

CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

JUNE 2023

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Our theme this month is **Delight**.

June 4 - *Flower Communion & Leader Recognition* - Please bring a flower (grown or purchased) to worship! This year marks the 100th anniversary of this beloved tradition that symbolizes and celebrates the beautiful diversity in community. At UUSB we will also celebrate and give thanks for the diverse gifts that leaders have offered all year long to the life and ministry of our community. This service will be led by Rev. Rebecca Liberty with Sue McKay, Laurie Cartier, and Phyllis Havens as our worship team. Music will be provided by UUSB Choir, Molly J. Webster, and Jack Derosier.

Meeting ID: 995 8316 2054 Passcode: 607316 [Zoom Link](#)

June 11 - *The Treasure Hunt of Your Life* - In this season of graduations, we'll explore some wisdom and tools to help the young adults we love approach life as an adventure to be lived, rather than as a burden to be carried or a problem to be solved. The tools can apply to transitions at any age, as well as times when we're trying to make sense of our experience. This service will be led by Rev. Rebecca Liberty with John Arimond and Francis Grey as our worship team. Music will be provided by Molly J. Webster and Jack Derosier.

Meeting ID: 986 8799 4951 Passcode: 748620 [Zoom Link](#)

June 18 - *Solstice Ritual* - Join us for a fun and intergenerational ritual for the Summer Solstice. Celebrate the light of the sun and the start of the summer! This will be an interactive service, so be prepared to participate with fun and joy! This service will be led by Laurie Cartier as our worship team. Music will be provided by Linda Smith Koehler and Rissa Moore.

Meeting ID: 968 4368 3300 Passcode: 135901 [Zoom Link](#)

June 25 - *General Assembly Worship @11:00 AM* - We will join the Unitarian Universalist Association at General Assembly for their Sunday Worship Service. This year's service will be led by Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Senior Minister of the First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, ME. We will stream the General Assembly service in the sanctuary live, starting at 11:00 AM. To join from home, please keep an eye out for the link in our weekly e-news, when the UUA makes it available.

Plan ahead! On July 9th We will have our traditional Charlie Howard inspired service. Our speaker will be Alyson LaPoint from the Wabanaki Two Spirit Alliance. After the service we will have our traditional walk to the water to honor Charlie Howard. We hope to see you all there.

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Perspectives on Community, Diversity, & Meaning-Making

FROM REV. REBECCA LIBERTY

As we move toward the summer solstice, routines are shifting into a different gear. In our next two months together, life in community will feel a bit different, as SEE classes and many committees take a summer break.

My schedule will be a bit different, too. First, you and I will see a lot of each other, as I'll be with you several Sundays in a row (May 28, June 4, and 11). Then, there will be a break of four Sundays—such a long break that you might think I've ended my time with you! But I will still be available during those weeks, and then I will be back with you in worship to complete our six months together on July 16 and 30.

During the weeks I'll be absent from Sunday worship, I'll be working on those July sermons. I'll try articulating what I'm learning from you all, particularly about diversity, community, and meaning-making. At the same time, I will be delving into a longer writing project with some similar themes, that has long inhabited the back of my mind and recently surfaced with some urgency.

Would you be interested in talking with me about these themes of diversity, community, and meaning-making? Several months ago, while I was preparing a sermon on prayer, I invited your reflections about it; many of you generously shared your thoughts, feelings, and experiences. I so appreciated your willingness to help me get to know you and your community, and learn from your different perspectives. Could we try something like that again?

Sometime before mid-July, I'd love to connect with any of you in person, on Zoom, by phone, or over email. Here are some possible starting points for conversation (and we are free to talk about anything else too!):

1) What is your story of belonging?

How did you learn to be (or learn that you are) part of something bigger than yourself? What language do you use to describe that? What have been your biggest joys and challenges in belonging to communities of various kinds (religious communities, families, organizations, neighborhoods, etc.)?

2) What is your perspective on community shaped by the UU principles?

How do they help you belong to a diverse community? What joys and challenges have you experienced or witnessed as the principles are lived out with others?

Thank you for ALL our opportunities for conversation and learning during our time together!



Soul Matters

We Love Your Suggestions!

Do you have a poem, reading, piece of music, story, or personal experience that relates to a monthly theme? Share your ideas with Rev. Rebecca, Molly, or Laurie. Your suggestions make our worship experience even richer!

2023-2024 Themes: The Gift of...

September: Welcome

October: Heritage

November: Generosity

December: Mystery

January: Liberating Love

February: Justice & Equity

March: Transformation

April: Interdependence

May: Pluralism

June: Renewal



Dear UUSB Community,

We have been, as usual, busy on Council. I highly recommend reading this month's Chalice & Chimes outside with a nice cup of coffee or tea and let the birdsong fill your heart with joy. For it is with hearts of joy that we share our latest with you.

Council is delighted to support Anne Perkins and her proposal to establish a new UUSB small group. Anne describes the group in this manner: "The group would be for older women in the church, especially single women, as evidenced by the name, Cruunes, a take on the word crone which has the meaning, old Wise Woman. The purpose of the group will be for socialization, celebration, support, and networking. I'd like to begin with hosting the group in my home with the potential once the norms are established to rotate meeting in other members' homes."

The Annual Meeting is May 21, 2023 at 11:30 and our moderator will be Joe Zydlewski and Kate Dutra will serve as the Clerk Pro Tem- thank you Joe & Kate for stepping into these roles! Items on the agenda include: presentation of the proposed budget, voting on the 8th Principle, nomination considerations and voting to support, or not, the UUA's continued study and work around Article II at the General Assembly.

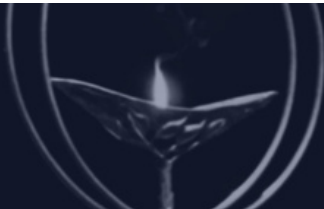
Speaking of General Assembly (June 21-25, 2023), UUSB can have up to three delegates to serve at GA. Delegates attend & participate in business meetings and vote on important issues; for example this year we will be voting on a new UUA President. I served as a delegate a few years ago and found it incredibly educational and highly recommend folks consider volunteering for this role. The UUA has lots of information on their website about the role of a delegate and a short video that answers many questions folks may have. You can find that information here: <https://www.uua.org/ga/congregations/delegates>

Bob Kelly provided a report on the details, including ADA accessibility, of a new door for the Dorothy. The Building and Grounds committee is also working to get electricians back to update the SE Wing. The best news? Roof leaks have been repaired and at less expense than anticipated. Big thank you to all of the B & G members!

Phyllis Havens gave an update on the Guild's activities and asked that anyone who is able to please bring food for the reception following the memorial service for Judy Boothby. Phyllis also reported that there is no mention of Guild on the UUSB website and is working to rectify this.

Council unanimously voted to support a request to be able to have Narcan available at UUSB and training for its use. The Needlepoint Sanctuary has offered to provide a virtual training for UUSB. The dates will be determined and an announcement will be forthcoming for the opportunity to participate in the training... and perhaps to save a life.

In Faith,
Tracy Haskell



8th Principle: Going Forward

At the Annual Meeting on May 21, the congregation voted to affirm and promote the UUA 8th Principle. This will give us focus to continue the work of the group doing the UUA Common Read with the hope to expand our study and action to include the entire UUSB Community. We look forward to services on topics of relevance, adult SEE classes, and webinars, with a focus on anti racism (and as we learned at the Confronting White Supremacy Zoom Summit on May 20th, a need to focus on antifascism). More as we develop the continuing education for all.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROSEMARY PARSONS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2023. This report covers 83% of the year.

Total income for the month of April was \$32,185. YTD income is \$207,937, 84.8% of the year's income. In April 2022, income was \$9,335. Last year's YTD income was \$204,030, 88.5.5% of the year's budget.

Expenses were \$21,761, giving us a gain of \$10,424 for the month. YTD expenses are \$209,292, 85.2% of the budget. In April 2022 expenses were \$18,707 and that year's YTD expenses were \$199,126, 83.5% of the budget.

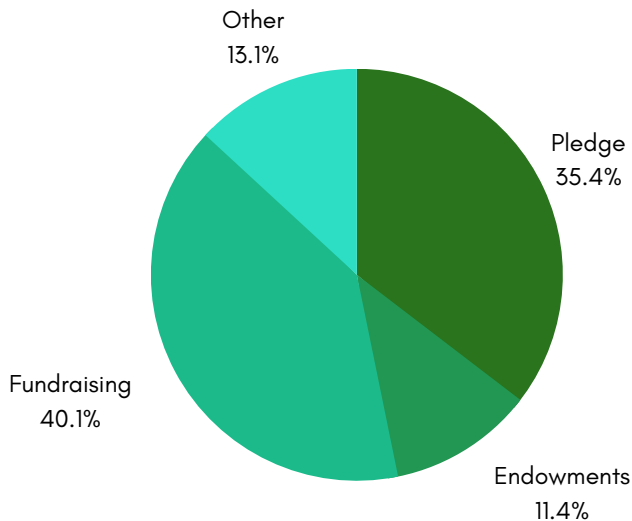
April 2023 income included pledge of \$11,392. Plate donations were \$1,089 and half the plate was sent to FLIA (Faith Linking in Action), a Bangor area interfaith group. Endowments were \$3,337. Rental income was \$1,100. Auction income was \$3,346. Raffle income was \$3,220. General Fund was \$179.

VANCO: In April, 15 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$1,934.98 gross in all categories with a net of \$1,877.19. Fees were \$30.79 and the offset paid was \$26.98. Additional charges invoiced were \$27.03, which includes the monthly fee of \$10 for the site. Donations were: General Fund for \$69, Pledges for \$1,500, Share the Plate for \$134, and Auction for \$205.

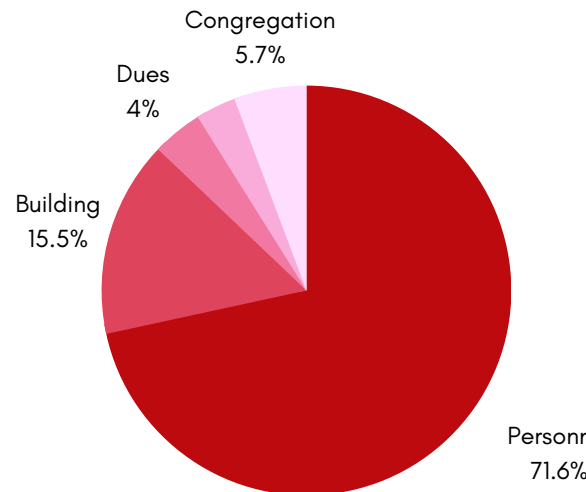
Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$15,389 (71% of total costs), Building \$3,332 (15%), Fair Share to the UUA 4857 (4%), Administrative \$684 (3%) and Congregational expenses for \$1,499 (7%) Total expenses for 10 months was \$209,292, 85.1% of the year's budget.

In Service,
Rosemary Parsons

April Income



April Expense



Check the Church Calendar for Summer Closures

In-Person Office Hours
Tues, Wed, Fri

C+C Submissions Due August 20

AUUA Pro Days
June 6-7

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

Office Volunteers Wanted!



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Council Treasurer:

Rosemary Parsons
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Volunteers Wanted!

The office handles a wide variety of tasks and we are in need of volunteers to help provide coverage during busy times or when I am away for scheduled time off or out sick. Some of the particular tasks that could most benefit from volunteers would be website updates, weekly e-news, and preparing the order of service. I would also be happy to teach volunteers how I create the flyers and graphics for UUSB events.

Office Closures This Summer

Please check the church calendar for Office Closures during the Summer.

Updated Gathering Space in the SE Wing

Karen has completed another room update in the SE Wing! Check out the Gathering Place in the center of the SE Wing. It has a smart tv prepared to stream your movie night or upcoming webinar! It is also a great space to watch the Zoom service, while still be able to attend other in person parts of our community!



Judy Boothby Memorial Tree

The UUSB Guild donated a new magnolia tree for the hillside along the driveway. It was planted on May 23 by some wonderful volunteers!

Photos are shown above, on my "bulletin board."

UPCOMING DEADLINES

**CHALICE & CHIMES (SEPT. ED.)
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**

**E-NEWS (WEEKLY)
THURSDAYS AT 10:00AM**

**COMMITTEE NOTES FOR COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**

OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM - 2:00PM
IN-PERSON: TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
REMOTE: THURSDAY

Common Read Discussion Group

June 4 @11:30 AM in the Community Café

The UUA Common Read study group will meet on June 4th and all are welcome. This year's Common Read is on *Mistakes and Miracles*, which deals with creating beloved community in diverse communities through diverse experiences. This is the final Common Read discussion Group meeting. We will be creating a new group from those who are dedicated to continuing the work, with a new name, and a focused mission. For information contact Laurie Cartier, 207-944-0650 or amalauriec@gmail.com.



Shawl Ministry

June 6

6:30 PM

in the Dorothy

Are you interested in knitting or crocheting? Are you interested in creating gifts for beloved members of our community?

You don't have to have any experience with knitting or crocheting ahead of time to join the Shawl Ministry. Bring your own supplies or borrow some. All that matters is you come and join the fun!

Spirit of Drumming

with Laurie, LyAnn, & Jim

June 11 & 25

11:30 AM

in the Sanctuary



The Spirit of Drumming Circle is led by Laurie Cartier, LyAnn Grogan and Jim Shimko. With a variety of drumming including basic instruction, directed rhythms, and jamming to a song or the monthly theme (March is Vulnerability!), we rock out in the sanctuary every second and fourth Sunday after church. We start about 11:30 and drum until 1. No experience is necessary. We have a good supply of drums or you can bring your own. We hope you will join us soon.



Judy Boothby

June 2 at 2:00 PM

The memorial service for Judy Boothby, long time UUSB member, will take place on Friday, June 2 at 2:00 PM. The service will be followed by a reception in the Dorothy Memorial Hall hosted by the Guild.

Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 984 2186 1344

Passcode: 697773



Nancy Rampe

June 17 at 2:00 PM

Drop by and share your memories of Nancy with the family from 2-5 on Saturday, June 17th at our home at 21 Edgewood Drive, Orono Maine.

Casual attire. Please stay home if you feel ill. For those unable to come at this time there will be a separate zoom session from 6-8 that day. Contact Glenn if you need the link, at lthereza@mac.com.



UUSB @ BANGOR PRIDE

Hi There Gang,

I can't tell you how excited I am to partner with you for the pride parade this year. I promise it will be a blast!! We will be able to use our RV/Camper as a "Float" with some great sounding Music! I love creating things like this and wanted to share with you some details and let you know what we need for volunteers/marchers.

For the parade this year, our theme will be "Sowing the seeds of love." This will also be a tribute to Ukraine. Our music will be "Sowing the Seeds of Love" by Tears for Fears (1980's). It will be edited and will loop throughout the parade route. This song has some great messages and we will be doing a number of things visually to support them. The details of how the RV will look as a surprise! To make this vision a reality we need about 16 volunteers and more if we can! If want to volunteer, here is what our parade contribution will look like with volunteer roles **bolded**.

1. **4 BANNER CARRIERS** who like to just "Smile and Wave." Also on the banner, in the center, a 45 inch helium filled sunflower. Possibly hearts. (you'll use the Long Dark Blue/Black banner) You'll be the first people the parade goes will see to the unit so SMILE and WAVE away!
2. R/V/FLOAT
3. **2 SAFETY MONITORS** - If you see something, do you say something? If you answered yes, this gig is for you!! As a safety monitor, you'll be easy to spot with a simple (yet very stylish) fluorescent vest. One person will stand about 5 feet behind the camper, on the right side about 2 feet out so you are visible to the driver. The same position for the left hand side as well.
4. **4 GREETERS** - Are you a social butterfly? If so, you'll be able to flutter all over the place! Mix and mingle along the parade route with paper sunflower bags and an 18inch Helium filled red heart, attached to your wrist or bag or back belt loop, floating 4-5 feet above you! Inside the sunflower bags, You'll be handing out colorful Sunflower Seed Packets and small pride flags. All have custom UU Messaging.
5. **4+ MERRY MAKERS** - You'll be swinging a colorful double row tambourine and getting folks to BELT out the chorus with you: "Sowing the seeds of love" as you pass them by!and that's it! That's the chorus! Super rhythm, Super lyrics and SUPER easy to sing along too! Also, here's a couple of really "Groovy " music breaks that work great with tambourines!
6. Floating among the crowd will be Rissa on stilts! She has also agreed to let me attach a helium filled 42 inch sunflower towering above her! (No worries, neither the RV or her should touch any stop lights or power lines!) I like the visual of this! Thanks Rissa!!
7. **1-2 SHUTTERBUGS!** If you like photography or video capturing, this might be for you!! I would love to get still photos of all angles of the parade "unit" (includes: Banner Carriers, RV, Safety Monitors, Greeters, Merry makers and Rissa) before stepping off and on the parade route if possible. Also on the parade route, video of the unit approaching with the right side passing, then the left side, until the whole unit passes.

All VOLUNTEERS: If you can, please wear either UU themed, sunflower themed, or colorful pride themed attire and/or accessories if you can. I'll have a few themed props as well if anyone wants..

We are very excited for this and hope you all are too. If you want to volunteer, you can email Kyle Tardy or Mike Grondin directly, so they can contact volunteers directly, rather than the entire congregation. The parade is scheduled for June 24. The parade is scheduled to start at 11:00, by the Seadog, where participants will gather. This year the parade is supposed to go down Main Street through town and ending at West Market Square. As we get closer I can let you know more details.

Let me know what your questions or thoughts are and if you're able to volunteer!!!

Kyle Tardy (kjtxyz@gmail.com) & Mike Grondin (michaelwgrondin@gmail.com)

LOOKING AHEAD WITH MEMBERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP

We are looking to add two members to our committee next year.

Would you like to help us plan ways to be a warm and welcoming community?

Would you like to help think of ways to help our members become more connected? Would you like to work with a good humored and efficient group of people?

Would you like to join us for our Annual Planning Retreat, August 15 (in the evening), at the Elliott Gardens in Hampden?

If you are interested in please contact Evan Richert evanrichert771@gmail.com or Cathy Elliott cathyelliott25@gmail.com or talk to one of us at a Sunday service.

The Membership Fellowship Committee

Evan Richert, Chair

Cathy Elliott

Linda Sisson

Eleanor Steele

Interested in Joining UUSB?

If you are interested in joining UUSB, there are a few required steps to help you to learn about our community and for us to get to know you.

First, you complete an information request card. This is available on our [website](#) or at the welcome table at the church.

Second, you read through a Self-Study Guide describing Unitarian Universalism and the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor which is on our website:

<https://uubangor.org/new-to-uusb-2/uusb-self-study-guide/>

Third, you attend a New to UU Class which will be offered twice in April.

If you are interested in participating in any of these gatherings or in becoming a member, you can email uubangore@gmail.com.

Fellowship Hour

Teams



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to lead a Fellowship Hour Team, or be a Team member!

Here are the Teams for the Summer:

June 4 - Team K: Kayla Worthington-Strong

June 11 - Team A: Natalie Norton

June 18 - Team B: Laurie Cartier & Phyllis Havens

June 25 - Team E: Erin Seavey

July 2 - Team D: Valerie Carter

July 9 - Team C: Eleanor Steele

July 16 - Team F: Cathy Elliott

July 23 - Team G: Judy & Tim Martin

July 30 - Team H: Patti Woolley

Aug 6 - Team I: Bridgette Chalila & Wendy Sites

Aug 13 - Team J: Patty Alcott

Aug 20 - Team F: Cathy Elliott

Aug 27 - Team K: Kayla Worthington-Strong

If you are not already on a team, and would like to help out, please contact Cathy Elliott, cathyelliott25@gmail.com and she will add you to a team. Each team hosts Fellowship Hour four times per year, coming to church a bit early to set up and get the coffee going, and staying afterwards to serve and clean up. It's fun and easy!



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Kim & Jonathan Boucher

You may have seen these two individuals around here for the past few years and wondered, "Hey! Why haven't they signed the book yet?" Well, as with most things these days, let's blame that on the pandemic... and partially on Jon and Kim being a bit overwhelmed in this kid-wrangling phase of their lives. Before the pandemic, Jon and Kim had planned to start the process to become members of UUSB, however despite their best efforts, they kept missing the classes due to pure forgetfulness. Now that we're all back together, they decided to finally make it official. And let's be honest, they really want the fancy name tags you all have.

Jon and Kim Boucher both grew up in the Catholic faith. Jon grew up in Fort Kent Maine and Kim grew up in Massachusetts, just south of Boston. They found each other at UMaine back in 2005 and got married in 2007. After they had children, they were looking for a place where their kids could have the kind of spiritual community they both grew up with. Upon moving to Maine in 2018, they started searching for a church that felt right to them. The first time they attended UUSB, they knew that they had found a place that truly offered the community feeling they were looking for.

Jon and Kim appreciate the UU faith because it encourages self-reflection and lifelong learning to understand one's place in the world. That's something they want to instill in their children and continue to explore themselves. They are excited to continue to strengthen their understanding of the principles and grow in spiritual understanding with all of you. Thank you all for welcoming them!

Ann Lee

Ann is a published author, a poet, and a teacher who is currently teaching ESL (English as a second language). She is a lifelong learner. Ann loves art, nature, traveling, gardening, health-related practices, learning French and Chinese, and inspiring others. Ann relocated to Maine in the past year, and loves it here. Welcome Ann!

Billy Meyer

Billy Meyer was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, and to this day remains an avid fan of Kansas City Chiefs football - this year's Super Bowl champions. He moved to Bangor in August 2020, during the height of the Covid pandemic, after a period of time in Washington, D.C. He came to start a new life here. That new life hasn't happened yet, but he remains hopeful.

For most of his life, Billy has been a Unitarian Universalist Buddhist. He found UUSB and started coming here as soon as the pandemic eased up and UUSB re-opened for in-person services. UUSB continues to give him hope for being able to stay in the Bangor area. UUSB continues to give him hope for being able to stay in the Bangor area. Welcome Billy!

Jason Cherry

Jason Cherry was raised in Colorado Springs, CO, where he developed a love for nature to include the preservation of wildlife and the environment. He moved to Oregon to continue those values and became a conservation officer after college. After that career, Jason obtained his law degree and worked as a public defender and criminal defense attorney for over four years. After 9/11, he joined the FBI as a Special Agent in 2012. His understanding of the criminal justice system and the imbalance in our economy provided him with guidance in dealing with crimes ranging from drug trafficking, kidnapping, abuse of authority, and many more. Jason ended his FBI career as a legal instructor for a much more diverse class of agents and moved to Maine in 2021 to finish as an agent here in Bangor, Maine.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS (CONT.)

As for joining UUSB, Jason says the last three to four years have been extremely "tough" watching how we fight among ourselves and seem to be in a period of stagnation. Jason worked on many "crimes against children" cases that were terrible to witness and even more difficult to explain the rise in child pornography online. These have been very difficult years for everyone, our society, and the nation. After retirement, Jason wanted to find some glimmer of hope and faith in people. He has been to our church four times now, and while it is not the grandest of palaces (it never should be), its message is pure and simple – love and care for one another's well-being are divine actions and thoughts. Jason is also a big fan of our intersex understanding (it is not a theory or a belief). He has been blessed with a daughter, who when she turned 14 years of age, underwent a change and became his son. Jason did mourn the loss of his daughter and struggled with the concept. However, given time and patience from his family, Jason is now rejoicing in the being of his new son who he regards as his "vertical twin." Unlike horizontal twins (one physical girl and boy), Jason has a vertical twin (a girl from birth to about 14 years of age, then boy and eventually a happy and accepted man). Jason is very happy and proud to be a member of UUSB and to support our message. Jason concludes by saying "please NEVER change to "big church ways" that too often seem to care about money, restrictive dogma, and oppressive beliefs. You have it perfect right now!" Welcome Jason!

Communications Committee



Looking for a fun, flexible, and creative committee to join?

Are you looking for a fun and flexible way to contribute to the UUSB community? The UUSB Communication Committee is currently looking for new members. This committee meets once a month via Zoom eight months out of the year (taking June–August off as well as December) and assists the church with communication-oriented requests such as event promotions, social posts, and media outreach (if needed). No communication experience is required! We welcome anyone who would like to contribute to improving the communications of the church and help get the word out about our wonderful congregation. Interested individuals can contact Ben Speed, Communication Committee Chair, at benjaminspeed@gmail.com.



SHARE THE PLATE



In February, 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.



In April, we shared out plate with FLIA. They will be receiving a check for \$545!

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



SHARE THE PLATE 2023-2024

As this church year ends, we begin to prepare for the next, which means picking Share the Plate recipients for the coming year. Some of our recipients remain the same every year and some are open to change. If you have a local organization you are passionate about and shares our UU values, please speak with a member of Council about adding them to our Share the Plate Calendar. The current plan is listed below with an *asterisk beside months that are open to change.

***July:** Health Equity Alliance

Nov: Penquis Fuel Assistance

Mar: MUUSAN

Aug: UUSB Food Programs

Dec: Bangor Area Homeless Shelter

Apr: Faith Linking in Action

***Sept:** Hemophilia Alliance of ME

***Jan:** Bangor Public Library

***May:** Partners for Peace

***Oct:** Bangor Area Recovery Network **Feb:** UUSB Food Programs

June: UUSB Food Programs



Gift Card Fundraiser

Convenient to carry! Every card purchase helps UUSB!!

Cards are available in increments of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, or \$300. Just email or call to set up pick-up or delivery. Cash, or checks made out to UUSB are accepted. Buy cards for your own grocery shopping, or buy cards for gifts, or even donate a card to a local food bank.

To purchase your Hannaford card and support UUSB, please purchase after the Sunday service or contact Rosemary.

- Kate Dutra: Sundays in the Dorothy Memorial Hall after the Sunday Service
- Rosemary Parsons: 327-1045, roxemary@gmail.com

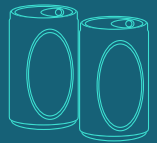
If you are interested in setting up an automatic grocery card purchase, please contact Rosemary. You can schedule to get your card once per month or get an emailed code to use in store.



Ringling Bells and Feeding Souls

Second Sundays at 11:30 AM

Open Air Chimes Concert & Food Collection



On Sunday, June 11, UUSB will, hopefully, once again host our Second Sunday Food Drive & Open Air Concert, the church's monthly community food collection, from 11:30-12:00.

There will be drop off bins on the Park Street sidewalk in front of the church for those wishing to donate. There is also a new option to donate inside, before or after the service. The bins will be placed in the Dorothy for your items, before moving outside for the drive-thru and curbside donations.

We invite everyone to step outside and take a listen. You are welcome to enjoy from the church lawn, surrounding areas, or your car.

The food collected is given to the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Bangor. 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.

On May 14, we collected and delivered 206.5 lbs. of food and a \$20 donation. Since 2020, when we began our open-air chimes concert and food collection, we have collected over 8,000 pounds of food! You are making a difference!

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to continue this important event. You can sign up in the Dorothy to help collect food on Sundays or to deliver food to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard during the week. Without volunteers, this outreach opportunity will, unfortunately, have to come to an end. With one week each, we could cover the volunteers for the next year and then some!



Photo by Ben Speed

MAY 27

COMMUNITY BEAN SUPPER

UUSB AT 4:00 PM

Throughout the pandemic, our volunteers have continued to put on the monthly community bean suppers as to-go meals. This has made it possible for at-risk volunteers and community members to pick up their food and avoid as much potential exposure as possible. We are thankful to all the amazing volunteers who have done all this work, despite the stress and changes over the last two years!

As guidelines and risks have changed, the Community Bean Supper has also made adjustments. With our recent changes, meals may be eaten at UUSB in the Dorothy Memorial Hall or taken home in to-go containers. This allows us to bring back the community and social aspects of this monthly event, while still accommodating those who may be at higher risk or unable to attend in person.

If you have any large paper grocery bags, like from Hannaford2Go, the Bean Supper crew are looking for additional bags to use to send meals home with those who attend each month.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

THURSDAYS
7:00PM
UUSB VESTRY

WOMEN WITH WINGS

Singing Circle

Women With Wings is once again meeting in person in the vestry every Thursday from 7-8:30 or 9. The circle is always open to new women joining us. We sing for the joy of it; no particular skill or voice is required, just a desire to join with others in song.

Zings (Zoom Wings) is still happening from 7-8:30. Sometimes Wings and Zings are together and sometimes separate. For more information or the link to join the Zoom sing, please email womenwithwingsbangore@gmail.com.

Downeast Juneteenth Commemoration

Knowlton Park, Ellsworth
Monday, June 19 - 2:00-6:00

All are welcome!

Featuring Pihcintu Multinational Girls' Chorus, Stream Reggae, Chief Oscar Mokeme of the Museum of African Culture, incredible Black speakers, free delicious foods, hands-on activities for all ages, and more!

Weekend on the Water

Lamoine State Park
June 17 & 18

This event is **free** for Black and people of color and their families.

A special opportunity for Black and people of color and their families to get outdoors in beautiful Downeast Maine! Featuring two full days of **free** family-friendly outdoor activities, including camping, sailing, kayaking, fishing, hiking, star gazing, wading and beach exploration, delicious foods, and more! Pre-registration is required.

You can contact Ann Hartman for further information, ways to donate, and ways to volunteer: Ann Hartman ann.hartman@maine.edu or 207-735-4430.



Save the Date! **JUNETEENTH | 2023**
DOWNEAST JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATION

2023 JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 5:30 PM Choir	2 2:00 PM Judy Boothby Memorial	3 10:00 AM Auction Item: Kumihimo Class
4 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Common Read Discussion Group	5	6 AUUA Pro Days Office Closed 6:30 PM Shawl Ministry	7 AUUA Pro Days 5:30 PM Worship Committee	8	9 10:00 AM Budget & Finance	10
11 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Food Collection Spirit of Drumming	12	13	14 Reports Due to Council	15 7:00 PM Executive Committee	16	17 2:00 PM Nancy Rampe Memorial (In-Person) 6:00 PM Nancy Rampe Memorial (Zoom)
18 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Social Justice Committee	19	20	21 11:30 AM Guild 2:30 PM Pastoral Care Team 6:30 PM Council Meeting	22	23	24 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 11:00 AM Pride Parade 12:00 PM Pride Festival 3:00 PM Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
25 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Spirit of Drumming	26	27	28	29	30	1

2023 JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes	3	4 Office Closed 6:30 PM Shawl Ministry	5 5:30 PM Worship Meeting	6	7 Office Closed	8
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2023 AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 6:30 PM Shawl Ministry	2 5:30 PM Worship Meeting	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Reports Due to Council	10 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting	11 10:00 AM Budget & Finance	12
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20 <i>Chalice & Chimes Deadline</i> 10:00 AM Service	21	22	23	24	25 12:00 PM Committee on Shared Ministry	26 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
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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.

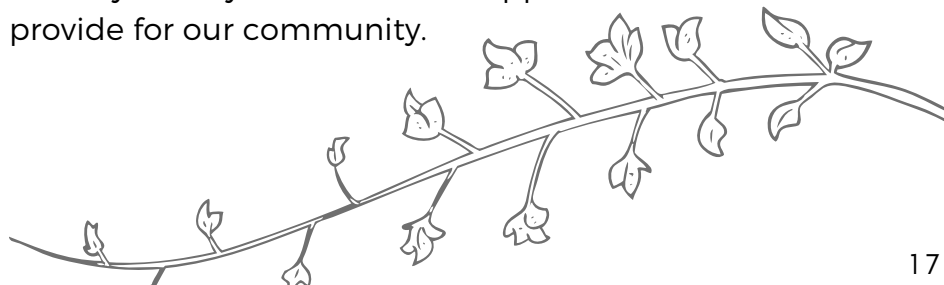
Collection Plate & Pledge Reminders

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:

Sue McKay, Chair
Jessica Glant, Clerk
Rosemary Parsons, Treasurer
Francis Grey
Tracy Haskell
Ali Khavari
Franny Wilson-Charuk

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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: August 20, 2023

The next issue will be September 2023. We value your contributions and very much appreciate submissions. When sending email contributions to The *Chalice & Chimes*:
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