



UUSB

November 2023

CHALICE & CHIMES

Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor



NOVEMBER SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Our theme this month is **Generosity**. Generosity is one of the new proposed parts of our UU Principles as part of the Article II Commission. What does Generosity mean for us as UUs, both as a community and individuals?

See page 2 for full service descriptions!



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NOVEMBER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- New to UU Class on November 4
- Great Getaway Raffle Sales Begin on November 5
- SURE Meeting on November 5
- Shawl Ministry on November 7
- Fall Workday on November 18
- Local Justice Meeting on November 19
- Spirit of Drumming on November 12 & 26
- CrUUnes Meeting on November 25
- Pat & Drew's Thanksgiving on November 23



OCTOBER SERVICES

November 5: "Why Generosity?" with Rev. Drew

Generosity is a trait that is often venerated yet not always fully understood. As part of our Unitarian Universalist Association bylaw review it has been suggested that we add Generosity as a new UU principle. What role does Generosity play in our faith and should it be elevated to a Principle? Join us as we consider this option.

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

Meeting ID: 966 8796 7283 Passcode: 541951 [Zoom Link](#)

November 12: "What Is Needed?" with Rev. Drew

Part of the effort of living a spiritual life is seeking, discovering and embracing our gifts sharing them with others. But, what is needed?

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

Meeting ID: 927 6565 5074 Passcode: 579049 [Zoom Link](#)

November 19: New Member Sunday

Join Rev. Drew our Membership Fellowship Committee and UUSB community as we welcome new commers into membership in our society.

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

Meeting ID: 978 1334 1919 Passcode: 936750 [Zoom Link](#)

November 26: Guest Speaker: Sandra Hutchinson

This week, we welcome our guest speaker, Sandra Hutchinson.

This week's worship team is: Sandra Hutchinson, Judy Martin, John Arimond, and Ben Goff.

Meeting ID: 949 8216 2504 Passcode: 953764 [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? The sharing from our members enhances our worship and is part of our covenant of journeying together to find meaning and truth. Share your ideas with Rev. Drew, Molly, or Laurie. Your suggestions make our worship experience even richer!

Upcoming Themes: December - Mystery January - Liberating Love;
February - Justice & Equity March - Transformation

DREW'S VIEWS

Dear Ones,

Usually, when one thinks of "generosity," we think of giving something like money. Still, generosity is more than a single act of making a donation or a financial gift of charity.

On my sabbatical, I thought a lot about generosity. The way that my colleagues in Scotland, Romania, and the Czech Republic all gave of their time, their wisdom, and knowledge. In some ways, one might reduce their gifts to a financial transaction, but that would miss the Spirit of our interactions. Their generosity was precious because they gave of themselves - and a connection was born.

A week ago, I attended a presentation by Dignity First - a group working to create a tiny house project in the Bangor area based on a hugely successful tiny-home project created in Austin, TX. When they put this program together, they had little money but a couple of people who wanted to develop housing for houseless people.

They soon learned that the number one thing that chronically unhoused people needed was to be loved, seen, and recognized for who they were. Once that kind of relationship was established, just about anything was possible, and today, they are planning to build the fourth tiny home neighborhood in their community!

The point is that creating community was not so much about creating housing as much as it was about creating a beloved community - and that began with a simple act of generosity on one person caring for another person just as they were - dirty and smelly, living in rough living situations in tents and makeshift shelters, with substance use disorders, and mental health diagnosis. The simple act of showing up and coming back repeatedly is what has mattered. Being seen as a person of value and worth was needed to make a difference.

When I look at our beloved community, I see the same dynamics at work. Our strength is not in what we do but in how we give our attention to each other in all our beauty and complexity. It's how we love and recognize each person as they are and come back to witness who they are becoming. We nurture our young people and support each other when we grow old. When people feel valued and noticed for who they are, they discover what they have to give, and the magic unfolds.

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So, if the Spirit of generosity is integral to building a beloved community, why don't we list generosity as one of our principles?

Adding generosity as one of our newly proposed changes to Article II of our UUA bylaws is a worthy improvement. The wording of this new principle is:

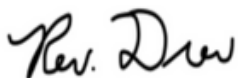
"Generosity - *We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope. We covenant to freely and compassionately share our faith, presence, and resources. Our generosity connects us in relationships of interdependence and mutuality.*"

Making generosity part of our bylaws' updated Article II section is one of the best suggestions for an update to our Principles. It names the process and value that allows our congregations to grow and thrive. It also reminds us that part of our process and practice is not just giving but also learning to receive the gifts that others have to offer, and that is no small thing! It is in the receiving that we give; it's in the giving that we receive.

As we head into the beginning of the winter holidays in the aftermath of the mass shooting in Lewiston, I've noticed how the Maine community has to come together to support people who lost loved ones and the people who tried to track the shooter down. There are still many unanswered questions about this whole incident. But one of the things that gives me hope is the way we are holding each other through our collective grief. May we all be generous enough to give our time to call and write our legislators to let them know that sensible gun regulations are not an option but an imperative to the well being of our society.

Be generous, be kind, and be well!

Namasté and Love,



Rev. Drew

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

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

Saturday

- 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's regular weekend off will be **November 24-26**.

COUNCIL

Sue McKay, *Chair*

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COUNCIL CRIER

Dear UUSB Community,

Autumn is in full swing now and a recent paddle along Pushaw Stream was the perfect showcase for viewing the season's beauty. By the time you read this many of our leaves will have dropped and we may begin to notice a chill in the air.

Council is delighted to report that with the tremendous efforts of our tireless Buildings and Grounds Committee and the generous legacy gifted to UUSB from Charlie & Judy Boothby, our beloved Dorothy Memorial Hall should have a new accessible door soon. If work goes as planned we will be walking through our new door by the holidays!! This much needed project has been a long time coming and I would like to pass along a particular thanks to Bob Kelly for his steadfast work with this.

Another piece of news related to the Dorothy is that our UUSB Guild has generously offered, and Council has accepted their offer, to take our gathering space into their care. The Guild shall oversee care of the Dorothy ensuring it remains a welcoming, clean and inviting space. Guild will also monitor the information board, making sure that posted items are up to date.

This year, Council has undertaken the task of reviewing the Board Book and Policies and Procedures Manual. Tim Martin is guiding us through this task and has discovered many duplications between the two. Hurrah to Tim for tackling this!

Lastly, please don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets, you will find further information about this elsewhere in the newsletter. Raffle sales begin November 5 (as does Daylight Savings Time). Remember it takes all of us to keep UUSB going.

In faith,
Tracy Haskell

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
NOVEMBER 15 @6:30 PM**

MEETING ID: 981 5195 3077 ~ PASSCODE: 610814

PROVIDING PASTORAL CARE

The UUSB Pastoral Care Team is working currently to update our list of UUSB members who are willing and able to help us out when there are caring needs for our home-bound or ill members.

We are asking you to take a few minutes to consider if you can add your name to a list of volunteers to offer rides to church or medical appointments as needed, can visit a house bound or hospital patient (of course, when not infectious and as permitted), and, most of all, make meals based on each member's dietary needs (fresh or frozen).

You can either send me your name and what you can offer (we DO have a few names already) or send them in to Christine at the office (she'll forward) or write a card or note and put it into the collection plate on any Sunday. We are also working to have a checklist printed out soon to make it even easier.

With much gratitude,
Phyllis Havens
Phdhavens@gmail.com

PAT & DREW'S MOST EXCELLENT THANKSGIVING EXPERIENCE

Several years ago, Pat Moulton and Rev. Drew organized a Thanksgiving Meal at UUSB. Now that things are safe for community gatherings, Pat and Rev. Drew have brought back this joyous gathering for UUSB members, friends, and guests.



Dinner will take place at 2 PM, though we encourage guests to arrive at least an hour early to help organize the food. Guests are also welcome to come anytime after 9 AM to help set up and enjoy conversation, puzzles, and board games (and who knows, we might even stream a football game in the background if we have any sports fans).

Please sign up in the registration sheet posted in the Dorothy Memorial by November 19th, so we know how many people are planning to attend. Please include on the signup what dish you wish to bring to contribute to our collaborative meal. Rev. Drew has agreed to provide the turkey and gravy.

TREASURER'S REPORT SEPT. 2023

This report covers 25% of the year.

Total income for the month of September was \$16,327 Expenses were \$18,186 leaving a net income of **-\$1,859** for the month. In Sept 2022, there was a net income of \$1,451. YTD income is \$65,7074, 25.25. of the year's budget. YTD net income is \$6,364. In FY22, YTD income was \$55,687, 22.8% of the year's budget.

September income included pledge of \$5,725. Plate donations were \$548. Half of that amount was shared with the Hemophilia Alliance of Maine. Endowments were \$8,029. The Book Sale brought in \$1,074. This was a new fundraising event.

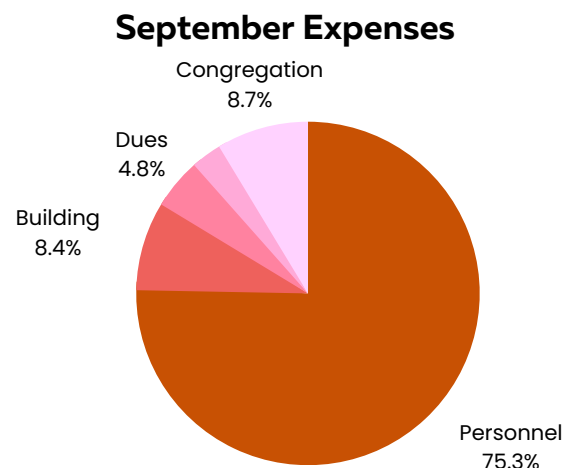
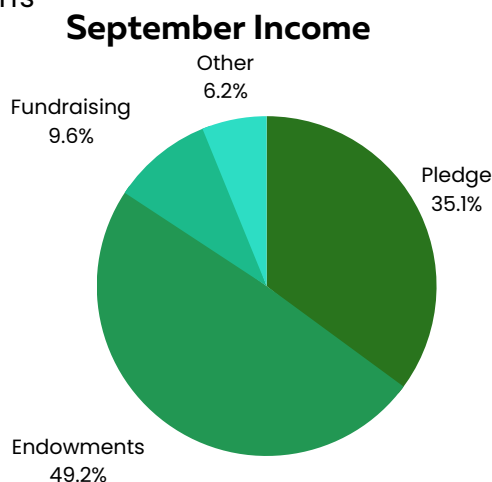
VANCO: In September, 10 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$1,238.48 gross in all categories with a net of \$1,200.16. Fees were \$18.71 and the offset paid was \$17.48 Additional charges invoiced were \$19.61. Donations were made to General Fund for \$95, pledges for \$1,046, and Share the Plate for \$80.

Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$13,694 (75% of total costs), Building \$1,523 (8%), Fair Share to the UUA \$845 (5%), Administrative \$524 (3%), and Congregational expenses for \$1,576 (9%). Total expenses for 3 months was 22.8% of the year's budget.

A lot is happening in the Fundraising Department. The Raffle Tickets are [HERE](#). The theme this year is Great Getaways and the Rafflettes have chosen several vacation package options or you can design your own!. Ticket sales begin on November 5, and the drawing will be on January 14, 2024.

Cathy Elliott has started soliciting Gift Baskets from the committees. You can donate your own basket, or items to go into a basket. The order has been placed for wreaths from Piper Mountain. Reserve your wreaths and swags now with Kerrie O'Brien.

In Service,
Rosemary Parsons



SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE



Howdy, Spiritual Explorers!!

This month, we are focusing on Generosity. Often in November we focus on gratitude. I wonder, what's the difference between gratitude and generosity?? One way I've heard it explained is that gratitude is an internal feeling and generosity is the external expression of our sense of gratitude.

We are super excited to get to the business of practicing generosity in our community this month! We'll be taking a couple of field trips into the community during November. We'll be helping with fall clean up at the Penobscot Nation's Tribal Farm in Bradley and helping load boxes for the Solidarity Harvest at Food and Medicine.

Be sure to spend some time looking through the Soul Matters this month! There are so many ideas to help get you and your family get into the generosity mindset during the upcoming winter holiday season!

Karen Childs

Director of Spiritual Exploration

UPCOMING DATES

Nov 5th -

Field Trip: Tribal Farm

Bradley ME, 10:00

Nov 12th -

Field Trip: Food & Medicine

Brewer ME, 10:00

Nov 19th -

SEAL Meeting

Community Café, 8:45

Nov 19th -

SEE Classes

SEE Wing, 10AM

Dec 3rd -

SEE Classes

SEE Wing, 10AM

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) - CartUUns Curriculum
- Jr. High (7th-8th) - D'Oh God Curriculum
- Sr. 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!

November Office Hours & Closures

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

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.

The Office will be closed November 21-24
The Office will close at 1:00 on Friday, November 17.



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.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 5 Submit Announcements by Fridays

To have an announcement read on Sunday morning, it must be submitted to Rev. Drew or the office by Friday before the service.

Miscellaneous Office Announcements

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:
Monday, November 20

Weekly E-News Deadline:
Thursdays @10:00

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

FALL WORKDAY 2023

The Buildings and Grounds committee invites members and friends to join us for the 2023 Fall Workday on November 18 from 8am until noon. Ever wonder how we change the lightbulbs in the Sanctuary? We need several volunteers to help with that adventurous task. We need less adventurous folks to prepare the building for winter, including storm windows, window inserts, raking outside and picking up garbage. Some deep cleaning may happen if we have enough volunteers. If you would like to deep clean a particular area, let us know, and we will reserve it for you. Questions? Email Rissa at rissawise@gmail.com or text at (608)692-0098.

MEMBERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Hour

Members, friends, and visitors enjoy socializing with some coffee or juice and other tasty treats during the fellowship hour in the Dorothy after the service. The coffee and refreshments are provided by teams of volunteers each Sunday. (They are the people you see quietly stealing out of the Sanctuary at the beginning of the last hymn.) Each team serves four times a year. If you'd like to be on one of the teams, please contact Cathy Elliott cathyelliott25@gmail.com. The teams for November are: Nov 5: Team I, Nov 12: Team J, Nov 19: Team K, Nov 26: Team B. THANK YOU to all the volunteers who make our Fellowship Hour possible!

The next New to UU Class will be Saturday, November 4th from 9:30 am to noon in person at UUSB. This class is open to anyone interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. The two hour informational session will be followed by a tour of the building.

If you are interested in participating in the class or in becoming a member, please email our Administrative Assistant, Christine Sprague uubangor@gmail.com

New Member Sunday

The service on November 19th will be to welcome any and all new Members to our beloved UUSB community. It is a wonderful way to get to know our newest members and witness them signing the Membership book.

Next Chat with Reverend Drew will be Sunday, December 10, following the service. This will be held in Reverend Drew's office downstairs. The "Chat" is a good way to learn more about our UU congregation. It's also a good time to ask questions of Reverend Drew in a small informal setting.

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 a membership request card. This is available on our website: <https://uubangor.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Request-for-Membership-Form.pdf> 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 or a Chat with the Minister.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Local Justice Issues & Action Group

Monthly Meeting on November 19 @11:30

Our Local Justice Issues & Actions group continues to have hybrid meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM in the Community Café in the S.E.E. area downstairs. An ad hoc format will offer us the chance to see what we as UUSBs want to work on.

Several ongoing UUSB efforts and recent events and activities indicate what concerns may be at the forefront:

- At a recent Faith Linking in Action Convening the focus was on Housing Justice. Jamie Beck of Dignity First shared about the value of developing intentional communities that provide a solution to the community problem of housing insecurity and homelessness. As an outgrowth of her presentation, we ended up with a group headed to the Dignity First screening of the documentary *Community First: A Home for the Homeless*, a documentary about the Community First! Village in Austin, TX. Perhaps it will offer us some ideas for how we can work on the difficult, dangerous, and heartbreaking conditions that exist for the homeless and housing insecure in the Bangor area.
- Please note all of the work already done in our UUSB community for the food insecure: bean suppers, bag lunches, delivery of donated food to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard. Further, check out the up-to-date food pantry and free meal calendars created by Faith Linking in Action that are available on the Social Justice table in the Dorothy. There are so many ways you can help with UUSB Food Justice efforts.
- Check out the sign up opportunity on the Social Justice table (or contact Suzanne Kelly: suziekrm@gmail.com) about working at Food and Medicine's annual Solidarity Harvest (check foodandmedicine.org for the details). You can go on your own to help or join a UUSB and Faith Linking in Action team that will work there on November 15 from 9:00-12:00. It is an excellent opportunity to work on food insecurity with others in the broader Bangor/Brewer community.
- Stay tuned for info about MUUSAN's efforts to advocate for state legislation that supports our UU principles....
-AND WHATEVER OTHER PASSIONS AND ACTIONS COME TO THE SURFACE AT OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING



MUUSAN Meeting: Still Flippin' MUUSAN

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, November 4, 10:00-12:30

Join us at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick at 1 Middle St., Brunswick, ME

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



Showing Up for Racial Equity (S.U.R.E.)

Monthly Meeting on November 5 @11:30

The UUA Common Read books are in and can be purchased for \$13.50 each. This year's book is *On Repentance and Repair* by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg. Please check the e-news, announcements, or contact Laurie or Tracy to be added to the email list for the upcoming agenda each month.

VOTE NOVEMBER 7!

Election day is November 7 and we encourage everyone to get out and vote. If you live in Bangor, early voting is available at the Cross Insurance Center 8:00–5:30 leading up to election day.

MUUSAN VOTER GUIDE

Get Informed!

Make sure you check out the available resources from reputable newspapers, websites, action groups, and for a quick reference, check the MUUSAN Voter Guide! Whatever you do, be sure to educate yourself on the issues and vote your conscience.

Find the Full Voter Guide at MUUSAN's website

Here is the shortest summary of MUUSAN's Voter Guide November 2023:

- Question 1: Vote NO
- Question 2: Vote YES
- Question 3: Vote YES
- Question 6: Vote YES
- Question 8: Vote YES

Please read the [full guide](#) to better understand MUUSAN's position and vote responsibly!



Needlepoint Sanctuary Volunteer Training

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, November 18, 9:00–2:00

- 9:00 – 10:30 Greetings & Community Circle
- 10:30 – 12:00 Warming Center Training
- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 – 2:00 Breakout Rooms:
 - Drugs & What They Do
 - Art & Harm Reduction
 - Harm Reduction & Political Education

To register in advance or to get more information, please email or call: needlepointsanctuary@gmail.com or (207) 505-1510.

RINGING BELLS, FEEDING SOULS

On **Sunday, October 8**, 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.



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 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.

BAG LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Starting in January, we need someone to take on the task of organizing the bag lunch prep. This involves purchasing groceries for the bag lunches (currently 45 bags); contacting the list of volunteers to find 1-2 people to help that Saturday; and showing up to help stuff the bags, which takes about an hour. The bag lunch organizer is also responsible for submitting expense slips to the bookkeeper and treasurer. Not too hard!

This is a wonderful way to support social justice work and UUSB's food programs.

Please contact Joanie Ellis if you are willing to take on this task. jellis@ellisnursery.com.

SMALL GROUPS



Mindfulness Meditation Group

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

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.

UUSB Choir

The UUSB Choir meets weekly, every Thursday from 5:30 - 6:30pm in the sanctuary! The group is looking forward to providing music every other week for our services! If you are interested in joining the choir (or in other musical outlets), please reach out to our Music Director, Molly J. Webster for more information: uusbmusic@gmail.com.

The Choir will provide music on November 5, November 19, December 3, December 17, and December 24 at the Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

Spirit of Drumming

November 12 and November 26 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.



SMALL GROUPS



Shawl Ministry

November 7 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

November 24 at 3:00 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 November meeting will be Friday, November 24 around 3:00-8:00 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!

Please reach out to Ann for additional info or to verify meeting dates and times. As the days get shorter, times may change to allow for safer driving during daylight hours.

Meetings are generally on the last Friday of each month.

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!



GREAT GETAWAY RAFFLE

Raffle Begins Sunday, November 5
Prizes Drawn on Sunday, January 14

We heard from the Congregation that selling tickets isn't fun for everyone, so we have made some big changes for the Raffle sale that commences November 5th with the drawing on January 14th. We have made winning easier by limiting ticket sales to a maximum of 800 and **this year we will have two winners**. 1st prize value up to \$3,500. 2nd prize value of \$1,500. We are raffling get-away excursions; dream destinations that are designed to offer choices to any family or group of friends. Check out the list below. These are suggested adventures that the Raffle team thought would be so much fun! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so get pumped to offer yourself, family, or friends an amazing opportunity to win an adventure they will never forget!

You can design your own package or we have found these exciting prize package options!

Great Wolf Lodge, Fitchburg, MA at greatwolf.com The ultimate Family Getaway! Indoor waterpark, spacious suites that can accommodate up to ten people , private family cabanas for day use, several dining options, entertainment, attractions, and events.

LL Bean Outdoor Discovery Tours at llbeanoutdoors.com: Expert Led Experiences include Acadia Bike and Hike Camping 4 Days, Allagash River Canoe trip 5 Days, Discovery Weekend Outdoor Adventure Trip 2 days, Maine Coast Adventure Trip 5 days, Maine Fall Foliage Hiking Trip 3 days , Maine Lodge to Lodge Cross Country Skiing Trip 3 days, The Northern Maine Winter Adventure Trip 3 days, and several more options!

Samoset Resort Rockport, Maine at Samosetresort.com: Newly renovated guestrooms and suites on 230 beautiful waterfront acres. La Bella Vita restaurant on site, Opal Spa, Indoor and outdoor pools, hot tub, golf course, tennis, , game room, room service. Nearby activities: hiking, kayaking, biking, boating, mini golf, sailing. Summer events include festivals including the Great Schooner Race, and the North Atlantic Blues Festival, and from May 27-Oct. 31 visit the world-famous Farnsworth Museum in Rockland.

Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac Quebec City, Canada at chateaufrontenac@fairmont.com Step back in time with a visit to the old City of Quebec and enjoy your stay at this luxurious historic 5-star Chateau. Breath taking views of the St Lawrence river, the old City, and parks and gardens. Amenities include world class dining, indoor pool, superb fitness center, spa, whirlpool, and sauna. European-style charm fills its rooms and suites. The Old City has restaurants, museums, shops, and events for visitors of all ages.

New York City and all it has to offer! Arrive by car, bus, or train. Choose your preferred hotel, take in a Broadway play or an opera at the Met, stroll through Central Park, tour NYC's many museums including the American Museum of Natural History. Visit the Statue of Liberty and take the Ellis Island Tour, view the city from the Empire State Building, helicopter tours, NYC One World Observatory. Take time to tour the 9/11 Memorial Museum. There is so much to do in NYC!



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

Pre-order ahead to reserve your wreath or swag!

Wreaths will be **\$25** each.

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

You can pick up your **reserved** wreaths and swags on **December 2** from **10:00-12:00** in the **Dorothy Memorial Hall**.

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

Cash or check only.

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

These wreaths are made at Piper Mountain Christmas Tree Farm and decorated by our own UUSB talented elves. Each wreath is unique!

These wreaths have become a UUSB holiday tradition. If you want to be one of the decorator elves, please contact Sue McKay at swm4631@gmail.com.



The annual UUSB online gift-basket auction is rapidly approaching! Keep an eye out for the auction preview and basket summaries as we get closer to the auction!

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Elliot, Judy Martin, Cindy Todd, or Suzanne Kelly.

SAVE THE DATE: December 9 on Zoom

The auction will take place on December 9. The Zoom connection will open at 6:30 PM. Bidding will start promptly at 7:00.

Last year's auction netted more than \$3,000. Let's try and beat that!



SHARE THE PLATE

In November, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to the Penquis Fuel Assistance Program. Fuel Assistance (Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP)

assists income-eligible households in Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Knox counties with high winter heating costs. Homes may be heated with oil, kerosene, coal, pellets, wood, LP gas, or electricity. For more information on their program, you can visit <https://www.penquis.org/services/heating-utilities/heating-assistance-liheap/>.

In September, we were able to share \$269 with the Hemophillia Alliance of Maine.

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.

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30 PM Worship Meeting	2 5:30 PM Choir	3	4 9:00 AM New to UU 10:00 AM MUUSAN
5 10:00 AM Service SEE Tribal Farm Trip 11:30 AM SURE Meeting Raffle Sales Begin 	6	7 5:45 PM Meditation Group 6:30 PM Shawl Ministry	8 Reports Due to Council 6:30 PM Membership- Fellowship Committee	9 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting	10 10:00 AM Budget & Finance	11
12 10:00 AM Service SEE Solidarity Harvest 11:30 AM Spirit of Drumming Food Collection	13	14 5:45 PM Meditation Group	15 11:30 AM Guild 2:30 PM Pastoral Care 6:30 PM Council	16 5:30 PM Choir 7:45 PM Communications	17 1:00 <i>Office Closing</i>	18 8:00 AM Fall Workday 
19 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes 11:30 AM Local Justice	20 Chimes Deadline	21 5:45 PM Meditation Group	22	23 10:00 AM Pat & Drew's Most Excellent Thanksgiving Experience 	24 3:00 PM CrUUnes	25 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
Office Closed						
26 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Spirit of Drumming	27	28 5:45 PM Meditation Group	29	30 5:30 PM Choir		

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
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Francis Grey, Jr.
Ali Khavari
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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:

November 20, 2023

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