

# CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

MARCH 2021

## THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

During March, 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 "**COMMITMENT**"

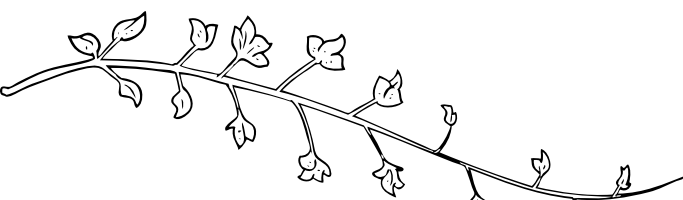
March 7- *All Society Worship* -"Paving the Road Ahead" -Join us for an All Society Worship that looks at the theme of Commitment in the context of our annual financial stewardship / pledge campaign. Worship Leaders: Rev. Drew and Karen Childs with special appearances from Amy Starkey-Lam and others, Music: Molly J. Webster & Sojourner Hodges-Crowley, Zoom Tech: Jennifer Rodgeriez

March 14 - *Widening the Circle of Concern* - In response to the 2020 Unitarian Universalist Associations Committee On Institutional Change report Rev. Drew reflects on our UU commitment to our ongoing growth as a religious / spiritual movement that calls for greater growth / and awareness in our congregations. Worship Leader: Rev. Drew Worship Leader, Worship Associate: Sue McKay, Music: Molly J. Webster and Sojourner Hodges-Crowley, Zoom Tech: Jennifer Rodgeriez

March 21 - *The 1st - UUSB International Maple Syrup Communion Service*  
Join us this Sunday as we join our neighbors from across the boarder the UU Church in Halifax, NS Canada for a joint Maple Syrup Communion Service. Please plan on picking up your sample of Canadian Maple and Timbit (donut) from UUSB on Saturday, March 20 between 10 AM and noon or prepare your own maple syrup and bread of choice for your communion treat that is part of this ritual. Worship Leaders: Rev. Norm and Rev Drew Moeller, Worship Associate: Music: Molly J. Webster & Jessica Friesen (Music Director of the UUCH), Zoom Tech: UU Halifax

March 28 - *Lay Led Service: Commitment to Hope* (Rev. Drew's Sunday Off).  
Worship Leader: Laurie Cartier, Congregation Readers: TBA, Music: Rissa Moore, Zoom Tech: Jennifer Rodgeriez

The theme for April will be **BECOMING**. 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,

In Maine, March is a transitional month, caught somewhere between mid-winter and early spring. It's a time when our hearts yearn for the coming of spring in the summer while holding on to the hard truth of the cold winter winds that linger. It's a time of change and a time of commitment as we accept the thawing along with the storms as we make plans for the warmer seasons ahead.

Something is inspiring about spring, especially this year, as we have been huddled up in our homes all winter practicing social distancing. Like many of you, I can't wait to be outside and spend time with people in person. This month we have many activities to look forward to, including our first-ever - joint International Maple Syrup Communion with the UU Community of Halifax, Nova Scotia. We are looking forward to bringing in the spring with our Canadian siblings. I also can't wait till we have enough people vaccinated that covid numbers are down. I am looking forward to returning to worshiping, learning, and being with you all in a way that does not require a computer or a phone. To prepare for this hoped-for change requires additional work and planning, so we will be ready to roll into the new paradigm when the time comes. One of our yearly spring rituals is our Annual Financial Stewardship Campaign which will kick off on March 7th. For me, our financial stewardship campaign gets me excited about what we, as UUSB members and friends, can do in the coming congregational year. It's a time when each of us sits down and reflects on our

financial contribution to UUSB in the coming year. I love that our community recognizes that there are many ways that people can contribute to the well-being of our congregation. So many ways that people give of themselves to make our congregation such a wonderful place. In the spring, we focus on our congregation's financial health so our leaders can begin paving the way for our 2021-22 year ahead. Your financial commitment helps our leadership plan and anticipate our needs to continue to be financially and spiritually healthy in the year to come. Your pledge gives our leaders a road map that provides them the tools needed to pave the way to dynamic and engaging programming in the future. Talking about money is a topic that touches all in different ways; for some, it feels good and exciting; for others, thinking about a financial pledge can feel awkward and uncomfortable. That's OK! Part of being a people of faith is we commit to each other even if it sometimes feels a bit challenging. We know that collectively our commitment to our UU values, ourselves, and our congregation depends on all of our participation - every bit counts. As a community of caring people, we also know that sometimes people cannot be at this time. We get it and understand! All we ask is to honor your commitment to our congregation by returning your pledge card as soon as you can and checking the box that asks for a waiver.

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Doing so fulfills your financial commitment to our congregation, and you'll be giving our stewardship committee the gift of not having to call you to follow up. Thank you in advance for the many ways you all continue to be generous with our congregation, be it time, talent, or a financial pledge. We need all these things. Staying committed as best we can is a spiritual practice that renews our connection and commitment to each other and our values, and that is no small thing!

Happy Spring, and Namasté,

*Rev. Drew*

Rev. Drew



## **Minister's Schedule - March 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 AM 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: March 27 - 28th - 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.

### **Family Leave - Christine will be out of office from February 12 through April 2021**

For those unaware, the Sprague's welcomed their second child, Evangeline Alessa, on February 13, 2021. She will be on leave for roughly nine weeks.

Karen Childs, will be covering the office while she is 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 (MAR. ED.)  
SATURDAY 3/20 - SOFT DEADLINE  
THURSDAY 3/25 - HARD DEADLINE

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

## **"OFFICE" HOURS**

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

# COUNCIL CRIER

BY KERRIE O'BRIEN

In February the Council was visited by Sam who works with the *Greater Bangor Housing Coalition* and *Needlepoint Sanctuary* at Pickering Square each week.

They work together to help advocate for the houseless community in regards to communicating with City Council and allocating resources such as public bathrooms.

Needlepoint Sanctuary provides safe needle exchange, food, warm clothing, and other essential items.

Currently, we have opened the Vestry to The Greater Bangor Housing Coalition as a warming spot each Saturday from 1 - 3:30. We have made this arrangement with them on a trial basis for the next 6 months.

Needlepoint Sanctuary would like to join the Housing Coalition, like they do in the Square, and use our church space each Saturday, for the same contract length.

After extensive discussion, the Council voted to approve the building use pending several administrative steps, including insurance, proper permitting or licensing, legal considerations, and safety procedures.

The Council recognizes the huge need for this in our community to save lives. As we aren't there in the building right now, it is a good time to establish a relationship.

We welcome any feedback from the Society.

**More information about Unitarian Universalism and programs such as these can be found at the following websites:**

<https://www.thebodypro.com/article/syringe-exchange-moral-issue>

<https://newdrugpolicy.org/2019/02/the-dangerous-war-on-syringe-exchange-programs/>

<https://newdrugpolicy.org/unitarian-universalist/>,  
<https://www.drugrehab.com/2017/11/06/pros-and-cons-of-needle-exchange-programs/>

**URGENT**



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.

There is no set date or time for in-person office hours currently so it is by appointment only.

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.

If you will not need building access until after we re-open for in-person services, you do not need to submit a key agreement or pick up a key fob at this time. If you are no longer in need of building access, you do not need to notify the office to be removed from the key holder list.

Thank you all for your cooperation,

UUSB Staff & Council



**HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOUR FOB? HAVE YOU CHECKED TO SEE IF IT WORKS BEFORE YOU NEED IT?? ANY TECH DIFFICULTIES, PLEASE CHECK IN WITH KAREN, VIA THE OFFICE EMAIL**

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.



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# TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROSEMARY PARSONS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF January.

This report covers 58.3% of the year.

Total income for the month of January was \$41,732, which includes the \$23,500 PPP grant.

Expenses were \$19,955, leaving a net income of \$21,777 for the month. The net income for the seven months ending 01/31/21 is \$33,615.

January income included pledge of \$9,209. Total pledge received through 01/31/21 is \$81,060, representing 69.3% of the budget. Plate donations were \$295. Half of that amount goes to FLIA, Faith Linking in Action, a Bangor region group. Total Income for 7 months was 70% of the budget.

VANCO: In January, 18 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$1,828 gross in all categories with a net of \$1,820. Fees were \$43 and the offset paid in was \$35.00.

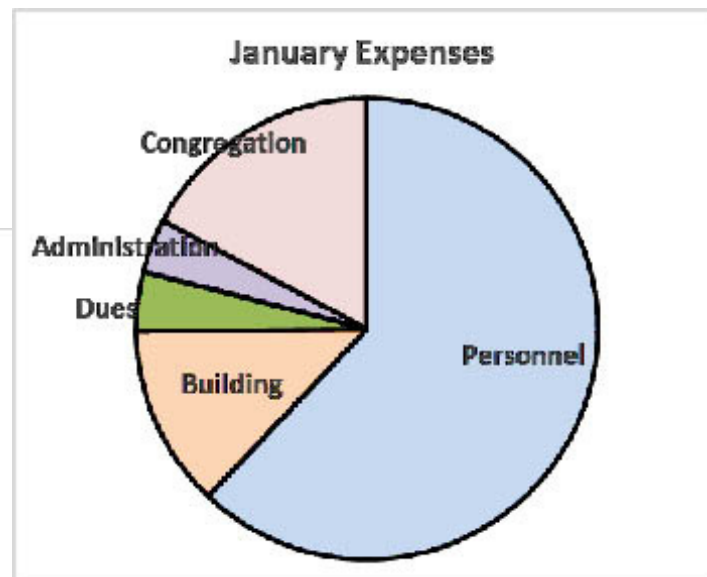
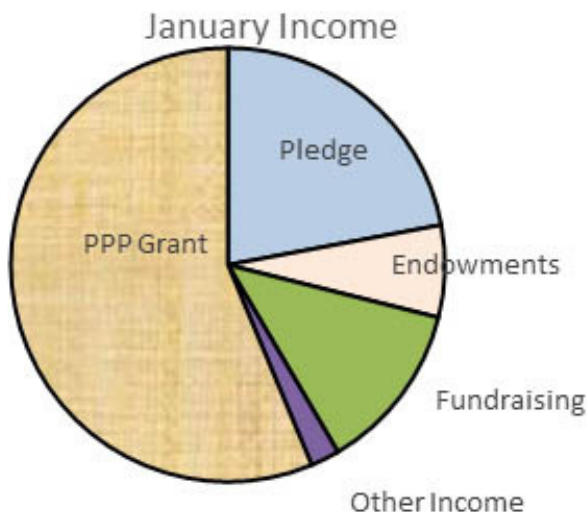
The January 31 checking account balance was \$8,014 a decrease of (\$6,918) from December's \$14,932. The PPP grant of \$22,500 will be added to the checking account balance during February.

Note that it was counted as income already.

Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$12,387 (62% of total costs), Building \$2,540 (13%), \$837 Fair Share to the UUA, \$751 Administrative and \$3,440 for Congregational expenses. The Congregational expense includes \$2,716 in Raffle prizes paid. Total expenses for seven months were 55% of the budget.

In Service,

Rosemary Parsons







# ZOOMING FORWARD

## WITH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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.

# ANNUAL

## Live Auction

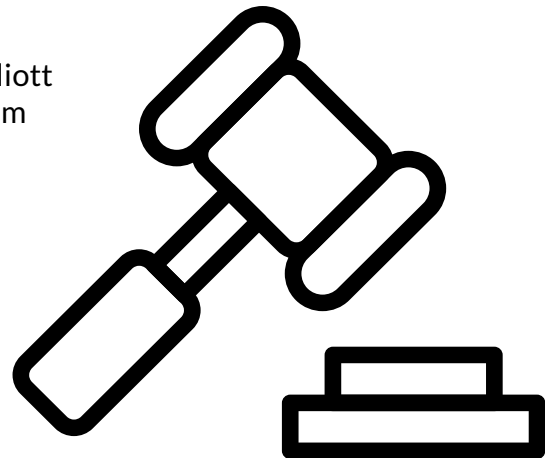
Mark Your Calendars! The Annual Live Auction is returning to Zoom - May 1, 2021 @ 7 P.M.



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

## **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 March 7th and will be held online via ZOOM due to COVID-19. The next New to UU Class will be held April 7th and 14th 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 <http://uubangor.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Self-Study-Guide-w-UUWorld.pdf>

## **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, March 7th 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, March 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. 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 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 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-UNIT-UNITY 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. 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)



## **Johanna Harrod**

Johanna is in her senior year at UVM, getting a degree in Nutrition. She is actually there attending classes live, and getting tested weekly. She is also an RA, which adds another level of responsibility during Covid. Johanna will be going to Grad School in the fall, working towards a degree in dietetics and public health.

## **Libby and Karl Norton**

For us 2020 started with Karl hospitalized for a week with congestive heart failure, then in a rehabilitation center until February 28. I have been very busy since then as a full time caregiver for Karl and purchasing and learning to use updated technology. Our biggest news is that Karl's novel has been published and is available on Amazon right now! *Betrayal 101: a college saga*, by Karl K. Norton.

~Libby N

## **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.

# COMM-UNIT-UNITY CORNER

## The Importance of the Pastoral Care Committee at UUSB

During my recent stay at Bangor Nursing & Rehabilitation we had another incident

where good works of a member of the community proved invaluable to a member of the church

This committee member sent me a box of chocolate chip cookies early in my stay. Many thanks to you's.

Since I am slightly diabetic, staff decided to prick my finger 3 times per day to determine my

blood sugar level. After a few days I decided that once a day would have to be adequate and

staff could choose the one it would be. They chose the SAM stabbing, marked my menu as "NO Dessert!"

I found out very quickly that one chocolate chip cookie would overcome their No Desserts

and would not adversely affect the SAM blood sugar test. Thanks again Cindy Todd!

*Charlie Boothby*



# COMM-UNIT-UNITY CORNER

Hello all!

Your friendly neighborhood Admin (on leave) here!

My last day in the office was February 12, since we were expecting our new baby, Eva, to be born on the 19th.

Eva apparently knew I was done working, and made a quick entry on February 13 instead, giving us an extra week with her in our arms.

Danny loves her and likes to sit and hold her, while stroking her head. She is a happy baby, doing all the sleeping, eating, and pooping that babies tend to do.

Ryan and I are both sleep-deprived and delighted and enjoying this time together at home as a family. We appreciate all the love and support we have received from the UUSB community and I am so glad to have you all.

Love and gratitude,

Christine, Ryan, Danny, and Eva Sprague



HELLO THERE **EVANGELINE ALESSA**

FEBRUARY 13, 2021  
3:34PM - 7lbs 10oz



# Ringling Bells and Feeding Souls

March 14 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 March, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to the UUSB Food Security Programs. This includes the Bean Suppers that we host on the fourth, and fifth, Saturdays each month; our donation to the Soup Kitchen at the Salvation Army; and our Bag Lunch program, to give lunches for those attending our Bean Suppers.

-- The UUSB will be sending \$178 to UUC Tucson for "No More Deaths" --

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



# 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



The Soul Matters theme for March is **Commitment**. Commitment is an interesting thing... It is usually something that we must put effort into (things that are easy, we usually use a different word) and yet we'd probably not take on this sort of an undertaking if we weren't expecting to get some fun, or some camaraderie, or some enjoyment out of the experience. We likely ponder what the fun to work ratio is before taking on a new thing.

What are some experiences you and your family have committed to? A new pet? A new job? A sports team? A community? A relationship? How have these experiences enhanced your life?

Here at UUSB, during the month of March, we are chatting about our commitment to our community as we figure out how to take care of our building and our greater community through out the rest of the year. We hope you'll join the conversation on the first Sunday of March as we chat about all kinds of commitments and the value they add to our lives!

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 March. If you'd like a hard copy mailed to you, please let me know.

In comm-UU-nity,



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 FB [SEE Community Page](#)

# SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

## **The Greater Bangor Area Housing Coalition:**

New Plans for Donating Supplies AND Becoming Part of the Project The following is an updated list of supplies needed by the homeless people in our community.

### **Hygiene Supplies (Individually wrapped items are best unless donated in bulk. Zip lock bags are helpful):**

Soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner – including ethnically appropriate ones, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, toilet paper, personal care wipes or baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, first aid supplies

**Camping Gear (BADLY NEEDED):** tents (3-4 season which can last in winter), sleeping bags, emergency blankets, tarps, backpacks (waterproof is helpful), propane torch/heaters, lighters

**Clothing:** long johns, warm clothes, clean and dry shoes, socks, underwear, waterproof gloves

**Additional Items Needed:** phones and chargers and phone minute cards, gift cards to places like McDonald's, Shaw's, Hannaford, Dollar Stores, gas stations

**New plans for drop off of supplies:** Items can be dropped off on Saturdays between 1-2 PM at the UU Church (lower door entrance) or at Pickering Square. Join the Coalition Meeting held in the UU Church Vestry between 1-2 PM. Meetings sometimes don't get started until 1:30 or so. Meetings are limited in size to no more than 20 due to COVID.

Contact Kati Thiesen (kavthiesen@gmail.com) to find out how you can get involved.



## COMING OF AGE (COA)



Our 2021 COA program is off to a great start, with five youth participating.

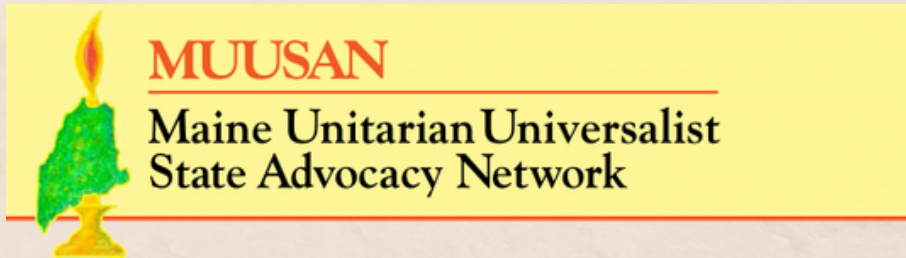
So far, our youth have met twice to explore topics of personal identity and history as they explore their faith as young Unitarian Universalists.

Our next COA with youth will take place on March 7 from 3 - 4:30 PM. Location TBD.





# SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



## "Environment/Climate Change Issue Group

Endorsed Bills (Brief Summaries) by MUUSAN'S Climate Change Issue Group

The bill titles endorsed by the Climate Change Issue Group are listed at MUUSAN.org. Most of them have not yet been issued LD numbers (they have LR numbers). Fact sheets about the bills can be found at <https://protectmaine.org/epc/priorities/2021>.

The following is a list of "descriptive" (rather than long) bill titles, endorsement levels, and brief summaries for the ten bills:

### Level One Endorsement

Regulatory Reform: Require state agencies to consider climate change and environmental justice for impacted communities in their decision-making.

Green Bank: Establish a Green Bank to finance climate solutions.

### Level Two Endorsement

Land for Maine's Future: Fund bonds to promote land conservation (out-of-state people are buying up our land), water access, and outdoor recreation. Save Maine's Recycling Programs:

Shift the high cost of having to recycle materials like plastic, cardboard, glass, and metal to package producers, incentivizing different packaging. Consumer Owned Utility Bill: See

[www.mp4mp.org](http://www.mp4mp.org) for more information. Fund Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Projects:

Heating, cooling, and lighting Maine buildings is responsible for one-third of our carbon pollution and a financial burden on low-income residents, schools, and towns.

### Level Three Endorsements

Ban Aerial Herbicide Spraying in Forest Management: Herbicides like glyphosates threaten public health, ecological systems, and local farms. One person said, "No sounds are heard in a forest after it has been sprayed!" Stop Filling Maine Landfills with Out-Of-State Waste:

Juniper Ridge Landfill, a dumping ground for out-of-state toxic waste, is poisoning Penobscot drinking water and other sites. Phase out Toxic PFAS Chemicals: Toxic PFAS contaminate our

lands and waters, threaten public health, and burden communities with expensive clean-ups. Green Amendment: Amend the Maine Constitution to establish the

right to a healthy environment. If you would like to get involved in supporting any of these bills, please contact Jill Linzee at [jlinzee@comcast.net](mailto:jlinzee@comcast.net) or Corliss Davis at

[cdavis5468@roadrunner.com](mailto:cdavis5468@roadrunner.com)

# 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, March 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, March 14 @12:00 PM

### Ringling Bells & Feeding Souls

Join us for an open-air concert with UUSB's historic bells and our monthly food collection for the Ecumenical Food Cupboard. Since December 2019, we've collected over 2,800 lbs. of food!

Saturday, March 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.



# 2021

## MARCH

# 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>
<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>13</b> 9:00 AM MUUSAN Network Meeting
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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 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.

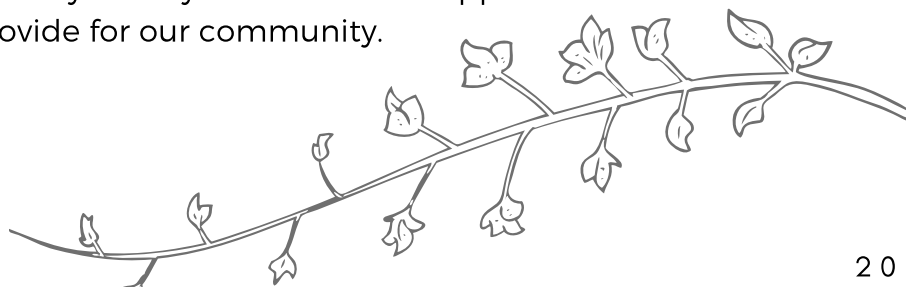
#### Collection Plate & Pledge Reminders

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: March 25, 2021

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