

CHALICE & CHIMES

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF UUSB

MAY 2023

THIS MONTH IN WORSHIP

Our theme this month is **Creativity**.

May 7 - *Practicing Imagination* - There is much in our modern world that interferes with our imaginations, and there are also ways to make more space for it. We might even try some of these practices together, inspired by the book *From What Is to What If*. This service will be led by Rev. Rebecca Liberty with Linda Sisson and John Arimond as our worship team. Music will be provided by Molly J. Webster and Jack Derosier.

Meeting ID: 938 0920 5558 Passcode: 013155 [Zoom Link](#)

May 14 - *Guest Speaker: Dr. Sonja Berthisel* - This service will be led by Dr. Sonja Berthisel with Laurie Cartier and Francis Grey as our worship team. Music will be provided by Molly J. Webster and Jack Derosier.

Meeting ID: 962 2209 1367 Passcode: 235715 [Zoom Link](#)

May 21 - *Spiritual Exploration Extravaganza* - This service will be led by Karen Childs with Phyllis Havens, John Arimond, and Atticus Foster as our worship team. Music will be provided by Molly J. Webster and some of our yoUUth.

Meeting ID: 922 3018 5022 Passcode: 385331 [Zoom Link](#)

May 28 - *New Houses From Old Bricks* - We'll explore some ways we make our own meaning using older wisdom traditions, inspired by the autobiography of Rebecca Cox Jackson, an African-American woman who founded a lesser-known, urban Shaker community in mid-19th century Philadelphia. This service will be led by Rev. Rebecca Liberty with Phyllis Havens.

Meeting ID: 929 7831 0917 Passcode: 099206 [Zoom Link](#)



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!

**Upcoming
Theme**

June: Delight

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Creative Process in Community

FROM REV. REBECCA LIBERTY

The worship theme for May, Creativity, is often associated with originality and inventiveness, especially in the arts. Those are indeed wonderful ways to explore and practice creativity, but creativity is also much more than that. The ways we live each day—from work and service to caregiving and household tasks—are all opportunities for us to find our own authentic approach and unique perspective on daily life. Each time we bring our authentic and unique selves to something we do, we are “being creative.”

While we sometimes think of creativity as a solo pursuit, it happens in community as well. In fact, community itself is something we create together out of our own authentic approaches and unique perspectives. It wouldn't be the same if any one of our contributions were missing.

I learned this from a year living in intentional community after college. As members of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps, six other young adults and I shared a commitment to service and simplicity, an eagerness to explore communal living, and a house in Washington, D.C. While we worked full-time in different service organizations, at home together we talked a lot about what, exactly, we were supposed to be intentionally “creating.”

What we came to understand together was that community was not some “product” we were making that would one day be completed. Instead, community was made in the process itself—the daily living of compromise, shared space and time, empathy, and cooperation (whose turn was it to take out the compost, anyway?!). It was created over time in the ongoing and practical commitment to one another.

What I have come to understand more recently was that the community was creating each of us at the same time. According to Matthew Fox, this may be true of anything we create—that some of the most significant formation happening during the creative process, is our own. He wrote, “Art as meditation reminds people—so that they will never forget—that the most beautiful thing a potter produces is... the potter.”

In any community to which we contribute our authentic and unique selves, over time we are creating the people we want to be, along with the community we want to belong to. Neither we ourselves nor the community is ever “finished,” but it is a tremendous gift to witness and participate in the creative process with others.



COMMUNITY FIRST!
DOCUMENTARY
SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Saturday, May 13, 10 am at the Bangor Public Library

We were pleased to welcome Jamie Beck, founder and executive director of Dignity First!, to worship in March. You can learn more and connect with others about this approach to supportive, permanent housing on May 13 with a screening of the documentary “Community First!” at the Bangor Public Library on Saturday, May 13, at 10 am.

A note from Rev. Rebecca: I attended the first screening with members of other faith communities on April 23 and found the documentary quite powerful. A similar project is being imagined for the Bangor area, and the engaging one-hour film sparked some great discussion afterward.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY ROSEMARY PARSONS

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH 2023. This report covers 75% of the year.

Total income for the month of March was \$18,954. YTD income is \$175,752, 72% of the year's budget. In March 2022, income was \$18,500. Last year's YTD income was \$194,694, 84.5% of the year's budget.

Expenses were \$22,912. creating a loss of (\$3,960) for the month. YTD expenses are \$187,531, 76% of the budget. YTD deficit is (\$11,779). In March 2022, expenses were \$21,225 and that year's YTD expenses were \$180,419, 75.7% of the budget. At the end of March 2022, we had a credit balance of \$14,275. As stated last month, the Raffle income had already been received in 2022.

March 2023 income included pledge of \$7,122 Plate donations were \$717. Half the plate was sent to MUUSAN, the Maine UU State Advocacy Network. Endowments were \$8,255, Rental income was \$240. General Fund was \$486. Fundraising was \$358. During the Sabbatical, we are using savings we accrued for this event, and transferred \$1,769 from that account which is counted as income.

VANCO: In March, 15 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$4,823.48 gross in all categories with a net of \$4,682.51. Fees were \$112.76 and the offset paid was \$104.48. Additional charges invoiced were \$28.21, which includes the monthly fee of \$10 for the site. Donations were: General Fund for \$301, Pledges for \$4,232, Share the Plate for \$136, and Minister's Discretionary \$50.

Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$15,651 (66% of total costs), Building \$4,069 (18%), Fair Share to the UUA \$845 (4%), Administrative \$ 573 (2%), and Congregational expenses for \$1,758 (8%) Total expenses for 9 months was 67% of the year's budget.

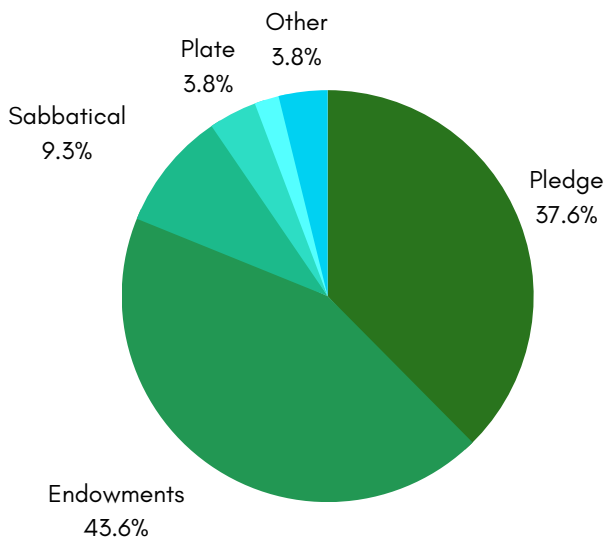
In summary, we have received 64% of our budgeted income, and spent 67%. That 3% difference is \$7,817. It is imperative that we have a successful Raffle selling all 1,000 tickets - Raffle begins on April 2nd and ends on May 21st.

If you wish further financial information, please email me. roxemary@gmail.com and thanks

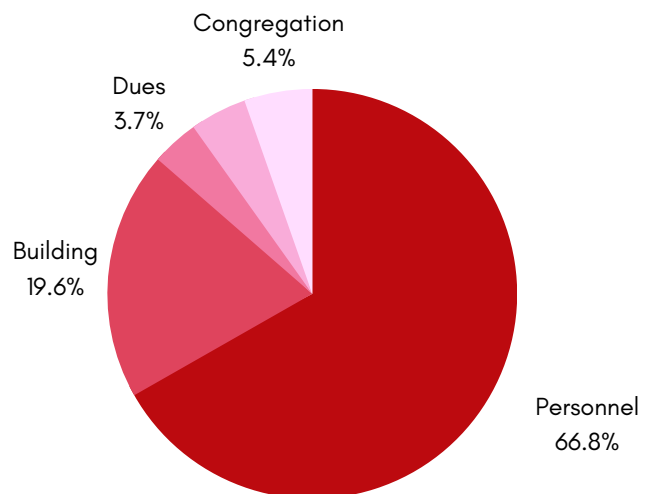
In Service,

Rosemary Parsons

March Income



March Expense





What Will You
Imagine

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!!
DRAWING ON MAY 21!!!

VALUE OF UP TO \$5,000

LOOKING TO TRAVEL?
NEEDING A VACATION?
WANTING A HOME RENOVATION?
WISHING FOR A GARDEN MAKEOVER?

\$20 PER TICKET
ONLY 1,000 TICKETS

FULL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT
[UUBANGOR.ORG/RAFFLE2023](https://uubangor.org/raffle2023)

*****PRIZES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE IRS AS INCOME.**

Office
Closed
May 9

In-Person
Office Hours
Tues, Wed, Fri

C&C
Submissions
Due
May 20

Annual
Meeting
May 21

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

Office
Volunteers
Wanted!



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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 in May

The office will open late on May 2 due to a staff meeting. The office will be open roughly 12:00-2:00.

The office will be closed on May 9 for the full day.

The office will close early on May 26. The office will be open 10:00-12:00.

Sunday Announcement Submissions Must Be Received By Friday

If you have an announcement to have presented on Sunday morning that didn't appear in the weekly e-news on Thursday, please submit it, by email, to the office *and* the worship associate by Friday afternoon. If it is received after 2:00 PM on Friday, there is no guarantee that it will appear in the Sunday morning email or in the announcements during the service.

If you want your announcement to appear in the printed announcements on Sunday, it must be received by 10:00 AM on Fridays.

Building Use Must Be Scheduled with Office!

If you are planning to move to committee or small group meetings in the UUSB building, instead of via Zoom, you **MUST** submit the request to the church office. Please call or email to schedule your meeting and come back "home."

UPCOMING DEADLINES

**CHALICE & CHIMES (JUNE ED.)
SATURDAY, MAY 20**

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

**COMMITTEE NOTES FOR COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

OFFICE HOURS

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

LOOKING AHEAD WITH MEMBERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP

The Membership Fellowship Committee is happy to share that we welcomed five new members to UUSB in April. Watch the June Chalice and Chimes for their bios.

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 uubangor@gmail.com.



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

Here are the Teams for this month:

May 7 - Team G - Judy & Tim Martin

May 14 - Team I - Bridgette Chalila & Wendy Sites

May 21 - Team H - Patti Woolley

May 28 - Team J - Patty Alcott

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!

SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE

THE MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF UUSB'S SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION PROGRAM

MAY 2023 - SOUL MATTERS THEME: CREATIVITY

Hello and Howdy-do to our Spiritual Explorers!!

This month, we ask - "Where does the path to CREATIVITY take us?" For some, tapping into creativity is as easy as flipping a light switch, but for others, it can be tricky business.

To share an original piece or idea with the world might seem a bit daunting. We might not think it's good enough, or that we aren't good enough. It can be SO EASY to slip into imposter syndrome mode!

For those of us that feel that art is "not our thing" - Let's re-frame it! Creativity comes in so many packages!! Let us consider that our daily lives are packed with CREATIVE possibilities! Perhaps it's creating a sense of joy in others, or putting together a healthy meal, or buiding a business proposal!

This month, let's commit to adding a bit of CREATIVITY into our daily lives! Flip the page for list of questions and thought processes to get your creative juices flowing.

Karen Childs

Director of Spiritual Exploration

UPCOMING DATES

Apr 23rd - SEE Classes ~ SE Wing, 10AM

Apr 30th - S.E. Action League ~ Café, 8:45AM

Apr 30th - SEE Classes ~ SE Wing, 10AM

May 7th - SEE Classes ~ SE Wing, 10AM

May 14th - SEE Classes ~ SE Wing, 10AM

May 21st - SEE Extravaganza ~ Sanctuary, 10AM



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Food For Thought:



(An excerpt from April's Soul Matters Small Groups Packet...)

One of the best ways to explore our monthly themes is to bring them into the conversations you have with those closest to you. It's a powerful way to deepen our conversations, and our relationships. Below is a list of "creativity questions" to help you on your way. As always, keep a lookout for how your inner voice is trying to send you a word of comfort or challenge through these conversions with others.

Creativity Questions

- What is something creative you did when you were younger that you no longer do? Why don't you still do it? Would you want to do it?
- Were you a child that colored in the lines or outside of them? Does that childhood self still have a leading role in your life?
- Has creativity ever gotten you in trouble?
- Are you as "creatively maladjusted" as you imagined you would be?
- If your life was a song or movie, which song or movie would you be?
- Which artistic metaphor best describes what life feels like to you right now? a blank canvas? a 1000-piece puzzle? a detective novel? a garden? a writer's block? a work in progress? Something else?
- Has creativity ever healed or saved you?



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Some Changes

Suzanne Kelly and Valerie Carter have decided to offer the reins of leadership of the Social Justice Committee to some new blood. Both of us are passionate about the work that has been done and can continue to be done. We welcome being participants but we are stepping down from leadership positions. It may be that there will be "decentralized" Social Justice issue groups somewhat like the framework for Maine Unitarian-Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN). MUUSAN has four issue groups: Racial, Native and Immigrant Justice; Healthcare; Climate Change; and Democracy in Action. Faith Linking in Action is comprised of four issue groups that take on local issues that hold people back: Food Insecurity; Housing (lack of affordable housing); Public Transportation; and Childcare (lack of affordable, adequate care). Or there may be sudden, compelling issues that people want to address.

We plan on having a meeting (zoom, in person or hybrid) sometime in May or June that's open to the Social Justice Committee and other members of the congregation to find out what priorities there are AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY: WHAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON OR HEADING UP.

Our Power Referendum Presentation

Jill Linzee, Chair of the MUUSAN Climate Change issue group, provided an excellent overview of the referendum that Mainers will get to vote for on Election Day, November 6th. If it passes it would mean shifting distribution of electric power by CMP and Versant to distribution by Pine Tree Power, a non-profit entity. We had 25+ attending the presentation in person and via Zoom. For those of you who missed the presentation, there are materials on the Social Justice table about the referendum and how you can help.



MUUSAN (Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Networks) News

Things are heating up as the 131 Legislative Session and its proposed bills take shape. If you are interested in what's coming up in legislation involving: Climate Change, Democracy, Racial, Immigrant and Native Justice, and/or Healthcare PLEASE check out the MUUSAN web page for what's happening, how you can become informed AND what you can do to ensure that our UU principles are strengthened in upcoming legislation. You will find:

- MUUSAN's Tips and Tools for Legislative Advocacy. They include all the resources you need to participate in citizen advocacy with the Maine state legislature.
- Legislative priorities and a watchlist of potential bills and bills already under consideration

Tips & Tools for Legislative Advocacy

Getting Started!	Understanding the legislative process and schedule	Testifying before the legislative committees	Letter writing, calls, and letters to the editor
Navigating the Maine Legislature website	Faith in Advocacy	MUUSAN Legislative Agenda and watchlist	

MUUSAN Network Meeting on Saturday, May 6, 10-12:30 at the UU Church of Brunswick

DREW'S VIEWS: SABBATICAL TOUR EDITION

BY REV. ANDREW MOELLER

Hello Dear Ones,

I hope this message finds you well and the middle of a Maine spring unfolding.

I am just wrapping up the Scottish leg of our journey. For the last three weeks I have explored the southern Heberdian islands of Mull and Ilay, the city of Edinburgh and driven up eastern, northern and western coast of Scotland from Peterhead (the hometown of my grandfather) to the Orkney Islands and down to the Isle of Skye.



I've seen loads of beautiful countryside and many natural wonders.

In Mull I met some of my longest friends to inter that ashes of my best friends wife (right):

Along the way I've have many wonderful experiences. People here are mostly friendly and kind. Seem like they struggle with many of the same issues we do at home. For instance:

They have a lot of traffic.



They have some nice neighborhoods.



Some of the natives like hanging out in the sun.



They have some wonderful places to dine.



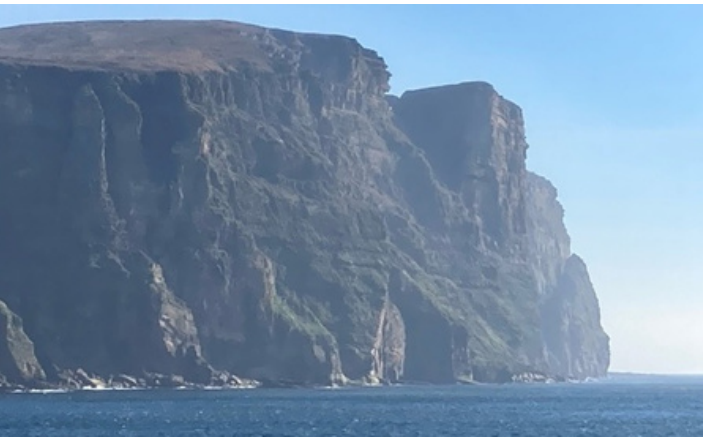
And some that have gone to ruins.



They do creative things in their spare time.



They have cathedrals to nature and Unitarian congregations like St. Mark's in Edinburgh.



I am now in London visiting my Scottish cousin and his family (who I have not seen in over 33 years).

On April 26, I'll head down to Germany and on to Hungary, Czech Rep and and Finland.

On a more serious note I am sad to hear the news of the passing of Nancy Rampe and Judy Boothby. I had a hunch both of them would not make it through my time away. Luckily, I made it a point to say goodbye before I left. I also called Glenn Rampe and Paul Boothby from Scotland to offer my condolences. Both Nancy and Judy were incredible people. My heart grieves with all of you.

Blessing and Love from the road,
Rev. Drew

UPCOMING *Memorial Services*



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 at lthereza@mac.com.



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. Following the service, we will have a reception in the Dorothy Memorial Hall hosted by the UUSB Guild.

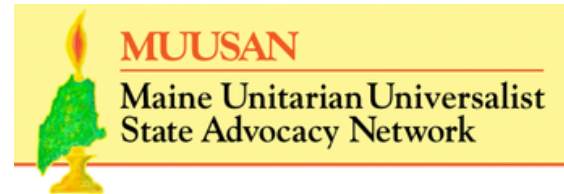


SHARE THE PLATE



Every Sunday, we share half of our undesignated plate offerings with an organization that works toward our UU values. In May, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to Bangor Pride. Bangor Pride is a week-long series of events held on the third week of June to support and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. It is organized by Health Equity Alliance. Bangor Pride 2023 will have a parade and festival on Saturday, June 24 in Downtown Bangor.

In March, we shared out plate with MUUSAN. They will be receiving a check for \$358!



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



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, May 14, 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.

Since 2020, when we began our open-air chimes concert and food collection, we have collected over 8,000 pounds of feed! 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.



Photo by P.O.sitive Negative via Unsplash

Small Groups



Photo by Debby Hudson via Unsplash

Shawl Ministry

May 2 at 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!

Open Jam

May 10 at 6:00 PM in the Vestry

Before the pandemic, UUSB hosted an Open Mic and CoffeeHouse on the first and third weeks of the month. Since we started reopening, our Open Mic returned on fourth Wednesday. In January 2023, we added an "Open Jam" night on the second Wednesday. Our first Open Jam included 17 people, six of whom are already part of UUSB.

Drinks and snacks are available for a small donation, which helps cover the heat and lighting for the space and helps support UUSB.

So, come join the fun and play with our community or hang out and listen in. It's a wonderful way to build our connection within our community!



First ever Open Jam night at UUSB!

Photo by Karen Childs

Spirit of Drumming with Laurie, LyAnn, & Jim

May 14 & 28 at 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.



Open Mic & CoffeeHouse at UUSB

Photo by Karen Childs

Open Mic | CoffeeHouse

May 24 at 6:00 PM in the Dorothy

UUSB's Open Mic and CoffeeHouse have returned! You can join the fun on the fourth Wednesday every month as a listener or performer. We have a wonderful group of people who attend regularly and would love to grow the event with even more of our UUSB community.

Drinks and snacks are available for a small donation to help cover heat and lighting for the space, as well as to help support UUSB. All are welcome to perform or hang out and listen. We look forward to seeing you there!

UUSB Mindfulness Meditation Group on Break

The Tuesday Mindfulness Meditation Group will be taking a hiatus until Rev. Drew returns from his sabbatical. We will begin meeting in August or September, most likely.

If you are interested in participating, please email uubangor@gmail.com to be added to the email list.



Chalice Side Chat Cancelled Until Future Notice

Due to decreasing attendance, the Chalice-Side Chats on Tuesday evenings are cancelled until future notice. If there is interest in resuming in the Fall, we may begin meeting on a reduced schedule or start some other sort of small group.

If you are interested in joining if it restarts or interested in starting some other small group, please email uubangor@gmail.com.

Photo by Chris Montgomery via Unsplash

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hosted @UUSB

WOMEN WITH WINGS Singing Circle

THURSDAYS
7:00PM
UUSB VESTRY

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 womenwithwingsbangor@gmail.com.

In keeping with tradition, our program will feature works from many time periods and genres; from Thomas Morley to Clara Schumann to Huddie Ledbetter to Billy Joel, and beyond. The repertoire revolves around themes of love, beauty, and the joy and solace that can be found Between Earth and Sky! There is sure to be something for everyone!

Join us after the concert for a plant sale! We'll have a collection of house and garden plants available by donation to help you round out your spring growing season.

NEW RENAISSANCE SINGERS

RAISING OUR VOICES FOR LOVE OF MUSIC AND COMMUNITY

2023 SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

Between Earth & Sky

SATURDAY, MAY 13 - 7:00 PM

2023 MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Shawl Ministry	3 5:30 PM Worship Meeting	4	5	6 8:00 AM Annual Spring Work Day
7 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes 11:30 AM Common Read Discussion Group	8	9 Office Closed	10 Reports Due to Council 6:00 PM Open Jam	11 5:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting	12	13
14 8:45 AM S.E.A.L. Meeting 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Food Collection Drumming	15	16	17 11:30 AM Guild Meeting 2:30 PM Pastoral Care Team 6:30 PM Council Meeting	18 7:45 PM Comm. Meeting	19 10:00 AM Budget & Finance Meeting	20 Chalice & Chimes Submission Deadline
21 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Annual Meeting 12:00 PM Raffle Drawing	22	23	24 6:00 PM CoffeeHouse Open Mic	25	26 Office Closing @12:00	27 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Bean Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper Served
28 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Spirit of Drumming	29	30	31			

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.

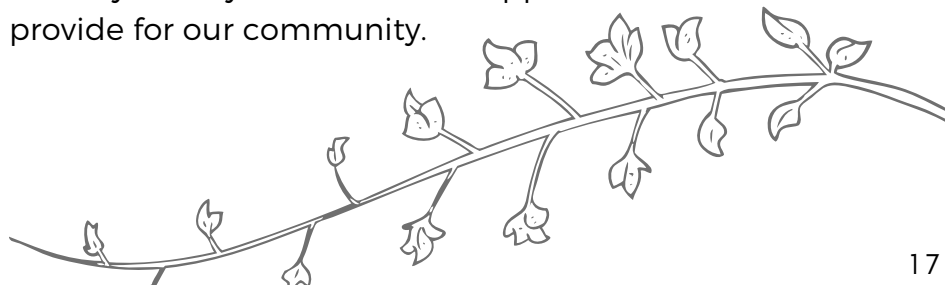
Collection Plate & Pledge Reminders

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

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



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About Our Newsletter

The *Chalice and Chimes* is published ten times a year (Sept-June). 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: May 20, 2023

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

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