

# CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

SEPTEMBER 2021

## THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

During September, our services will be held remotely via Zoom. We hope to begin hybrid services soon, depending on the number of COVID-19 cases in our area. Please follow the weekly E-News and UUSB Facebook group for login information and updates on UUSB's response to COVID-19.

Our theme this month is **Embracing Possibility**.

September 5 - *2020 Service Redeaux* - This Labor Day, we will honor our essential workers once again. We'll hear from Vet Tech Kerrie O'Brien and Postal Worker Francis Grey and have a special tribute to our medical essential workers from Karen Cashman of Northern Maine Light. This service will be led by Karen Cashman, with Laurie Cartier as our worship associate, Jennifer Rodriguez as our Zoom tech, and music provided by guest musician, Garrett Artman.

September 12 - *Water Communion & Homecoming* - Water is the Universal stuff that supports all life as we know it. In keeping with our UUSB Tradition, we will kickoff our new program year with our annual ritual of Water Communion. Everyone attending is encouraged to share a sample of water from some place they found spiritual wisdom or connection during the summer. See page 8 for more info on adding your water or receiving some of the communal water. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller, with Phyllis Havens as our worship associate, Jennifer Rodriguez as our Zoom tech, and music provided by Molly J. Webster. Meeting ID: 990 0122 0194 Passcode: 116410

September 19 - *Forgiveness: A New Possibility for Healing* - In our quest to live healthy meaning lives we often think of medicine, exercise, and diet as the path to health. While these things important, so is our mental and spiritual health. Today's service looks at how we can reconcile the places in our lives that are in need of the healing of forgiveness. 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: 915 3677 5104 Passcode: 478201

September 26 - *Waiting for the World to Change* - What role does waiting play in play in our ability to see, create, and effect change? This morning explore the possibilities. This service will be led by Rev. Drew Moeller, with Sue McKay as our worship associate, LyAnn Grogan as our Zoom tech, and music provided by Molly J. Webster. Meeting ID: 958 1743 8074 Passcode: 571654

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BY REV. ANDREW MOELLER

Dear Ones,

I hope that you all have had a good summer and that you have found some time to get out into nature and experience some of the joy and beauty of our amazing state.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the privilege of participating in the ordination service of Rev. Ariel Aaronson-Eves down in Castine. It was a beautiful service on a clear, sunny day. I enjoyed joining with my colleagues and members of the Belfast, Castine, and Ellsworth congregations (both in-person and online). We welcomed Rev. Ariel into her new role of professional leadership in our greater UU Movement.



Rev. Ariel Aaronson-Eve receives charge from the Castine Congregation during her ordination on Aug 14, 2021

Summer days and events such as ordinations are great times for reflection, reminiscing, and on our journeys. For me, as I prepare to enter my sixth year of service to UUSB, I too have been reflecting on the journey that we have shared; my arrival; my first year getting to know you; the worship service where you "installed" me as your minister. I also reflected on the many conversations, learning opportunities, and ways that we have grown together.

Like many of you, I had hoped that this summer would bring an end to the COVID pandemic and that life would miraculously return to normal

(though I am not sure what normal looks like anymore). In some ways coming back with the rise in numbers of the Delta-variant is discouraging. I find that my time away from sailing, attending to my dad, and reconnecting with friends has renewed my spirit, and I am excited to be back and beginning a new program year with you all.

I also find myself deeply inspired by all the hard work that happened during the summer: from great summer worship experiences; to ramping up our new Audio-Visual-Streaming System; and the major repairs and renovations to our Spiritual Exploration Wing. I want to thank Ben Speed and all who have helped him on the AVS System, Wendy Ericson and all the renovation volunteers, Rosemary Parsons, and our Council and Worship Committee members. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WORK AND DEDICATION TO OUR COMMUNITY! They have kept things moving along during the summer.

Heading into our new program year, I have no idea what the future will bring. I know that with all the leaders and volunteers and fantastic staff, we are so blessed as a congregation, and we have what it takes to weather the storms of the changing times. Our efforts at mutual support, working together for the common good, are actions that feed our community. In that sort of community, the spirit of interconnection and empowerment and greater wisdom and understanding flourishes.

I look forward journeying with you through whatever the next year holds as we deepen our connection with each other and the faith we share!

Namasté & Love!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Drew". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Drew

## Minister's Schedule - September 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: **September 13** - Rev. Drew resumes regular hours this week.

**September 15-16** - Rev. Drew will be out of the office.

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

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



## COUNCIL CRIER



### Update on resuming in-person Sunday Service at UUSB:

Due to the surge of the COVID-19 Delta variant in Penobscot County, we have made the decision to postpone the start of in-person Sunday Services at this time. In addition, the building is closed to committee and group meetings. We look forward to continuing our Sunday Services and other UUSB activities via Zoom.

As the state of the pandemic is always evolving, we will monitor the situation monthly and follow state and Federal CDC guidelines to make informed decisions. While this decision was difficult, the health and safety of our congregation members are always our top priority. If there is anything we can do to serve you, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office, [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com). Be well, friends.

## UUSB Mindfulness Meditation Group

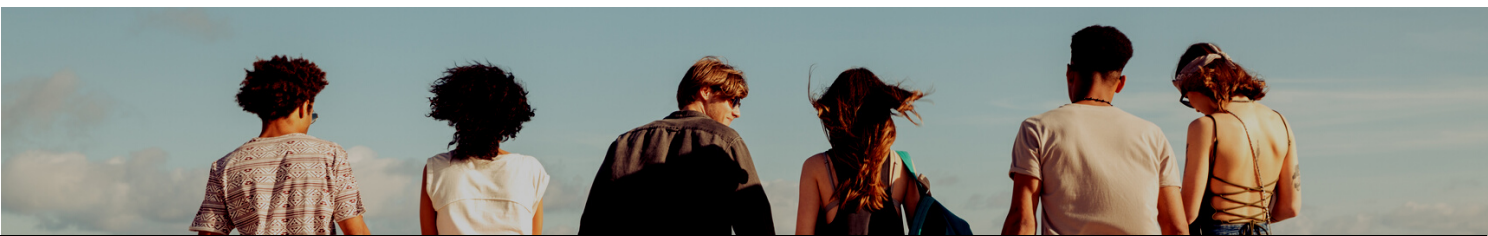
Starting Tuesday, September 21

5:45 - 7:00 PM

We will continue using the book *The Wise Heart* by Jack Kornfield as a general guide for our discussions for the Fall.

This Fall is that Rev. Drew will be teaching on the first and third Tuesdays of the month instead of weekly. On other weeks the group will have slightly longer sitting and walking meditation sessions along with group discussions.

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. Given that the UUSB Building is closed to in-person meetings, it is likely that our first meetings will be on Zoom, but this is subject to change as COVID-19 conditions allow. Links/announcements to each week's meeting appear in the E-News.



In June, the MMY ended its year with a wonderful paddle down the Penobscot with guides Doug Bean, from the Penobscot River Keepers, and UUSB's own Joe & Gayle Zydlewski. The trip was lightly attended, but the experience was amazing. Participants learned a lot about the Penobscot River and its recovering health and the health of several fish species. Thanks Doug, Gayle, and Joe for making this trip a success!

This year, the Mid-Maine YoUuth Group leaders have decided to focus on some local/regional activities that do not require long-distance travel due to continued COVID concerns. We will be holding 3-4 regional service/hangout/learning gatherings. Currently, we are looking into the following options (please save the dates if your high schooler wishes to attend):

FALL – October 8-9:

Trip to Center for Ecological Teaching & Learning (CETL) Edmunds Township, Cobscook Bay to learn about CETL's work and help with fall maintenance.

WINTER – January 28 - 29

Trip to the Belfast Warming Center – UU Church of Belfast

SPRING - April 22 - 23

Overnight in either Bangor or Ellsworth - with a Wabanaki REACH workshop and working to help out with Bean Supper or in a local shelter or food pantry

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.



Mid-Maine Youth prepare to shove off in the 28ft River Keeper Canoe on their trip in June.

Welcome  
Woodland  
Pond School

Building Closed  
&  
Staff Working  
from Home

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or  
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all calls go to  
voicemail

Use Vestry  
door during  
school hours

Photos to Feature  
on Website or in  
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WELCOME

Please do  
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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.

**"Office" hours with contact by voicemail or email from 10-2, Tuesday-Friday.** If there is some delay, please be patient with the complexities of the building being closed and having an infant around. 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 all necessary info.

### Do Not Answer UUSB Phones, Unless It is Related to the Alarm

Please do not answer the phones, when you are in the building. If you do answer, please take email Christine with the caller's **name, phone number, date the call was received, and a detailed message regarding what they called about.**

### Outside Groups Using the UUSB Building

There are a few groups that are continuing to use the UUSB building, despite the building closure. AA has been allowed throughout the pandemic because of the important service they provide. New Renaissance Singers will be returning, but with contractual safety precautions in place. As Molly is the director for NRS and the choir, she will be using the same precautions to allow choir to begin meeting once again. All approved groups are expected to use appropriate safety precautions to continue using the space. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### UPCOMING DEADLINES

CHALICE & CHIMES (OCT ED.)  
MONDAY 9/20 - SOFT DEADLINE  
SATURDAY 9/25 - HARD DEADLINE

E-NEWS (WEEKLY)  
THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM  
COMMITTEE NOTES FOR COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

### "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 JULY. This report covers 8.3% of the year.

Total income for the month of July was \$38,446. Expenses were \$19,334 leaving a net income of \$19,112 for the month. In July 2020 there was a net income of \$13,591

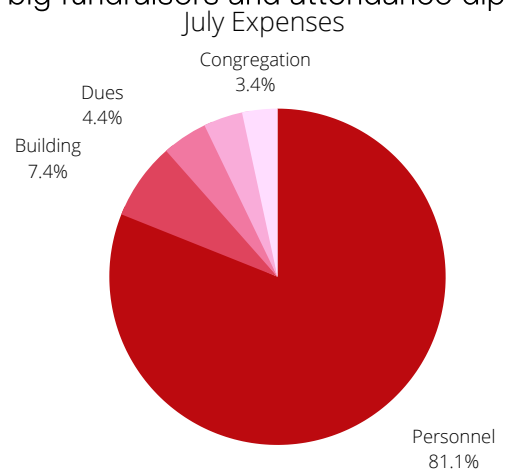
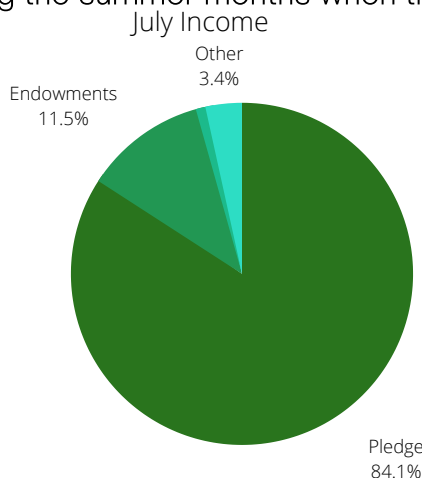
July income included pledge of \$32,346. 10 people had prepaid \$17,169 in June. Plate donations were \$235 Half of that amount goes to HEAL, Health Equity Alliance..

VANCO: In July::8 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$514 gross in all categories with a net of \$512.18 Fees were \$17.80 and the offset paid was \$15.98. Donations were General Fund for \$127, pledges for \$230,; Share the Plate for \$155 and Minister's Discretionary \$2.

Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$15,671 (81% of total costs), Building \$1,435 (7%), Fair Share to the UUA \$845 (4%), Administrative \$728 (4%) and Congregational expenses for \$655 (3%). Total expenses for 1 month was 8.1% of the year's budget.

For the past few years we have had several people prepay their pledge. This gives us a nice cushion in the bank account during the summer months when there are no big fundraisers and attendance dips.

In Service,  
Rosemary Parsons



## Buy Groceries, Support UUSB



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 September 8th at 12:00.

For purchase and pickup or delivery, contact:

Tim & Judy Martin  
942-2696

jamandt@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.

# FY2021 REPORT

BY ROSEMARY PARSONS

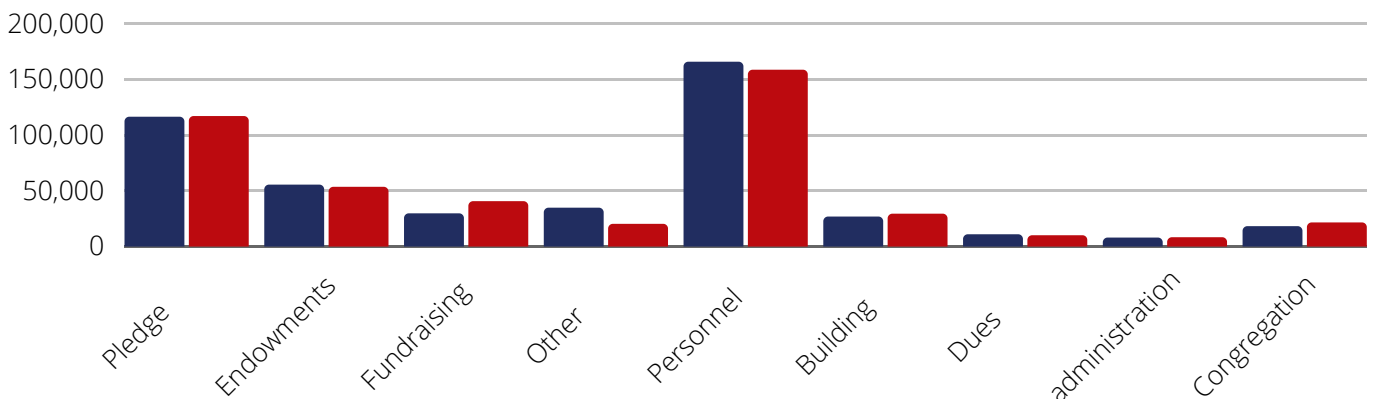
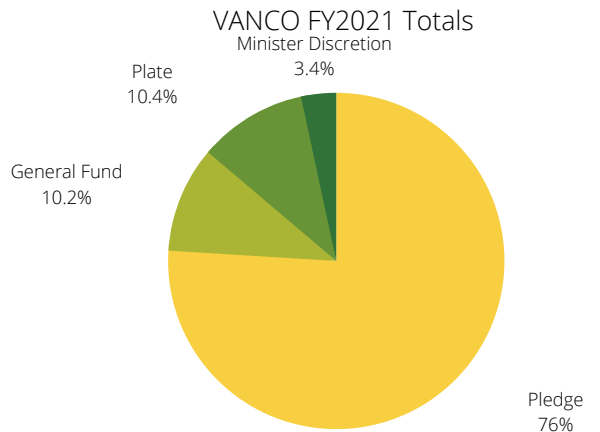
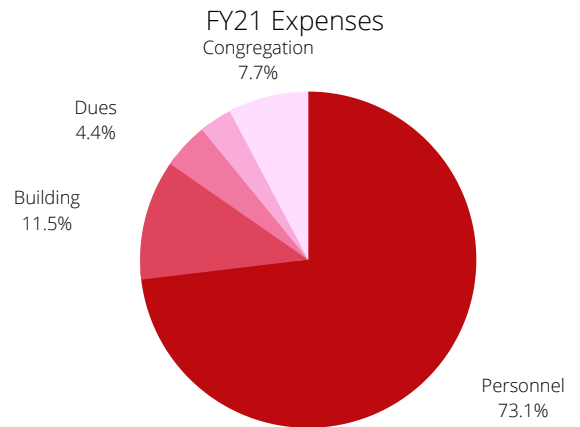
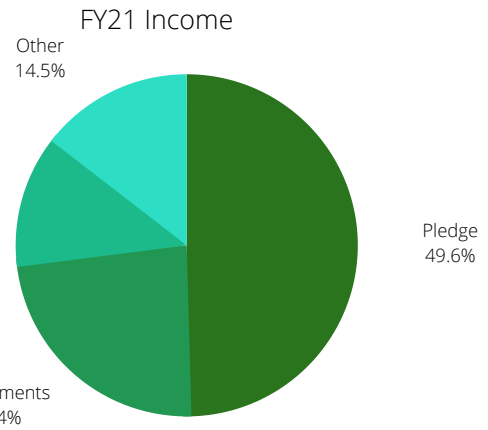
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021.

Total income for the year was \$233,348. Expenses were \$225,759 leaving a net income of \$7,589. .  
 Income included pledge of \$115,647. The previous year pledge payment was \$116,252. Funding from Endowments was \$54,649 compared to \$52,71 the year before. Fundraising total income for the year \$29,121 compared to \$39,788. Other income for FY21 was \$33,931 which includes the PPP grant of \$23,500. Previous year total was \$19,829.

See separate report for VANCO report for the fiscal year.

Expenses for the year break down as Personnel \$165,054 (73% of total costs), Building \$26,056 (12%), Fair Share to the UUA (aka Dues) \$10,045 (4%) , Administrative \$7,119 (3%) and Congregational expenses for \$17,485 (8%) For the past few years we have had several people prepay their pledge. This gives us a nice cushion in the bank account during the summer months when there are no big fundraisers and attendance dips.

In Service,  
 Rosemary Parsons



# WORSHIP WEAVINGS

BY LAURIE CARTIER

It is a pleasure to report that we once again had a successful summer worship schedule on Zoom. We offered a wide variety of topics and guest speakers, pulpit sharing with UUS-E (Unitarian Universalist Society East in Manchester, CT), and even a Sermon on Demand Sunday. We'd like to thank everyone who worked hard to bring you the fabulous array of services!!

As we move forward into the new church year, we are still uncertain what will happen with COVID 19's Delta variant and how it will affect our ability to be in person for services. Your Worship Committee is ready to meet any challenges, just as we have over these past 18 months. Being able to present hybrid services with an online as well as in-person presence is the goal we hope to meet very soon. We appreciate your patience as we figure out exactly how it is all going to look and what we need to do to bring you the best worship experience possible!

As always, we welcome feedback and suggestions from all members and friends of UUSB. We also welcome ideas for worship topics and volunteers to help bring these ideas to life. If you have interest, please consider joining our dynamic team. If you are only able to volunteer for a single service, that is OK too!!

The Worship Committee is working on adding acknowledgement of the original inhabitants of this land to our services. We also hope to bring a workshop and/or worship service to help us all have a deeper level of understanding of the issues, building on the work we did a couple of years ago with Wabanaki Reach. You will hear more about this in the coming months.

We understand that guidelines for gathering together from the Governor's office and the UUA keep changing. If we are not able to meet together in person in September, we are considering moving Water Communion, scheduled for Sept 12, to the time when we are actually able to be together. We'll give you as much notice as possible. And if we do meet in person, bring the water from your summer adventures to the service so we can pour together as a community.

## In case we host Water Communion on Zoom:

The sharing of water will happen in two ways:

Drop off your sample of water on Saturday, September 11

in the bucket outside the Narthex

**OR**

you can share your water sample online during the service.

In addition to sharing your water sample please prepare some brief words to share about the significance of the water you share.

After the service samples of our collected water will be available during our second Sunday "Ringling Chimes and Feeding Souls" concert and food collection.



## Note: October's worship theme is "Cultivating Relationships."

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

### 2021-2022 Worship Themes

November: Holding History

December: Opening to Joy

January: Living with Intention

February: Widening the Circle

March: Renewing Faith

April: Awakening

May: Nurturing Beauty

June: Celebrating Blessings



# SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

After we broke the CoVid Curse with an in person rejuvenation retreat in June we have been in virtual mode for our meetings. The retreat was held at Suzanne Kelly's house where Joanie introduced us to a terrific ice breaking activity that was more about matching our principles with our task force focuses (Healthcare; Racial, Immigrant and Native American Justice; Climate Change; Democracy in Action; and Local Justice) than just breaking the ice. We did a lot of listening, asking for what we need, being generous, working in and between groups, and actual laughing. We will take some of our skills and energy forward to help educate and activate the UUSB congregation about ways to put our principles into action and being a voice in the community around issues such as PRIDE, Food Security, Voting Rights, Public Bathrooms, and saving our precious planet.

**Faith Linking in Action (FLIA)**, formerly under the umbrella of FoodANDMedicine, is now an independent non-profit interfaith organization that will work with other local groups (e.g., FoodANDMedicine, Greater Bangor Area Housing Organization, and Dignity First) to help those in our community who are struggling to get by. Suzanne Kelly and Judy and Tim Martin are on the FLIA board. Check out the new FLIA website page: [faithlinkinginaction.org](http://faithlinkinginaction.org).

**Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN)** is a network of 25 UU congregations across Maine that works to support state legislation that is in line with our UU principles. Check out their website ([www.muusan.org](http://www.muusan.org)) to keep up to date on the legislation they are working on. Suzanne Kelly is a member of the Democracy in Action Task Force. Valerie Carter and Suzanne are co-Congregational Legislative Liaisons, a group that meets weekly to find out about the advocacy work that is being done to get UU endorsed bills passed. They will send this information on to the congregation in the weekly UU e-news. The next MUUSAN Network Meeting is September 11 at 10:00 AM via Zoom.

Our Social Justice Committee meetings are on the third Sunday of each month following the service (around 11:30AM) and, until further notice, are on zoom. Contact Co-Chairs Valerie Carter ([vcgardener@gmail.com](mailto:vcgardener@gmail.com)) or Suzanne Kelly ([suziekrm@gmail.com](mailto:suziekrm@gmail.com)) for more information.



## SHARE THE PLATE



In June, 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, in lieu of making lunches during the pandemic; and our Bag Lunch program, to give lunches for those attending our Bean Suppers.



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



SCAN ME



# GREAT PUMPKIN YARD SALE

Start saving items now!  
For Saturday, October 23, 2021

Please donate clean usable goods. Popular items include: Kitchenware, small furniture pieces such as chairs and tables, garden tools, sports equipment (no downhill skis), books, toys and more. Please no clothing or electronics. Items may be brought Sunday, October 17 and stored in the Narthex downstairs. Kate will also be at UUSB accepting items from 4-6PM Monday-Thursday.

We will need volunteers Friday, October 22 for set up and to help run the yard sale on Saturday, October 23. To provide ventilation, doors will be left open so come prepared with a jacket and mask. Please contact Sue McKay or Kate Dutra to volunteer.

**Note:** This is assuming that it is safe to have the yard sale, based on the COVID-19 cases in our area and the ability to safely invite the community in to participate in the yard sale.



## *Gift Basket* AUCTION

Who knew that a virtual gift basket auction could be so much fun and such a success! We were thirsty for a way to get our UUSB community together and there were 60+ of us who showed up to bid, watch and interject humor into the evening. Through the years (let's say at least 10 years) we have had fun spreading out the questionable bounty from the October UUSB yard sale and transforming it into interesting, gently used "masterpieces"; taking an often surprising collection of hodge-podge and watching folks elbow each other out of the way for a final bid on a favorite. But never a success like this year's zoom extravaganza. Our core committee began by brainstorming favorites from years past, adding a few more and requesting entries from UUSB committees and individuals. What an array: from an "all snowed in boredom buster" from the Cashman family to a "sweetness" basket from the choir and, the big shocker of the evening: Cathy Elliott's delectable "gifts from the garden" garnering \$260. Yikes! There was not a loser in the bunch. We raised a bit over \$3000. The top amount from previous gift basket auctions was \$1800 in 2019. Special thanks go to Cathy Elliott for her outstanding expertise in creating a power point presentation for the event and, of course, our own stellar auctioneer, Sue McKay, for making it all fun and fabulous. So put on your thinking caps and start saving items and ideas for next year.

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



# Ringing Bells and Feeding Souls



September 12th at 12:00 PM

Open Air Chimes Concert & Food Collection

On Sunday, September 12, 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 p.m. There will be drop off bins on the Park Street sidewalk in front of the church for those wishing to donate.

In addition, from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m., the church will offer a 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.

Somewhere in the Greater Bangor area, a little kid ate Cheerios while watching cartoons. That's because of you. Somewhere nearby, other little kids ate hot mac and cheese when they arrived home from school. That's because of you. Others are a little less hungry \_ a little less desperate \_ a little better able to make it through their day because of your commitment to UUSB's monthly food collection, Ringing Bells and 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 2,017 pounds. You are making a difference.

With Tim and Judy Martin retiring from running the food collection, someone needs to take over this important and fulfilling service. The work is logistically quite easy, and the commitment requires less than two hours per month. And as always, a little help is just a shout away.

If interested, contact the Martins at [jamandtim@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jamandtim@myfairpoint.net) or reach out to the Social Justice Committee, and we will keep feeding souls.

## 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.



# Welcoming Woodland Pond School!

This year, we are welcoming the Woodland Pond School into our building. They are a homeschool cooperative, who will be using part of the SE Wing, once the renovations are done. Woodland Pond School provides early childhood education to a small group of students, focusing on project-based learning and outdoor exploration, to help young children thrive. Part of why Woodland Pond School is looking to move to Bangor is the access to some of the downtown businesses and the variety of green spaces throughout Bangor, which makes UUSB's location ideal.

While the renovations in the SE Wing are completed, Woodland Pond School will be residing in the Dorothy Memorial Hall. Because it is a class of young children who can't be vaccinated, we ask that you use the Vestry doors to access the building during school hours, so that the risks of spreading COVID are as low as possible. Once the renovations are complete, they will move downstairs and it will no longer be an issue. School hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00AM - 4:00PM. I will keep a sign on the Dorothy doors, while they are using the Dorothy. They are set up to one side of the room with clearly marked edges, so there shouldn't be any issues with weekend activities.

There are roughly a dozen or fewer people that make up Woodland Pond School this year, including staff and students. They are also keeping up with CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19 safety. As such, the UUSB Council and Christine Sprague, office administrator, have approved of them continuing to use the space, despite UUSB not hosting in-person services or meetings in the building at this time.



Again, we are excited to welcome Woodland Pond School students and staff into our building and look forward to an exciting church and school year!

# 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.

Tuesday, September 21 @5:45 PM

### Mindfulness Meditation Group

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

## 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, September 12 @10:00 AM

### Water Communion Sunday

Water is the Universal stuff that supports all life as we know it. In keeping with our UUSB Tradition, we will kickoff our new program year with our annual ritual of Water Communion. Everyone attending is encouraged to share a sample of water from some place they found spiritual wisdom or connection during the summer. See page 8 for more info on adding your water or receiving some of the communal water.

Sunday, September 12 @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 4,000 lbs. of food!

Saturday, September 25 @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

# SEPTEMBER

# UUSB CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>All Meetings &amp; Services are currently being held on Zoom until further notice.</b></p> <p><b>Please subscribe to our e-news or join the UUSB community group on Facebook to get up-to-date info.</b></p>			<b>1</b> Woodland Pond School Year Bgins	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Water Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Committee Reports Due	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM Executive Committee	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Budget & Finance	<b>11</b> 8:30 AM Social Justice Committee Retreat
<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Service 12:00 PM Ringing Bells & Feeding Souls	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 11:30 AM AUW Guild Meeting @Phyllis Havens House 6:30 PM Council	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Shared Ministry	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Service 11:45 AM Social Justice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Bean Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30 PM Worship	<b>30</b>		

# 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.

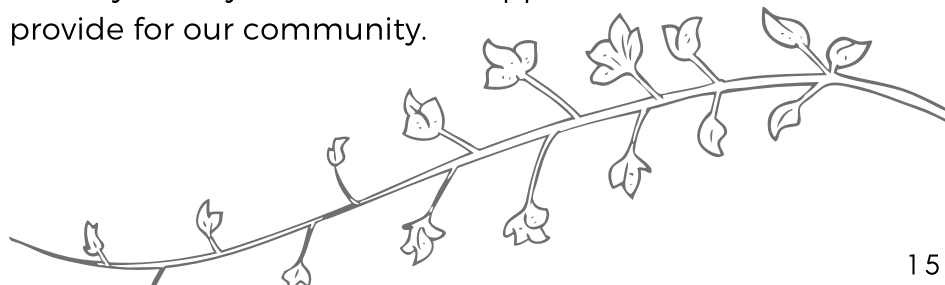
#### Collection Plate & Pledge Reminders

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.



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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:

September **25, 2021**

The next issue will be October 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)

