

# CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

FEBRUARY 2021

## THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

During February, 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 "**Beloved Community.**"

February 7- *All Society Worship* - In referring to our congregation, we UUSB'ers often use the term "beloved community," but what does that mean and how does that related to the many divisions we feel in our country? In this week's All Society Worship, we will explore this theme with story, discussion and activity. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller and Karen Childs, with Jennifer Rodriguez as our Zoom tech, and music provided by Molly J. Webster and Sojourner Hodges-Crowley.

February 14 - *What's Happening Here?* - This week we'll continue our exploration of what it means to be a beloved community and some emergent issues and opportunities in our own congregation. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller, with Vyvyenne Ritchie as our worship associate, Jennifer Rodriguez as our Zoom tech, and music provided by Molly J. Webster and Sojourner Hodges-Crowley.

February 21 - *Beloved Community for the Disabled* - This service will be led by our guest speaker LyAnn Grogan, with Caleigh Grogan as our worship associate, Jennifer Rodriguez as our Zoom tech, and music by Molly J. Webster and Sojourner Hodges-Crowley.

February 28 - *Guest Speaker: Lane Fisher* - This service will be led by our guest speaker Lane Fisher, with Phyllis Havens as our worship associates, Jennifer Rodriguez as our Zoom tech, and music provided by John Arimond.

The theme for March will be **Commitment**. If you have ideas for readings, stories, or music to use with this theme, please let Rev. Drew or Molly Webster know.

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Dear Ones,

The week of January 20th was an emotional week for many of us as we witnessed the transition of power from one Executive Administration to another. It was a historic moment that, only a week before, we were not sure would happen. During the swearing in ceremonies of President Biden and Vice President Harris, I found tears coming to my eyes as we witnessed the inspiring precedent of the first woman and person of color being sworn into the second highest office of our nation.

There was also a feeling of hope that our country might return to its guiding principles, despite the four-year detour. Four years that have caused great suffering for many people in our country, especially people of color, immigrants, LGBTQ+, and the poor. I cried tears of sadness and tears of joy.

The inauguration marked an immediate and visible change in perspective at the federal level that I hope and pray will also shift our nation's soul. Such changes can be seen in events like the national candle light service the night before the inauguration where, for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic, we came together as a nation to mourn the loss of over 400,000 lives to the pandemic. We mourned every life... the Democrats, the Independents, the Republicans, those who voted, and those who never voted. We mourned those who took precautions and those who didn't. Those who listen to conspiracies and those who rebuke those them. To me that ceremony did more to unify our country than any House or Senate speech or any tweet. In those moments of prayers, seeing lights illuminated in the reflecting pool, we were one - if only for a moment.

The morning of the inauguration, I was also moved as I considered the stark difference between one man leaving his presidency of shame, destruction, and self-aggrandizement

and a new president welcoming all - friends and enemies alike - to join him in the ritual of worship, Mass, and prayer that helps give perspective and awareness that we are connected to each other in spirit, whether you call that Spirit God, Allah, Goddess, nature or simply universal energy. This seems more in tune with the balm of unity that this nation needs. We need that deeper awareness that, whatever we believe, we are connected to something beyond ourselves and that if we are going make our nation kinder, more compassionate, more inclusive and more just, we need to move beyond "Making America Great Again" for the few, and instead live up to our higher constitutional ideas of making our nation greater for all. The former speaks of privilege and the latter of liberation.

So this month, as we move into Black History month, with Valentine's Day and our monthly theme of being a people of Beloved Community, let us hold our UU values up: the inherent worth and dignity of all and the creation of beloved community through the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. For these things to happen, we need to embrace a process where all voices are heard and to trust that decisions made in healthy relationship and dialogue are more important and valuable than those imposed by decree or dominating force.

If nothing else, our faith and our beloved community provides a space where we learn how to navigate the waters of change. Our congregation gives us the laboratory where we can practice, learn, and embrace these truths as we prepare to bring that level of inclusivity into our hearts, minds, spirits, and community, so we can practice them out in the world. I am encouraged by our new national leaders. I hope that they, like us, continue to embrace their higher values of collaboration, rather than an ethic of division.

Amen!

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In addition to all the changes happening in the world, we too are experiencing some change in our beloved community. This month, Christine Sprague, our Office Administrator, will be going on a nine-week family leave to give birth to her second child. Christine's leave will begin on February 12. While Christine is away, Karen Childs will be filling in on some key office administrator responsibilities including answering phones and emails, sending out the weekly e-news and the *Chalice & Chimes*. Please be mindful that Karen will only be working about 10 hours, which is about half of Christine's normal hours, so she will not be as available to help out without other things. Karen will need our patience and help to minimize her work load. We can do this by getting e-news announcements and *Chalice & Chimes* submissions to Karen early. Also, remember to continue emailing office administrator

information to the office administrator email (uubangor@gmail.com). Wish Christine the best of luck with her new baby and Karen the best of luck in her office coverage while Christine is away.

Namasté,



Rev. Drew



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## Minister's Schedule - February 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 weekend off **February 19-21.**

Rev. Drew will be taking a comp weekend off **February 28-28.**



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

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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.

**Family Leave - Christine Out of Office Starting February 12**

For any who are unaware, I am expecting my second child this month and will be going on leave for roughly nine weeks. My last day in the office will be February 12.

Karen Childs, UUSB's amazing S.E. director, will be covering the office while I am out. She will be available for roughly 10 hours per week for the office, so please be aware of time limitations. Ways that you can help Karen out is to provide e-news and *Chimes* information early, so that she can spread the work out for publications; phone or email directly to the appropriate person, such as committee chairs/representatives or calling Rev. Drew's direct UUSB line; and provide all information in your initial contact, whether that is voicemail or email.

**UPCOMING DEADLINES**

CHALICE & CHIMES (FEB. ED.)  
SATURDAY 2/20 - SOFT DEADLINE  
THURSDAY 2/25 - HARD DEADLINE

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

**"OFFICE" HOURS**

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

# COUNCIL CRIER

BY KERRIE O'BRIEN

Council had two guests to our most recent monthly meeting: Karen Childs and Wendy Erickson. Karen gave us an update on how things are going in the SEE program. She mentioned that there have been some in-person outdoor events, as well as Zoom room Sunday classes, and that typically the best attended were the outdoor activities. She is thinking that even when we are able to meet in person again, that occasionally meeting outdoors will remain an option! There certainly have been some challenges with getting the different class rooms open with Zoom. They continue to adapt, change, and grow in our new Zoom-based world.

Wendy gave us an update on the Building & Grounds Committee. They are still working on completing tasks to be up to code with the new ovens. They are also working with Drew, Christine, and Will to ensure the re-keying of the building happens prior to Christine's maternity leave. If you currently have a key and are someone that needs regular access to the building, you will need to fill out a request form. You can get this by contacting the office to have a copy sent to you by email or mail or you can find the form on [Google Drive](#). B & G meetings are very brief and have not happened much during COVID, although they have accomplished a lot during this time. They have done improvements to the downstairs kitchen, the vestry floors, the Dorothy roof, all inserts for the windows were made, and they were able to achieve de-humidification of the SEE spaces. There are always projects that come up with such a large building and sometimes they do need help from our commUUnity, but are not as apt to ask for help. If there is anything that you would like to offer to do and help them out, please contact Wendy.

**Reminder to all Committee Chairs:** Please send in your Monthly Meeting Minutes and any Committee Reports to [uusbclerk@gmail.com](mailto:uusbclerk@gmail.com) AND [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com) each month for archival purposes. There have only been a few committees that have been doing this. This is also a way for Council to access these reports and stay in contact with what is happening throughout the UUSB community and be able to offer support or help if needed.

Love and Light,  
Kerrie

## **Security Update: Re-Keying the Building & New Key Fob Requests**

The UUSB building will be re-keyed during February, most likely by February 12. If you have not submitted a new Key Agreement and filled out all information, you will not have building access until the form is received. Key Agreements must be updated yearly or your key fob will be turned off.

If you already have a key and security code, your security code will remain the same, unless you receive one of the alarm fobs as well. All security codes will be turned off once the building is re-keyed, besides the people who have already submitted Key Agreements.

On the new forms, it asks what you need access for and when you generally need access to the building. Please answer these sections. We are trying to make sure that we aren't just putting extra keys out that could get lost. If you do not currently need access, then please do not request a key. More building keys means more opportunities for security risks.

To use your new key fob, you just wave the fob in front of the black box with the light at the vestry or Dorothy doors. It will beep and the light will turn green. Nothing else about how you enter the building will change. Thank you all for your cooperation.

The UUSB Mindfulness Meditation group will continue on Tuesdays from 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.



**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 **December** written in January.

This report covers 50% of the year.

Total income for the month of December was \$27,926. Expenses were \$21,705 leaving a net balance of \$6,221 for the month. The net income for the 6 months ending 12/31/20 is \$11,838. From that balance we need to pay out the \$6,000 in prizes from the Raffle.

December income included pledge of \$9,304. Total pledges received through 12/31/20 is \$71,857 representing 61.4% of the budget. Plate donations were \$397. Half of that amount goes to UUSB's food security programs. Total Income for 6 months was 52% of the budget.

VANCO payments came from 22 people totaling \$4,519 gross in all categories with a net of \$4,472.47. Fees were \$92.33 and the offset paid in was \$45.80. I have discovered that if you have your payment come from a bank account rather than a credit card, there is NO FEE.

The December checking account balance was \$14,932, down \$2,457 from November's \$20,553.

Expenses for the month break down as \$17,485 for Personnel (3 payrolls), \$2,003 for Building, \$837 Fair Share to the UUA, \$692 Administrative and \$688 for Congregational expenses. Total expenses for 6 months were 47% of the budget.

We will be hiring a Technical Coordinator to start work about February 1. This position was not included in the original budget and represents an added expense of about \$1,100.

We have received a letter from the Small Business Administration accepting our application for forgiveness in full of the Payroll Protection Program Loan. We now have the \$23,500 to make up for short falls in the Raffle and rental receipts that were included in the budget.



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 February 7 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](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com).

The Self-Study Guide can be found at [uubangor.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Self-Study-Guide-2019.pdf](http://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 February 7 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](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com).



# COMMUNITY CORNER



**Buy Groceries,  
Support UUSB**

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 [cathyelliott25@gmail.com](mailto:cathyelliott25@gmail.com). Thanks!

## **Emma Paterson-Dennis**

I am doing well, staying safe at home with my parents and our two cats. I started college remotely this year at Bowdoin College, and I'll continue to study remotely until next fall (hopefully). I haven't picked a major yet, but I'm very interested in the fine arts and gender, sexuality, and women's studies. I'm on break right now, so until next semester starts in February I'm filling my time with drawing, video games, and re-watching all of the Studio Ghibli movies directed by Hayao Miyazaki with my parents (all of which I can't praise highly enough). I hope you're all doing well too, stay safe!

## **Orion Zydlewski**

After living in his parent's basement since last March, Orion managed to squeeze into a tiny New York apartment with a couple of roommates at the beginning of January for the start of his spring semester of junior year at Columbia. He is studying Economics and Middle Eastern studies and is anxious to start traveling again once the pandemic is over.

## **Henry Westrich**

Since the bridging ceremony, I have been at Colby College. There, I completed my first semester, and began my season for basketball. While we are still searching for the possibility for games, we have been practicing since mid October. Classes are odd. They are often a mix of in-person and Zoom, alternating every class. At Colby, we are in our own little bubble. We were tested three times a week, allowing for some feeling of safety in our small community. There is little movement off of campus, allowing for little exposure to outsiders. I am looking forward to second semester, and will hopefully have my first couple games within the month.

## **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  
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10 Highland Ct off Union St.

OR delivery ANYWHERE.

Rosemary Parsons  
327-1045

[roxemary@gmail.com](mailto: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

February 14 at 12:00 PM

Open Air Chimes Concert & Food Collection



On Sunday, February 14th, 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. 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 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 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.

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 February, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to No More Deaths. The mission of No More Deaths is to end death and suffering in the Mexico-US borderlands through civil initiative: people of conscience working openly and in community to uphold fundamental human rights. For more information, visit [nomoredeaths.org](http://nomoredeaths.org).

In December, we were able to share \$198 with our UUSB Food Security Programs. And, in January, we shared our plate with Faith Linking in Action.

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 **Beloved Community**. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. shared that the term Beloved Community refers to a global vision in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. As this topic is a big one, consider taking some time this month to delve into the activities in our Soulful Home magazine. There's lots of room to grow as we stretch and learn to live and love our way into Beloved Community.

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. As you can see, the rest of the year is going to fly by! We have scheduled 6 more Zoom Rooms, 3 more All Congregation Experiences, and 3 more Outdoor Family experiences. We will be wrapping up our programming a little earlier than usual this year. Please note that our final Celebration and Senior Bridging will be on Sunday, May 9, 2021.

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/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





# WINTER ADVENTURES

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 December 20, 2020, our crew worked together to make so many pinecone bird feeders and then enjoyed a lovely winter's day in the Prentiss Woods hanging them up in the trees.



And on January 10, 2021, we gathered once again in the Seavey's yard and surrounding woodlands to sip on hot chocolate, roast up some sweet, sweet marshmallows, seek out streams and waterfalls in the forest, and cozy up to the campfire - wonderful winter fun!





# WORSHIP WEAVINGS

BY LAURIE CARTIER

Hello from your Worship Committee!

December was such an overwhelmingly busy month that I completely missed the deadline for the January Chimes, so I'll try to catch us up a bit here.

We are very pleased that we have two new Worship Associates! Vyvyenne Ritchie is able to join us from Canada because we are on Zoom. What a joy to see her face and hear her familiar voice. She has also recruited Balenda Ganem to do some readings and stories for us, which is a wonderful added bonus. Most recently Sue McKay has joined the team. Sue brings a wealth of talents and UUSB knowledge to the team. Welcome Vyv and Sue - and Balenda!

December brought you a lovely variety of services led by Rev Drew and the Worship Committee. We celebrated on many of the December holidays with a focus on the month's theme of Stillness. We were so pleased to bring you our abridged version of the Winter Solstice Singing Ritual again as well as the wonderful Christmas Eve service full of more fabulous music!

In January, we had the theme of Imagination and the services included a wonderful community service where we got to put together a puzzle online and learn all about Fairy Houses. We also had services on Epiphanies (where we welcomed the congregation of Portland's Allen Avenue UU Church, A2U2), Martin Luther King Jr., and guests in the pulpit that included Rosemary Parson's son James Roberts and the former intern from Belfast UU (et al), Ariel Aaronson Eves. We are so pleased to have many wonderful guests to enhance our service offerings!

In February, our theme is Beloved Community. Building meaningful services with this theme will be easy as we have one of the most loving and beloved communities I know right here at UUSB!

We are ecstatic to be able to announce that UUSB has hired a Tech Coordinator! She is Jennifer Rodriguez, a fairly new resident of Bangor, who has a tech and design background. An added bonus is that she is interested in the UU faith and has been joining us as a member of the congregation over the past few weeks. Welcome Jennifer!!

As always, if you have ideas for services or what to be involved, let me know at [amalauriec@gmail.com](mailto:amalauriec@gmail.com).

Laurie Cartier, Chair  
UUSB Worship Committee

# SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

## **Democracy Task Force: Poor People's Campaign**

Our future looks more hopeful with the advent of COVID vaccines and a new administration. But, the word "pandemic" does not only refer to the spread of disease. We have been in a pandemic situation long before COVID. Some scientists warn that our window of time to address climate change may only be two years before we reach an irreversible tipping point. We face racial injustice and rising poverty. The income gap in our country between the "haves" and the "have-nots" is the largest of all developed nations. New criteria place over 140 million Americans in poverty, and 250,000 people in our country die annually from poverty. Gandhi said, "Poverty is the worst form of violence." Martin Luther King Jr. said, "True compassion is more than just flinging a coin to a beggar; it comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring. There is nothing new about poverty. What is new, however, is that we now have the resources to get rid of it." The Poor People's Campaign directs us to ways we can address all of our issues. It is a "moral fusion movement" that takes a holistic view of both the intersection of societal injustices along with them belief that solutions come from bringing together and listening to all of the disparate groups within our society. The PPC states that we need "strong social programs that lift society from below." You can find their 14 policy priorities to heal our nation that should take precedence in the first 100 days of the new administration at [poorpeoplescampaign.org](http://poorpeoplescampaign.org). Come listen to and act alongside us! We need you!!!

## **Racial, Native, & Immigrant Justice Task Force: Wabanaki Legislative Team**

An act (LD 2094) was introduced into the 2020 Maine legislature which would implement the recommendations of a task force appointed to make changes to a different act, the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act passed in 1980. This "Settlement Act" was passed in response to a suit to obtain more sovereignty rights for the four Maine tribes (Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Maliseet, and Micmac). The Settlement Act was interpreted by the State of Maine in a way that did not give Maine tribes the same rights under federal laws as the other 500 tribes in the U.S. The task force created to resolve these issues made 22 recommendations for changes to the Settlement Act which became the basis for LD 2094. The bill was not addressed when the pandemic struck, but has been reintroduced into the 2021 state legislature as several separate bills to help ensure the passage of at least some of the suggested changes. The Wabanaki Legislative Team, formed to support passage of these bills and obtain more sovereignty rights for our indigenous peoples, is composed of liaisons from each of the UU congregations in Maine. The liaisons will be reaching out to congregants to educate them about the bills, provide testimony at hearings, and to ask congregants to write letters to editors and/or contact their state legislators by letter, email, or phone. Jean Adamson is the liaison for UUSB. She can provide you with summaries of the bills as they come out, the names of your state representative and senators if you need them, and possibly template letters being produced now by the team leader. She can be reached at [jadamson@roadrunner.com](mailto:jadamson@roadrunner.com) if you would like to participate. This campaign is likely receiving a Level 1 endorsement by the MUUSAN Racial, Native, and Immigrant Justice Issue Group.

# 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, February 7 @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, February 14 @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!

Saturday, February 27 @4:00 PM

### Bean Supper Served

Our only in-person event this month, the Bean Supper will be served in take-out containers with social distancing precautions taken.

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# FEBRUARY

# UUSB CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic	<b>2</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Financial Stewardship Committee	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Zoom Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM MUUSAN Network Meeting
<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Minister's Tea 1:00 PM Soul Searchers	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic	<b>9</b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat	<b>10</b> <b>Committee Reports Due</b> 6:30 PM Membership-Fellowship	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Zoom Choir 6:30 PM Executive Committee	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Budget & Finance  <b>Christine Leave Begins</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Service 12:00 PM Ringing Bells & Feeding Souls	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic	<b>16</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat	<b>17</b> 2:00 PM Pastoral Care Team 6:30 PM Council Meeting	<b>18</b> 5:30 PM Capital Planning Mtg 6:00 PM Zoom Choir 7:45 PM Comm. Cmte	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>C&amp;C Soft Deadline</b>
<b>21</b> 8:45 AM S.E.A.L. 10:00 AM Service 11:15 AM S.E.E. ZoomRooms 11:45 AM Social Justice	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Zoom Open Mic	<b>23</b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Meditation 7:30 PM Chalice Side Chat	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM Worship Committee	<b>25</b> <b>C&amp;C Hard Deadline</b> 6:00 PM Zoom Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Bean Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Service 11:15 AM S.E.E. ZoomRooms	<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>					



# 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: February 25, 2021**

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