

CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

SEPTEMBER 2020

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

During September, 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 "**Renewal.**"

September 6 - *Frontline Workers* - Frontline workers from our congregation will share their COVID-19 stories and experiences. This service will be led by Kerrie O'Brien and Francis Grey, with Laurie Cartier as our worship associate, Kim McKeage as our technical coordinator, and music provided by Jessica Mehre.

September 13 - *Water Communion/Ingathering* - In honor of our coming together for another church year, we will celebrate the renewal of our connection through the ritual of Water Communion. In keeping with tradition, we will be asking people to share their wisdom gained through their summer experiences, through the symbolism of water. Our worship team is still working out the logistics, so please keep checking the e-news! This service will be led by Rev. Drew, with Phyllis Havens as our worship associate, Laurie Cartier as our technical coordinator, and music provided by Molly J. Webster.

September 20 - *REnewing Our Spirit* - Often, when we make commitments to ourselves and others, we never know how it will turn out. Keeping with our theme of renewal, we will look at both our UU and UUSB heritage, as we renew our commitment to each other and our values that we wish to embody as a congregation. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller, with John Arimond as our worship associate, Laurie Cartier as our technical coordinator, and music by Molly J. Webster.

September 27 - *Returning to the Call for Freedom* - Even before our country began, there has always been a call from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) for equality. We will remind ourselves of this history and renew our commitment to continue and sustain the struggle to build a world of equality for all. This service will kick off our upcoming year's "Soul Searchers" program, where we will do the spiritual work on developing our own anti-racist and anti-oppression identity. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller, with Laurie Cartier as our worship associate, John Arimond as our technical coordinator, and music by Molly J. Webster.

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Dear Ones,

I hope this summer has been a good one for you, even with all the changes in routine caused by COVID-19 and the lingering uncertainty of what will happen as we enter the fall.

While I have had a couple of opportunities to get away and recharge my spirit, I have also been able to be a bit more present to our community, by being in Maine all summer and working part-time. The advantage of being around this summer is that it has allowed me to be present to our other staff members and community, as we plan for the upcoming program year. Undoubtedly, this year promises to be very different from years past.

One change is that Karen and I have decided to rename our learning programs at UUSB from Religious Education (RE) to Spiritual Exploration (SE) programs. We are doing this, not because we are trying to change our focus, but because we want to create a term that more accurately describes the center of our learning and spiritual growth opportunities at UUSB. To that end, we will be offering a variety of SE programs this year.

The first of these offerings is a monthly family service that will be more interactive and involve in-service discussions/reflections on essential issues of our times. Generally, the topics will draw from our monthly themes and UU Principles. In these services, we will encourage people of all ages to interact with and respond to our skits and stories using their "UU Superpowers." We will be doing more skits, play-acting, and asking people to share their perspectives.

Another modification to our fall lineup is a revised SE program for our youth. With the support of families and S.E.A.L. (formerly R.E.A.L.), Karen has been working to create new engaging hybrid SE options for our youth. Elements of this new program include online exploration with

peer groups and monthly SE outings and events. Check for Karen's updates in the Chalice & Chimes and e-news for more details.

Over the last year and at General Assembly, there has been a lot of discussion about dismantling racism, examining white privilege, and working towards greater interracial understanding and healing. To this end, I am proposing that we, as a congregation, undertake these issues as a year-long focus.

Starting in October, I will be offering a year-long "Soul Work" program. This adult SE option will involve monthly group meetings, small group meetings, and weekly self-reflection prompts. I am excited to engage in this work as a congregation. I hope that you will sign up for this program.

Soul Searchers: Reflections on Racism, Privilege, & Healing

A year-long adult Spiritual Exploration program.

Find more information on page 10.

Join the information session
September 27 at 1:00 PM on Zoom.

I am also excited to hear that many of our committees have been active throughout the summer planning for the coming year. Much has changed in our lives in the last six months, however our commitment to our faith and values has not wavered.

On September 11 and 12, our UUSB leadership will be holding our annual leadership retreat via Zoom. One of the many things we will discuss is how, as a congregation this year, we might take advantage of the changing conditions of the world to inform and feed our community's vision. To this end, we will remind ourselves of the work we've done in the past and look into the future opportunities. This will help us navigate the current turbulence and grow our future together.

I look forward to the journey ahead, as I move into my fifth year of ministry with this fabulous congregation. Together, may we continue to thrive and support each other through this time of COVID-19, elections, and changing currents in our world. May all that we share be a living witness to our values and our community, as we move through the year.

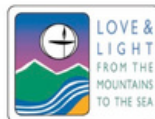
Happy end of summer! I look forward to the year ahead and renewing our commitment to our faith and community.

Peace, Love and Namasté,

Rev. Drew



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Northern New England District
of the Unitarian Universalist Association

The NNED Annual Meeting is coming up on September 26. As we announced in June, we will be holding the meeting online, via Zoom. Here is the schedule for the day:

10am Worship

10:45am Fellowship Time in small groups

11:00am Informal Conversation about
Dissolution of the NNED

12:00pm Break

12:45pm Check in begins for Annual Meeting

1:15pm Annual Meeting

We will end our day with a brief Closing Worship at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting

Anyone is welcome to attend any part of the day, but only delegates certified by the president or minister of their congregation will be able to vote at the Annual Meeting. Presidents and Ministers have received a separate email with instructions on how to credential their delegates.

There is no charge to attend, but you must register ahead to connect to the Zoom meeting.

Minister's Schedule - September 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.

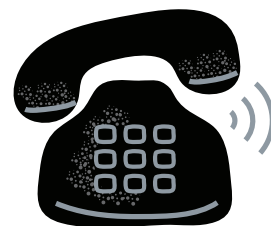
Saturdays - By appointment (ONLINE or by PHONE)

Sundays - (afternoon / evenings by appointment) (ONLINE or by PHONE)

Note: This month, Rev. Drew's office hours will resume starting on September 8.

You can reach Rev. Drew directly at his local UUSB phone number!

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





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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. Please check the weekly e-news and monthly Chalice & Chimes for updates from the UUSB Council.

Contacting the Office

To contact me in the "office," I check email and receive voicemails from 10-2 Tuesday-Friday. I am unable to receive direct calls to the office at home, so please expect a delay in responses. The fastest method is to email and I will pass along the info or reply by email or phone, as you request. When leaving a voicemail, please provide any necessary info.

Primary Communication

Please check the weekly e-news and 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.

Security Update

We will be starting to hand out the new electronic key fobs for building access. If you currently have a key and will need a new one, please contact the office or wait for me to send out key agreements. We will be re-keying the building in the somewhat near future.

Thank You, Volunteers!

I want to say thank you to the people who have offered to help out in the office, when I go on maternity leave in February. It is a huge relief to have time to prepare and know the office will be in good hands!

UPCOMING DEADLINES

CHALICE & CHIMES (OCT. ED.)
SUNDAY 9/20 - SOFT DEADLINE
FRIDAY 9/25 - HARD DEADLINE

E-NEWS (WEEKLY)
THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM
COMMITTEE NOTES FOR COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

"OFFICE" HOURS

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

COUNCIL CRIER

BY WILL SEAVEY

2020 has been like no other year! The Council is tackling the upcoming year head-on to best represent UU Principles and UUSB. We know that UUSB will come out of this challenging time having grown stronger and more energized. There are several areas of high importance for the year and many other things that would take up a whole Chalice and Chimes!

COVID-19 Response - At council we discuss what is happening with COVID-19 nationally, in the state, and the Bangor area. The UUA put out guidance to be cautious on re-opening in-person services and that it could be into 2021. Our monthly discussions are going to lead into a reopening plan as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. Including all proper hygiene standards, worship adjustments, CDC guidance, and congregation feedback. In August, we discussed the uncertainty around what is going to happen in the fall as schools open, people move indoors, and influenza season starts. We are taking a cautious approach and constantly monitoring UUA guidance. We do not have any immediate plans to open the church. Our top priority is the health and safety of all people that attend church, whether in-person or via Zoom.

Visioning Process - At the upcoming council retreat, we will be starting the discussion of what creating a Vision for UUSB would look like. The congregation created the Church Covenant two years ago and we want to keep moving forward. Engagement of all committees and members will make this the best vision for our community. Stay tuned for much more!

Financial Stability & Fundraising - This is an unprecedented time in the U.S. and every part of the economy is having challenges. We have been blessed so far with good pledge collection and a very successful fundraising year in 2019-2020. This church year will have a unique set of challenges for pledges and fundraising that we will need to overcome to stay on budget. We are planning another major raffle fundraiser, but it won't be a Dinner Anywhere in the World!

Equally important are all the social justice issues that are ongoing, and sometimes worsening, in our world. This summer the council approved a Statement on Racial Justice from the Social Justice Committee. UUSB also published a statement about the hate speech written in front of the Congregation Beth Israel in Bangor. We are trying to be as responsive as possible to acts of violence or hate against houses of worship; special thanks to Laurie Cartier and Catherine Foxson for developing this statement.

Other areas of attention include the Northern New England District dissolution vote, UU the Vote, and completing security upgrades. Finally, we would like to thank Gayle Zydlewski and Catherine Foxson for their service on council for the last 3 years. We also welcome our new members to Council: Valerie Carter, Gail Foss, and Kerrie O'Brien.

Council membership this year:

Council Chair: Will Seavey


Vice Chair: rotating monthly council member

Treasurer: Rosemary Parsons

Clerk: Kate Dutra

Council Members: Becky Anderson, Tom Bickford, Valerie Carter, Gail Foss, Francis Grey, Kerrie O'Brien

Thank you all and welcome to a new church year from Council!



TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROSEMARY PARSONS

Treasurer's Report Summary of FY20 and July Report

During Fiscal 2019-2020, we took in more money than we spent, ending with a plus \$3,304. This helps to offset our cumulative deficit from prior years, so it is now **(\$4,822)**. The income amount budgeted was \$230,193 and we took in \$228,586. Expenses budgeted the same totaled \$223,764. So, the expenses decreased more than the income.

During most of the past fiscal year, we were operating as usual, so our major fundraisers took place. Even after the pandemic began, we had a hugely successful auction. I must also thank everyone for paying their pledge. The fulfillment rate was 95%, a figure that shows the commitment of our members and friends.

The Plate donations totaled \$5,997 with a budget of \$6,000. Of that, \$878 went to the food programs and \$2,077 to outside organizations. Building expenses were budgeted at \$30,468 and came in at \$28,540. The only over spending occurred in Administrative Expenses (office, website, housekeeping supplies, etc.) because of our decision to purchase a high-end photocopy machine. The budget was \$5,900 and \$7,390 was spent. Congregational expenses had a budget of \$24,907 and cost \$20,675.

The budget for fiscal 2020-21 was drawn up before the start of the pandemic, so it has income and expenses similar to the past year. One major increase was a raise for Rev Drew, which was certainly deserved. I expect income to be less than the budgeted amount because of reduced fundraising activity, but also building expenses will be less because the building will not be used through the winter. It will be a wait-and-see year.

The report for the July, the first month of the fiscal year is very promising. Before the year started, we received pledge payments of \$16,198, plus a payment for the year of \$4,493 in July for a total of \$20,691 which is 18% of the pledge total of \$117,000. This gives us a tremendous cushion to start the year.

For July, total income was \$33,132 and expenses were \$19,541. There were three payrolls in July, which added \$5,483. A month with three payrolls occurs twice a year. The plate income for July was only \$133. Usually we raise about \$400; I am hoping that we can increase our donations, so that we can donate to the many worthy causes in the area.

The balance in the bank account is \$31,390, plus we have the Payroll Protection Loan, which will be granted for the payroll expenses we have paid since the Pandemic began.

In Service,
Rosemary Parsons, Treasurer

LOOKING AHEAD WITH MEMBERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP

BY KERRIE O'BRIEN

New Options for Membership

Last year, the Membership-Fellowship Committee and Rev. Drew launched new options for friends and visitors who want to consider becoming a member of UUSB. Joining is now possible at any time. The new system consists of (1) completing an information request card, now available online, 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 September 27 and will be held online via ZOOM 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.

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 via Zoom. Whether you are interested in becoming a member, just curious about UUism, or want a refresher, these classes are for all interested parties. If you would like to attend any of the classes, email uubangor@gmail.com. The Fall class takes three hours and will take place on Saturday, November 7th. The Spring class meets twice on consecutive Wednesdays, each lasting about one and a half hours in April.

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.



Ongoing Church Fundraiser Hannaford Grocery Cards

Grocery Cards are still available!
Convenient to carry!
Every purchase helps UUSB!!

Cards are available in
increments of \$25, \$50 or \$100.

Email or call for pick-up or
delivery.

Cash or checks made out to
UUSB are accepted.

Buy for your own grocery
shopping!

Buy cards for gifts!

Buy to donate to a local food
bank!

For purchase and pickup or
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Delivering in the Orono/Old
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WORSHIP WEAVINGS

BY LAURIE CARTIER

Greetings from the Worship Committee.

I'm the recently appointed chair, Laurie Cartier. First thing we'd like to do is give huge kudos to Phyllis Havens, who held the chair position for many years (no one remembers exactly how many!) and led us wonderfully for all that time. Thank you, Phyllis!!

I hope you have been attending the summer Zoom services. I think we have done an amazing job of bringing you interesting, varied and creative services with wonderful music. From Dr. Nirav Shah to UU the Vote, we have done our best to keep you informed and help to make that weekly spiritual connection. It's a lot of work - real team work! - as we learn to navigate Zoom and make a slideshow and all that goes along with both. We appreciate your feedback and ideas (even constructive criticism!). Email me any time at amalauriec@gmail.com.

We are very pleased to announce that there will be a **Worship Associate Training on Saturday, September 19, from 10:00-11:30 AM**. Anyone interested in learning more about being a Worship Associate is more than welcome. As we move forward into the coming church year, we want to be sure we are able to maintain a consistent, qualified team. Even if you don't think you'll end up wanting to actually be a Worship Associate, come to the training to learn more about what we do!

As we move into the coming months and return to themed services, we will be finding ways to work creatively with SE (formerly known as RE) and continuing to do our best to bring you the best spiritual experience we can offer in support of Rev Drew!

From the Worship Committee,

Laurie Cartier, Chair; Tim Martin, Secretary; Jean Adamson, John Arimond, Phyllis Havens, Kim McKeage, and Janel Worcester-Brown



In September, 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 donation to the Soup Kitchen at the Salvation Army, in lieu of making lunches during the pandemic; and our Bag Lunch program, to give lunches for those attending our Bean Suppers.



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





The Soul Matters theme for September is **Renewal**. As we move into this time of year, many of us are restarting our paused activities including jobs, school, and church activities. It is coming into focus that the way we used to do things might not fit into the current model. As you and your families move through the month of September, with all its adjustments, let us be mindful that we are all in this together - we've got each other's backs! We are all finding ways to fit new customs, new ways of learning, and new rhythms into our lives. May this sense of solidarity RENEW your hope.

We'd like to share that we are shifting our youth programming name from "Religious Education" to Spiritual Exploration to better reflect our mission. You will see this new terminology throughout our literature, website, FB presence, and other online communications, though we request that you be patient as we all shift into this new terminology.

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We are so looking forward to having our children and youth participate in our Spiritual Exploration Experience - **SEE** - this Fall!

We are excited to *SEE* together - *SEE* into our own hearts, minds, and spirits. *SEE* things from another's point of view. *SEE* what we can do to make our world a better place. *SEE* how love can change the world we live in.



For at least the first session of our programming year, September 20th thru December 27th, we are going to have a mash-up of Zoom-Room Classrooms (@11:15AM - Noon-ish); Outdoor, Covid-Conscious, In-person Events (Dates & Times TBA); as well as monthly All-Ages Zoom Church services (@10AM) meant to pique the curious mind, no matter your age. Due to the complexities of planning in this COVID age, we will be looking for your feedback on how this first session worked out for you and your families, so we can creatively and conscientiously plan for the next phase of the church year. Please email feedback, call, or join one of our monthly S.E.A.L. (formerly R.E.A.L.) meetings.

This year, we will be sharing a variety of online experiences, so we need to know how to get links, curricula, and supplies to our families. Registering for our program will help us streamline our communication experience. Please take a moment to register your children and youth for UUSB's Spiritual Exploration Experience. Registering will allow access to our online Zoom-Rooms, provide you information about upcoming outdoor, Covid-Conscious Events, as well the ability to sign up for a physical or online copy of Soulful Home, a thematic monthly mailing full of cool activities for your family to participate in.

The link to REGISTER: <https://forms.gle/NwSEun3cUexAVuwn6>

In comm-UU-nity,

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

Karen Childs
UUSB Director of Spiritual Exploration
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Youth SE First Session Schedule

Sunday, Sept 20 - 1st day of SEE - Welcome Back, Park Clean Up, Picnic

- Outdoor Family Event - 11:30AM, location TBA

Sunday, Sept 27 - Zoom-Rooms - Online - 11:15AM

Saturday or Sunday, Oct 3 or 4th - Apple Chapel (Date & Time TBA)

- Outdoor Family Event - 5 Laurel Circle (Karen's yard)

Sunday, Oct 4th - All Church Zoom - Online - 10AM

Sunday, Oct 11th - TBA

Sunday, Oct 18th - Zoom-Rooms - Online - 11:15AM

Sunday, Oct 25th - Zoom-Rooms - Online - 11:15AM

Sunday, Nov 1 - All Church Zoom - Online - 10AM

Sunday, Nov 8 - Zoom-Rooms - Online - 11:15AM

Sunday, Nov 15 - Zoom-Rooms - Online - 11:15AM

Sunday, Nov 22 - Outdoor Family Event - (Place & Time TBA)

Sunday, Nov 29 - NO Classes

Sunday, Dec 6 - All Church Zoom - Online - 10AM

Sunday, Dec 13 - Zoom-Rooms - Online - 11:15AM

Sunday, Dec 20 - Zoom-Rooms - Online - 11:15AM

Sunday, Dec 27- NO Classes

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Though changes may happen, so please keep up to date through the UUSB Google Calendar, our SEE Google Calendar, or our UUSB Community FB Page.

Soul Searchers: Reflections on Racism, Privilege, & Healing **A New Year-Long Spiritual Exploration Series**

The issue of conditioned racism has led to many evils in our society and has affected our societal and spiritual well being. Talking about these issues can be hard. Talking about these issues is necessary if we are to grow and recognize our conditioning and develop a strategy to remove/decolonize some of those internal biases.

This Soul Searchers group, led by Rev. Drew and others, is a year-long program mixing a large group, small groups, and sincere individual reflections that seeks to provide the sacred space of the beloved community. We will focus on uncovering our own experiences and struggles with racial bias in a mindful and non-judgmental way to help us become more Woke and more sensitive to the power of racial bias in our hearts and minds. Our goal is to help each other develop skills to examine our assumptions and biases around racial issues, work towards becoming skilled practitioners of anti-racism and anti-oppression, and become healers of racial harm.

Join Rev. Drew and others on Sunday, September 27 at 1:00 PM on Zoom for an overview of this program.

Owing to the nature of this work, we ask that participants make a year-long commitment, October through May, which will include:

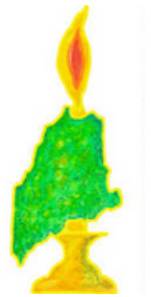
- a monthly large group meeting, usually a Sunday afternoon, for 1.5 hours
- a monthly small group meeting of 5-6 people, day & time decided by the small group, for 1.5 hours
- weekly journaling with prompts on one's own relationship with issues of race and privilege

Please attend the informational workshop on September 27 and consider committing to this series.

If you have questions about this program, please contact Rev. Drew by email. If you wish to sign up for the program, please contact Christine in the UUSB office.

Now or Never: UU the Vote Maine

MUUSAN Zoom Meeting
Saturday, September 12
10:00-11:30 AM
Register ahead online.



UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray proclaims that voter mobilization is more than political. For Unitarian Universalists, this is a faithful, moral action because democracy and the right for all to have a voice and a vote are at the very heart of our Seven Principles.

MUUSAN's statewide electoral justice initiative is engaging Maine congregations to show up and make a difference on the November elections.

Hear how your UUtheVote congregational liaisons are collaborating, inspiring, and mobilizing voter education and registration actions. Learn from our statewide partners about voter engagement opportunities you and your church can leverage during this pandemic. And share with each other your own ideas and willingness to volunteer.

Special Guest Speakers:

Tracy Haskell, MUUSAN Congregational Liaison for the UU Society of Bangor, whose reflection will boldly inspire Courageous Conversations to Change the World

Sue Ellen Bordwell, MUUSAN's statewide volunteer UUtheVote coordinator, will highlight the variety of voter mobilization activities our Maine churches are pursuing, including some UUtheVote national calls for action

Evan Tess Murray & Lane Sturtevant, Organizers for Maine League of Women Voters will update us on their robust statewide text banking initiative

Rev. Christina Sillari, minister of First Parish Portland and Maine Poor People's Coordinating Committee will update us on interfaith volunteer training and action opportunities

And we will reserve time for small breakout discussions where you can connect with Congregational Liaisons and explore your own ideas and possibilities for electoral justice engagement.

It's Now or Never: the Election is less than two months away!

Wanted: UUSB Holiday Gift Basket Team



With COVID-19 changing so much about how we meet, we need a Holiday Gift Basket Team to create a new, improved Virtual Online Auction.

No yard sale selections to pick from. No cruising and touching the baskets. A limited premier selection of the best sellers through the years and more.

We'll have a list of possible baskets you can create at home and you may have one that you've already got percolating- like 2019's sewing basket by Laurie Cartier or Tim and Judy Martin's honey basket from this past year. We had some real bidding wars over the two cat baskets offered last December.

Safe delivery included to you or someone you love.

Let's get this team together, so we can create our list and raise some money for UUSB!

Contact Suzanne Kelly: call 745-3157 or e-mail suziekrm@gmail.com. We'll have our first virtual meeting in September. Date and time to be determined.

Holiday Wreath & Swag Sale

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we will still be having our annual wreath and swag sale! There will be a few changes:

All wreaths and swags will be **pre-order only!**

Wreaths will be **\$20** each.

Swags will be **\$10** each.

You can pick up your wreaths and swags on

December 5th from **10:00-12:00** at the **Dorothy doors**.



We may not be able to have quite as much fun, with a smaller team of decorators and social distancing, but we want to keep as much holiday cheer as possible for everyone who wants to purchase a UUSB holiday wreath!

Great Pumpkin Yard Sale Cancelled for 2020



To maintain social distancing guidelines and keep our community safe, we have decided that the Great Pumpkin Yard Sale will be cancelled this year.

Keep an eye out for our other great FUNdraising opportunities throughout the year, as we get creative in supporting UUSB!

COMMUNITY CORNER

Greetings from the Membership-Fellowship Committee and welcome to our first Community Corner!

At our July meeting (via Zoom, of course), we discussed some ideas for helping us all stay in touch with one another as we move into the fall and continue worship services online. We miss greeting you as you enter the sanctuary and chatting before services and during coffee hour. The chat groups after Zoom services are great, but we only get to chat with a few people for just a few minutes. So we came up with the CommUUnity Corner, a place where you can share your news (and maybe a little gossip) and read about what others in our UUSB community have been doing.

To submit for the CommUUnity Corner, all you have to do is send an email to cathyelliott25@gmail.com or snail mail to Cathy Elliott, 25 Griffin Ave, Hampden, ME 04444 with your news – a sentence or two will do, and if you have a photo you would like to include please send that along as well. It will appear in the weekly e-news, in the Chalice & Chimes, or in the UUSB website blog, depending on how many submissions we receive.

To get us started, here is what some of the members of the M-F Committee have been up to:

Gail Bickford: Hello, Gail Bickford here. My COVID life has been interesting, challenging, easy, relaxing, crazy, and busy. How can a time be all of those at once?! In the early days, my goal was to do house projects with what I had. Rooms got painted, closets cleaned and organized, and lots of yard work completed. I have been thrilled to see so many butterflies this year. Perhaps my favorite moments have been in my kayak. I have explored many rivers, ponds, and lakes, all within a short distance from home. Being on the water has brought much comfort and joy. My helpful hint is to set one small goal each day. Suddenly your day has purpose. By setting one, it keeps life a little less complicated. Happy, healthy days to you.

Cathy Elliott: Mark and I have gone camping a couple of times this summer, first to Mount Blue State Park, where we hiked Tumbledown Mountain and paddled Webb Lake. Our second trip was to Cobscook Bay State Park, where we joined our son Aaron and his wife Morgan for more paddling and hiking. We have at least one more trip in the works, maybe two. The garden is producing a great bounty, keeping me busy canning and freezing. Mark has been able to get out to do some field work, which is always a great change from being on the computer all day. Stay well everyone!!

Tim and Judy Martin: Tim and Judy Martin have been beating the summer heat by enjoying the fruits (and mostly vegetables) of Community Supported Agriculture. Judy says that if she doesn't get a full-fat jelly doughnut soon, she is going to die. Tim is trying to restore his shop in the cellar back to its original configurations, since the spray-foam guys left. It is the first circle of Hell and it is hopeless. But, at least it's cool down there. Stay safe and be well, everyone.

COMMUNITY CORNER (CONT.)

Keirie O'Brien: Greetings all from the Crazy Cat Lady, Keirie. I am still working from home and caring for Grammie in my off hours. She and all of my fur babies are enjoying having me here all the time. This summer certainly has been much different than past ones. I have managed to get one lovely camping trip in, over the 4th of July. While there, we also went for an amazing lazy tubing venture down the Saco River. I highly recommend lazy tubing!! Stay safe and healthy dear ones!

Evan and Joan Richert: Greetings from Brewer! Normally by this time in the summer, we would have been to several bluegrass festivals and workshops, played with old friends there, and heard great music. All canceled. So we're hopping in our RV to visit a couple of festival friends in NH, park in their driveway, be completely self-contained, like at a campground, and play music with them 10 feet apart. Looking forward to it. Hope all of you are finding ways to do your summer thing!



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.

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a word search for september

Renewal!

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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 us on Zoom to check in and find support. 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, September 13 @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. Since December 2019, we've collected over 1,600 lbs. of food!

Sunday, September 27 @11:30 AM

Tea with Rev. Drew

Join Rev. Drew and some of our Membership-Fellowship Committee for the first 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.

Saturday, September 19 @10:00 AM

Worship Associate Training

Join Rev. Drew, Laurie Cartier, and Phyllis Havens and learn what it means to be a Worship Associate and what they do. Whether you are just curious or you want to join the worship team, you are welcome to attend. So, we hope that if you want to know more, you will attend this training. To attend the workshop (and get the Zoom link!) please email Laurie Cartier at amalauriec@gmail.com or call 207.944.0650. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, September 26 @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.

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SEPTEMBER

UUSB CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7:00 PM Chalice Side Chat	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 AM Service	7	8 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Chalice Side Chat	9 Committee Reports Due 6:30 PM Membership-Fellowship	10 6:30 PM Executive Committee	11 10:00 AM B&F Cmte	12 9:00 AM UUSB Leadership Retreat
13 10:00 AM Service 12:00 PM Ringing Bells & Feeding Souls	14	15 7:00 PM Chalice Side Chat	16 6:30 PM Council Meeting	17	18	19 10:00 AM Worship Associate Training
20 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM SE Outdoors 11:45 AM Social Justice	21	22 C&C Soft Deadline 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Chalice Side Chat	23 5:30 PM Worship Cmte	24	25 C&C Hard Deadline	26 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Bean Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper NNED Annual
27 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Minister's Tea 1:00 PM Soul Searchers	28	29 7:00 PM Chalice Side Chat	30	<p>All Meetings & Services are currently being held on Zoom until further notice.</p> <p>Please subscribe to our newsletter or join the UUSB community group on Facebook to get up-to-date info on meetings and services.</p>		

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*

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Will Seavey, Chair
Kate Dutra, Clerk
Rosemary Parsons, Treasurer
Becky Anderson
Tom Bickford
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Francis Grey
Kerrie O'Brien

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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: September 25, 2020

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