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# Chalice & Chimes

March 2020

## SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:00 A.M.



- ability to discern inner qualities and relationships
- generally accepted belief
- a wise attitude, belief, or course of action
- good sense
- accumulated philosophical or scientific learning
- the teachings of the ancient wise men

**March 1 - Moving Forward into Our FUUTure** - What does a time capsule, a financial stewardship appeal, and a visit from the fortune teller “The Great Santilli” all have in common? Come and find out, as we prepare to move our congregation into the future. This week’s service will be led by Rev. Drew and the Financial Stewardship Committee, with our worship associate, Laurie Cartier, and technical coordinator, Phyllis Havens. Music will be provided by the UUSB Choir, directed by Molly Webster, UUSB Music Director.

**March 8 - Seeking What They Sought** - The Japanese poet Basho Matsuo once wrote a simple poem that said, “Do not seek the footsteps of the wise; seek what they sought.” Our service today will focus on seeking wisdom in the context of our individual and collective experiences. This week’s service will be led by Rev. Drew, with our worship associate, John Arimond, and technical coordinator, Wendy Erickson. Music will be provided by Molly Webster, UUSB Music Director, and Jessica Mehre, accompanist.

**March 15 - Wisdom Found in Balance ~ a Celebration of the Vernal Equinox** - Through guided imagery and ritual, we will seek to find that inner wisdom that we can all call on to help us, when our lives are out of balance. At the same time, we will celebrate knowing that the sun is returning and spring is in the air. How can we not be joyful? This week’s service will be led by our worship associate, Laurie Cartier, and technical coordinator, Phyllis Havens.

**March 22 - Maple Syrup Communion** - It is Maine’s Maple Syrup Sunday *and* our Annual Maple Syrup Communion ritual and service. Come join us and share tiny cups of sweet sap, a sampling of donuts, poetry and song, and welcome the start of Spring. It’s a long established UUSB tradition, so be sure not to miss it! This week’s service will be led by Rev. Drew, with our worship associate, John Arimond, with technical coordinator, Wendy Erickson. Music will be provided by the UUSB Choir, directed by Molly Webster, UUSB Music Director.

**March 29 - The Intersection of Morality, Faith, & Fusion Politics** - Back in 1968, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began a movement called the Poor People’s Campaign to help people in the bottom rungs of our socio-economic system to claim their collective voice in our democracy. This Sunday, we will learn about the revitalization of the movement and our UU connection to this movement. This week’s service will be led by worship associate, Phyllis Havens, with technical coordinators, Judy & Tim Martin.

In April, our theme will be “Liberation.” If you have any special stories, readings, or ideas on next month’s theme, please let Rev. Drew or a member of the worship committee know. We appreciate your ideas.

# Drew's Views

Dear Ones,

Many years ago, I served on the board of the Connecticut Counsel for Interreligious Understanding. It was an enriching experience, where people from nine different faith groups came together monthly to talk about the importance of Faith through their religious and cultural experiences.

At every meeting, one member would offer their spiritual autobiography to the others, so that we could get to know each other on a more personal level and also learn about the richness of the Faith that sustains us. There were many memorable stories, but one that stuck out for me came from Farhad, one of the two Baha'i who were part of our group.

As he told his story, Farhad talked about all the knowledge that he had gained from his Faith, that added meaning to his life experience. He spoke of growing up in Iran as part of a religious minority before the revolution and how he was blessed to be able to come to the United States to get his Ph.D. in economics. Before he completed his program, the revolution happened and he was able to make arrangements to be able to stay in the United States and bring some of his family members over to be with him.

As far as he was concerned, his Faith, Baha'i Faith, was still the best. His rich Baha'i tradition had helped him lead a life of purpose and meaning that never let him down, even in the most challenging times. His Baha'i upbringing had served him well. Understanding this is knowledge.

When he reached the end of his talk, Farhad concluded by saying, "What I have shared with you is all that I believe to be valid and true, this is what I believe with all my heart and soul," he said, "AND while I believe all of this to be true, I try to remind myself that I could be wrong."

This awareness is wisdom.

In today's world, we have an endless supply of knowledge, thanks to technology and the diverse, instantaneous methods of communication. With this, we can collaborate on a level that is unprecedented in the history of human evolution. Yet, with all this knowledge, it seems that we continue to make many unwise decisions.

How many studies and how much research do we need to do to realize that climate change is real? To realize the inability to take action is causing irreversible damage to the earth and ourselves? How long will it take us to realize that embracing the ethic of healthcare for all is something that will benefit everyone in society? How many children and families need to suffer, before we invest in providing quality childcare and family leave to all during those first few important years?

Knowledge is awareness. Wisdom is about having knowledge and translating that knowledge into skillful action. At the same time, wisdom is about being aware enough to continue to be self-reflective. To believe that we are right, but to notice and admit when we are wrong: that is wisdom.

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On a congregational note, for the last couple of months, our UUSB Leadership has been working on developing a budget for next year that we believe will allow our congregation to continue to thrive and "Move Forward into Our FUUTURE" together. This year we are asking for a modest 3% increase in our budget, which we believe is achievable based on our knowledge of what it takes to build and maintain a vibrant congregation. Included in that wisdom is building a capital improvement fund, so that when we have expensive repairs to our building, we don't have to go back to the congregation for additional money.

**The most important part of our 2020-21 financial stewardship campaign is that we hear from you!** Our leaders, including our Financial Stewardship Committee, put a great deal of

energy into putting this campaign together. The least we all can do is to respond to the call for pledges promptly. Whether you're making a pledge or requesting a waiver, we still need your response! It isn't encouraging when we have to track people down to get their responses.

Thank you for your support and attention to your 2020-21 pledge. May you affirm the wisdom of our UUSB leader-

ship, as they work to make to keep our congregation thriving, as we move into our UUSB fUUTURE together.

Namasté,

Rev. Drew

### Rev. Drew's Schedule for March

<b>Monday</b>	Minister's Sabbath Day (day off)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10 AM -1 PM - Office Hours   2 PM - 4 PM by Appt
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 AM -1 PM - Office Hours   2 PM - 4 PM by Appt
<b>Thursday</b>	Sermon Writing / Worship Planning (Not in office / Not checking email)
<b>Friday</b>	10 AM -1 PM - Office Hours   2 PM - 4 PM by Appt
<b>Saturday</b>	By Appointment
<b>Sunday</b>	Afternoons / Evenings by Appointment



Rev. Drew's weekend off this month will be March 15-16.

If you wish to meet with Rev. Drew, please contact via email ([drewuu2@gmail.com](mailto:drewuu2@gmail.com)) or cell phone (1-860-655-5890), to set up an appointment.



## re: Communications



Can you help grow UUSB's social media presence?

The Communication Committee is looking to expand our social media presence to Instagram!

The platform has 1 billion monthly users according to 2019 statistics. Instagram is also considered an essential tool for churches to growing their congregations, as this is the preferred platform for many young adults.

Currently, a very small group of us have been able to keep a growing presence on Facebook, but our bandwidth only goes so far. We'd like to work with an interested UUSBer on developing an Instagram profile. If you think this might interest you, the UUSB Communication Committee would love to chat with you. Please email the Communication Chair, Karen Cashman at [ksanborn2004@yahoo.com](mailto:ksanborn2004@yahoo.com). Thank you!

# Sermon On Demand

# Now Available at [uubangor.org](http://uubangor.org)



Hello all!

We've had a few lovely days this past month that felt like spring. There have been a lot of people asking about using our building for their events and activities, which is exciting!

One of the things that I would like to encourage is more photos! It would be nice to have more pictures of our building and our activities to post on our website and Facebook and even Instagram, when we get that started. I also think that this would help encourage more people to visit us and hopefully decide they want to stay.

So, if you have pictures, please share them and make sure to let me know if I can share them as well.

~ Christine Sprague, Office Admin

**Office Printer:** The new Xerox printer is working beautifully. I have only heard of one issue in the month that we have had it. If you do encounter an issue, please leave a detailed description in your note, so I can try and troubleshoot or explain what happened to the support team at Transco.

**Internet Upgrade:** The internet upgrade has been completed and hopefully the improvement is noticeable for everyone on the network.

**Internet Network & Passwords:** Please use the UUSB Guest network, if you wish to use the internet during services or other events in the building. If you need to stream something as part of the service, a class, or event, please ask a staff member for the password. Passwords will change every three months.

**Security:** The security upgrades will be finished any day now! We have a new camera in the vestry and the office, as well as some additional motion sensors throughout the building. We will have new key fobs to swipe, instead of codes to punch in. I will be sending out letters to everyone to sign the updated key agreement and to come in and pick up the new key fobs.

**Office Hours:** Tuesday-Friday, 10-2  
Other times are available by appointment.

**Deadlines for March**

*Chalice & Chimes* (April ed.)

Friday 3/20 - soft deadline

Wednesday 3/25 - hard deadline

E-News (weekly)

Every Thursday by 10:00am

Committee Notes for Council

Wednesday, 3/11

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# COUNCIL CRIER

## February 2020

This month at Council, we were joined by Amy Starkey-Lam from the Financial Stewardship Committee, as well as three members from the Committee on Shared Ministry: Joanie Ellis, Linda Koehler, and Laura Santilli. Amy briefed us on the upcoming pledge drive, which will take place on March 1<sup>st</sup> along with the Variety show which will follow that afternoon. It sounds like the pledge drive is going well and like we will have a full show. So, be sure to bring those pledge cards on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and plan to stay after and enjoy the entertainment and talents of our congregation!

The Committee on Shared Ministry reached out to Council for a mid-year check-in to receive feedback as to how Council members believed things were going between Reverend Drew and Council, as well as the congregation as a whole. Reverend Drew discussed his goals, some of the areas he is emphasizing, and areas where he is striving to grow professionally. He has become very involved in the Recovery Community in Bangor and has been expanding his pastoral ministry this past year. There was some discussion about how those on Council could help him to achieve his goals. Also discussed were the wage increases for both Reverend Drew, who has not seen an increase in 4 years, as well as some others on staff. An increase has been written into the budget for next year, but does ultimately rely upon pledges.

Significant time was also spent discussing the dissolution of the NNED and sending delegates to the NNED meeting at the end of April, as well as to GA in June. For the NNED meeting regarding dissolution, Reverend Drew has been working very hard (and successfully) to get the necessary signatures to keep the money from the dissolution of the NNED to continue to support the congregations in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont and we need to be sure that we have delegates there to vote!

Open positions for committees were reviewed, as well as the strong possibility of having to make adjustments in Council positions within the next month. There are some open positions on Council for the upcoming year and on many other committees. If you are not already, please consider becoming involved and joining a committee or two (or three)! It is a great way to obtain a better understanding of what happens behind the scenes, gives an opportunity to become an even greater part of the UUSB community, and allows time to get to know one another even better.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Dutra, Council Member

# Treasurer's Report



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY written in February. January covers 58% of the year.

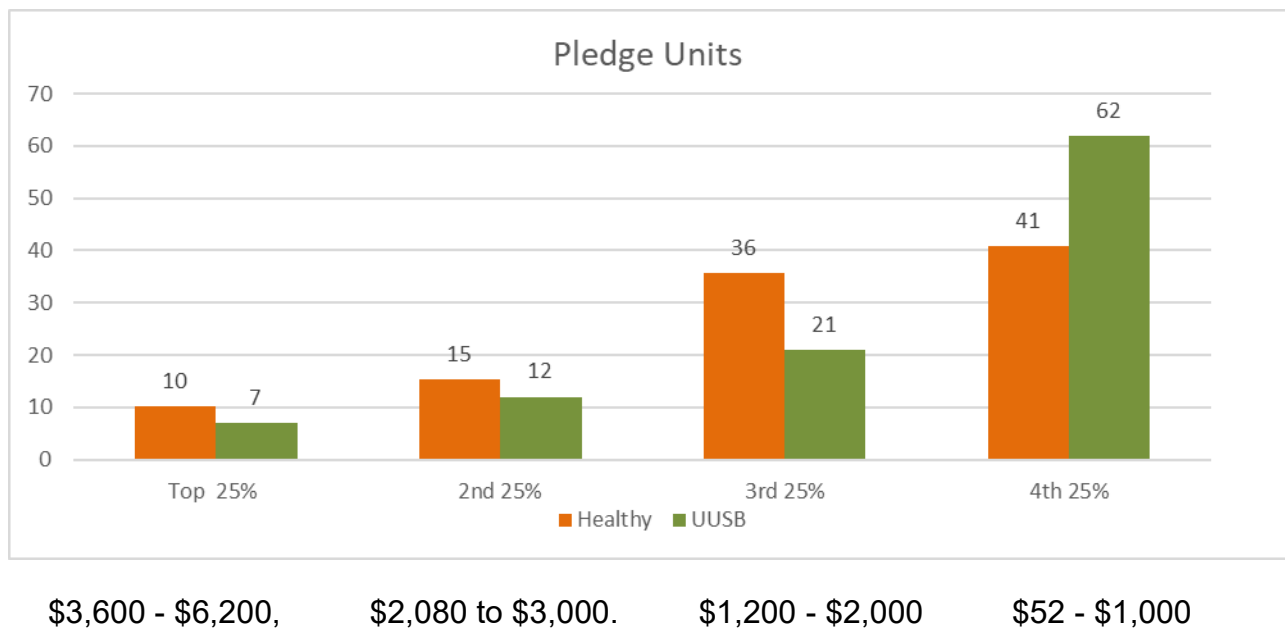
Income for the month of January was \$13,765. Expenses were \$22,360 leaving a balance of (\$8,595) for the month. The net income for the 7 months ending 1/31/20 is \$13,846.

Income in January was low because we were closed for one Sunday due to weather. Expenses were higher because of three payrolls in the month. January Pledge Income was \$8,679. This brings our 7-month total to \$78,180 which is 64% of the budget. The January checking account balance was \$23,503, down from December's \$29,052.

Fuel expenses have been modest. Our bill for 02/15/20 was \$1,812. Last year the amount was \$2,309. The total cost through 1/31/20 is \$5,588 and last year it was \$7,446 for the period. The cost is less mainly because of a rate reduction of 18%.

Rental income is doing well with \$6,175 which is 77% of the budget of \$7,750.

March 1 is Pledge Sunday. The graph below shows the distribution of pledges at UUSB compared to a 'Healthy' distribution per the UUA. The graph shows that we have a large number of very small pledges and a few people who give a lot.



In Service,  
Rosemary Parsons

FROM THE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



# MONEY MATTERS



March 1st

**FORWARD**    
**INTO THE FUTURE**



Over the last several months, we've spent time in this space talking about the importance of your pledge dollars and how they have helped accomplish so much, such as improvements to our building's security system and replacing the stove in the Dorothy Memorial kitchen. Some of you also gave us ideas of things we could do with even more robust financial support, like service learning trips for adults and big screens in the Sanctuary for an enhanced worship experience. Now, your opportunity to make those dreams a reality with your generous pledge of financial support is here!

Pledge packets that include a brochure, a letter from Reverend Drew, and your pledge card were mailed out in early February. It is so important that everyone respond, and every penny counts! Please bring your completed pledge card on March 1st and plan on staying after the service for a light lunch and the Variety Show!

If you have any questions or need an extra pledge packet, please contact anyone from the Pledge Team: Amy Starkey-Lam, Mike Lam, Connie McVey or Phyllis Havens.

(Snow Date: March 8)

# Mid-Maine YoUUtH Group



The Mid Maine Youth continue making progress towards their trip to Guatemala in July '20. Last week, we met in Belfast to learn about the 36-year long Guatemalan civil war and continue our trip planning. Thanks to the generous contributions from our letter writing campaign, we have already been able to secure our plane tickets for our trip and we are verifying passports of all who are going. Our youth are continuing to do some fundraising to raise our congregational contribution for the trip. Come to the coffee and purchase some wonderful baked goods to help support us.

Namasté.

*Rev. Drew*

Rev. Drew



## Share the Plate



### UUSB Food Security Programs to Benefit in March

In March, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to the UUSB Food Security Programs. This includes the Bean Suppers that we host on the fourth, and fifth, Saturdays each month; our Soup Kitchen on the first Monday each month at the Salvation Army; and our Bag Lunch program, to give lunches for those attending our Bean Suppers.



### Update on Share the Plate

#### January:

In January, we were able to give \$158 to the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Despite the bad weather and having one service cancelled, it was still a pretty good month. If you are looking to help BAHS again soon, there will be an interfaith bake sale at Congregation Beth El on March 15, which the UUSB Social Justice Committee is sponsoring.



# Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor



# Religious Education News

The *Soul Matters* theme for March is **Wisdom**. This month, our *Soulful Home* packet reminds us to consider the many unexpected ways wisdom presents itself. You might find wisdom by checking in with yourself, listening for that small, still voice within, looking to the natural world, seeking in spirit-nourishing resources like images, readings, poems, or lyrics, and other times it's from family and friends or resource books.



Sometimes we recognize wisdom right when we encounter it, but often, it's through reflection, life experience, or a good amount of time passing before we come to understand the deeper truth and meaning of what we've been part of or witness to.

This month, we will explore finding wisdom 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Childs".

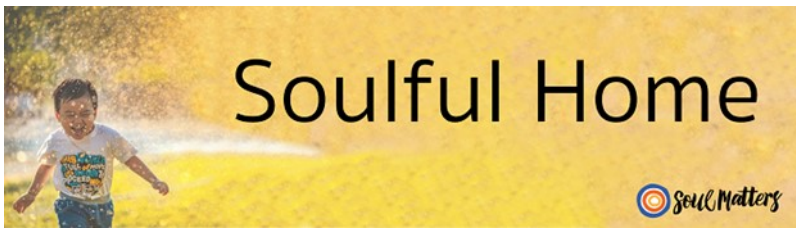
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## PRE-TEEN U.U. Overnight Retreat

Join us as we celebrate the Spring Equinox with food, fun and wonderment!

- When:** Sat. March 21-22, 2020
- Where:** First Universalist Church in Rockland
- What:** A sleepover retreat for children ages 9-12
- Cost:** \$25.00 (Cost included dinner, dessert, breakfast and any guest speaker fees)
- RSVP:** Registration forms due to your DRE by March 9



1. Which animals do you think of as wise, and which do you think of as foolish?  
Why do you think you have those ideas?  
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2. Would you rather be wise or friendly, if you had to choose just one?  
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3. We often think of professors or ministers as wise, but other workers are also wise in not-always-noticed ways. In what ways might a daycare provider be wise? A carpenter? A guitar player? A farmer? A plumber? A construction worker? A salesperson?  
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4. Do you think plants and trees have wisdom? If so, what might it be like? And how do you think they share it with other plants and animals? And us?!  
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5. Are people born wise, or do they learn wisdom?  
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6. How can you tell good advice from bad advice (in other words, what's wisdom, and what's not)?  
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7. Whom do you think of as a really wise person among your family's circle of friends?  
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8. Do wise people go around saying how wise they are? (If not, how do you KNOW they're wise?)  
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9. Do you think it's easy to live wisely? Why or why not?  
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10. What's the most "un-wise" thing that is happening in our world today?  
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11. Is wisdom the same as knowing facts? How are they different?  
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12. Is it ever wise to admit that you don't know the answer?  
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13. What is a wise thing you know today that you didn't know a year ago?  
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14. Have you ever heard a wise voice rise up from inside you?  
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15. On a scale of 1 to 10, how wise were you today? What did you do or not do that made you give yourself that score?  
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# SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

**The next Social Justice Committee meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Healthcare Task Force** submitted by Jean Adamson

The Bangor Chapter of Maine AllCare reported, “The Bangor City Council has approved unanimously a resolution urging the Maine Legislature to create an equitable healthcare system for the state and all its residents.” Andrew Sarto, chapter president and UUSB member, said, “We see healthcare as a basic human right, and we want to see that concept reflected in the way that Maine creates its healthcare delivery system.” Maine AllCare is a statewide organization whose members originally presented and promoted the resolution. The Bangor chapter welcomes new members. Contact [info@maineallcare.org](mailto:info@maineallcare.org) for more information.

## **Democracy Task Force** submitted by Jean Adamson

The Poor People’s Campaign is looking for volunteers who would be willing to do canvassing/phone banking in the Bangor area to educate people about the principles of the Campaign and to possibly recruit folks to go to the planned march in Washington, D.C. on June 20, 2020. In addition, if you can provide a monetary donation to help purchase bus tickets for low-income persons, it would be much appreciated. Contact Adam Thiesen at [athiesen9@gmail.com](mailto:athiesen9@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

MUUSAN, our state advocacy network, has endorsed LD 433, a resolution proposing an amendment to the Maine Constitution to prohibit discrimination based on sex. It has secured a two-thirds vote in the Senate and will now go back to the House for a final vote. Proponents are working hard to secure just a few more votes. Please lend your support.

Also, please support sovereignty for the Wabanaki people by supporting LD 2094, “An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act.” The governor is showing resistance to some of the 22 recommendations of the Task Force and we need your support to implement all 22 by contacting your legislators.

## **Environmental Task Force** submitted by Jean Adamson

MUUSAN, our State Advocacy Network, has just recently come out with two environmental “Action Alerts.” The first is to call or email your state senator and representative, and the governor, to ask them to support LD 1646, “An Act to Restore Local Ownership and Control of Maine’s Power Delivery Systems.” This act would replace Emera and CMP with a consumer-owned utility (moving from privately owned to publicly owned power). MUUSAN has given this legislation a “top priority” rating. You can find more information about the bill at <http://bit.ly/MainePower>. Please ask the people you contact how they are going to vote and then report to Jill Linzee at [jlinzee@comcast.net](mailto:jlinzee@comcast.net) with their response. The “strategy team” is tracking where various legislators stand for possible targeting.

The second bill MUUSAN is strongly endorsing is LD 2104, “An Act to Support and Increase the Recycling of Packaging.” Information about this bill is available from our partner, the Natural Resources Council of Maine, at [www.recyclingreform.org](http://www.recyclingreform.org). Please contact your legislators in support of this bill.

# LOCAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

## Local Justice Task Force

submitted by Suzanne Kelly

On Wednesday, February 12th, there was a presentation of the Maine Anthology: *A Dangerous New World* at Bangor's COESPACE. It was well attended by UUSBs and others in the community. Writers and an artist from the Bangor Midcoast & North Woods shared their contributions and the impact of climate change. Each, in their own way, spoke eloquently about the urgency and echoed Albert Einstein's words: "The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything." Here is a suggested action list provided in the program and in the book that each of us can do "without a big investment":

- vote for & support candidates with bold climate action plans
- use public transportation
- eat less meat & dairy
- compost food waste
- grow/buy local
- walk or bike when local
- mow less
- fly less
- talk to each other
- know what's happening

Books are available at The Briar Patch with profits of the sale going to 350Maine.org.

The Social Justice Committee is one of the sponsors of a bake sale fundraiser for the Bangor Homeless Shelter being held by Temple Bethel and the Islamic Center of Maine on **Sunday, March 15th** at Temple Bethel. Our committee raised \$210 among our member towards purchasing a new boiler for the shelter. **To lend your support, you can attend the event and buy some delicious baked goods.**

**Ecumenical Food Cupboard needs helpers.** Suzanne Kelly will be working on reinvigorating our UUSB once

monthly team. They are in real need of able-bodied folks to unload and clean up: Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 10:30-12:00.

**FLIA (Faith Linking in Action) Convening** on Wednesday, March 25th, 5:30 - 8:00 PM at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Brewer. Program will focus on actions/progress of two task forces: Transportation for All and Food Security. Contact Suzanne Kelly or Darcy Cook for more information.

**FLIA Progressive Dinner in Orono on Saturday, April 18th.** This is a fundraiser with limited (100 @ \$20) tickets sold. Appetizers at Islamic Center of Maine, followed by main course and desserts at Keith Anderson Community Center. A great opportunity to find out what this interfaith organization is doing AND have a delicious meal. Tickets available soon.

**MUUSAN (Maine Unitarian Universalist Social Advocacy Network) meeting in Augusta on Saturday, March 14th, 10 AM-12:30 PM.** Hear guest speaker, Jennifer Tess Murray, speak about the Neighbor to Neighbor Voting Project and find out what the MUUSAN Task Forces (Democracy, Racism/Immigration, Healthcare, Climate Change) are working on, i.e., legislation that supports UU principles. Check the Social Justice board in the Dorothy and/or the MUUSAN web page.

**SATURDAY,  
MARCH 14  
10-12**

**MUUSAN Meeting**

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CHURCH OF AUGUSTA  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11  
10-12

To Carpool from Bangor, Contact Suzanne Kelly



Greetings UUSB!

Many members of our congregation have been longtime activists with Transportation For All (TFA). TFA is organized by the local, grassroots nonprofit Food AND Medicine, and the goal of this group is to work together to build a better bus system for the Greater Bangor region.

Last month, we had a MAJOR VICTORY!!! The Bangor City Council voted 5-4 to keep our bus hub in Pickering Square. This vote put an end to the debate, which has gone on for over 8 years, and has prevented us from making real progress in improving the system. Despite the city having commissioned 2 separate studies, each of which stated that Pickering Square was the ideal place for the bus hub to be, there was still strong opposition from a small, but powerful, group of local property and business owners. Our UU members helped Transportation For All bring a crowd of over 100 people to city hall to support our bus riders and our bus system!

With the hub debate finally behind us, our Transportation For All team is now beginning the work of making our bus system more accessible, efficient, and effective. Transportation equals access, plain and simple, and we want to make sure that everyone in our community has access to the things they need to live happy, healthy lives!

To learn more about Food AND Medicine and our Transportation For All team, contact Darcy Cooke: [darcy@foodandmedicine.org](mailto:darcy@foodandmedicine.org)

# LOOKING AHEAD WITH **MEMBERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP**

## **New Options for UUSB 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. The next Minister's Teas are on March 22 and May 10. (There is no tea scheduled for April.) 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 semi-annual Membership Signing Sunday. The next Membership Signing Sunday is April 26. 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**

The 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. 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. Childcare will be available if needed. (Please let us know in advance.)

## **Monthly Tea with Reverend Drew**

Rev. 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 dates for the teas are March 22 and May 10. (There is no tea scheduled for April.) 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.



# LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

The Auctions Are Coming in April!

SATURDAY APRIL 4th IS OUR LIVE AUCTION!! Especially if you have never been to a UUSB Live auction, be sure to join us at 6:00 Saturday April 4 in the Dorothy Memorial Hall. Start the evening enjoying heavy hors' d'oeuvres and check out the silent auction items. The live auction will start between 6:30 and 7:00.

Many of the most popular items are "Buying a Seat at the Table" from a wide variety of meals available!! This is a great way to spend quality time with other UUSB members and friends. Meals committed so far: Progressive dinners in Bangor and Orono, French, Italian, German, tapas, and PI. We look forward to more meals being donated. The donation sheets are available on the Dorothy Memorial Hall bulletin board.

There are already two exciting events committed for this year:

A Day at the Lake with Sue and Patti at their camp on Branch Lake: Kayaks provided, fishing, paddle boarding, swimming, lazing around on water toys or on the dock or take a siesta in the hammock after a barbecue lunch.

Pool Party and Barbecue at the home of Joan and Kirby Ellis. Spend the afternoon enjoying the company of friends old and new either floating in the pool or sitting under an umbrella poolside, then enjoy a tasty Barbecue dinner.

Two other perennial favorites that will be returning again this year: a custom-made sweater by Marj Lawrence and a one-of-a-kind hand-turned wooden bowl by Joe Zydlewski.

The silent auction will begin the night of the live auction and run until the end of fellowship hour on Easter Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Quality items are needed for this important part of the fun! Donation sheets are available on the Dorothy Memorial bulletin board.

If you cannot attend the live auction, check out the list, which will be posted in advance and updated as more items are added. Proxy bids will be gratefully accepted. Ask Sue McKay about the proxy bid process.

([suemckay@midmaine.com](mailto:suemckay@midmaine.com))



## 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.**



UUSB Vestry

## CoffeeHouse | Open Mic

March 3rd + 17th

7-10PM

1st + 3rd Tuesdays



We enjoy a variety of acoustic music and poetry and welcome any family-friendly acts you might come up with.

Come join the fun!

# Mindfulness Meditation



March 3rd & 17th

5:45-7:00 PM

Last month, we began studying the "Path of Freedom®"\* curriculum, put together by the Prison Mindfulness Institute. This curriculum teaches a variety of practical mindfulness-based skills, in addition to meditation practices.

Join us on the first and third Tuesdays every month in the sanctuary.

All are welcome!

\*Rev. Drew is a certified teacher for this curriculum.

## LET'S MEET AND KNIT!

### Knitting Circle

Dorothy Memorial Hall

March 13th & 27th

12:30-2:00

2nd & 4th Friday every month



MONDAY, MARCH 9TH

AT 6:00PM

## Spirit of Drumming

with Laurie & LyAnn

We invite you to join us and access your inner rhythm; release tension and stress; and have a good time.

We will learn easy rhythms, play drumming games, and jam to the monthly theme.

For more info contact Laurie. [amalauriec@gmail.com](mailto:amalauriec@gmail.com) or 944-0650



**UUSB**

**VARIETY**

**SHOW**

**Dorothy Memorial Hall**  
**March 1**  
**After the Service**

# FOOD CUPBOARD & PERSONAL CARE COLLECTION

Please remember to bring nonperishable food items and personal care items

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

In February, we collected 63 pounds of food! The Food Cupboard is looking to spice things up with seasonings and condiments.



YOU'RE INVITED!

*Monthly Tea with Rev. Drew*

March 22, 2020 at 11:30 AM

Join Rev. Drew to have an informal conversation and Q&A about the UU and what we are about.

Grab a coffee or tea and snack from coffee hour and head on down.

This fulfills one of the membership requirements.



"When turmoil abounds, take the emergency route to UU."

Submitted by Tom Bickford

# 3 MARCH

# UUSB CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
<b>1</b> <b>Pledge</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> <b>R.E.A.L.</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Service</b> <b>11:15 AM</b> <b>Variety Show</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>Soup Kitchen</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Glitter Done</b>	<b>3</b> <b>VOTE TODAY</b> <b>5:45 PM</b> <b>Meditation</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>CoffeeHouse</b>	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Shawl</b> <b>Ministry</b>	<b>5</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> <b>Choir</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b> <b>Food</b> <b>Collection</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Service</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Fellowship</b>  <b>Daylight</b> <b>Savings Time</b>	<b>9</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Spirit of</b> <b>Drumming</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Glitter Done</b>	<b>10</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Staff</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Committee</b> <b>Reports Due</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Membership-</b> <b>Fellowship</b>	<b>12</b> <b>5:15 PM</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Executive</b> <b>Committee</b>	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>B&amp;F Cmte</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> <b>Knitting</b> <b>Circle</b>	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>MUUSAN</b>		
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<b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Service</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>Fellowship</b>	<b>30</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>Glitter Done</b>	<b>31</b>	 <p><i>Happy Birthday!</i></p> <table> <tr> <td> <b>3/3 Michael Garcia</b>  <b>3/3 Susan Olson</b>  <b>3/5 Evan Richert</b>  <b>3/9 Susan Vernal</b>  <b>3/24 Dan Cashman</b>  <b>3/26 Darcy Cooke</b> </td> <td> <b>3/26 Evangeline White</b>  <b>3/27 Judy Martin</b>  <b>3/30 Francois Amar</b>  <b>3/30 Mike Lam</b>  <b>3/30 Rhonda Pastori</b>  <b>3/31 Joe Montillo</b> </td> </tr> </table>				<b>3/3 Michael Garcia</b> <b>3/3 Susan Olson</b> <b>3/5 Evan Richert</b> <b>3/9 Susan Vernal</b> <b>3/24 Dan Cashman</b> <b>3/26 Darcy Cooke</b>	<b>3/26 Evangeline White</b> <b>3/27 Judy Martin</b> <b>3/30 Francois Amar</b> <b>3/30 Mike Lam</b> <b>3/30 Rhonda Pastori</b> <b>3/31 Joe Montillo</b>
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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 Reminders:

1. 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.
2. If you pay your pledge with cash, it is important that we know it came from you! You can use your own envelope and write your name on the outside; or, you can pick up envelopes from the table to your left as you enter the sanctuary; or, you are welcome to take several or a whole box of 50 envelopes.
3. If you can't find them, or have questions, please speak with Amy Starkey-Lam.



### Ongoing Church Fundraiser



Hannaford Grocery  
Cards are sold every Sunday during fellowship time. Convenient to carry! 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.

### Friends and Frequent Visitors

*Please take a moment to make a name tag!*  
To avoid holes in your shirt, hook the pin to a necklace, lanyard, or tie. Wear it while you are here, and you can leave it in the rack when you leave. If you plan on being a regular attendee, name buttons are now an option for anyone. Ask the Sunday greeter for info!



## 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.

#### 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.*

## 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. Drew Moeller, and Laurie Cartier—who will make such decision by 7:00 Sunday morning.

An announcement will be put on the outgoing phone message of the church office (207-947-7009); announcements will also go out to the local network television and radio stations; if possible (power permitting), one will be sent out via email, on the UUSB Facebook page, and posted on the UUSB website ([www.uubangor.org](http://www.uubangor.org)).



#### 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 downloaded. 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



#### Newsletter Submittals Next Newsletter Deadline: March 25, 2020

The next issue will be April 2020. We value your contributions and very much appreciate submittals. When sending email contributions to *The Chalice and Chimes*:  
[uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com)