

CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

JUNE 2020

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

During June, 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 "Compassion."

June 7 - Flower Communion - During this worship service we will also engage in our annual Flower Communion ritual which began over 90 years ago in Prague, Czechoslovakia by Unitarian minister Rev. Norbert Čapek. This uniquely UU ritual celebrates the individuality of each and every person. Please choose a photo of a flower you wish to share on screen during the Zoom service. This service will be led by Rev. Drew, with Phyllis Havens as our worship associate, John Arimond as our technical coordinator, and music provided by Molly Webster and Jessica Mehre.

June 14 - Question Box Sermon - As Unitarian Universalists, we are a people who believe in the sanctity of learning through the practice of asking questions. This Sunday we'll hold this aspect of our living tradition through Rev. Drew's second "Question Box Service." Those attending who wish to ask a question can contact Rev. Drew via email or handwritten note. Questions submitted by June 12 will receive priority in the service, other questions will be taken via Zoom chat during the service, time permitting. This service will be led by Rev. Drew, with Phyllis Havens as our worship associate, and music provided by Molly Webster and Jessica Mehre.

June 21 - Summer Solstice Celebration - This service will be led by Laurie Cartier, with Kim McKeage as our technical coordinator, and music by Molly Webster and Jessica Mehre.

June 28 - Live Worship from the UUA General Assembly - Join us virtually for the largest annual gathering of UUs together for worship. The worship service will include a collection for the Tomaquag Museum, an indigenous museum featuring an extensive collection and archive of Southern New England tribal communities. Members of the public are welcome.

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Dear Ones,

The beauty of spring is a welcome backdrop for all the transitions and demands placed on us during the COVID-19 pandemic. Just like many of you, my summer plans have been canceled or rescheduled for another year. For the first time since I started as your minister, I will likely be spending my entire summer in Maine.

In consultation with Council, Worship, and Pastoral Care committees, I have modified my summer schedule to help lead worship, offer pastoral care, and work on some extra planning for next fall. I will balance my working this summer by taking some comp-time during the fall and winter months.

Originally, our worship theme for this month was "play." However, our theme-based ministry collaborative felt that "compassion" might be a better fit, given our current COVID situation. Compassion is a spiritual concept foundational to my beliefs as a UU minister and practitioner of Vipassana meditation, especially now, as we navigate the uncharted waters of COVID-19.

Compassion is necessary as we witness the violence against George Floyd and other people of color in our country at the hands of law enforcement. My initial reflections on compassion come against the backdrop of George Floyd's murder and the ongoing violence in response to protests throughout our country.

I have compassion for George Floyd. I have compassion for his family and all the people in our country who are regularly abused by our law enforcement systems. I feel compassion for people of color across our nation who continue to suffer centuries of unequal and unjust treatment in our legal, financial, and social systems. I even have compassion for our law enforcement people who are stuck in difficult situations, often without essential training that could help them become aware of their own biases and how they react under pressure.

However, it feels almost impossible to hold compassion for those who ignore others' suffering and instead try to draw focus away from peaceful protests calling out this injustice. I confess that, even as a long-time believer in compassion and non-violent action, my beliefs are challenged with the way that peaceful demonstrations are met with violence. Especially when the President is intentionally fanning the flames of institutional and personal racist behaviors in people who have yet to embrace the spirit of our country's ideal that "all people are created equal" and deserve equal and fair treatment in the hands of the law.

It is a challenging topic made even harder by being in the middle of a pandemic. Like many other inconvenient truths, the ongoing system of racism needs our attention now and in every moment of our lives. Perhaps, at this moment, the universe is providing us with the opportunity for deep reflection and soul searching, during our moments of physical distancing. It also calls on our action and creativity to find ways to work to dismantle all forms of discrimination.

I was inspired to see so many people from our congregation and Bangor community show up for two Black Lives Matter rallies this week. It gives me hope to see people feel so strongly about this issue that they are willing to risk social gatherings to make a clear and compelling public statement condemning the murder of George Floyd and law enforcement violence against people of color across our country.

I was moved that in our City of Bangor, the Bangor PD and NAACP issued a joint letter of condemnation of the situation in Minneapolis. We still need to push for better training for our officers, so that they can do their jobs more kindly and compassionately. We are lucky that we have a police chief who understands this need.

Before signing off from this month's message, I want to hold up a couple of events relevant to our community:

On **Sunday, June 14**, I will be offering my annual **Question Box Sermon** for our worship service. If you have a question for me as your minister related to faith, Unitarian Universalism, or ministry that you would like me to address in the service, please email me or mail me your questions by June 12. I will prioritize answering questions; if there is time, I will take questions from the Zoom chat as well.

Also on **Sunday, June 14**, we will be holding our monthly **Ringling Bells & Feeding Souls** event with an open-air chimes concert and drive-by food collection. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors, which is open to all. Last month, we collected 428 pounds of food for the Ecumenical Food Cupboard. We want to beat that number this month. Special thanks to John Arimond for playing the chimes this month..

Last call for UUA General Assembly! Since GA this year has gone 100% online, it is an excellent opportunity to attend. **We are still looking for delegates to represent our congregation at this event.** There are amazing presentations and workshops involved. If you are curious about what is happening in our greater UU Faith, here is an excellent opportunity to experience UUism in its fullness. Several members of our congregation have agreed to cover the registration costs of attending GA virtually for anyone who wants to attend. Please contact a member of the council or me, if you wish to participate.

Dear Ones, I hope you enter gracefully into the summer and all the blessings that come with it. I also hope that you continue to find safe and focused ways to continue the work of justice and keeping connected to our beloved community in these unsettled times.

Love, Namasté, and Happy Solstice and summer to you all!



Rev. Drew

Minister's Schedule - June 2020

Rev. Drew along with other UUSB staff will be working from home, until social distancing measures are withdrawn.

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 June 20-21.

Rev. Drew will also be unavailable June 22-28 for Ministry Days and General Assembly. He will be checking emails and voicemails, but will not be attending meetings.

Rev. Drew has a new local line for church business!

You can reach him at **(207) 922-2956**





CHRISTINE SPRAGUE

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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. This closure is expected to last through the Summer. UUA recommendations suggest remaining closed through May 2021.

Best Office Contact

The easiest and quickest way to reach the office is by email. I am checking the voicemail a few times a day, but it is not the quickest way to reach me.

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.

"Office" Closed June 23-24

I will not be checking emails or voicemails June 23 and June 24, due to attending AUUA Pro Days.

Sign Up for E-News for Summer Updates

Please email uubangor@gmail.com to sign up for the weekly e-news. This is the primary form of communication, especially during the CDC's social distancing guidelines.

SUMMER DEADLINES

CHALICE & CHIMES (SEPT. ED.)
THURSDAY 8/20 - SOFT DEADLINE
MTUESDAY 8/25 - HARD DEADLINE

E-NEWS (WEEKLY)
THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM
COMMITTEE NOTES FOR COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12

"OFFICE" HOURS

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

COUNCIL CRIER

BY KATE DUTRA

This past month, the full council met on a couple of different occasions. The first meeting was held the Wednesday prior to the Annual Meeting to discuss the final budget for FY21. This additional meeting was necessary as we had fallen shy of the needed pledge amount for FY21. Discussion was had and adjustments were made to address this, so that a balanced budget could be put forth at the Annual Meeting on May 17th. Through this discussion, it was determined to have a conversation with the cleaning contractors and see about cutting services as there is currently minimal use of the building. The end result was to decrease the cleaning contractors by 50%. It was also during this meeting that Council approved moving forward with the hiring of a music accompanist for the fall.

In the course of our regular monthly meeting, Council was in agreement that the Annual Meeting went very smoothly, despite the initial technical difficulties and the need to hold the meeting via an electronic medium. We wish to send out a huge thank you to all that helped to make our first virtual Annual Meeting happen. While attendance was a little lower than normal, quorum was easily met and UUSB members stuck through the entire meeting. Of note, during the budget discussion, a concern was expressed regarding the need to pay our fair share of UUA dues (we are currently paying 70%, up from 65% last year). Council will be keeping this concern foremost in our minds as we proceed forward into FY21. Given the uncertainty of the economic times, we have determined the need to assess the state of the budget in depth on a regular basis. Should it be determined that there is a surplus, we will look at increasing the amount paid to UUA.

The health of the committees was also reviewed during this month's meeting. Some committees are in need of members such as the Stewardship Committee, Pastoral Care, Nominating Committee, and the Committee on Shared Ministry. Discussion also ensued as to how the various committees were handling working remotely and of the need for Council Liaisons to reach out to determine if their assigned committees needed anything that we can help with. The creation of a new committee, the Creative Solutions Committee, was approved.

And of course, it would not be a council meeting without addressing the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic. Predicting what will happen is difficult; there are many variables in risk such as exposure time, ventilation, room size, and number of people. We discussed if adding a HEPA filtration system may be beneficial, costs and benefits will be explored. That all being said, we are not expecting to be doing in person services anytime in the near future. While understanding that each location is a little different, the UUA, in discussion with multiple public health officials, is continuing to recommend that congregations do not gather in person and that we plan on remote services through May 2021. At this time, Ferry Beach is working on a schedule of rolling cancellations as they move into the summer months. The Youth Conferences have been moved to be virtual conferences as opposed to in person.

Along these lines, Reverend Drew also wanted input from Council regarding his summer availability. As many of you well know, Reverend Drew has often taken off several weeks during the summer to recharge. Currently, Reverend Drew is expressing concern and the need to be available a little more during the current pandemic. While a plan is still in the works, he will most

COUNCIL CRIER

(CONT.)

BY KATE DUTRA

likely be a bit more available this summer (not necessarily leading services) and plan on taking some time off at a later period.

On a brighter note, Drew is working with Joe Zydlewski to create a legacy gift plaque in honor of Jane McGlaflin, as well as others that have gifted the UUSB financially over the years upon their passing. This plaque is not just about financial gifts however, it will also be used to recognize the equally important gift of active service to the UUSB.

As a Council, we want to thank all of you that have continued to support our UUSB community as we navigate these uncharted waters. Whether that support be financial, with your time, or by being present with us in your hearts, we are grateful to you. Thank you all and take care!



Rooted, Inspired, & Ready!

The UUA Board of Trustees has passed a resolution to make the 2020 General Assembly a 100% virtual event. For many years we have offered virtual attendance as an option and, this year, we will scale and enhance our technology so that we can accommodate a wider, ideally more global, audience. Across the country, UU congregations have embraced virtual meetings and Sunday services and we know that the number of screens that log in has grown each week. We are excited for what lies ahead!

All GA registrants have access to the GA Virtual Participation Portal, which combines multiple modes of participant engagement that include chat, Q&A, and polling. Registrants are able to watch and ask questions in live sessions including workshops and business sessions.

Delegates are also be able to propose amendments in the live business sessions, participate in debates, and vote in general sessions.

Virtual GA Registration is \$150.



Mid Maine YoUth will not be meeting this month. Currently they are planning a gathering on July 19 - social distance and gathering restriction permitting.



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROSEMARY PARSONS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF April written in May.

April covers 83.3% of the year.

Income for the month of April was \$17,258. Expenses were \$17,814 leaving a balance of (\$556) for the month. The net income for the 10 months ending 4/31/20 is \$5,100.

Income in April, including pledges, was \$10,147. We need an average monthly pledge income of \$9,143 to stay on track, so this was terrific. Our 10-month total to \$101,553 which is 82.7% of the budget. VANCO payments for the month in all categories were \$2,834 gross, with a net of \$2,769. I have noticed some people setting up recurring payments for their pledge and plate contributions. The April checking account balance was \$16,734 - up from March's \$15,162.

Plate contributions for April were a whopping \$551, half of which was sent to FLIA, UUSB is a member of this group, which does assess dues for its members.

Fuel expenses continue to decline, and the furnaces have been turned off for the summer. Our bill for 05/15/20 was \$193.19. Last year the amount was \$194.26. The total cost through 5/15/20 is \$7.648 and last year it was \$11.239 for the period. I am certain that there will be \$2,000 of the budget unspent.

A budget for next year was passed at the Annual Meeting. It was based on a regular church year, with the building in use and all services and group activities taking place there. It included a typical heating season, typical rental income, and typical fundraisers. Since it is very doubtful that such will be the case, Council will rework a budget based on the likelihood of virtual services and meetings. More news about the Socially Distanced Budget in the future.

In Service,
Rosemary Parsons



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. Joining is now 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 Tea is scheduled for June 14 and will be held online via ZOOM due to COVID-19.** 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. Presently, the Church building is closed due to COVID-19. If you are interested in participating in the one of the Minister's Teas or becoming a member, you can email uubangor@gmail.com.

The Self-Study Guide can be found at uubangor.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Self-Study-Guide-2019.pdf.



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 pick-up 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, jamandtj@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.

New Membership Signing Sundays

New members will continue to be introduced to the congregation at our semi-annual Membership Signing Sundays. The next Membership Signing Sunday is scheduled for November. 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. 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

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 Monthly Tea has been scheduled for June 14 and will be held online via ZOOM due to COVID-19. There will be a limit of ten people per tea.

AN UPDATE ON UNDERSTANDING MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

UUSB Membership Guidelines

2020-05-13

UUSB ByLaws, April 2018 (Excerpt from Article 5. Membership)

5.1 Membership. Any person who is in sympathy with the Purpose of the Society and who wishes to become involved with the spiritual and financial wellbeing of the Society may become an active member by:

- A. Completing a prospective member education program as specified by Council, and
- B. Making a financial pledge to support the purposes of the Society, and
- C. Signing the Membership Book.

Membership shall have three classifications – Active, Inactive, and Emeritus. These classifications are described as follows:

An *Active Member* shall be a person who annually:

- i. Financially supports the Society by an amount equal to at least three times that required to cover memberships in the UUA and NNED. Participation in the worship and activities of the Society and support of the Society in service are strongly encouraged; or
- ii. Petitions the Council for a full or partial waiver of these financial requirements indicating a desire to be an Active Member without making the minimum financial contribution. An Active Member who petitions for partial waiver agrees to financially support the Society by an amount equal to the cost of membership in the UUA and NNED. A person who petitions for a full waiver makes no financial commitment. It is expected that Active Members seeking full or partial waiver will demonstrate their commitment and support through service to the Society.

An *Inactive Member* shall be a previously Active Member who chooses not to meet the criteria for Active Membership.

An *Emeritus Member* shall be a person who was previously an Active Member who, by reason of entering a nursing home or of becoming homebound or otherwise unable to attend Society service and activities, chooses this membership. An Emeritus Members shall be entitled to all benefits of Active Membership.

5.2 Other Affiliation. A *Friend* shall be any person who chooses not to meet the criteria for any of the preceding membership categories, but who wishes to associate themselves with the Society and its Purposes.

(Refer to ByLaws for 5.3 Rights of Membership and Section 5.4 Termination of Membership)

Guidelines for determining or changing active versus inactive membership status

UUSB has three categories of membership as described in the by-laws: active, inactive, and emeritus. After becoming a member, the individual is considered an active member as long as they continue to pledge to UUSB, request a full or partial waiver, or request a change to inactive status.

During the spring pledge campaign, the names of active and emeritus members will be asterisked on the pledge card (as they are in the UUSB Directory) so it is clear who is a member and who is a friend and to aid in determining the minimum pledge for the pledge unit. At the end of the spring pledge campaign, the Financial Stewardship Committee (FSC), with assistance from Council or others, will follow-up with all active members who have not pledged, asking them to make a pledge, request a full or partial waiver, or request a change to inactive status. A variety of methods will be used such as phone calls, emails, and letters. It should be made clear to each member that a change to inactive status will mean they will not be able to vote during the Annual Meeting of the fiscal year in which they are inactive or have access to other benefits of being an active member.

For members who have not responded by May 31, the FSC will forward a list of their names to the Membership-Fellowship Committee (MFC) who will then send each member a letter explaining that they will be moved to inactive status if they do not respond by June 30. The letter will also state that they can restore active status at any time by making a pledge or requesting a full or partial waiver.

Any member who has not responded by June 30 will be moved to inactive status.

Emeritus members are not required to make a pledge or request a full or partial waiver to retain active status.

Members who are youth will be listed on their family's pledge card until they "bridge" at High School graduation. It is expected that the minimum pledge for the family will include a pledge for each youth who is a member. If the amount pledged does not cover the minimum pledge for all UUSB members, the family will be contacted to make them aware of the situation and ask that they either increase their pledge or request a full or partial waiver. After members who are youth leave High School, they will start receiving individual pledge cards during the next pledge campaign, and asked to pledge, request a full or partial waiver, or request a change to inactive status. If they pledge independently of their family, they will be listed separately in the UUSB Directory, otherwise they will continue to be listed with their family until age 21.

Inclusion in the UUSB Directory

All active and emeritus members will be included in the directory and will be identified with a single asterisk after their name.

Members who become inactive but attend church services periodically will be included in the directory for three years after they first become inactive (unless they ask to be removed from the directory), and will be identified with a double asterisk after their name. After three years, if they have not returned to active status, they will be dropped from the directory.

All friends who attend church services at least periodically will be included in the directory (unless they ask to be removed from the directory).

Inactive members or friends who have not attended church services for one year will be dropped from the directory.

Youth will be listed in the directory with their family until the age of 21 (a youth who is a member and has pledged independently from their family prior to age of 21 will already be listed separately).

Everyone who is listed in the directory is responsible for informing the UUSB Administrative Assistant of any changes in their contact information.

Benefits of Active and Emeritus Membership in UUSB

- Right to vote at annual and other meetings of the membership.
- Use of UUSB facilities and access to ministerial services for special occasions, such as weddings, rites of passage, funerals, and other celebrations, at no charge.
- Eligibility to serve on Church Council, as a General Endowment or Hersey Bequest Trustee, or in other elected positions representing the Society.
- Helps our congregation continue to grow and provide a vital voice for inclusion and freedom of religious thought in the Bangor area.



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.



SHARE THE PLATE



In June, 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.

Last Month

In May, we shared half of our undesignated donations with Partners for Peace. Even with all services being online, we were able to give **\$142** to Partners for Peace!

Partners for Peace works to end domestic violence in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties. They provide support, advocacy, and safety planning to anyone affected by domestic abuse. They foster safe and healthy relationships through prevention, education, and training. Together with our community, they recognize the nature of abuse, respond to it, and change the conditions which lead to it.



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





Religious Education

News

KAREN CHILDS

What an adventurous year we have had at UUSB! We had over fifty children registered for our RE Program this year, ranging in age from PreK through 12th grade. During the first half of the year, we participated in a number of large group activities, both on campus and off, ranging from chapels, to parties, to large scale humanitarian efforts. A team from our youth group participated in the MidMaine youth group, doing much fundraising to meet their campaign goals for a social justice trip to Guatemala (which has been rescheduled for 2021).

Mid-March 2020 brought much change to our community, city, state, nation, and the world. On March 15, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 Virus and the subsequent nationwide quarantining efforts, and in correlation with the UUSB's efforts to support and uplift our community via online services and resources, the RE Program began its Religious Edu-Stay-Cation to administer to the needs of its families.

Throughout the rest of the RE year we were able to come closer together, though far apart and by mid-May we were able to enjoy our annual RE Celebration Sunday, along with our Senior Bridging Ceremony, online via Zoom. Though it was different, we knew we had much to celebrate and I don't think there was a dry eye in the "house."

Thank you to our amazing community for supporting each other, providing assistance to those in need, sharing in our milestones, and taking care of one another. This is a new age and with it will come new ways, and traditions, and experiences. But we are a curious and generous community and we will figure it all out - together.

Hope you all have a happy Summer!

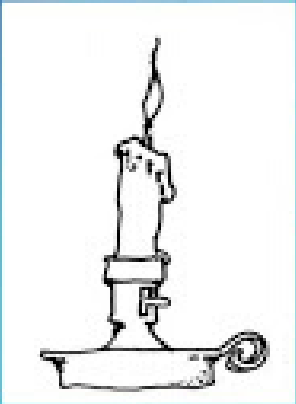
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Childs".

Karen Childs, DRE

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

Senior Bridging



Emma Paterson-Dennis

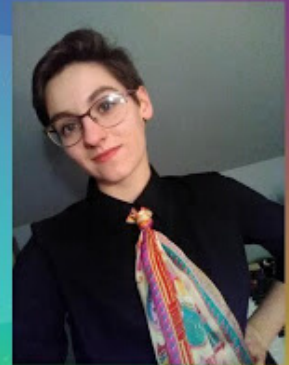
Simone Grosswiler

Henry Westrich

*If you are a dreamer, come in...
If you are a dreamer,
a wisher, a liar
A hope-er, a pray-er,
a magic bean buyer...
If you are a pretender,
come sit by my fire
Fore we have some
flax-golden tales to spin.
Come in! Come in!*

Senior Bridging

Emma Paterson-Dennis



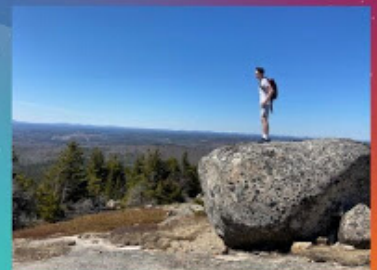
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In the Community

Chapels, InterGen, & Social Justice Activities

- Apple Chapel
- Halloween Party
- Días de los Muertos
- Solidarity Harvest
- Mitten Tree
- New Year's Eve Holiday Extravaganza

This year, many of our typical yearly activities were cancelled due to snow or the COVID-19 Pandemic... Stay tuned for next year!



Teachers:
Chris Packard
Karen Childs
RE Teaching Staff
RE Action League



Our Teachers 2019-20

PreK
Connie McVey
Bridgette Chalila
Wendy Sites
Laura Santilli

K-1st Grade
Dave Paterson
Wendy Erickson
Larry Viel

2-3rd Grade
Chris Charuk
Jenny Johnson
Danielle d'Auria
Valerie Carter

4-5th Grade
Will Seavey
Erin Seavey
Francis Grey
Chuck McKay

6-8th Grade
Karen Childs

9-12th Grade
Desirée Viel
Ann Hartman
Bhani Clark
Nero Fyler
Ben Goff

Jr OWL
Susan MacKay
SueAnn Gairings
Jessica Bloom
Chuck McKay

Chapel Storyteller
Chris Packard

R.E. Action League
Connie McVey
Erin Seavey
Will Seavey
Valerie Carter
Francis Grey
Chuck McKay
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Jessica Bloom
Dave Paterson
Ann Hartman

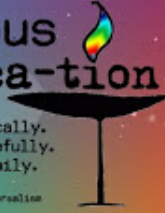


Religious Edu-Stay-cation



Love radically.
Serve gratefully.
Wonder daily.

Unitarian Universalism



THE SIMPSONS



The Messinas enjoying the Lorex and some f-U-U-n Dr Seuss crafts during their at-home K-C Family time!

Class Presentation:

Class: 9-12th Gr.



Class Curriculum: Mix Pack!

Teachers:
Desiree Viel
Ann Hartman
Bhani Clark
Nero Fyler



Class Presentation:

THE SIMPSONS

Class: 6-8th Gr.

Class Curriculum: The Simpsons

Teacher:
Karen Childs

Class Presentation:

Class: Jr OWL



Teachers:
Susan MacKay
SueAnn Gairings
Jessica Bloom
Chuck McKay

Class Presentation:



Class: 4-5th Gr.

Class Curriculum: Love Connects Us

Teachers:
Will Seavey
Erin Seavey
Francis Grey
Chuck McKay



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Class Presentation:



Class: 2-3rd Gr.



Class Curriculum: Dr Seuss & UU

Teachers:
Chris Charuk
Jenny Johnson
Danielle d'Auria
Valerie Carter



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Class Presentation:



Class: K-1st Gr.

Class Curriculum: World of Wonder

Teachers:
Dave Paterson
Wendy Erickson
Larry Viel



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Class Presentation:

Class: Pre-K

Class Curriculum: Rainbow Connection

Teachers:
Connie McVey
Bridgette Chailia
Wendy Sites
Laura Santilli



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SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

Democracy Task Force

by Jean Adamson

The Poor People's Campaign **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 coronavirus in such a large setting. However, the entire movement and march are going digital! They will hold "the largest (online) social media gathering of poor and low-wealth people and people of conscience in this nation's history." To follow ongoing events or obtain further information, go to info@poorpeoplescampaign.org. If you are interested in joining a PPC National Phone Bank to make calls encouraging folks to attend the online conference, please contact Adam Thiesen at athiesen9@gmail.com.

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 resource is MUUSAN's partner, the League of Women Voters of Maine at info@lwvme.org.

It's official! Election Day has moved from June 9 to July 14. Maine voters will vote to nominate party candidates for the offices of U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, Maine State Senate, and Maine State House. You must be enrolled in a political party to vote in that party's primary election. Our job is to encourage absentee voting to keep voters low at the polls to allow for social distancing. On April 10, Governor Mills issued an executive order allowing for absentee ballot applications up to and including Election Day. You can request an absentee ballot by phone, by mail, or in person at your Town Office. You can also request an absentee ballot online at <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>.

IN ADDITION: Our Social Justice Committee is participating in a MUUSAN campaign to get UU congregation members to network with others. Please contact as many friends and neighbors as you can to educate them about how to obtain and send in an absentee ballot and to pass this information along. We will continue to inform our congregation about ways you can help in networking as the November election approaches.



Many of our UUSB community showed up to the Black Lives Matter rally, joining protesters throughout Maine and the US on June 1, 2020.

Photo by Sue McKay.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 e-news.

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 e-news 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 & SERVICES

Sunday, June 14 @12:00 PM

Ringling Bells & Feeding Souls

Join us for an open-air concert with UUSB's historic bells and our monthly food collection for the Ecumenical Food Cupboard.

Sunday, June 14 @11:30 AM

Tea with Rev. Drew

Join Rev. Drew and some of our Membership-Fellowship Committee for the last Minister's Tea of the year. This is one of the options on the path to membership at UUSB and is open to all who have questions or just want a refresher on Unitarian Universalism and UUSB.

Sunday, June 28 @10:00 AM

UUA General Assembly

Join UUs from all over at the virtual General Assembly Sunday service.

Saturday, June 27 @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.

**Information is only good through
the end of June 2020.**

**For Summer updates and events,
please subscribe to the weekly
e-newsletter or join our Sunday
services for the weekly
announcements.**

6 JUNE

UUSB CALENDAR

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	1	2 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Chalice Side Chat	3	4 6:00 PM Choir 7:15 PM LiveStream Open Mic	5	6
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7 JULY

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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.

ABOUT THE *CHALICE & CHIMES*

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.

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Due to delays caused by working
remotely during the COVID-19,
please be patient with responses.
We will get back to you as quickly
as possible.

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: August 25, 2020

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