

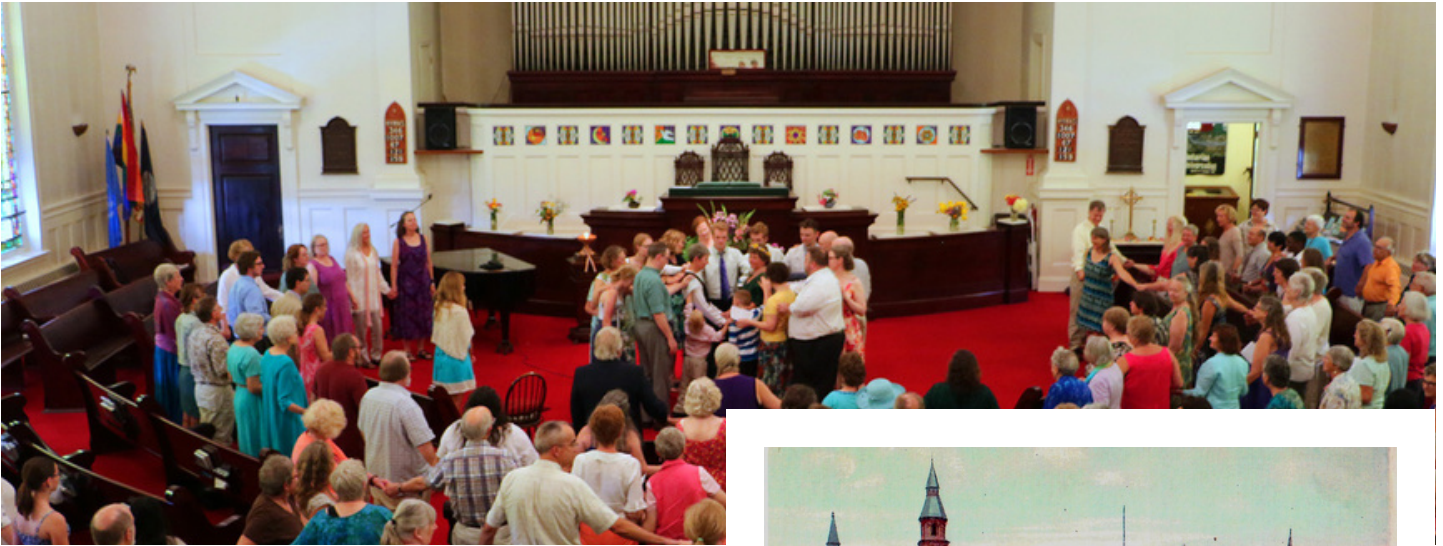


UUSB

September 2023

CHALICE & CHIMES

Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor



Bangor Me, Central Park and Universalist Church.

Above: Historic Bangor Postcard Courtesy.
Top: Throwback photo of Linda Koehler & Rissa Moore's wedding.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Our theme this month is **Welcome**.

We will explore this theme on September 17 and 24 with Rev. Drew's sermons: "A Welcoming Spirit" and "Where There Is Welcome."

September 10 is **Water Communion!**

See page 2 for full service descriptions!

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

First ever UUSB Used Book, CD, & DVD Sale on 9/16.

Shawl Ministry on 9/5.

Spirit of Drumming on 9/10 & 9/24.

Meditation Group on 9/12, 9/19, & 9/26.

Open Jam on 9/13 and Open Mic on 9/27.

CrUUnes on 9/22.

Food Collection & Chimes Concert on 9/10.

Community Bean Supper on 9/23 & 9/30.

Find your copy of the UUSB Calendar on Page



SEPTEMBER SERVICES

September 3: Guest in the Pulpit: Sarah Nichols, Former Bangor City Councilor
Our Sept 3 service will have a union/labor theme.

This week's worship team is: Laurie Cartier, John Arimond, Francis Grey, and Atticus Foster with our guest speaker, Sarah Nichols. Music will be provided by Rissa Moore and Pat Moulton.

Meeting ID: 937 1005 6722 Passcode: 827597 [Zoom Link](#)

September 10: Water Communion

Water is the universal substance that supports all life as we know it. In keeping with our UUSB Tradition, we will kick off our new program year with our annual ritual of Water Communion. Everyone attending is encouraged to share a sample of water from someplace they found spiritual wisdom or connection during the summer. See Page 3 for information on sharing your water.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, John Arimond, Francis Grey, and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by the UUSB Choir, Molly J. Webster, and Jack Derosier.

Meeting ID: 913 4974 8088 Passcode: 679913 [Zoom Link](#)

September 17: "A Welcoming Spirit" with Rev. Drew Moeller

What does it mean to be "welcoming" in a multicultural and diverse world? Can we be welcoming and authentic even with different perspectives or views? Today we'll examine the concept of welcome as we welcome everyone back from summer begin the start of our congregational year.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, Sue McKay, and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by Molly J. Webster and Jack Derosier.

Meeting ID: 928 3929 9142 Passcode: 167727 [Zoom Link](#)

September 24: "Where There Is Welcome" with Rev. Drew Moeller

Our lives are filled with experiences and situations that show up as uninvited guests, adding stress and frustration. What would it be like if we could welcome these inevitable visitors into our lives? How would it change the dynamic and our responses to trying and unexpected moments? How can we develop that level of equanimity to receive these experiences as grace and not aversion.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, Phyllis Havens, John Arimond, and Ben Goff. Music will be provided by the UUSB Choir, Molly J. Webster, and Jack Derosier.

Meeting ID: 925 6192 7670 Passcode: 900236 [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. Drew, Molly, or Laurie. Your suggestions make our worship experience even richer!

DREW'S VIEWS

Dear Ones,

It is great to be back from my six months of sabbatical! The experience was nurturing and refreshing for body, mind, and soul.

In my time away, I deepened my meditation practice through an intensive month-long retreat, did some extensive traveling, and attended to several areas of family business that needed a lot of attention.

As I return full of new energy and experiences, I am excited to hear about everything you have been up to. I was so proud to hear that UUSB collaborated with Needlepoint Sanctuary last February to open up our building as an emergency shelter. I was excited to see that this year's stewardship campaign successfully raised enough funds to give our hard-working staff a partial raise and equalize compensation between our talented team.

I was also so excited to hear how many appreciated Rev. Rebecca's ministry and all the visits from my UU minister colleagues who graced our pulpit while I was away. So far, they all talked about what a treat it was to be with you in worship.

I was equally excited to learn that our congregation had a heartfelt and challenging conversation on adopting the 8th Principle and then voted to

adopt the Eighth UU Principle along with its commitment to "journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse, multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions." This is extremely important and meaningful work involving a large part of our ministry. I am excited that the congregation has committed to intentionally becoming a more inclusive, antiracist/anti-oppressive, and multicultural congregation.

I return to a vibrant and active community. Over my time away, I have done some reflection and discernment on the trajectory of my ministry. In doing so, I've decided to make two significant changes in my commitments as minister. First, I have decided to step down from serving on the Dignity First (DF) Board. I joined Dignity First's board as it was an idea forming in the minds of several people led by Jamie Beck, the



Rev. Drew at a bus station in Freiburg, GA, while on Sabbatical

current Executive Director, to bring a Housing First model to Bangor to serve the needs of unhoused people in our community. In 2019 I was part of the group that brought DF into being as a 501(c3) organization and helped work through several renditions of creating a business model and implementation plan. I leave this position on good terms and in good hands with several new board members who came on while I was away on sabbatical. I will continue to support DF as much as possible, but I need to step down to free up my energy for other vital responsibilities.

In addition to serving the congregations they are called, UU ministers are expected to help one another and the greater UU movement. In past years I have done this by serving a term on the MUUSAN Board and the Nominating Committee of the Northern New England Chapter of the UU Minister's Association (UUMA). These are essential but minor roles. Now that I am starting my eighth year of ministry at UUSB and my twelfth year as a minister, it is time that I take on a more significant role in our larger UU movement.

Last fall, I talked to several colleagues about deepening my role in the greater UU movement. In my position on the UUMA Chapter Nominating Committee, I became aware of the need for a "Good Officer" in Maine. I put my name forward and was elected while on sabbatical.

A Good Officer is a minister who ministers to ministers. To hold this position, I will be training on being a resource and support to my colleagues in the UU ministry. The role will also

involve ongoing training and the ability to be on call. I am well suited to this vital ministry, and after a fair amount of discernment, I have agreed to accept this position for a three-year term.

This month's theme is "Welcoming," which is a funny theme to start my time with the congregation as you welcome me back into my role as minister. In all my many travels during my sabbatical, I was welcomed in many places and had quite a variety of experiences of what "welcome" looked like. Some instances were warm and familiar; some were less warm but still authentic, and others were just lukewarm or non-existent.

Each time I noticed several things:

1. What did I need or expect from the people who welcomed me?
2. What was it like for the people welcoming me?
3. What were some of the cultural expectations of differences that affected how that welcome was received?

What stood out to me is that often we think of welcoming as being a "one size fits all approach" when in fact, I believe welcoming has more to do with kindness and sensitivity and being willing to listen and notice what actions help another feel at ease and like that can be relaxed and vulnerable too.

This approach works well for welcoming people, and it also works well for ideas and the environment too. Next year at the General Assembly, we will vote as a denomination about changing Article II of our UUA Bylaws. Article II is the section that we refer to commonly as our Principles, Purposes, and sources.

Article II is important because it is the lens through which we view, hold, and live our faith. It is also our best articulation of what our faith means and stands for in a rapidly changing world. This year as we continue to engage in work to live into the Eighth Principle, we will also be looking at, discussing, and providing feedback to our UUSB delegates to General Assembly on whether we want to change, modify, or keep the current evolution of our UUA - articulation of faith. The question is how can we welcome these ideas - just like welcoming a visitor who comes through our door on Sunday morning.

Get More Info on Article II!

It's worth reading this year's report from the Article II Study Commission's to General Assembly.

<https://www.uua.org/files/2023-02/article-II-study-report-2021-23.pdf>

We have much to do in the year ahead. For now, I am grateful to be back. And even more thankful to everyone who helped UUSB move forward and thrive while I was away. Returning to the congregation full of life and energy is so very welcoming. I hope it is for you too!

Namasté and Love, (It is so good to be back!)



Rev. Drew

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

September will be the first month with regular office hours for Rev. Drew since he returned from Sabbatical. His **regular office hours will begin September 10.**

Sunday

- 10:00 AM UUSB Service
- Afternoon/Evening by Appointment

Monday

- *Minister's Sabbath: Unavailable*

Tuesday

- 10:00-1:00 Open Office Hours
- 2:00-4:00 By Appointment

Wednesday

- 10:00-1:00 Open Office Hours
- 2:00-4:00 By Appointment

Thursday

- *Writing Day: Unavailable*

Friday

- 10:00-1:00 Open Office Hours
- 2:00-4:00 By Appointment

Sat

- By Appointment Only

Please Note:

While Rev. Drew does have open office hours, he often has morning meetings that may occur during that time. You may want to call ahead, just to check.

Rev. Drew will be **out of office September 21-23.**



COUNCIL CRIER

Your UUSB Council has some lofty goals for this year.

We have already begun reviewing our many policies and procedures, some of which haven't been updated since 2015 or earlier. As part of that process, we will be looking at our security procedures.

By the time you read this, we will have held our Council retreat where we will meet with representatives from most of our committees to kick off a wonderful year that can inspire, feed souls, and build beloved community.

We are honored to serve as this congregation's governing body.

COVID precautions changed our monthly evening meeting schedule to a Zoom format which will continue into the future. Our meetings are open to UUSB members and friends who want to view governance in action. Minutes of our most recent meeting are posted on the DM bulletin board, if you want to check it out during fellowship hour.

We are excited to have Rev. Drew back among us and celebrate his 7th anniversary with UUSB.

Thank you for being such a wonderful congregation. We are truly blessed!

Yours in service,
Sue McKay, Council Chair

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 20 @6:30 PM

MEETING ID: 981 5195 3077

PASSCODE: 610814

[ZOOM LINK](#)

COUNCIL

Sue McKay, *Chair*
Tracy Haskell, *Vice Chair*
Jessica Glant, *Clerk*
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TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 2023

This report covers 8.3% of the year.

Total income for the month of July was \$36,217 Expenses were \$20,701 for the month leaving a balance of \$15,516 to start the year. This amount is 14% of the year's budgeted income. In July 2022 there was a net loss of **\$101**.

July income included pledge of \$30,132. 12 people had prepaid \$18,172, so actual July receipts were \$11,960. Endowment income was \$2,551. Plate donations were \$765. Half of that amount goes to Health Equity Alliance (HEAL).

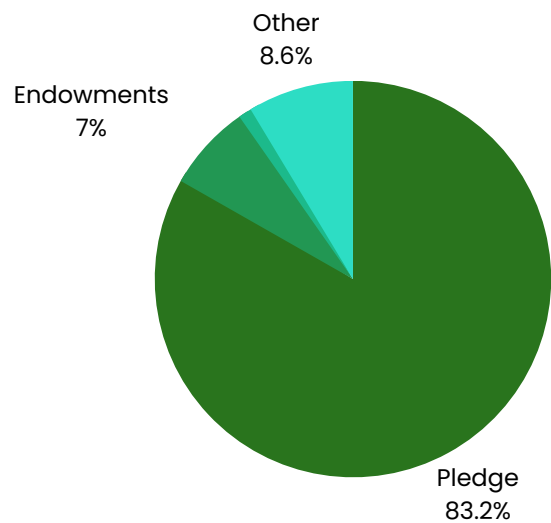
VANCO: In July, 16 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$4,408 gross in all categories with a net of \$4,290. Fees were \$92.06 and the offset paid was \$74.98.

Donations were General Fund for \$549, pledges for \$3,650, and Share the Plate for \$134.

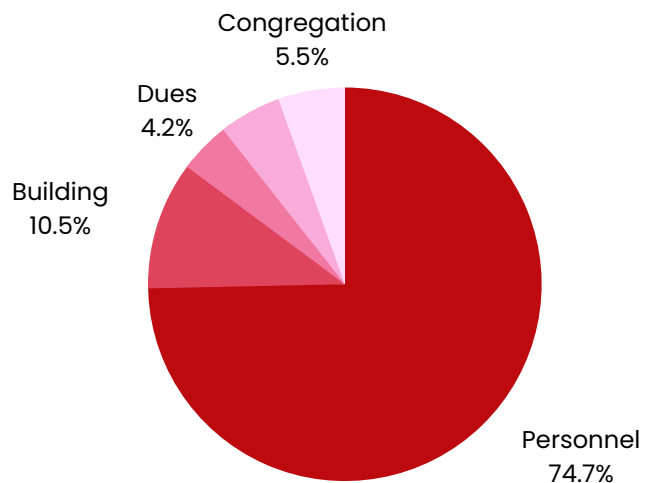
Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$15,456 (75% of total costs), Building \$2,178 (10%), Fair Share to the UUA \$869 (4%), Administrative \$1,061 (5%), and Congregational expenses for \$1,137 (5%). Total expenses for 1 month was 8% of the year's budget.

In Service,
Rosemary Parsons

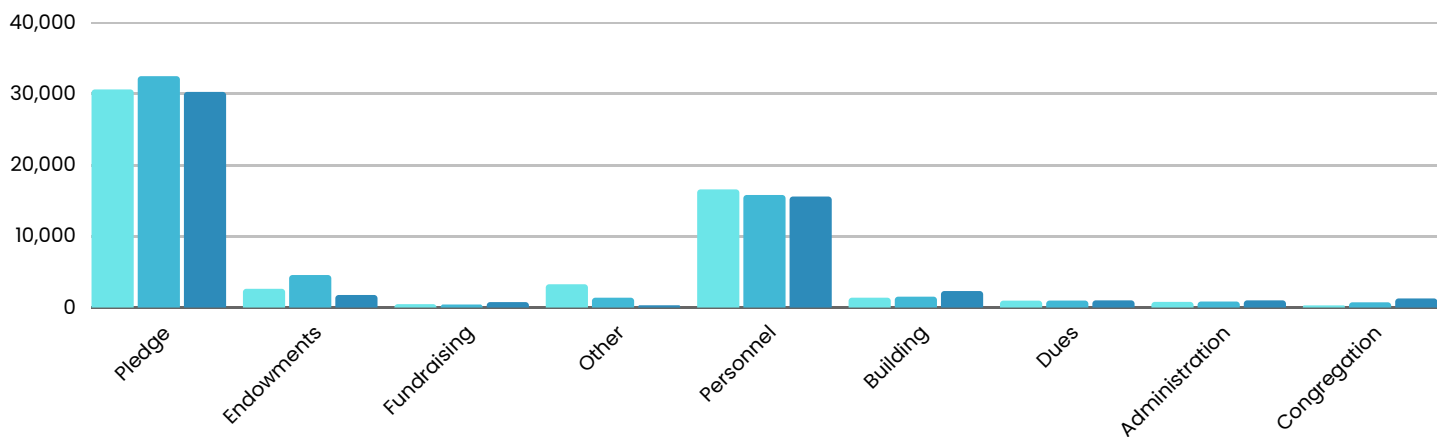
July Income



July Expenses



Comparison: July 2021, 2022, 2023



TREASURER'S REPORT FY2023

July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023.

Total income for the year was \$263,162. Expenses were \$263,050 leaving a positive balance of \$102.

Income included pledge of \$130,542, which was 4% over the budget. The previous year pledge payment was \$123,398. Funding from Endowments was \$59,069 compared to \$61,164 for FY22. Fundraising total income for the year was \$36,343 compared to \$33,513 last year. Other income for FY23 was \$36,876. which includes Shortfall payments of \$10,480. Previous year total was \$22,859.

Throughout FY23, 31 people used the VANCO link on our webpage to make payments. Total payments for the year were \$27,245. They were split into \$22,071 for pledge, \$2,404 for General Fund, \$1,714 for plate, \$471 to offset fees, \$400 for Fundraising, and \$52 for Minister's Discretionary,

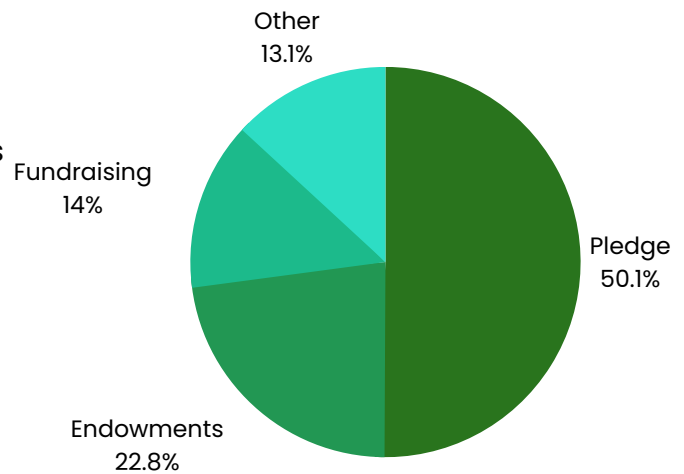
Expenses for the year break down as Personnel \$190,104 (72% of total costs), Building \$32,094 (12%), Fair Share to the UUA (aka Dues) \$10,281 (4%), Administrative \$9,430 (4%), and Congregational expenses for \$20,319 (8%).

These numbers do not do justice to the commitment and support of the people of our congregation. When faced with an extra UNBUDGETED payroll in June, you gave more. Council and myself are deeply grateful to you.

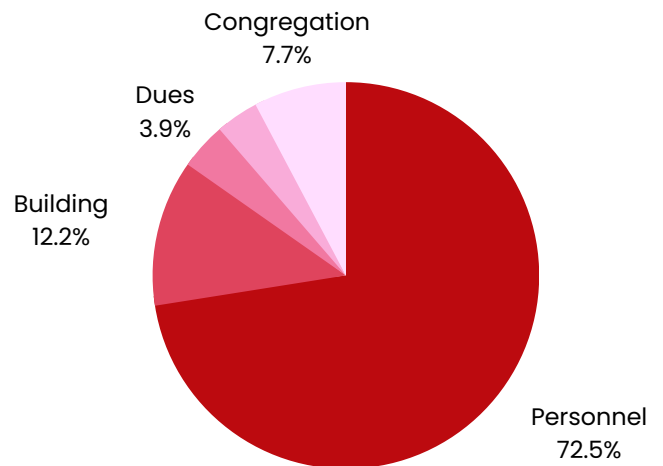
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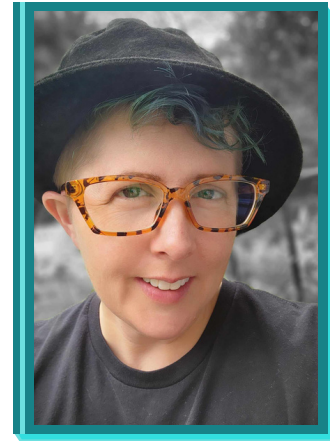
FY2023 Income



FY2023 Expenses



SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE



Welcome back Spiritual Explorers!!

This month, we are in a WELCOMING state of mind! As the daylight hours shift shorter, and the sunlight starts to adjust it's angle, we are drifting back into the familiar habits of back to school shopping, fall sports, and welcoming our families and friends back to church!

We are looking forward to an exciting year of connecting, learning, helping our neighbors, and creating opportunities for growth. We'll be running a full church-year of programming focusing on supporting our families and offering thoughtful and memorable opportunities for our community to grow together.

This Fall, we look forward to offering five classes covering PreK thru 12th Grade, and later in the year, we'll be excited to begin a new-to-our community Elementary OWL program for K-1st Graders!

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR FAMILY TODAY!

Karen Childs

Director of Spiritual Exploration

UPCOMING DATES

- Sept 10th - **Water Communion**
Sanctuary, 10AM
- Sept 17th - **1st Day of Classes**
SE Wing, 10AM
- Sept 24th - **SEE Classes**
SE Wing, 10AM
- Oct 1st - **Apple Chapel**
SE Wing, 10AM
- Oct 8th - **NO SEE Classes**
Indigenous Peoples Weekend

2023-2024 GROUPINGS

To see full descriptions of this year's classes, check out The Explorer: the monthly UUSB SEE newsletter.

- Youngest (PreK-K) - Rainbow Connection Curriculum
- Younger (1st-3rd) - In Your Shoes Curriculum
- Middle (4th-6th) - The Magic of UU Curriculum
- Jr. High (7th-8th) - D'Oh God Curriculum
- High (9th-12th) - Fifth Dimension Curriculum

THE OFFICE ORGANIZER

Find all your UUSB Church Office Updates in this updated space. You can find publication deadlines, office hours and scheduled closures, as well as important building updates and more!

FY2024 Office Hours

The in-person office hours for the administrator are generally 10:00 to 2:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

There are remote office hours on Thursdays, but only by email or response after you leave a voicemail.

If you need to meet and can't during the normal in-person hours, please schedule a time ahead and Christine can adjust the flexible hours in the week to meet.



Important Publication Deadlines

The **Chalice & Chimes** submission deadline for FY2024 is the **20th of each month**. Late submissions can be posted on the website, in the e-news, or the Sunday announcements.

The deadline for the **UUSB Directory of Members & Friends** FY2024 update is **November 1**. Please check your listing for any outdated information. Your comfort is our top priority, so let us know what you want shared or kept private and we will make sure to accommodate that. Please look for a full article on the Directory update in the October *Chalice & Chimes*.

Miscellaneous Office Announcements

The office will be closed on September 5 and 28.

Photos Wanted! Did you see the beautiful photo of Linda & Rissa's wedding? Your photo could be featured in our newsletter too! Email your photo, whether it's of a UUSB event, congregation members, or just something that inspires you, it's all worth celebrating!

Please remember to schedule all room use with the office



Chalice & Chimes Deadline:
Wednesday, September 20

Weekly E-News Deadline:
Thursdays @10:00

In-Person Office Hours: 10:00-2:00
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

MEMBERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP

Chat with the Minister

Now that Rev Drew has returned, we are resuming our Chat with the Minister on a more-or-less monthly basis. If you are new to UU or UUSB and have some questions or want to learn a bit more about us, this is your opportunity! **Join us right after the service, in the sanctuary, on October 1.** We will have some refreshments available so you won't miss out on Fellowship Hour goodies!

And if you are interested in membership at UUSB, attending a Chat is one of the ways to fulfill the requirements for membership. Please see the article in this newsletter about becoming a member for more information. Our next Chat with the Minister will be Dec 10.

Fellowship Hour Teams for September

Thank you to these teams for hosting Fellowship Hour in September:

Sep 3 – Team A, Team Leader Natalie Norton
Sep 10 – Team J, Team Leader Patty Alcott
Sep 17 – Team B, Team Leader Phyllis Havens
Sep 24 – Team C, Team Leader Eleanor Steele

How to Become a Member of UUSB

Any friends and visitors who are considering membership at UUSB can now join at any time, not just twice a year! To become a member, you need to: (1) complete an information request card, available at the greeters table or online, indicating interest in becoming a member; (2) reading through our Self-Study Guide, Getting to Know Us, describing UUism and UUSB; and (3) attending a Chat with the Minister or a New to UU class (offered in November and April).

Getting to Know Us can be found at <http://uubangor.org/new-to-uusb-2/uusb-self-study-guide/> and contains lots of great information.

Remember the New to UU class is not just for new people! Even if you are already a member or a friend of UUSB, you can still come to get more information about our congregation, specifically, or more details about the history of Unitarian Universalism. The next New to UU class will be Saturday, November 4 from 9:30 to Noon and will include a tour of the church.

After you have decided to become a member, you will also need to complete a Request for Membership form and a Pledge form for the current year (both are online). Our next New Member Sunday is Nov 19, when we will welcome all new members to the congregation.

For more information, contact any member of the Membership-Fellowship Committee: Evan Richert (chair), Cathy Elliott, Linda Sisson, and Eleanor Steele.



UUSB's table at Bangor Pride 2023. Photo by Suzanne Kelly

2023-24 Fundraiser Dates

September 16: Used Book Sale
October 21: Great Pumpkin Yard Sale
November 5: Raffle Sales Begin
December 2: Holiday Wreath Sale
December 9: Holiday Gift Basket Auction
January 14: Raffle Drawing
April 6: Goods & Services Auction
June 8: Plant Sale

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Find Social Justice Committee, MUUSAN, and partner organizations' updates here!



During the 2023 Annual Charlie Howard Memorial Walk, community members of all ages join together. Photo by Benjamin Speed.

Social Justice Committee Survey

The Social Justice Committee plans to do a very brief (i.e., one-question) survey of the UUSB congregation (probably September). We hope to get input about what social justice issues are most important to the congregation.

We will also be working with Christine and with the Worship Committee to help publicize the purpose and logistics of the survey.

We hope that the input we receive will be helpful in exploring next steps and priorities for our Social Justice committee!

Here is the question:

What social justice issues are most important to you?

More information will follow in our September services!



Faith Linking in Action Convening

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, October 3, 5:00-8:00

Join us for the convening to be held at the First United Methodist Church, 703 Essex Street in Bangor.

There will be a potluck dinner followed by a program sharing about Faith Linking In Action's work on Food Justice, Childcare and Early Childhood Education, and Public Transportation.

The Housing Justice team will then facilitate a conversation about current housing issues.

MUUSAN Network Meeting

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, September 16, 10:00-12:00

Join us at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church at 69 Winthrop St.

We will be looking ahead: What are the issues you and your congregation really care about, and how can MUUSAN support with advocacy



SMALL GROUPS



Mindfulness Meditation Group

We will resume meeting on Tuesdays from 5:45 to 7:00. You can join in-person or online.

This month the group will meet on September 12, September 19, and September 26.

This meditation group is accessible to meditators of all experience levels, including people new to meditation. The program consists of walking and sitting meditation and a Dharma lesson with group

discussion. The group intends to meet in a supportive, friendly, and non-judgmental environment. Each session is self-contained material-wise. Regular attendance is helpful though optional.

Drop-ins are always welcome though we encourage newcomers to arrive or sign in fifteen minutes early (at 5:30 PM). Signing in and coming early allows newcomers to meet Rev. Drew and help Rev. Drew learn more about newcomers' familiarity with meditation, as well as a chance to settle in and receive a brief introduction to sitting and walking meditation and the group process before the group begins promptly at 5:45 PM.

The group begins promptly at 5:45 PM. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Rev. Drew Moeller if you have questions @ drewuu2@gmail.com.

This program is free of charge to ALL. If one wishes to make a free-will offering (dana) to the group, one can do so in person in our dana basket, cash, check, or online. Checks can be made to "UUSB" with "Meditation Group" in the memo/notes line.

S.U.R.E. & the 8th Principle

During the past year, we had a wonderful discussion group around the UUA Common Read, *Mistakes and Miracles: Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism* by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karen Lin. We also had discussion groups on the 8th Principle and a positive vote to adopt this principle for UUSB at the May Annual Meeting.

When we finished the Common Read, we renamed ourselves "SURE: Showing Up for Racial Equity" and chose a book to read and discuss over the summer, *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee. Once again, we are enjoying conversations spurred on by what we are reading. SURE will be meeting monthly on the first Sunday of the month starting October 1st. We have one more discussion on *The Sum of Us* and then we will be deciding what to do next. There are so many good books and programs to explore!

SURE is dedicated to being more than a book group. We are exploring a pilot program that is being presented by Wabanaki Reach. We are beginning a collaboration with the UU Church of Ellsworth to share resources and trainings. We will continue to meet monthly to discuss the latest book we choose, or to simply discuss the things that are challenges to our own ability to overcome the learned responses of the white supremacist culture in which we live.

All are welcome to attend SURE meetings and activities. If you have questions or ideas, please contact Laurie Cartier, amalauriec@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUPS

Spirit of Drumming

September 10 & September 24 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.



Shawl Ministry

September 5 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!

CrUUnes

September 22 at 5:00 PM at Ann Perkins' House

This group is for older, single women in the church, 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.

The September meeting will be Friday, September around 5:00-8:00 PM at Ann Perkins' home. You can show up any time during that window to participate in sharing, mutual support, activities, games, and, of course, fun!

Meetings are on the 4th Friday of each month. Hopefully, we will rotate hosting duties, but it will be discussed at this meeting and others after.

Check out UUSB's small groups and join the fun!

If you run a small group and it doesn't appear here, please email uubangor@gmail.com with your blurb for the October *Chalice & Chimes*.

And keep an eye out for additional Small Group opportunities as the year continues!

RINGING BELLS, FEEDING SOULS

On **Sunday, September 10**, UUSB will 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. You can also drop items off inside, before or after the service. The bins will be in the Dorothy, before moving outside for the drive-thru and curbside donations.

We invite everyone to step outside and take a listen to our historic chimes.

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 food! You are making a difference!



COMMUNITY BEAN SUPPER

Everyone is invited to join community members and our amazing volunteers for our monthly community bean supper!

Meals may be eaten at UUSB in the Dorothy Memorial Hall or taken home in to-go containers. This allows us to enjoy 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.

BOOK SALE

Saturday,
September 16
8:00 - 2:00



NEW! Check out the newest UUSB fundraiser!

Dorothy Memorial Hall will be filled with quality pre-owned Books, CDs and DVDs. 9/16 8:00-2:00. Don't miss it! Buy for yourself, friends and family! These make great gifts!! See you there.

Do you have any last minute donations?

We are accepting:

- Children's Books
- Fiction & Non-Fiction
- Hard Cover & Paperback
- CDs & DVDs
- Please donate only Books, CDs and DVDs in good, saleable condition.
- Please NO: Magazines, Textbooks, Operator/Software Manuals or VHS Tapes.

Items can be dropped off in the Dorothy Memorial by the coat rack effective immediately. They should be in boxes or bags clearly labeled "Book Sale". If you have larger quantities of books, arrangements for pick up may also be made by calling or texting Kate Dutra at (207)299-5044. Please donate and help UUSB make this a successful event.

GREAT PUMPKIN

YARD SALE

2023



The Great Pumpkin Yard Sale is coming October 21!

We need donated items in good working order, but please **no** clothes, text books, downhill skis, large furniture pieces, or electronics.

This year, we are making it easier than ever to drop off items through the lower door entrance. There will be a drop off window most days for the week leading up to the yard sale.

Set up for the yard sale will likely be on **Friday, October 20**. Please do **not** drop off items during set up. Set up will be 3:30–7:00 PM; if you are available to help, please let Kate or Sue know.

The Great Pumpkin Yard Sale will be **Saturday, October 21, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Volunteers will be needed to help throughout the yard sale and with clean up after. Again, if you are available, please let Kate or Sue know.

Some always-popular items include: toys, kitchen items, tools, books, small furniture pieces, sports equipment, records, and CDs.

If you are unsure about whether or not to donate an item, ask Kate or Sue before bringing it to the church.

If you are interested in helping with setup, selling, or clean up, please contact Kate Dutra at kate.dutra70@gmail.com or (207) 299-5044 or Sue McKay at swm4631@gmail.com or (207) 478-4631.



THE
HEMOPHILIA
ALLIANCE
OF
MAINE

SHARE THE PLATE

In September, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to Hemophilia Alliance of Maine (HAM). HAM aims to advocate on behalf of people with bleeding disorders, as well as helping people advocate on behalf of themselves or loved ones. They also work to educate Maine's care providers on bleeding disorders and assist people in receiving the care they need. HAM works throughout New England as part of the New England Bleeding Disorders Coalition, to help empower all New England communities with tools, training, and resources.

In May, we were able to send \$436 to support Bangor Pride 2023!

In June, we were able to give \$322 to our Food Security Programs

In July, we were able to send \$383 to support Health Equity Alliance (HEAL).

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.

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Welcome SEPTEMBER 2023



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10:00 AM
Service

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HAPPY
LABOR
DAY

5

Office Closed
6:30 PM
Shawl Ministry

6

**AUUA
Pro Days**
5:30 PM
Worship
Committee

7

8

10:00 AM
Budget &
Finance

9

10

10:00 AM
Service
11:30 AM
Food
Collection
Spirit of
Drumming

11

12

5:45 PM
Meditation
Group

13

**Reports Due
to Council**
6:00 PM
Open Jam
6:30 PM
Membership-
Fellowship

14


7:00 PM
Executive
Committee

15

3:00 PM
Setup for
Book, CD, DVD
Sale



16

8:00 AM 
Used Book,
CD, & DVD
Sale
10:00 AM
MUUSAN
2:00 PM
Sale Ends

17

10:00 AM
Service
11:30 AM
Social Justice
Committee

18

19

5:45 PM
Meditation
Group

20

**Chimes
Deadline**
11:30 AM
Guild
2:30 PM
Pastoral
Care Team
6:30 PM
Council
Meeting

21

7:45 PM
Communications

22

5:00 PM
CrUUnes

23

10:00 AM
Bag Lunch
Prep
3:00 PM
Supper Prep
4:00 PM
Bean Supper

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10:00 AM
Service
11:30 AM
Spirit of
Drumming

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5:45 PM
Meditation
Group

27

6:00 PM
Open Mic &
CoffeeHouse

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Office Closed

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10:00 AM
Bag Lunch
Prep
3:00 PM
Supper Prep
4:00 PM
Bean Supper

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 it 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
Tracy Haskell, Vice Chair
Jessica Glant, Clerk
Rosemary Parsons, Treasurer
Zach Falcon
Francis Grey, Jr.
Ali Khavari
Tim Martin
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:

September 20, 2023

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