

# CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

APRIL 2021

## THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

During April, our worship services will continue being held online via Zoom. Please follow the weekly E-News and UUSB Facebook group for login information for each service with a unique login code.

Our theme for April is "Becoming"

**April 4** - "Becoming Easter" - Easter is a time of refocusing and being reborn into that which we wish to become. Join our All Society / Intergenerational worship, where we will discussing and examining the holiday of Easter through the lens of our monthly theme of becoming.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Drew and Karen Childs; Music: Molly J. Webster & Sojourner Hodges-Crowley; Zoom Tech: Jennifer Rodgeriez

**April 11** - "Come Yet Again Come" - Riffing off of the famous poem by the Jalāl ad-Dīn Mohammad Rūmī, we will explore the theme of "becoming" through empathy, kindness, and compassion for living our faith and values and creating space for other to do so as well.

Worship Leader: Rev. Drew, worship leader; Worship Associate: John Arimond; Music: Molly J. Webster and Sojourner Hodges-Crowley; Zoom Tech: Jennifer Rodgeriez

**April 18** - Earth Day Service on Activism. Join us with guest speaker Dr. Sonja Birthisel, Director of The Wilson Center and YAWP (Young Adults with Pizzazz) leader at the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono. Just returning from an exceptional journey protesting the Line 3 pipeline at a worksite in Gowan, MN, she will speak on activism and making a difference on Earth Day and every day.

Worship Leaders: Dr. Sonja Birthisel; Worship Associate: Laurie Cartier; Music: Molly J. Webster and Sojourner Hodges-Crowley; Zoom Tech: Jennifer Rodgeriez; (Rev. Drew's Sunday Off)

**April 25** - "New Member Sunday" Join Rev. Drew and our Membership Fellowship Committee as we welcome newcomers into membership in our community. Worship Leader: TBD

Worship Associate: Phyllis Havens; Music: Molly J. Webster; Zoom Tech: Lynn Grogan

Note: May's worship theme is "*The Power of Story*". Please let Rev. Drew or Molly Webster or a member of the Worship Committee know if you have suggestions of readings, stories, or music you'd like us to consider to include in April worship.

Thanks to those who offered suggestions for January's worship services.



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Dear Ones,

I have walked by an old bronze plaque in our sanctuary for the last five years and never fully noticed it. However, about a month ago, while setting up for a Sunday worship service, the plaque caught my eye.

The plaque announces the founding of our congregation over 203 years ago. The plaque reads:

"Whereas, the peace and good order of society depend in a great measure upon the harmony existing between the various denominations of religious people, and whereas it is provided by the constitution of this Commonwealth that there shall be no subordination of one religious sect or denomination to another, and whereas in opinion, the sentiments and conduct of the present Congregational Society in the town of Bangor are uncharitable, intolerant, and oppressive, establishing a religious test, and to destroy that quiet, peace and harmony which is of essential importance to the well-being of mankind: Therefore, We whose names are undersigned, desirous of preventing the evils which necessarily result from the conduct aforementioned, and of promoting religion upon the consistent and liberal principles, do hereby agree to form ourselves into society, to be called the Independent Congregational Society in Bangor."

It's hard to imagine all the hopes and dreams bound up in that statement by the twenty-one founding members of our congregation. The statement tells a little something about what those founding members valued and what they wanted to become.

A lot has happened since that Day in March over two-hundred and three years since our congregations birth: Maine became the twenty-third state, repeated genocides against indigenous peoples in our country, Civil War and emancipation of slaves, reconstruction, women's suffrage, the great depression, two World Wars, pandemics, industrialization and urbanization, the founding of the United Nations,

the voter's rights act, Vatican II, the merger of the Unitarians and the Universalists, human beings landing on the moon, LGBTQ+ rights and all sorts of changes in medicine, sanitation, technology, and globalization.

Our congregation has taken on many forms throughout all these changes, from the Independent Congregational Society (ICS) in Bangor to the splitting off of the First Universalist Society (FUS) in 1833, and the rejoining of these congregations in 1995.\*

All along the way, our congregation actively engaged in the process of becoming. As the times changed, there are ways we have become something new, even while we continue to embrace some of the original sentiments of our fore-parents. There are some fundamental things that we hold onto, like religious freedom, individual conscience, and a belief in shared leadership and democratic process. These are the enduring values of our faith. And within the context of those values, there is still space for movement and growth.

This month in honor of Spring, we explore the spiritual and natural trait of becoming. The circle of life of which we are apart reminded us that while we don't have control over all the things that happen in our world, we do have the ability to set a course and a direction that guides the unfolding of our lives. Spring reminds us of this cycle of life, living, decline, and death. In each cycle, there is an element of becoming and in each cycle, there is a process of becoming something new, and in becoming something new, we also let go of too.

As I think of our Unitarian ancestors, I wonder if they could even imagine holding church and committee meetings over the internet. I wonder what they would think of our theology that embraces many world religions even as we struggle to embrace our Judeo-Christian roots.

We have become, and we are still becoming. We are becoming, and we will become that which we set our intentions and actions to be.

May you enjoy your becoming as we head into the warmer weather and new life springs forth and gives way to blossoms and beginnings. And let us hold in our awareness also the enduring values that guide our becoming and growth and may we mourn with tenderness that which we need to leave behind.

Happy Spring, and Namasté,



Rev Drew

\*The ICS was formed even before the American Unitarian Association (the Unitarian predecessor of the UUA founded in 1825) or the founding of the Universalist Church of America (UCA) in 1942. Previous to 1942 - Universalists were organized in regional conferences but not as a formal national association.

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## Minister's Schedule - April 2021

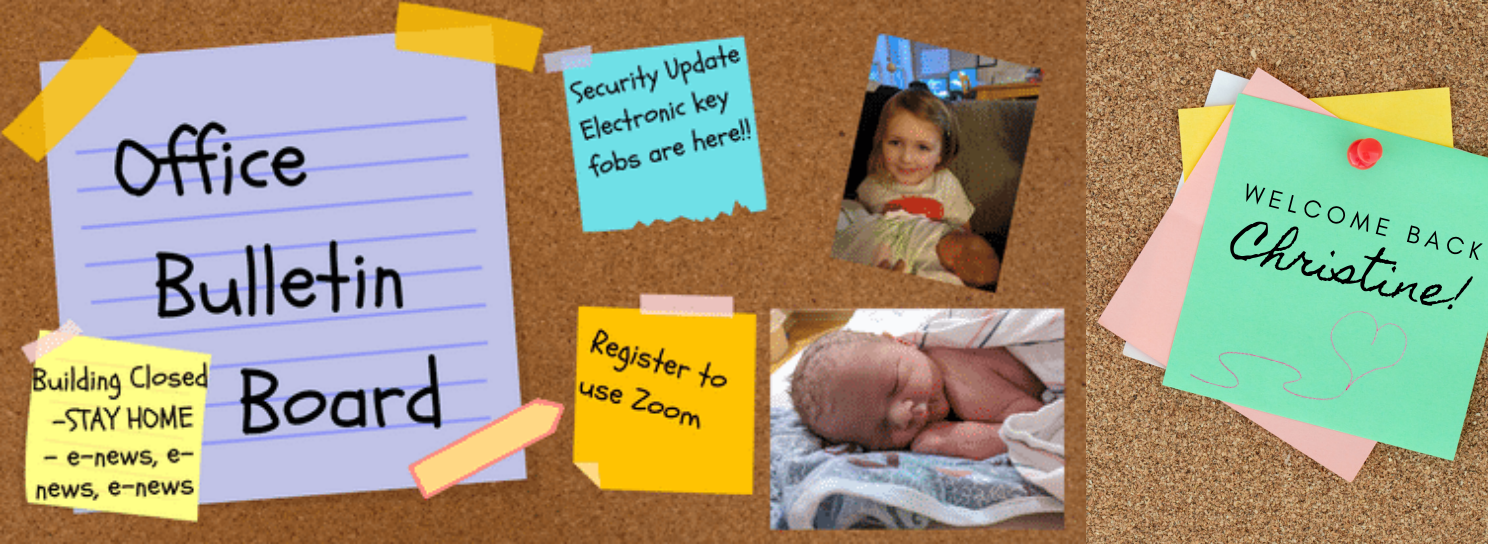


Rev. Drew along with other UUSB staff will be working from home for until social distancing measures are withdrawn. He will be reachable during his normal office hours listed below either online or via phone.

- Mon - Minister's Sabbath Day (day off)
- Tues - 12 PM to 2 PM - Office hours (online or by phone) 2 to 4 PM - by Appt.
- Wed - 10 AM to 1 PM - Office hours (online or by phone) 2 to 4 PM - by Appt.
- 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 Appt.
- Saturdays - By appointment (online or by phone)
- Sundays - (afternoon / evenings by appointment) (online or by phone)

Note: April 17-18 - Rev. Drew will be taking his regular monthly weekend off.





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### Building Closed

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 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.

### Contacting the Office

To contact the "office," please email or leave a voicemail. I check for incoming messages 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.

In April, Christine will be returning from her family leave and will be back to working "in the office".

### Key Fobs

As of Wednesday, February 3, the building locks have been changed. You will need to fill out the new key agreement and schedule a time to pick up a new key fob in order to have access to the building.

If you have already sent in your new key agreement, but haven't received your key yet, please email or call the office to schedule a pickup time.

You can [download](#) the updated Key Agreement and either send it to the office by email or drop it off in person, when you come to pick up your key fob. Please complete the entire form, as we try to improve security and limit the number of keys with general access

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

CHALICE & CHIMES (APR. ED.)  
 TUESDAY 4/20 - SOFT DEADLINE  
 MONDAY 4/26 - HARD DEADLINE

E-NEWS (WEEKLY)  
 THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM  
 COMMITTEE NOTES FOR COUNCIL  
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

## "OFFICE" HOURS

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



# COUNCIL CRIER

BY KERRIE O'BRIEN

## **Annual Meeting and Reports**

The annual meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday May 16th at 11:15 - just after service. In order to prepare for that, we will be having the Budget Discussion and By-Law Amendment on April 25th at 11:15 via Zoom. We will be discussing the wording around the Minimum Pledge for members during this meeting and all of your thoughts and ideas are needed and wanted.

This is also a reminder to all Committee Chairs that the Annual Meeting is coming up and we need all committees to send in their Annual Reports to [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com) and [usbclerk@gmail.com](mailto:usbclerk@gmail.com) by April 23rd.

## **General Assembly**

GA will be held via Zoom on June 23- 27th. We are looking for 3 delegates to participate and represent UUSB. The registration cost for this is \$110. If you would like to participate, but finances are a deterrent for you, please contact Revered Drew.

## **Committee Chairs**

Please remember to always submit your Committee Minutes to both [usbclerk@gmail.com](mailto:usbclerk@gmail.com) and [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com) each month for archival purposes.

## **Pledges**

Pledges are coming in! We still have some people and a little under \$5,000 in pledges that have not been contributed toward the 2020-2021 pledge. We continue to have financial obligations due, even with COVID. As many of us are getting our stimulus checks, please consider paying your entire pledge for 2021-2022 in full. Then you no longer need to worry about it and maybe you would then be able to put a little more to the Share the Plate recipients each month.

Thank you for this consideration!

The UUSB Mindfulness Meditation group -  
Every Tuesday Night 5:45 - 7 PM.  
This month the meditation group will continue to learn mindfulness-based skills for better living through the "Path of Freedom" curriculum from the Prison Mindfulness Institute. Some of the topics we hope to cover are Mindful Communication, conflict transformation, and forgiveness.  
Each session consists of walking and sitting meditation, a review of previous meetings lesson, and a new lesson and dialogue. While regular participation is encouraged, each class covers one stand-alone topic.  
There is no need to register - though first-timers are highly encouraged to check-in with Rev. Drew (drewuu2@gmail.com) beforehand to become familiar with the group's process.



**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.



Photo by Chris Montgomery via Unsplash

# TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROSEMARY PARSONS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF February. This report covers 66.7% of the year

Total income for the month of February was \$13,635. Expenses were \$19,872 leaving a net income of (\$6,237) for the month. The net income for the 8 months ending 02/28/21 is \$27,377.

February income included pledge of \$8,868. Total pledge received through 02/28/21 is \$89,928, representing 76.8% of the budget. Plate donations were \$355. Half of that amount goes to No More Deaths, a humanitarian organization based in southern Arizona, a ministry of the UU Church of Tucson. Total Income for 8 months was 76% of the budget.

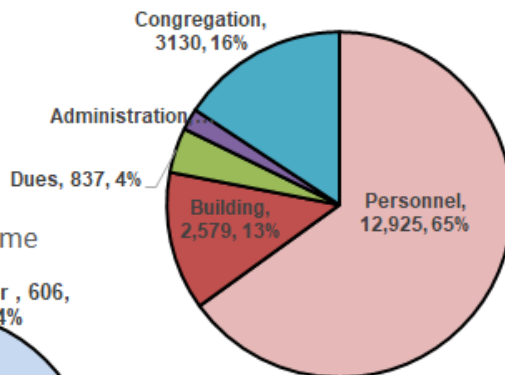
VANCO: In February, 17 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$1,556 gross in all categories with a net of \$1,520. Fees were \$35.74 and the offset paid was \$32.10. Donations were 3 General Fund for \$47, 13: offsets for 32.10: 15 pledges for \$1,192: 11 Share the Plate for \$280 and i Minister's Discretionary for \$2.

The January 31 checking account balance was \$23,477 and increase of \$15,403 from January's \$8,014 The PPP grant of \$22,500 was added to the checking account balance during February, and a savings account for the Minister's Sabbatical was set up with \$4,445.

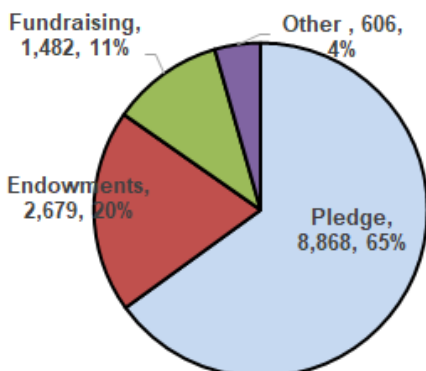
Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$12,925 (62% of total costs), Building \$2,579 (13%), \$837 Fair Share to the UUA, \$401 Administrative and \$3,130 for Congregational expenses. The Congregational expense includes \$2,495 in Raffle prizes paid. We have paid out the 1st and 3rd prizes, with only the 2nd prize of \$750 remaining. Total expenses for 8 months were 64% of the budget.

In Service,  
Rosemary Parsons

February Expenses



February Income



Income Amount	Percent
Pledge 8,868	65%
Endowments 2,679	20%
Fundraising 1,482	11%
Other 606	4%
<b>13,635 1</b>	

Amount	Percent
Personnel 12,925	65%
Building 2,579	13%
Dues 837	4%
Administration 401	2%
Congregation 3130	16%
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## Live Auction

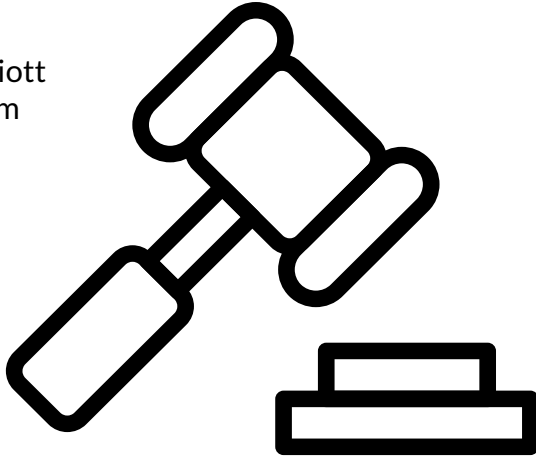


Mark Your Calendars! The Annual Live Auction is returning to Zoom - May 1, 2021 @ 7 P.M.

Join your UUSB Auction team for another fun filled zoom event. Since the majority of the meals in the auction last year will probably be rescheduled for the fall, we expect to have fewer meal offerings. However, we are inviting people to offer up meals, food items and offerings for this year's event.

We already have quite a line up:

- Pi Dinner featuring pies! March 12, 2022, hosted by Cathy Elliott
- Tapas Dinner, date TBD, hosted by Mike and Amy Starkey Lam
- Wildlife custom painting by Mark McCollough
- Photo Shoot by Tom Grogan
- Chalice wall hanging created by Sue Henri-McKenzie
- Felt art creation by Tracy Haskell
- Custom made wool sweater knitted by Marge Lawrence
- Custom made wool mittens knitted by Linda Koehler
- Wooden work of art created by Joe Zydlewski
- Maple Syrup of their own making from the Kelly's



More items are needed. Last year's auction had the highest attendance ever, courtesy of people participating by Zoom. This year's "fun o-meter" is expected to be off the scale! Don't miss this event!

Contact Sue McKay at [suemckay@midmaine.com](mailto:suemckay@midmaine.com) or 207-478-4631  
Team members: Sue McKay, Kate Dutra, Kerrie O'Brien, Laurie Cartier, and Rob Spreng



### Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism?

We will be hosting a two evening, Zoom-Workshop on April 7th and 14th @ 6:30pm

Contact [Cathy Elliott](#) for more details

## **New Options for Membership**

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 May 2nd and will be held online via ZOOM. The next New to UU Class will be held April 7th from 6:30-8:30 PM and will be held online via ZOOM. If you are interested in participating in the one of the Minister's Teas or becoming a member, you can email [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com).

## **Monthly Tea with Reverend Drew**

Rev. Drew holds a monthly tea via Zoom immediately following Fellowship Hour after service. Attending one of the teas meets one of the requirements to becoming a UUSB member. This is a little less formal and is a good way to ask any questions you may have about Unitarian Universalism, the UUSB and our commUUnity. The next Minister's Tea will be Sunday, May 2nd, just after fellowship. If you would like to attend, please send an email to [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com).

## **Ringling Bells and Feeding Souls**

On Sunday, April 11th, 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.

From 12:00 - 12:30 p.m., the church will offer a 30-minute bell/chimes concert from the church's historic bell tower. You are welcome to enjoy from the church lawn and surrounding areas, but please be 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 3,000 pounds of food.

As the spring weather can be finicky, 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 off 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 your donations 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!

# COMM- UU- NITY CORNER

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. If you would like to share what you have been up to, in 100 words or less, send your story to [cathyelliott25@gmail.com](mailto:cathyelliott25@gmail.com)



Jim Varner took a slip on the ice that required a quick checkup at the hospital on March 11, but was able to return home that morning.

Mr. Varner has been keeping busy during the pandemic, having been interviewed on WABI-TV during Black History Month.

On March 7, a half-hour University of Maine program featured his life in service, including his founding of the Greater Bangor NAACP and UMaine's first Black Student Union, as well as his tenure as Maine's Human Right Commissioner under Govs. Angus King and John Baldacci.

Mr. Varner has had both COVID vaccines, and, like the rest of us, is ready for the day when we can reconvene in the sanctuary.

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**Your name ... could be here ... let us know how you are doing and how you have been coping with COVID!**

Chris, Jill, Cabe, and Quinn Packard have been keeping busy and being together mostly.

Chris is looking forward to his book, "Mythical Creatures of Maine," coming out with Downeast Books this June. It's a field guide to folklore and stories of Maine.

Jill has been busy keeping the lights on and the doors open at her shop, Charmed, in Brewer. It's an earthy New Age Metaphysical shop. And the boys are (mostly) enjoying homeschool this year.

Cabe (16) is doing classes through the Early College program and, Quinn (13) is full homeschool with his parents.

It's been a real treat to see many of you at the UUSB RE meet-up activities this year!





# Ringing Bells and Feeding Souls

April 11 at 12:00 PM

Open Air Chimes Concert & Food Collection



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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 are contributed to the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Bangor. Want to help feed souls, but don't have time to shop or can't lug around heavy groceries? The Ecumenical Food Cupboard does take money, which buys up to six pounds of food for every dollar given. Please don't make checks out to UUSB. Instead, write them out to Bangor Ecumenical Food Cupboard (Bangor EFC if you like alphabet soup), and we'll keep feeding souls.



## SHARE THE PLATE



In April, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to MUUSAN. The Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network is a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in our Unitarian Universalist faith and animated by its principles. This legislative ministry links Maine's 22 Unitarian Universalist congregations to promote just, humane laws and policies in keeping with our UUA Seven Principles.



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



# Spiritual Exploration

The Soul Matters theme for April is Becoming. It is an interesting word, and one that I think I use more of as a past tense verb than as a present state of being. But consider for a moment that it's quite likely that we are in a constant state of becoming – our lives are full of changes – opportunities for growth. Some are simple, some hard, some complex, and some are exciting! But through it all, we are experiencing growth!

Growth could be described as a type of becoming, one that is malleable, one that gives us the opportunity to shape ourselves through our responses and reflections. And while we might not have access to controlling the circumstances we are in - we do have control over how we respond.

Looking forward to growing and becoming this month with you all!

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. I'll be emailing your family a copy at the beginning of April. If you'd like a hard copy mailed to you, please let me know.

In comm-UU-nity,

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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 FB [SEE Community Page](#)

## Spiritual Exploration Experience

### Winter/Spring Schedule

- Jan 24th - NO CLASSES
- Jan 31st - [ZoomRooms](#) - Online - 11:15AM
- Feb 7th - [All Church Experience \(ACE\)](#) - Zoom - 10AM
- Feb 14th - NO CLASSES School Break
- Feb 21st - [ZoomRooms](#) - Online - 11:15AM
- Feb 28th - [ZoomRooms](#) - Online - 11:15AM
- March 7th - [All Church Experience \(ACE\)](#) - Zoom - 10AM
- March 14th - [Outdoor Family Event](#): Maple Syrup Sugarin'
- March 21st - [ZoomRooms](#) - Online - 11:15AM
- March 28th - [ZoomRooms](#) - Online - 11:15AM
- April 4th - [All Church Experience \(ACE\)](#) - Zoom - 10AM
- April 11th - [ZoomRooms](#) - Online - 11:15AM
- April 18th - NO CLASSES School Break
- April 25th - [Outdoor Family Event](#): Earth Day Event
- May 2nd - [Outdoor Family Event](#): Beltane Celebration
- May 9th - S.E. Celebration Sunday







# Spiritual Exploration

## March's Outdoor Experiences

We've have many opportunities over this past year to gather outdoors and share community. This past month, we gathered under the maple trees at the Seavey's place and learned how sap gets from the tree to our table.



Photo - Erin Seavey







## COMING OF AGE (COA)

In March, the COA held its third meeting with our youth participants: Lilie Sites, Simon Socolow, Zachary Spreng, and Franny Wilson.

Our theme for March was ethics, morals, and values and how they inform our Faith.

In exploring these concepts, we did a walking tour of downtown Bangor. We visited several sites that brought up ethical issues and discussed them and how they related to our youth's personal moral perspectives and our Unitarian Universalist values.

We visited the Charlie Howard Memorial, the former site of the Estevan Gomez's monument, the Old Unitarian Church building (a.k.a the Brick Church), and the Brady Gang shooting site in 1937.

In April, our youth will continue their exploration around the topic of Faith and what it is that they believe.

Please mark your calendars for our COA worship service on June 6th.

Special thanks to this years COA mentors: Sue-Ann Gaiking's, LyAnn Grogan, Mark McCollough, and Gayle Zydlewski.



photo credit to Nero Fyler

## MID MAINE YO-UU-TH GROUP



The Mid Maine YoUUth Group met on March 14th for our second outdoor outing of the year at Sears Island.

Together we went on a hiking trip to the south tip of this island and talked about all the beings that had communities in the island including humans (including Wabanaki and and colonists) along with many animals and plants.

Special thanks to Morten Moesswilde from the Belfast congregation who served as our guide and naturalist. The hike was a lot of fun despite the colder temperatures and several random snow squalls.

Our next meeting won't be until June 26th when we are hoping to go for some sort of an outing on the Penobscot River.

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
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**Buy Groceries,  
Support UUSB**

The UUSB's Social Justice Committee urges all UU's who care about voting rights to take a close look at H.R. 1. (also top endorsement by MUUSAN), a bill in the U.S. Congress which will protect and strengthen our democracy, particularly the right to vote. The bill is also referred to as the "For the People Act".

Please contact your Representatives and Senators, and urge them to support this bill. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is at risk of being dismantled. Find out more by going to the "UU the Vote" site or to the MUUSAN Facebook page.

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Patty Alcott reports about MUUSAN top priority endorsements in HealthCare:

- LD 1045: Universal Health Care for Maine; LD 274: placing a Resolve about Universal Health Care on the 2022 ballot (easier than a referendum);
- LD 759: Increased Fire Arm Storage Safety;
- OPPOSE: LD 748, 825m 851, 915, all of which limit reproductive rights.

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Committee endorsement of Bangor City Council providing public bathrooms in downtown Bangor.

STAY TUNED for upcoming new actions and projects by FLIA (Faith Linking in Action)

**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 the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00.





# 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](mailto:karenchilds75@gmail.com).

Tuesdays @5:45 PM

### Mindfulness Meditation Group

Join Rev. Drew for the return of our regular Mindfulness (Vipassana) Meditation Group.

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, May 2 @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.

Sunday, April 11 @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 2,800 lbs. of food!

Saturday, April 24 @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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## APRIL

## UUSB CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>All Meetings &amp; Services are currently being held on Zoom until further notice.</b></p> <p><b>Please subscribe to our e-news or join the UUSB community group on Facebook to get up-to-date info.</b></p>				<p><b>1</b> 6:00 PM Zoom Choir</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b> 10:00 AM Service</p> 	<p><b>5</b> 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>Committee Reports Due</b> 6:30 PM New to UU Class  6:30 PM Soul Searchers</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:00 PM Zoom Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 AM Budget &amp; Finance</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:00 AM MUUSAN Network Meeting</p>
<p><b>11</b> 10:00 AM Service</p> <p>11:15 S.E.E. ZoomRooms</p> <p>12:00 PM Ringing Bells &amp; Feeding Souls</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic</p>	<p><b>13</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat</p>	<p><b>14</b> 2:00 PM Pastoral Care Team</p> <p>6:30 PM New to UU Class</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:00 PM Zoom Choir</p> <p>6:30 PM Executive Committee</p> <p>7:45 PM Comm. Cmte</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>18</b> 8:45 AM S.E.A.L.</p> <p>10:00 AM Service</p> <p>11:45 AM Social Justice</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Meditation 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat</p>	<p><b>21</b> 2 PM Pastoral Care Meeting 6:30 PM Council Meeting <b>C&amp;C Soft Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:00 PM Zoom Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>Annual Reports Due Soft Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Bean Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper</p>
<p><b>25</b> 10:00 AM Service 1:30 AM S.E.E. Outdoor Family Event</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic</p> <p><b>C&amp;C Hard Deadline</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat</p>	<p><b>28</b> 5:30 PM Worship Committee</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:00 PM Zoom Choir</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>Annual Reports Due Hard Deadline</b></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 contact 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.

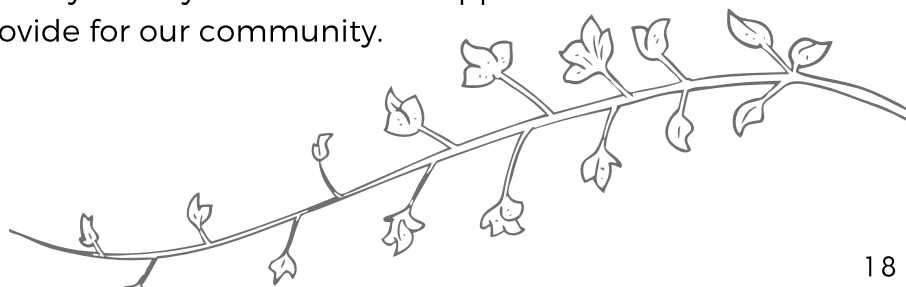
#### Collection Plate & Pledge Reminders

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.



## UUSB Staff Contact:

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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: April 26, 2021

The next issue will be May 2021.  
We value your contributions and very much appreciate submissions. When sending email contributions to The *Chalice & Chimes*:  
uubangor@gmail.com

