

# CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

NOVEMBER 2021

## THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

This month, our worship services will continue to be held via Zoom due to the elevated levels of the COVID-19 delta variant. Currently, our online platform is the safest way we can serve the greatest number of our members, friends, and guests. Please check the weekly e-news and Facebook posts for all service and COVID updates. Let's hope we can safely begin hybrid services soon!

Our theme this month is **Holding History**.

November 7 - *Do We Hold History or Does History Hold Us?* - History plays a significant role in understanding our identity, both as individuals and as a culture. Sometimes our history grounds us and sometimes it unsettles us. How we hold our history and collective histories will be our topic of exploration. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller, with John Arimond as our worship associate, Jennifer Rodriguez as our Zoom tech, and music provided by Molly J. Webster.  
Meeting ID: 968 7486 2874 Passcode: 093390

November 14 - *Veterans Day* - This service will be led by Phyllis Havens, our worship associate, with Jennifer Rodriguez as our Zoom tech, and music provided by Molly J. Webster.  
Meeting ID: 973 6901 3068 Passcode: 541421

November 21 - *New Member Sunday* - In the midst of the midst of a changing world we pause to offer an ingathering to welcome new members who are joining our congregation. Join us to welcome new members and hear their wonderful bios. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller and Cathy Elliott, with John Arimond as our worship associate, Jennifer Rodriguez as our Zoom tech, and music provided by Molly J. Webster.  
Meeting ID: 962 5063 2380 Passcode: 255277

November 28 - Thanksgiving Service - Service details to be determined. Look for your e-news update!  
Meeting ID: 929 4063 4399 Passcode: 756711

**Note: December's worship theme is "Opening to Joy."**

If this theme makes you think of a poem, reading, or piece of music that speaks to this theme please share it with Rev. Drew, Molly Webster, or a member of the Worship Committee. Your suggestions inform and enhance our worship services.

**2021-2022 Worship Themes** - January: Living with Intention; February: Widening the Circle; March: Renewing Faith; April: Awakening; May: Nurturing Beauty; June: Celebrating Blessings

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Dear Ones,

The month of November begins with the remembrance of All Souls Day - a day to honor our beloved ones who have died. We remember the ways that they touched our lives and our shared collective history. It is a tender time and a sacred one.

When I was a kid, I remember learning history as being very crisp, clear, and linear. History was factual, with an emphasis on learning a specific truth associated with a particular event or events. Learning history was like learning multiplication tables - apparent, very specific, not open to much in the way of interpretation.

Even in my undergraduate studies, there was an emphasis on this learning in history. It wasn't until my first class in theological school that I learned a new way of engaging history. In my first class of my graduate program, our professor took a very different view. The class was "Contemporary Islam." I remember my classmates and me complaining to our professor that his reading list of ten books was a bit excessive. Over the semester, however, we began to understand our professor's reasoning: history involves looking not at one history (the history of the "winners"), but many histories.

During the class, we looked at historical events through many lenses to discover the complexities of many truths and realities. There was no one answer, but often the truth of a minority perspective was much more revealing about the particular event or time. Our Professor wanted us to read so much, not because he wanted to be demanding, but instead to be more thorough, complete, and wholistic. Each book we read offered a different perspective on the same events in history. There were colonial/colonizer views, colonized views, spiritual views, economic views, and political views. All are connected, but painted with very different perspectives.

A great example of this need to look deeper into

our history comes from our reexamination of the holiday called Thanksgiving, a uniquely American Harvest Celebration, based on a very limited historical truth and the wisdom of the need to be thankful. However, it has also whitewashed the struggles of indigenous peoples to maintain their own sovereignty and right to equality, as we have learned from the Wabanaki tribes and groups like Maine Wabanaki Reach. We have learned of the ways colonizers systematically stripped, stole, and tricked away the land of Maine from the care of the indigenous peoples at the same time that the colonizers unleashed the violence of genocide. Thanks to this newer approach to looking at our history, we are learning how to be more aware of history beyond the white colonial version, moving to include the histories of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, and LGBTQ2+ communities. Our history is complexed and our assumptions need to be reexamined from multiple perspectives in order to separate the truth our ancestors have taught us from what is misleading and wrong.

This is also true for understanding our family histories. People whom we have loved were complex people too. Members of our families were and are flawed, but also have redeeming qualities. Either way, their existence and their influence on who we are and how we see ourselves through the lens of history is important because part of how we see is them is how we too will be seen by our children and our children's children. It behooves us to continue to be students of history, to examine our pasts, to inform our futures, and to not be constrained by a rote interpretation that is one sided.

There is much turmoil these days between people who want history to remain static, even in the face of verifiable contradiction - the lies of stolen elections, the denial of the Holocaust, the whitewashing of slavery and colonial destruction of thriving cultures.

So, this month, as we examine our collective histories, let us be open to remembering those who informed us and have gone before. Let us view them through the many perspectives to see all their complexities and to recognize the ways they have helped us and harmed us. Let us learn from their stories and experiences to be people of spirit and faith who continue to strive to be bolder in our caring, compassion, and kindness

May we embrace all we are grateful for and use our wisdom and discernment to make the world a better and fairer place for *all* people, not just our own.

Namasté & Love!



Rev. Drew

## Minister's Schedule - November 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, Wed, Fri - 12 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)

Saturdays - By appointment (ONLINE or by PHONE)

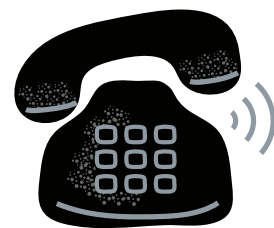
Sundays - (afternoon / evenings by appointment) (ONLINE or by PHONE)

Note: **November 14 & 28** - Rev. Drew will not be in the pulpit, for normal days off.

**November 21-29** - Rev. Drew will be out of the office taking comp time off from the 2020-21 congregational year.

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

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



## COUNCIL CRIER

BY KAREN CASHMAN



### Creation of Capital Improvement Task Force

The Council voted to develop a task force that would help move identified capital improvements forward. This group would be responsible for seeking out a new building inspection report, which was last done by Perkins Home Services in 2018. In addition, this group would also assist in obtaining quotes, making priority recommendations on necessary repairs as well as creating a proposal for Council and Trustees with short- and long-term building repairs. Task Force will include members from the Trustees, Buildings and Grounds Committee, and the Council.

### COVID-19 & In-Person Gatherings Update

While hospitalizations are down, transmission of COVID-19 still remains high in the region. We are hopeful that vaccinations for children age 5-12 will be approved by early November. In addition, boosters are now being provided for certain eligible groups. Council will look at wording in the COVID-19 policy to determine if appropriate changes can be made to allow for a gradual reopening of the building and to allow for small group meetings. We will assess the ability to begin hybrid services in December. In addition, the Council voted that if you are not able to provide proof of vaccination status, a negative COVID test 72 hours prior will be acceptable to attend in-person SEE events.



# *Dare to Dream*

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!

**VALUE OF UP TO \$5,000**

LOOKING TO TRAVEL? RENOVATE?  
MAYBE IN NEED OF A NEW CAR?  
LOOKING TO PAY OFF YOUR LOANS?

**\$20 PER TICKET - ONLY 1,000 TICKETS**

FULL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT  
[UUBANGOR.ORG/RAFFLE2021](http://UUBANGOR.ORG/RAFFLE2021)

TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL DECEMBER 3RD  
DRAWING ON DECEMBER 4TH

**we need everyone's help to make this fundraiser a success!**

pick up tickets at the 2nd sunday food collection  
from linda sisson at her home by appointment  
or at the church office tues-fri by appointment



# Dare to Dream

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We're one month into getting the raffle tickets out there and sold! But we still need your help! There is only one month left and we want to answer some of your Raffle FAQs.

**Do you have to buy tickets?** No, no one has to buy tickets. Ticket sales are entirely voluntary. But, we'd love it if you got one for yourself.

**Do you have to sell tickets?** No, no one is required to sell tickets. *But* if they aren't sold, we may be short in our annual budget for the year. Without the raffle or if we don't make enough with the raffle, we will have to raise money some other way or cut funding somewhere, such as staffing or supplies.

**Is it hard to sell tickets?** Not really. You have to keep two things in mind.

1. All the proceeds go to the church and the church outreach programs.
2. It is as much about selling the rights to dream as it is actually winning the prize. Throughout the pandemic people have constantly been dreaming about where they would go or what they would do when it's over. It's hard to go to the movies for \$20 now, so how is that any different? Except, see 1) above, all the proceeds go to the church programs. And the winner gets to go anywhere in the world and have dinner and accommodations for free!

**How do I sell the tickets?** First you get tickets, either from Christine in the office, by appointment, or from Linda Sisson at her home, also by appointment. You can also pick up tickets on November 14, from 11:30-12:30 at UUSB during the Food Collection and Open-Air Concert or at the Wreaths Sale on December 4 from 10:00-12:00 before the drawing.

You will receive one or more envelopes with a simple "how to" sheet and anywhere a booklet of ten tickets. As you sell them you record who they are sold to and put the ticket stub (with their name on it) and their cash or check into the envelope and turn it back in at church. If you don't sell all the tickets, just turn those back in too.

**How are we doing so far?** Well, we've distributed about 540 of the 1000 tickets so far and we've received back the money from about 122 sold tickets. Not bad, but we have to keep it up and try and sell ALL of the tickets.

**When is the drawing?** December 4th, 2021 will be the big raffle drawing at church after the Wreath & Swag Sale at 12:00. You do not need to be present to win.

## RETRIEVE & REUSE HANNAFORD 2 GO PAPER BAGS

THE BEAN SUPPER CREW WOULD LIKE TO RETRIEVE AND REUSE YOUR USED "HANNAFORD 2 GO" PAPER BAGS.

IF YOU CAN PART WITH ANY, CALL CAROL VEITS AT 947-1232 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE. SHE'LL BE GLAD TO PICK THEM UP.



no committee meetings @UUSB

Building Closed + Staff Working from Home

Call or Email ~ all calls go to voicemail

Use Vestry door during school hours

Photos to Feature on Website or in C+C ALWAYS WELCOME

no small groups meeting @ UUSB



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Building Partially Closed

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UUSB staff are working primarily from home. Small groups and committees may meet in the office, but must contact the office to schedule time, receive approval, and verify required safety guidelines. Please check the weekly e-news and monthly Chalice & Chimes for updates.

Office hours with contact by voicemail or email from 10-2, Tues-Fri

If there is some delay, please be patient with the complexities of working from home. 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 email and I will pass along the info or reply by email or phone, as you request. When leaving a voicemail, please provide all necessary info.

Do NOT Use Dorothy During School Hours (8:30-3:30)

Until the SEE Wing renovation is complete, Woodland Pond School has to remain in the Dorothy. Because of this, you must inform the office at least one day ahead if you need to access the Dorothy during school hours. The school can plan for less focused activities or to be out of the building when you are in the space, if they know ahead of time. Do not block exits or bathrooms, as it is a health and safety issue.

No Office Hours Thanksgiving Week, 11/23-11/26

There will be no regular office hours during the week of Thanksgiving, as Christine will have both children home all week. She will be answering emails and returning phone calls, but please expect delays. Delays could be a couple hours or a week, depending on how urgent the request is.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

CHALICE & CHIMES (OCT ED.) SATURDAY 11/20 - SOFT DEADLINE THURSDAY 11/25 - HARD DEADLINE

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

# TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROSEMARY PARSONS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. This report covers 25% of the year.

Total income for the month of September was \$19,365, Expenses were \$16,614 leaving a net income of \$2751 for the month. In Sept 2020 there was a net income of (\$1,413). YTD income is \$74,99, 32.5% of the year's budget In FY21 YTD income was \$59,830, 30% of the year's budget.

September income included pledge of \$5,272. Plate donations were \$359. Half of that amount was split between UUSB Food programs \$100 and UUA Disaster Relief \$80....Endowments were \$9,495.

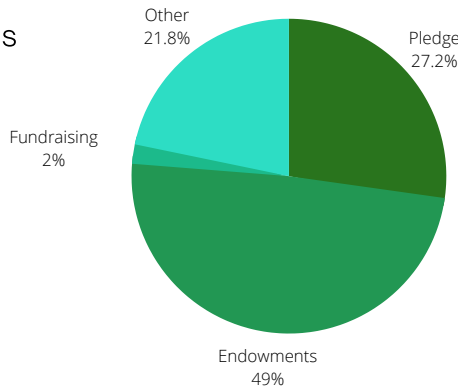
VANCO: In September: 9 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$636.98 gross in all categories with a net of \$618.62. Fees were \$18.36 and the offset paid was \$13.82 Additional charges invoiced were \$20.75. Donations were General Fund for \$152, pledges for \$315, Share the Plate for \$152 and Minister's Discretionary \$2.

Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$12,426 (75% of total costs), Building \$2,091 (12%), Fair Share to the UUA \$845 (5%), Administrative \$617 (4%), and Congregational expenses for \$635 (4%). Total expenses for 3 months was 22.3% of the year's budget.

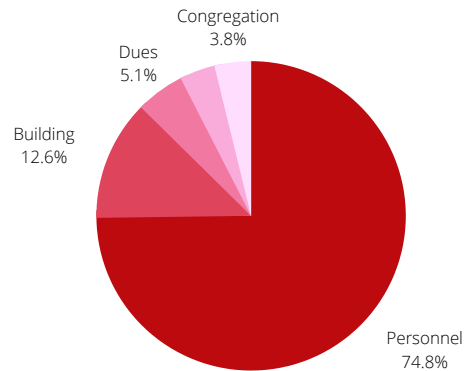
We are entering our season of major fund raisers. Raffle tickets are NOT being sold online this year, so please contact Christine in the office or Linda Sisson at home for details: to buy tickets or get tickets to sell. The raffle sales end on December 3. Success of this event is ESSENTIAL for funding salaries, building expenses, etc.

In Service,  
Rosemary Parsons

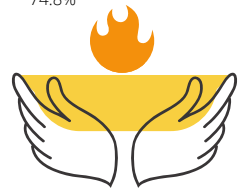
**September Income**



**September Expenses**



## SHARE THE PLATE



In November, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to the Penquis Fuel Assistance Program. Fuel Assistance (Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP) assists income-eligible households in Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Knox counties with high winter heating costs. Homes may be heated with oil, kerosene, coal, pellets, wood, LP gas, or electricity. For more information on their program, you can visit <https://www.penquis.org/services/heating-utilities/heating-assistance-liheap/>.

In September, we shared \$100 with our UUSB food programs and \$80 with the UUA disaster relief fund.

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

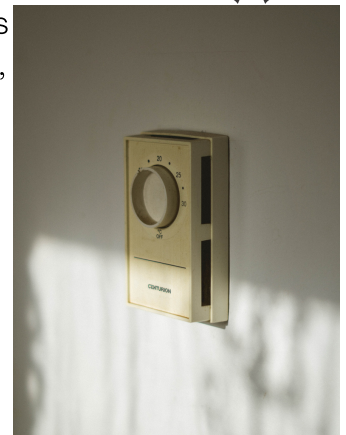


Photo by Will Mallot via Unsplash

## Looking for Friendly People to Help as Sunday Greeters

Although we don't yet know when we will be back for in-person services, the Membership-Fellowship Committee is getting ready to welcome all your smiling faces. To do this, we need your help! We like to have at least two people in the Dorothy to greet everyone as they arrive for Sunday services, as well as provide information to those who are new to UUSB. This is a wonderful way to meet folks and share our wonderful community. If you would like to help out, contact Cathy Elliott at [cathyelliott25@gmail.com](mailto:cathyelliott25@gmail.com). We will be in touch to schedule dates. Thanks!

## Options for Membership

Any friends and visitors who want to consider becoming a member of UUSB can now join at any time, not just twice a year! The joining 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 December 12th. The next New to UU Class will be held Saturday, November 6th from 9:00-1:00. 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 commUUunity. The next Minister's Tea will be Sunday, December 12th, just after fellowship. If you would like to attend, please send an email to [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com).



# New to UU Class

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH ~ 9:00AM



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF UUSB?  
JUST HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM?  
LOOKING FOR A REFRESHER?

OUR FALL NEW TO UU CLASS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY!  
THE CLASS ALSO COMPLETES ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

WE WILL MEET FROM 9AM VIA ZOOM FOR ROUGHLY 2 HOURS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASS, CONTACT CATHY ELLIOTT OR  
THE UUSB OFFICE.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY WILL BE NOVEMBER 21, IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO JOIN THIS FALL.



# SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE

The Soul Matters theme for November is Holding History. For many of us, our heritage comes from places spread across the globe, for some, America is the land of their people, some families have just arrived, and for some, their ancestors were forced to the Americas to live a life of slavery and oppression upon stolen land. That's a LOT to hold!

Our UU faith is ever evolving and expanding trying to keep current and be there for its community. We all know about our Seven Principles: respect the worth and dignity of every person, offer fair and kind treatment to one another, you and I grow wiser together, goodness and curiosity guide our search for truth, by listening deeply and deciding together, we make better choices, you and I work for peace, freedom and justice, and we value and care for the web of life that connects us us all - but did you know that there is an 8th Principle in the works??

Together, as an Association, we are working to add this one: *Building beloved community, free from racism and oppression*. We have so much to do as a country to account for our shared histories.

This month, be sure to check out our activity pack, *Soulful Home*, is chock-full of fun games and activities, as well as thoughtful conversation starters to help you and your family find ways to hold our history - as a nation, as a church community, and as a family.

In comm-UU-nity,



## Circle of Trees

We had much fun at our October *Circle of Trees* family event! We gathered in the Bangor City Forest, surrounded by the beautiful fall foliage, and played a few games, sung a song, and heard the story of a 300 year old tree. We hope you can join us next month!

Sunday, Nov 14th @2PM  
Bangor City Forest



## FALL SESSION SCHEDULE

### November

Sun 11/7 @11:15 - Zoom Rooms  
Online

Sun 11/14 @2 - Circle of Trees  
Outdoor Family Event  
Location TBA

Sun 11/21 - Solidarity Harvest  
\*\*TENTATIVE\*

Sun 11/28 - No S.E.E.

### December

Sun 12/5 @11:15 - Zoom Rooms  
Online

Sun 12/12 @11:15 - Zoom Rooms  
Online

Sun 12/19 @1:30- Circle of Trees  
Outdoor Family Event  
Location TBA

Sun 12/26 - No S.E.E.



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# WHAT TO EXPECT THIS FALL

Due to the complexities of planning in this Covid-age, we are designing our program with safety and flexibility as our top priority. For the first session of our programming, Sept 26-Dec 26, we are going to have a mash-up of Zoom-Room Classes, to be held after the Zoom Church Service at around 11:15AM - Noon-ish, as well as a number of Outdoor, Covid-Conscious, In-person Events. You are welcome to join either or both types of experiences!

We are committed to the safety of our community. We have put into place some important safety precautions in an effort to reduce risk while participating at In-Person Events.

Masks must be worn, except when eating, during all UUSB In-Person Events. **\*\*\*Proof of vaccination for all folks 12 years of age and older must be presented to the DSE at the first In-Person S.E.E. Event you and your family attend.\*\*\*** Please continue to practice physical distancing when interacting with folks outside of your pod.

## UUSB Mindfulness Meditation Group

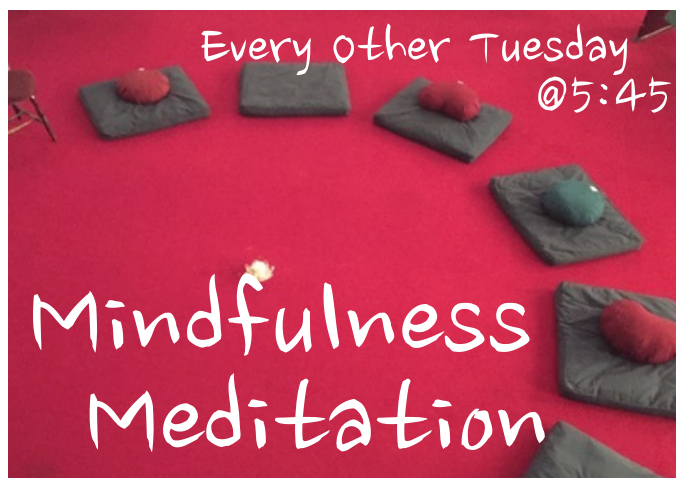
Tuesdays, 5:45 - 7:00 PM

This Fall, the first and third Tuesdays of the month will include a lesson related to a topic from the book. In the second and fourth weeks, the group will have slightly longer walking and sitting meditation and check-in and group discussion.

Our meditation is an open/drop in style group. No previous meditation experience required though first time attendees are encouraged to check-in with Rev. Drew (drewuu2@gmail.com) beforehand for a quick briefing. We have had a few new participants, including meditators as far away as TX and PA. Given that the UUSB Building is closed to in-person meetings, we will continue to meet via Zoom, but this is subject to change as COVID-19 conditions allow.

Please check your email for the login link or use the following info to call in!

Meeting ID: 794 704 8437



## Chalice Side Chat

Every Tuesday at 7:30 PM

Join Sue Henri-Mackenzie 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 email for the login link or use the following info to call in!

Meeting ID: 881 4667 4374 Passcode: 137985



# BUILDING + GROUNDS

## Fall Cleanup

Saturday, November 13  
9:00-12:00



It's that time of year again!!

We have lots to do:

- Raking and clearing garden beds
- Putting up window Inserts
- Dusting and cleaning (18 months worth)
- Helping with SEE space renovations

Please join us if you can! Masks are **required** for work inside and recommended for all participants.

Saturdays 9:00-1:00

## SE Wing Reno

Join Wendy to update our SE Wing

You can join Wendy every Saturday from 9-1 to work on the SE renovations. If Saturdays don't work for you, you can contact Wendy and see if there is another time you could meet to work on a project. Wendy has been working hard almost daily to get the spaces finished for when our youth can return to in-person classes and events inside, as well as to welcome Woodland Pond School into our classrooms.

Any and all help is welcome as we finish floors, painting, decorating, etc. Many hands makes light (and quick) work!

# Holiday Gift Baskets



ITEMS & THEMES NEEDED!

The UUSB annual gift basket auction is coming up Dec. 4, and the basket committee is pleased with the many ideas they have received to date. However, more items, as well as actual baskets, are needed to ensure a minimum \$40 per-basket value. The committee has a list of themes it would be happy to share. There are also baskets available to put your items in; they are waiting in the Dorothy to be picked up and filled with your theme!

In the meantime, Suzanne Kelly is seeking help with the Support Downtown Business basket. She has a list of businesses to contact if you're interested. All baskets can include new or lightly used gift-basket-worthy items. Baskets featuring consumables have been very popular in the past, as well as those featuring birds, gardens, home improvement, holidays, meditation, etc.

Committee members Cathy Elliott (cathyllott25@gmail.com), Suzanne Kelly (suziekrm@gmail.com) and Judy Martin (martinsinmaine@gmail.com) are ready to help. This auction is an important fund-raiser for UUSB, so let's get basketing and make this year's auction a record-breaker.



## holiday wreath sale

Photo by Ellie Lord via Unsplash

### Celebrate the holidays with a beautiful UUSB-decorated wreath or swag!

**Pre-order ahead to reserve your wreath or swag!**

Wreaths will be **\$23** each.

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

You can pick up your **reserved** wreaths and swags on **December 4th** from **10:00-12:00** in the **Dorothy Memorial Hall**.

From 12:00-2:00, doors will be open to the general public, members, and friends who did not preorder.

Cash or check only.

Contact Kerrie O'Brien to place your order at [kerriekat48@yahoo.com](mailto:kerriekat48@yahoo.com) or (207) 521-6330.

These wreaths are made at Piper Mountain Christmas Tree Farm and decorated by our own UUSB talented elves.

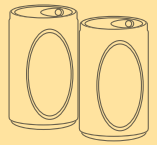
Wreaths and swags will be available for pre-order pick up on December 4th from 10:00 to noon in the Dorothy Memorial Hall. Because each wreath is unique, you can pick out your wreath or swag on a "first come, first served" basis.

Everyone participating will be masked. We assume most people will choose to come inside and select their own as in the past. We will gladly bring a wreath out to your vehicle, if you prefer we select a wreath or swag for you.

These wreathes have become a UUSB holiday tradition. If you want to be one of the decorator elves, please contact Sue McKay at [suemckay@midmaine.com](mailto:suemckay@midmaine.com). We are limited due to COVID-19 precautions as to how many people can decorate.



# Ringling Bells and Feeding Souls



November 14th at 12:00 PM

Open Air Chimes Concert & Food Collection

On Sunday, November 14, UUSB will once again host our Second Sunday Food Drive and Open Air Concert, the church's monthly community food collection, from 12:00-12:30. There will be drop off bins on the Park Street sidewalk in front of the church for those wishing to donate.

From 12:00-12:30, there will also be a concert from the church's historic bell tower. UUSB's 10-bell, Meneely "C Chime" is one of only 6 genuine tower bell instruments in Maine and the only manually-played chime in Bangor (installed 1919).

We invite all within the Bangor community to step outside and take a listen. You are welcome to enjoy from the church lawn, surrounding areas, or your car, but please wear masks and social distance.

The food collected is given to the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Bangor. Want to help feed souls, but don't can't give food? They can also take monetary donations, which buys up to six pounds of food for every dollar given. Make checks out to Bangor Ecumenical Food Cupboard (Bangor EFC), and we'll keep feeding souls.

In 2020, you gave 2,833.5 pounds of food, more than one and one quarter metric tons. In 2021, to date, you have contributed 2,279.5 pounds. You are making a difference.



## What Are Grocery Cards? And, Why Buy Them?



So, you want to know, "What are grocery cards?" Good question!

Grocery cards are Hannaford gift cards that UUSB sells as a type of fundraiser. We purchase the gift cards in bulk directly from Hannaford with a 5% discount. This means that, by purchasing grocery cards from UUSB, you are able to donate 5% of your grocery bill to UUSB without increasing your grocery bill!

The Hannaford gift cards, aka grocery cards, can be used for almost all purchases at Hannaford. The very limited exceptions being money orders, money transfer services, utility bills, and returned check fees. Most grocery cards purchased through UUSB also can not be used for tobacco or alcohol.

Now that you know what they are and how easy it is to give a few extra dollars to UUSB without any extra spending, I bet you want to know how you get your grocery cards. No need to worry because it is easy to start getting your cards at any time, using the following info.

Grocery Cards are 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!

Cards are also available at the monthly Ringing Bells & Feeding Souls events.

The next will be November 14th at 12:00.

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.

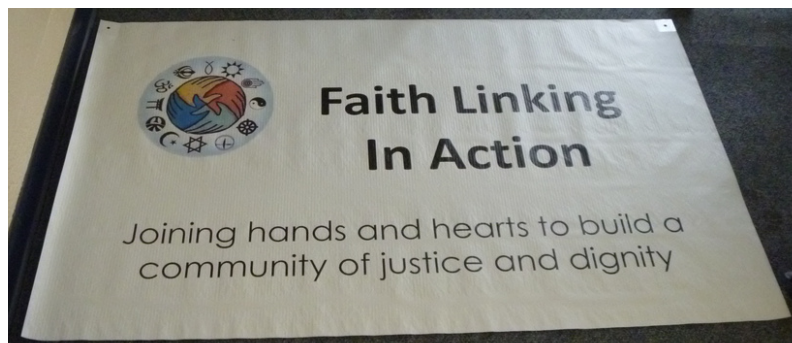
# SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

## Faith Linking in Action

UUSB is a very active member congregation of Faith Linking in Action (FLIA). FLIA's purpose is to encourage congregations, regardless of religious affiliation, to work together to help those people in our community who are struggling to get by. We are excited about our new energy and upcoming projects.

As most of you know, for some time now, UUSB members have been contributing to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard. Since COVID-19 has hit the scene, we've developed a unique, safe way to maintain these collections: Second Sundays have included the outside collection of food and hygiene items AND a bell tower concert to boot.

At the last 2nd Sunday we also collected general hygiene and feminine hygiene items, along with small cold weather clothing items. These are to be delivered by members of FLIA to homeless and home insecure people in our community who meet as part of the Greater Bangor Housing Coalition (GBHC) each Saturday at Pickering Square at 1:00 PM. FLIA Congregation members will deliver their items to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Brewer by 1:00 PM on Sunday, November 7th where individual bags of hygiene items will be made up and the small clothing items will be sorted. Anyone interested in sorting on the 7th or delivering these items to the GBHC meeting on Saturday, November 13th is WELCOME. It will be also be when we unveil our new FLIA banner. Contact Suzanne Kelly or Tim or Judy Martin for more details.



## Mid Maine YoUUtH

BY REV. ANDREW MOELLER

The Fall Mid Maine YoUUtH Group event was canceled due to a lack of responses.

Our next scheduled events are:

**WINTER - January 28 - 29 Trip to the Belfast Warming Center** - UU Church of Belfast.

The RSVP deadline is November 30. If you want to attend, you must contact Rev. Drew. The early RSVP deadline is to allow time to coordinate and plan appropriately

**SPRING - April 22 - 23 - Overnight with a Wabanaki REACH workshop** - Bangor or Ellsworth

We will also help with a Bean Supper or in a local shelter or food pantry.

The RSVP Deadline is February 28, so there is enough time to plan and coordinate with congregations and Wabanaki Reach workshop leaders.

Reminder: Unlike previous years, this program is open to all high school-age youth. Youth are not required to commit to attending every event. All programs are still subject to change, so check your weekly E-News and next month's *Chalice & Chimes* for updates and details as they unfold.

Dear Ones,

With great sadness, I share the news of Maria Hautala's passing. Maria was a beloved member of our community for many years. She passed away early in the morning on October 8, 2021 at St. Joseph's Hospital, supported by her husband Bruce and daughter Erica. Maria's remarkable personality and her love of music, family, and nature have touched our hearts in so many ways.

Maria was a longtime and treasured member of UUSB, the Guild, Women With Wings, and the Temple of the Feminine Divine. She will be deeply missed by all, but her commitment, her joy, and her memories will live on in us.

Cards of condolence can be sent to her family at:  
27 Thibodeau Dr.  
Levant, ME 04456

We will be planning a memorial service for Maria in the future, though there is not a date or time at this point.

May we all hold Maria's family and friends in our thoughts and prayers,  
Rev. Drew

Honoring the life of

## *Maria Hautala*



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## *Guild Activities*

BY CINDY TODD

Guild members met last Wednesday via Zoom for their monthly meeting. After a brief business meeting, members got a glimpse of the inner workings of a newspaper when guest speaker Christina Diebold talked about her 20 years as a copy editor for the Bangor Daily News. We all enjoyed listening to Christina's description of the duties, challenges, and rewards of her job, as well as hearing about her experiences and the people she worked with. A question and answer period followed and Christina provided insight into today's world of the local daily newspapers still printing hard copies as they compete with online news—a much different world than the one she worked in.

Next month the guest speaker will be new author, Chris Packard, who will talk about his recently published book. All meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month and all are welcome. For more information contact Cindy Todd (207) 944-9375 or Phyllis Havens (207) 944-0181.

Hope to see you there!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

The Who, What,  
Where, & When to  
find UU online

## HOSTED BY UUSB REGULARLY

Sundays @10:00 AM

### Worship Service

Join us weekly on Zoom. Find the link, meeting ID, and password in the weekly e-news.

Tuesdays @5:45 PM

### Mindfulness Meditation Group

Join Rev. Drew for our regular Mindfulness (Vipassana) Meditation Group. Open to all!

Tuesdays @7:00 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, November 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. In 2021, we've already collected over 2,000 lbs. of food!

Saturday, November 13 @9:00 AM

### Fall Cleanup

Stop by from 9:00-1:00 to help cleanup inside and out to get the UUSB building ready for our return!

Sunday, November 21 @10:00 AM

### New Member Sunday

Join us to meet and welcome our newest members in this special worship service!

Saturday, November 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 NOVEMBER

## UUSB CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:00 PM Chalice-Side Chat	3	4 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Choir	5	6 9:00 AM New to UU Class 9:00 AM SE Wing Reno
7 10:00 AM Service 11:15 AM SEE ZoomRooms	8	9 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:00 PM Chalice-Side Chat	10 Committee Reports Due 6:30 PM Mem-Fel Committee	11 Woodland Pond School No School 6:30 PM Executive Committee	12 10:00 AM Budget & Finance	13 9:00 AM Fall Cleanup
14 10:00 AM Service 12:00 PM Ringing Bells & Feeding Souls 2:00 PM SEE Circle of Trees	15	16 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:00 PM Chalice-Side Chat	17 12:00 PM Pastoral Care 6:30 PM Council	18	19 9:00 AM Shared Ministry 1:30 PM Yard Sale Set Up	20 9:00 AM SE Wing Reno 10:00 AM
21 10:00 AM New Member Service 11:30 AM Social Justice Committee	22	23 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:00 PM Chalice-Side Chat	24 5:30 PM Worship Committee	25 Woodland Pond School No School	26	27 9:00 AM SE Wing Reno 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
28 10:00 AM Service	29	30 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Meditation Group 7:00 PM Chalice-Side Chat	Office Closed			
<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.

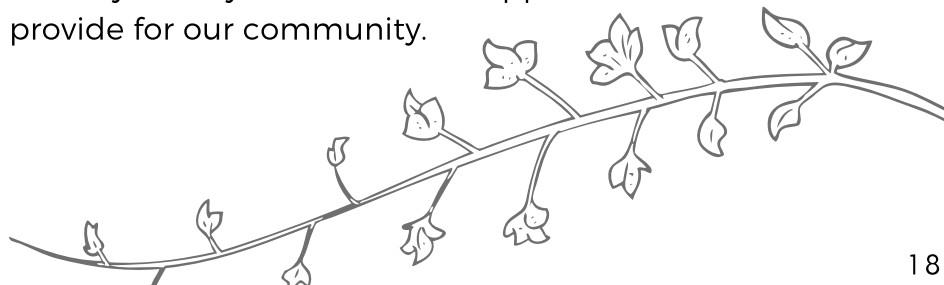
#### Collection Plate & Pledge Reminders

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:

**Kerrie O'Brien**, Chair  
Valerie Carter, Vice Chair  
Kate Dutra, Clerk  
Rosemary Parsons, Treasurer  
Becky Anderson  
Karen Cashman  
Nero Fyler  
Francis Grey  
Ali Khavari

Council meets at 6:30 PM  
on the third Wednesday  
of each month.



## UUSB Staff Contact:

Rev. Andrew Moeller, Minister  
(207) 922-2956  
Christine Sprague, Office Admin.  
(207) 947-7009  
Karen Childs, Director of SE  
(207) 949-0733  
Molly J. Webster, Music Director  
(207) 947-7009

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: November 25, 2021

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

