner with others for activities like phone banking. Google "50 Ways You Can UU the Vote." Another great source is MUUSAN's partner, the League of Women Voters of Maine at info@lwvme.org.

Local justice

by Suzanne Kelly

Efforts right now are all about serving the neediest members of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rev. Drew is working with Torelin Jager, the Homeless Outreach Case Worker for the City of Bangor, to supply the homeless (and a family that has newly secured an apartment) with the non-food items they need to get by.

Judy and Tim Martin and Suzanne Kelly, part of the Ecumenical Food Cupboard team, helped to bag up food to be distributed at the Food Cupboard at Hammond Street Congregational Church (HSCC) on Mondays and Fridays. The Martins gather the food we collect at church and bring it to the Food Cupboard. This month, they brought over 77.5 lbs. of food collected from UUSB! We asked what items were needed the most and the coordinators said "everything!" They are dipping into their reserves right now. If you want to donate you can either bring food to HSCC on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 – noon or contact the Martins or Suzanne Kelly to pick items up at your home, if you live in Bangor.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Items Needed by the Homeless Outreach Coordinator

If you are able to provide any of the items being requested, please coordinate with Christina Diebold, so that she can contact Mike Grondin or Darcy Cooke to move items into the building for Torelin to pick up. If you are unsure if items are still needed, feel free to contact Christina beforehand to see what has already been donated. You can reach Christina by email, cpdiebold@gmail.com, or phone, (207) 941-1670.

Items for the Homeless Community

- cups, bowls and plates (paper)
- dish soap
- plastic
- welcome matc
- lothes pins
- laundry soap & dryer sheets
- lanterns (solar powered)
- Flashlights
- fish line
- wash tub
- broom and dust pan
- cooking utensils (metal)
- Ziploc bags
- clothes line
- hand soap (antibacterial, if you can)

Items for the Newly Housed Family

- Dressers
- Table w/ chairs
- Microwave
- Toaster
- Pots/pans
- Hangers
- Totes (storage bins)
- Pillows
- TV
- Dvd player
- Board games
- Jewelry box
- Toilet paper
- Dish soap
- Laundry Soap



Ongoing Church Fundraiser -Hannaford Grocery Cards

Ongoing Church Fundraiser -Hannaford Grocery Cards are still being sold! Convenient to carry! Every card purchase helps UUSB!! Cards are available in increments of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Just email or call to set up pickup or delivery. 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.

Tim & Judy Martin: 942-2696, jamandtim@myfairpoint.net 10 Highland Ct off Union St. OR delivery ANYWHERE.

Rosemary Parsons: 327-1045, roxemary@gmail.com. Delivering in the Orono/Old Town/Hudson area.



Health Equity Alliance 🕸



Dear Rev. Andrew,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$246.00! Our work at the Health Equity Alliance is made possible by your support. Together, we are forming a life changing community of care serving Maine's most marginalized people. We are honored to work in close collaboration with our donors. Do you have questions or feedback about our programming? Would you like to share ideas to help achieve health justice in your community? Please reach out! I am always eager to hear from you.

Thank you for choosing to invest in our mission!

Sincerely, Kenney Miller Executive Director Health Equity Alliance

This Month

In April, we are sharing half of our undesignated donations with Faith Linking in Action. Back in September, UUSB voted on the charities that we would donate our Share the Plate funds to; Faith Linking in Action is one of the groups voted on by our UUSB community.

Faith Linking in Action is part of Food AND Medicine, as a way to incorporate Bangor area faith groups to "go upstream" to address the reasons people are falling and getting stuck in poverty. By embracing faith-based community organizing, FLIA is able to build power through deep community relationsjips; support ordinary people, including those in poverty, to become community leaders; and research the root causes of problems to engage with decision-makers to solve issues in our region.

You can give to the collection plate through the UUSB website and Vanco or by mailing a check to the church office.



Last Month

In March, we shared the plate with our food security programs. Even with the extreme changes in how services happen, our food security programs received \$157!

UPCOMING EVENTS WH

The Who, What, Where, & When to find UU online

HOSTED BY UUSB WEEKLY

Sundays @10:00 AM

Worship Service

Join us weekly on Zoom. Find the link, meeting ID, and password in the weekly enews.

Tuesdays @7:15 PM

Chalice Side Chat

Join Rev. Drew on Zoom to check in and find support. Find the link, meeting ID, and password in the weekly e-news.

Thursdays @6:00 PM

Choir

Join the choir for a weekly check in with our musical community. Contact Molly Webster for the meeting information.

Thursdays @7:15 PM

LiveStream Open Mic

Join our virtual CoffeeHouse | Open Mic on Zoom and share in the musical talents of our community. Find the link, meeting ID, and password in the weekly e-news.

HOSTED BY OTHER UU GROUPS WEEKLY

Sundays @8:00 PM

Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) Online Worship

Join CLF for a weekly worship service on Zoom. CLF is the largest UU congregation, exclusively meeting online. Check the enews for the registration link weekly.

Thursdays @11:00 AM

The VUU by CLF

A live Unitarian Universalist talk show discussing today's topics from an anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and multicultural perspective. Visit their Youtube page or check the weekly e-news for the newest link.

SPECIAL MEETINGS, DEADLINES, & Services

Friday, April 17 @2:00 PM

Annual Report Soft Deadline

If you would like some additional assistance with editing your annual report submission, please send it to uubangor@gmail.com by this date.

Monday, April 27 @2:00 PM

Annual Report Hard Deadline

You must send your submission for the Annual Report to uubangor@gmail.com by 2:00 PM on April 27 for me to have it in time for the Annual Meeting at the beginning of May.

Saturday, April 25 @4:00 PM

Bean Supper Served

Our only in-person event this month, the Bean Supper will be served in take-out containers with social distancing precautions taken.

Sunday, April 26 @10:00 AM

New Member Sunday

Join us to welcome our new members and celebrate community, even while physically separated.

Sunday, April 26 @11:15 AM **Budget Hearing**

Join us after the service to hear our 2020-2021 Budget, before the Annual Meeting in May. Find the Zoom link, meeting ID, and password in the weekly e-news.

UUSB CALENDAR

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	26 10:00 AM New Member Sunday 11:15 AM Budget Hearing	27	28 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Shared Min. 7:00 PM Humanist	29 5:30 PM Worship	30 6:00 PM Choir 7:15 PM LiveStream Open Mic		

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REMINDERS

ABOUT US Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor 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.



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. The bags are in the Dorothy Memorial Room. Please see Laura Santilli for details. Thank you for your support!!!

UUSB is always in need of volunteers – for fundraisers, childcare, teaching, and to fill positions on our active committees. The great perks of volunteering are not just the satisfaction of contribution, but the sense of community we all feel when we accomplish important tasks with others. Since we don't always know who is able to take part, please contact a council or committee member if you are open to volunteering in any large or small way.

The **UUSB Worship Committee** is looking for more member participation in our worship services and is extending an INVITATION to one and all of you to consider if you might be interested in joining our services as READERS.

Collection Plate & Pledge Reminders

One way you can help continue our outreach efforts is to keep up with your financial pledge. Without our weekly passing of the collection plate, we still need to make sure that we can pay our bills. Keeping up with your pledge allows our staff and leadership to focus on providing services to members, friends, and guests. There are three options to make is easy to keep up with your pledge:

- 1. Mail a check to the church office at 120 Park St, Bangor, ME 04401
- 2.Contact Rosemary Parsons, our treasurer, to set up a direct withdrawal from your paycheck or bank account
- 3. Donate online through Vanco. This option will be available on our website, as well as shared in our weekly e-news



Thank you for your continued support as we all work to provide for our community.

Church Council:

- Tom Bickford, Chair Will Seavey, Clerk Rosemary Parsons, Treasurer Francis Grey Gayle Zydlewski Catherine Foxson
- Kate Dutra
- Becky Anderson

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



Keep in Touch with UUSB!

Are you moving? Going through a change? Just updating your contact info?

Let us know, so we can keep in touch!

If you have a change in your address, phone number, email, or even name, contact a member of Membership-Fellowship or the church office with the new information.

ABOUT THE CHALICE & CHIMES

About Our Newsletter

The *Chalice and Chimes* is published ten times a year (Sept-June). The hard deadline for submissions is the 25th day of each month. Please notify the office of your intent to contribute by the 20th of each month, on the soft deadline. 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.



Newsletter Submissions Next Newsletter Deadline: April 25, 2020

The next issue will be May 2020. We value your contributions and very much appreciate submissions. When sending email contributions to The *Chalice and Chimes*: uubangor@gmail.com