

CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

JANUARY 2021

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

During January, 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 "**Imagination.**"

January 3 - All Congregation Worship - This Sunday we will our all congregation worship (ACW) model that we involve more interaction and society discussion around the topic of Imagination. The service will feature an extended story and a couple opportunities everyone to reflect, discuss, and share their creative side by "imagining" the ultimate fairy house. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller, with Karen Childs as our worship associate, Laurie Cartier as our Zoom tech, and music provided by Molly J. Webster and Sojourner Hodges Crowley.

January 10 - Epiphanies & Other Dilemmas - The new year is full of infinite possibility. Our service will examine the concept of 'calling,' intention and inconvenient truths that are part of our lives as we imagine the new year ahead. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller, with Phyllis Havens as our worship associate, LyAnn Grogan as our Zoom tech, and music provided by Molly J. Webster and Sojourner Hodges Crowley.

January 17 - Honoring the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King - This MLK Sunday, our service will focus on the vision and imagination of Rev. Dr. MLK and his living legacy and inspiration. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller, with Laurie Cartier as our worship associate, John Arimond as our Zoom tech, and music by Molly J. Webster, Sojourner Hodges Crowley, and the UUSB choir.

January 24 - Guest Speaker: James Roberts - This service will be led by our guest speaker James Roberts, with Vyvyenne Ritchie and Phyllis Havens as our worship associates, Laurie Cartier as our Zoom tech, and music provided by Molly J. Webster and Sojourner Hodges Crowley.

January 31 - TBA - This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller, with John Arimond as our worship associate, and music provided by Molly J. Webster and Sojourner Hodges Crowley.

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Dear Ones,

In my conversations over the last month or so, I've heard many people who are very happy to see the year 2020 end. After all, it has been a year that has been very taxing on our being - from all the ripple effects of a worldwide pandemic to the flaring-up of political, racial, and social unrest. Much has happened, many lives have been lost, and there seems to be a growing over-abundance of suffering worldwide.

Reflecting on this past year, I, too, feel a bit of heaviness in my soul. I also remain somewhat in awe of the amount of imagination, creativity, and dedicated effort that has happened in our community as we have gone about re-imagining our world. Even with restrictions on physical gathering, mask-wearing, and extra handwashing, we, as a congregation, have found creative ways to continue to support and nurture and grow our faith while staying true to our principles.

Think about it! A year ago, if we said we were going to host all our worship services and committee meetings electronically, I would have said, "I doubt it." Here are some of our milestones:

- in less than a year, we have transitioned to holding engaging online Zoom worship services,
- we've enhanced and transformed our Spiritual Exploration programs for our young people and adults
- we have held several successful online FUNdraisers
- we gathered over 2,880 pounds of food for the local food bank and provided community chimes concerts for Bangor monthly
- many of our social justice committee members have worked locally to get out the vote and partnered with UUA efforts to "UU the Vote."

- we have also welcomed new members to our congregation who know us primarily by our online activities - having never set foot in our building before joining.

It's hard to imagine that these things would never have happened the way they have without the COVID-19 pandemic. While I am grateful for all the ways we have grown as a community and supported each other this past year, it's important to remember that they have come with a cost. 1.8 million people around the world have lost their lives to this pandemic. We have willingly given up some of our freedoms to make the world safer. For some giving up these freedoms feels like an act of loving-kindness, while for others, COVID restrictions feel like an unbearable burden. For most of us, I would guess our response is a mix.

"Necessity is the mother of invention," says the wisdom attributed to Plato in *The Republic*. One of the things that I continue to be grateful for as we head into the new year is our faith and faith community that embraces and is willing to adapt to change; be it in relation to a new pandemic, a new awareness of white privilege and exclusive behavior, or theological understanding of ourselves and our place in the cosmos.

Even as we are weary spiritually, mentally, and physically as we head into the new year, may we find ways to continue to nurture ourselves and embrace the hope of a COVID-less world, even as we mourn the many losses.

May we also continue to remain open to the imaginative qualities of a free faith that is adaptable and transformative, even in the face of challenge and loss.

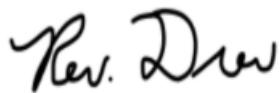
"A pile of rocks..." says Antoine de Saint-Exupery, "ceases to be a rock pile when somebody contemplates it with the idea of a cathedral in mind."

DREW'S VIEWS

(CONT.)

May that spirit hold us and feed our imaginations as we move into the New Year together, creating new possibilities of interconnection and love.

Namasté,



Rev. Drew



Photo by Annie Spratt
via Unsplash

Mindfulness Meditation

Returns
Jan 19

The UUSB Mindfulness Meditation group will resume on January 19th 5:45 - 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Mindfulness meditation is a wonderful skill for dealing with stress, improving self awareness, and developing kindness and compassion. Join Rev. Drew and this open meditation circle of seekers as we explore the wisdom of mindfulness and continue to develop your meditation practice with a community of supportive learners.

The group is open to all. There is no need to register - though first-timers are encouraged to check-in with Rev. Drew (drewuu2@gmail.com) beforehand to learn more about the process of the group.

Minister's Schedule - January 2021

Rev. Drew along with other UUSB staff will be working from home, until social distancing measures are withdrawn. He is reachable during the office hours listed below either online or via phone.

Mon - Minister's Sabbath Day (day off)

Tues - 12 to 2 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.

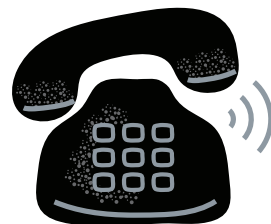
Saturdays - By appointment (ONLINE or by PHONE)

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

Note: Rev. Drew will be taking his regular Sunday off **January 24**.

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.

The Countdown to Baby...

I will be going on family leave for the arrival of my new baby in February, starting on February 12. Karen Childs, our amazing Director of SE, will be stepping in to fill the gap, until I return in April.

While I am gone, Karen will have access to all the regular forms of communication, but please be aware of the transition and aware of the extra time required for sharing information,

My leave will begin shortly after we re-key the UUSB building and it will be absolutely necessary to fill out paperwork and return it to pick up your new key fob or you will not have access to the UUSB building.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

CHALICE & CHIMES (JAN. ED.)
WEDNESDAY 1/20 - SOFT DEADLINE
MONDAY 1/25 - HARD DEADLINE

E-NEWS (WEEKLY)
THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM
COMMITTEE NOTES FOR COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

"OFFICE" HOURS

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

COUNCIL CRIER

BY KERRIE O'BRIEN

The Council had Mike Grondin as our guest this month to give us some updates from Budget & Finance. There are some financial concerns; there are some pledges that haven't been paid at all and some that aren't coming in as regularly as they have in the past. There have been some expensive repairs to the building, and some repairs that are still needed which is putting Buildings and Grounds over budget. They are looking into the use of Capital Funds and some of the PPP money to help out.

We discussed the latest updates on COVID and where we stand currently. There is some hope with the new, very effective vaccines starting to be administered. We know it will still be awhile before we are all able to be back in the Sanctuary together, but we are all very hopeful that will happen in 2021, although, likely not until late summer or fall.

Reminder to all Committee Chairs to send in their Monthly Meeting Minutes and any Committee Reports to uusbclerd@gmail.com and uubangor@gmail.com each month for archival purposes.

Huge Success with the Gift Basket FUNdraiser!

On December 12th, the UUSB Basket sales took on a new and incredible life of its own. Normally the baskets are put together by a group at church and are placed out for two or three weekends for folks to do silent bidding on. Most of us have seen it, we walk around, check out a basket and put our name and bid down on the bottom of a list of ever growing bids.

But this year, with the ongoing pandemic and the inability to meet together and have service together, something new happened. The organizers of the Basket sales decided to hold an online auction via Zoom. Zooming away just like we do for our Sunday service.

Will people show up? The mantra of any event organizer, but the group did an awesome job with all of the preliminary footwork. There was a great and colorful 17 page online document to see what each basket looked like as well as a list of all the things that were being offered.

It was also set up as a Facebook event and garnered lots of interest there. The organizers made sure the pictures and the writeups were enticing and accurate and it showed in the quality of the whole process.

But will people show up? And the answer was... yes they did. I counted 50 Zoom connections in the list on Saturday and many of those had more than one person attending!

And did they bid? Yes, they did! With 33 baskets (and one extra surprise basket at the end), the committee brought in \$3,000, which I would hazard to guess is more than any other Basket sale/auction the church has held before (last year we made about \$1,800).

Bidding went super smooth with Sue McKay as the auctioneer and folks either entering their bids in the Zoom chat window or those on the phone calling them out. Sometimes the bids would come in so fast, poor Sue was having a hard time keeping ahead of them. And with 33 baskets to auction, you might have thought it would take a long time, but no, the whole auction only took 90 minutes!

Again, an amazing job between all the footwork to recruit for the baskets; get everything put together into great presentable baskets; make the PDF document to send out to everyone; get it on FaceBook; make the slideshow for the online auction display; and then run it smoothly and cleanly in just 90 minutes!

This is what it looks like when members of our community band together, even when apart, and not only did folks come away with some wonderful baskets to either keep or give away as presents, but for those who didn't, it was still fun to watch and maybe throw in a bid even if you didn't win it.

Thank you to Suzanne Kelly, Sue McKay, Cathy Elliot, Cindy Todd, Judy and Tim Martin, Kate Dutra and Kerrie O'Brien for making this happen for our community. We just wanted to know we appreciate all you did. And thank you to all the people who donated items for the baskets.

Tom Bickford



Open Mic Night LIVE!
presented by
UUSB CoffeeHouse
Every Monday
7:00-9:00PM
on Zoom

Want to share a song or two? Or just hang out in the ZoomRoom and enjoy the talents of our amazing musical line up??

Please email Karen Childs at for the Zoom login info at karenchilds75@gmail.com.

Chalice Side Chat

Every Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Join Rev. Drew and other members of our community each week on Zoom. Each session is a chance to offer and receive support and check in with those we miss seeing in person.

Please check your weekly e-news and Sunday morning service reminders/announcements for login info. If you are not signed up for the e-news, please email uubangor@gmail.com.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROSEMARY PARSONS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF **November** written in December. This report covers 42% of the year.

Total income for the month of November was \$13,845. Expenses were \$17,483 leaving a net balance of (\$3,638) for the month. The net income for the 5 months ending 11/30/20 is \$5,622.

November income included pledge of \$8,951. Total pledges received through 11/30/20 is \$62,553 representing 53.5% of the budget. To keep on track, monthly pledges need to average \$7,778. We had a great month for plate donations: \$442. Half of that amount was sent to the Penquis Fuel Assistance Program. Total Income for 5 months was 39.8% of the budget.

VANCO payments came from 17 people totaling \$2,140.60 gross in all categories with a net of \$2,081.35. Fees were \$59.25 and the offset paid in was \$46.60. VANCO is very convenient, but mailing a check is cheaper (says a penny pincher).

The November checking account balance was \$17,389, down \$3,164 from October's \$20,553.

Expenses for the month break down as \$12,264 for Personnel, \$2,856 for Building, \$837 Fair Share to the UUA, \$100 Administrative and \$1,426 for Congregational expenses. Total expenses for 5 months were 34.7% of the budget.

Our financial situation is good at this time. However, we do not know the outcome of our two largest fundraisers: the Raffle which was budgeted for an income of \$18,000 and the Spring Auction budgeted for \$6,500.

In December, I completed the application to convert our Payroll Protection Program Loan into a grant. Review will take 3-4 weeks, and then we will have the \$23,500 to spend for expenses.



The Financial Stewardship Committee has started working on the upcoming Pledge Campaign for fiscal year 2021-2022 and we're very excited to share with you that our theme will be:

UUSB Zooming Forward... Paving the Road Ahead!

It's more important than ever to give thought to envisioning our path forward in this changed world, and how important our pledge of financial support will be to making those visions become a reality.

Pledge Sunday will be March 7th, so mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details on this exciting event!

If you have any questions or if you are interested in joining us as we plan out this campaign, please contact anyone from the Financial Stewardship Committee: Amy Starkey-Lam, Mike Lam, Connie McVey or Phyllis Havens.

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 January 17 and will be held online via ZOOM due to COVID-19.** The next New to UU Class will be held April 7 and 14 from 6:30-8:30 PM 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 22. 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.

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 January 17 at 11:30 and will be held online via ZOOM due to COVID-19.** If you are interested in attending, please email uubangor@gmail.com.



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

We can't gather in the Dorothy for Fellowship Hour, but we can keep in touch in other ways. We asked some folks to tell us what hobbies or skills they have honed during the pandemic. Here is what we learned. If you would like to share what you have been up to, in 75 words or less, send your story to cathylliott25@gmail.com. Thanks!

Gift Basket AUCTION

Thank You for a Successful Auction!!!

Who knew that a virtual gift basket auction could be so much fun and such a success?!

We were thirsty for a way to get our UUSB community together and there were 60+ of us who showed up to bid, watch and interject humor into the evening. Through the years (let's say at least 10 years), we have had fun spreading out the questionable bounty from the October UUSB yard sale and transforming it into interesting, gently used "masterpieces"; taking an often surprising collection of hodge-podge and watching folks elbow each other out of the way for a final bid on a favorite. But, never a success like this year's zoom extravaganza!

Our core committee began by brainstorming favorites from years past, adding a few more and requesting entries from UUSB committees and individuals. What an array: from an "all snowed in boredom buster" from the Cashman family to a "sweetness" basket from the choir and, the big shocker of the evening, Cathy Elliott's delectable "gifts from the garden" garnering \$260. Yikes! There was not a loser in the bunch.

We raised a bit over \$3000. The top amount from previous gift basket auctions was \$1800 in 2019. Special thanks go to Cathy Elliott for her outstanding expertise in creating a power point presentation for the event and, of course, our own stellar auctioneer, Sue McKay, for making it all fun and fabulous. So, put on your thinking caps and start saving items and ideas for next year.

Gift Basket Committee,
Suzanne Kelly, Cathy Elliott, Judy Martin, Sue McKay, Cindy Todd, Kerrie O'Brien, & Kate Dutra



Photo of the Holiday Dinner in a Basket
made by Judy Martin

**Buy Groceries,
Support UUSB**



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 delivery, contact:

Tim & Judy Martin

942-2696,

jamandtim@myfairpoint.net

10 Highland Ct off Union St.

OR delivery ANYWHERE.

Rosemary Parsons

327-1045

roxemary@gmail.com.

Delivering in the Orono/Old Town/Hudson area.

Cards are also available at the monthly Ringing Bells & Feeding Souls events. The next will be December 13th at 12:00.



Ringing Bells *and* Feeding Souls

January 10 at 12:00 PM

Open Air Chimes Concert & Food Collection



On Sunday, January 10th, UUSB will once again host our Second Sunday Food Drive and Open Air Concert, the church's monthly community food collection, from 12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m. There will be drop off bins on the Park Street sidewalk in front of the church for those wishing to donate. Winter is coming, but UUSB's second Sunday food collection and chimes concert will go on. Worried about icy sidewalks? Don't be. Just drive by 120 Park Street, and wait in the comfort of your vehicle while someone takes your donation and places it in the bins. Crack a window and enjoy the chimes.

In addition, from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m., the church will offer a 30-minute bell/chimes concert from the church's historic bell tower. One of only 6 genuine tower bell instruments in Maine, and the only manually-played chime in Bangor (installed 1919), the 10-bell, Meneely "C Chime" instrument will be played.

We invite all within the Bangor community to step outside and take a listen. You are welcome to enjoy from the church lawn and surrounding areas, but please be absolutely certain to observe social distancing practices of at least 6 feet, or listen from the comfort of your enclosed car. People driving by or listening outside should wear cloth masks for the safety of all.

The food donations will be contributed to the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Bangor. So far this year, this curbside food drive has collected over 2,000 pounds of food.

As winter is here and the weather is ever changing, we wanted to let you know that we can change things if the weather is bad for the Ringing of Bells and Feeding of Souls. If conditions make it difficult for you to get out of your car to drop of food items, you can drive down to the parking spot at the base of the church and Tim and Judy will have the bins in their vehicle and will take them from yours. Stay safe out there but please continue to bring in these much needed items and stick around and listen to the beautiful bells being played! Happy winter, and be safe out there.



SHARE THE PLATE



In January, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to Faith Linking in Action, one of the programs associated with Food AND Medicine. FLIA works with local faith groups to help address the reasons people fall into and get stuck in poverty. UUSB has worked with FLIA and Food AND Medicine for many years to help improve the Bangor area's access to food, housing, and more.

In November, we were able to share \$221 with Penquis CAP's LiHEAP program. And, in December, we shared our plate with the UUSB Food Security Programs.

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 January is **Imagination**. This month let us challenge ourselves to use our imagination to realize the possibilities that this year holds for us! We can use our imagination to play and create, to shift and shape, to comprehend and re-vision the world we live in. As the national administration begins to switch over and with a vaccine on its way out to the masses, may we feel the spirit of renewal, spread love and joy throughout our communities, and be inspired by our Principles to bring our wildest imaginations to fruition in this new year.

Be sure to check your inboxes or your mailboxes for this month's edition of *Soulful Home* - a newsletter chock-full of fun games, activities, and conversation starters for you and your family.



We have been so blessed to have the tech available for our youth programs to continue during quarantine times. We are looking forward to continuing our online programming through the winter months. If you have yet to register your family for our Spiritual Exploration Program, please consider doing so. It provides us with much needed contact information to keep you up to date with links, programming schedules, and our *Soulful Home* newsletter.

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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Schedule changes happen - please keep up to date through the [UUSB Google Calendar](#), our [SEE Google Calendar](#), our [UUSB Community FB Page](#), or our all new [SEE Community Page](#).



Spiritual Exploration Experience



Winter Schedule: 

Nov 29th - NO CLASSES
Dec 6th - **All Church Experience (ACE)** - Zoom - 10AM
Dec 13th - **ZoomRooms** - Online - 11:15AM
Dec 20th - **Outdoor Family Event: Solstice Walk**
Noon - 1:30PM - Location TBA
Dec 27th - NO CLASSES

Jan 3rd - **All Church Experience (ACE)** - Zoom - 10AM
Jan 10th - **Outdoor Family Event: TBA**
Jan 17th - **ZoomRooms** - Online - 11:15AM
Jan 24th - NO CLASSES
Jan 31st - **ZoomRooms** - Online - 11:15AM

Feb 7th - **All Church Experience (ACE)** - Zoom - 10AM
Feb 14th - **ZoomRooms** - Online - 11:15AM
Feb 21st - NO CLASSES
Feb 28th - **ZoomRooms** - Online - 11:15AM

March 7th - **All Church Experience (ACE)** - Zoom - 10AM





SOLIDARITY HARVEST 2020



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.



On November 22, 2020, we gathered at Food & Medicine in Brewer to help sort and stack and give out food boxes to those in need in this holiday season!

To keep our friends safe during this era of COVID restrictions, we had to spread our group out into two shifts!! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers to came out on this beautiful day to help out!



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.

Mondays @7:00 PM

Zoom Open Mic

Join our online CoffeeHouse Open Mic for some community music every Monday. To receive the login info, please email karenchilds75@gmail.com.

Tuesdays @5:45 PM

Mindfulness Meditation Group

Join Rev. Drew for the return of our regular Mindfulness (Vipassana) Meditation Group. The group will meet via Zoom starting January 19.

Tuesdays @7:30 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, January 10 @12:00 PM

Ringing 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 2,800 lbs. of food!

Sunday, December 17 @11:30 AM

Minister's Tea

Join Rev. Drew and Membership committee members for a casual time to ask questions and learn about UUSB, UUism, and fill one of the membership requirements.

Saturday, January 23 @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.

Saturday, January 30 @4:00 PM

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JANUARY

UUSB CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 10:00 AM Service	4 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic	5 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat	6	7 6:00 PM Zoom Choir	8	9 9:00 AM MUUSAN Network Meeting
10 10:00 AM Service 12:00 PM Food Drive 2:00 PM SEE Winter Walk & Bonfire	11 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic	12 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat	13 Committee Reports Due 6:30 PM Membership- Fellowship	14 6:00 PM Zoom Choir 6:30 PM Executive Committee	15 10:00 AM Budget & Finance	16
17 10:00 AM Service 11:15 AM SEE Zoom 11:30 AM Minister's Tea 11:45 PM Social Justice 1:00 PM MMYG	18 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic	19 5:45 PM Meditation 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat	20 C&C Soft Deadline 2:00 PM Pastoral Care Team 6:30 PM Council Meeting	21 6:00 PM Zoom Choir 7:45 PM Comm. Cmte	22	23 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Bean Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
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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:

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

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: January 25, 2020

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