



UUSB

January 2024

# CHALICE & CHIMES

Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor



## JANUARY SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Our theme this month is **Liberating Love**.

This month, we look at love as a radical and liberating part of our lives. Special services include the MLK service with the SURE group and our guest speaker Brenda Bywater.

See page 2 for full service descriptions!



Above: Painted fence with the words, "Never stop loving."  
Right: Fireworks with neon words saying, "Liberating Love"

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## JANUARY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Shawl Ministry on January 2  
SURE Meeting on January 7  
Chat with the Minister on January 7  
Food Collection on January 14  
Spirit of Drumming on January 14 and 28  
Guild Meeting on January 17  
Local Justice Meeting on January 21  
CrUUnes on January 26  
Community Bean Supper on January 27  
Souper Sunday on January 28



# JANUARY SERVICES

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January 7: "Love at the Center" with Rev. Drew Moeller

To begin the new year Rev. Drew will reflect on power of radical acceptance as a foundation love that feeds both inner and outer transformation.

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

Meeting ID: 910 1215 7707 Passcode: 785494 [Zoom Link](#)

January 14: "MLK Service" with Rev. Drew Moeller & S.U.R.E.

In honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, our service will focus on the ongoing congregational efforts toward greater inclusion and diversity through our commitment to the UU Eighth Principle. The service is being created with Rev. Drew and our UUSB Showing Up for Racial Equity (SURE) group.

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

Meeting ID: 952 3793 9097 Passcode: 620755 [Zoom Link](#)

January 21: "Rooting in Agape Love for the Age of Aquarius" with Brenda Bywater

The world has staggered in the face of the losses and tragedies in this decade. What feels like endings is also the gestating of a future. How do we empower these generations to envision and rebuild a culture of love and well being?

This week's worship team is: Brenda Bywater, Phyllis Havens, Sue McKay, and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by the UUSB Choir, Molly J. Webster, and Jack Derosier.

Meeting ID: 953 8671 9286 Passcode: 256366 [Zoom Link](#)

January 28: "Love and Liberation" with Rev. Drew Moeller

At the center of our emerging UU Faith is the theology of Liberation as a spiritual expression of love. Today, Rev. Drew will reflect on the theology of Liberation and its relationship to the newly proposed UUA Article II articulation of our UU Principles and Purposes.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, Phyllis Havens, Sue McKay, and Ben Goff.

Meeting ID: 990 9536 2777 Passcode: 273450 [Zoom Link](#)

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**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!

**Upcoming Themes:** February - Justice & Equity  
April - Interdependence  
June - Renewal

March - Transformation  
May - Pluralism

# DREW'S VIEWS

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Dear Ones,

Welcome to 2024 which promises to be a big one for our Unitarian Universalist faith and our own beloved community.

This month we will be exploring the spiritual theme of Liberating Love, which is the center of our newly proposed UUA Article II Bylaws. Our current Article II of the UUA Bylaws are fondly referred to as our Seven UU Principles & Purposes, and Sources. They are the an articulation of what our faith stands for, and what we consider to be our highest aspirations and values as people of faith. At the center is Love surrounded by Interdependence, Equality, Transformation, Pluralism, Generosity and Justice (see image on page 4). That means that the newly proposed articulation of our UU values - while taking on a different form, recognizes that all we do, everything we aspire to creating, is fueled by the power of love. But what does that mean? Especially in our world today that is filled with hate, and disruption, disharmony, and dis-ease?

Putting Love at the center requires us to accept people where they are - to listen, to let go of judgement and allow others to have their own process of transformation. One of the most influential books I read in high school was the biography of Mahatma Gandhi. I remember how he spoke his truth to

the British Colonial powers and was rebuffed time and time again. Like a more modern day Moses speaking to Pharaoh saying, "let my people go." Gandhi didn't bring plagues - instead he organized non-violent protest. He so endured hardship and sometimes deep physical and spiritual anguish as he witnessed the oppression of his fellow country people and suffering created by the caste system. Still he worked towards liberation by developing relationship and sitting with people in their pain and imperfection. Liberation took time. It took patience, it took spiritual strength and practice.

By living into his theology of satyagraha (truth force), and bringing others with him they were able to bring an end to British Colonial rule. This work of liberation was remains one of the greatest feats of non-violent action in history. It took almost three decades to accomplish this task but love of the other (the British) remained at the core of his practice.

While I confess that I have a bit of an

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attachment and fondness for our current UU Principles and Purposes I have to say that I like the notion of putting Liberating Love at the center of our values as UU's.

In our current UU Principles the only reference to the power of love is in our sources after we talk about words and deeds of prophetic, women and men, that challenges to confront powers of structures of evil, with justice compassion, and the transforming power of love." Putting love at the center, reminds us that true love is Divine. Love, transcends, power, privilege, discrimination, be it from God, or from our fellow human beings really is the only power that will heal a broken world out of balance with itself.



Visual conceptualization of the proposed Article II "Principles & Purposes to be voted on at General Assembly in June 2024.

For more information on the proposed UUA Bylaw change visit:

1. [Letter from the Article II Bylaw Commission \(of the UUA\)](#).
2. [Letter from the UUA Board of Trustees](#) outlining the voting process for adopting the new Article II guideline.
3. [The "Final Draft" \(pre-General Assembly wording\) of the proposed new Article II of the UUA bylaws](#). This new wording could replace our currently stated UU Principles & Purposes and sources.

There are only five pages. Copies have been attached to the back of this issue of the *Chalice & Chimes*.

Another way that we can show our Liberating Love is to listen. It is in that spirit that our we have created a UUSB survey team that is working on creating comprehensive congregation-wide survey that we will be sending out in March to ask for feedback from UUSB members, friends and guests on different aspects of congregational life. Our timeline for this survey is as follows:

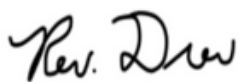
- January - Our Survey Team is asking UUSB Committees to submit one or two specific "big picture questions" related to each committees work in the congregation and then several follow up questions to help access the answer to the primary question.
- February - Our Survey Team will gather questions and take some time to compile the survey questions and possibly adjust questions to make them as effective as possible.
- March - The survey will be shared with the congregation. We ask that everyone (members, friends, guest and visitors) fill out the survey and return it by the end of March. The survey teams is also working on creating focus groups for your younger SEE youth so we can hear from our young people too.
- April - We will gather the data from the survey responses, and analyze the data and create a survey report.
- May - The final survey report will be shared with the congregation at the annual meeting.
- Fall '24 - We will use the findings of the survey to have a couple of congregational conversations around creating a new UUSB vision for the future of UUSB!



In this way we will be able to listen and take the temperature of our congregations vision for the future and move together to living into that vision a thoughtful and aspirational way.

2024 promises to be an exciting year for UUism and UUSB. I look forward to our continued journeying together and excited to see where all these efforts lead us in the coming year and beyond.

May you all be safe and well in the New Year!



Rev. Drew

#### **Coming February 4**

Rev. Drew will be providing sabbatical coverage for Rev. Sara Hayman down in Ellsworth on February 4.

# MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

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## **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:**

Rev. Drew will taking his monthly weekend off on January 21.

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 is also available by appointment outside of offices by appointment. Just contact Rev. Drew directly to make an appointment.

## COUNCIL

Sue McKay, *Chair*

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# COUNCIL CRIER

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Dear UUSB Community,

Just as I settled into 2023, a new year started, it often seems that is the way of things. January and the start of a new year brings a sense of beginnings, of fresh starts and of recommitting. The news from your UUSB Council this month seems to touch upon each of these themes.

The Dorothy is on track for a new beginning with a much needed accessible door. We had hoped it would be installed by the Christmas holiday, but alas, new beginnings sometimes take a bit longer than we expected. 2024 shall be the year we cross a new threshold into the Dorothy.

Council, the Buildings Grounds Committee, Karen Childs and Christine Sprague continue to brainstorm how we might accommodate the Needle Point Sanctuary's (NPS) need for administrative office space. Karen suggested a couple of creative solutions and Council agreed to further explore creating space in the SEE area of the building. Rest assured this space would be used for administrative purposes only.

Rev. Drew, Cathy Elliot, Patti Woolley and Evan Richert continue to nurture the seeds for a fresh start on our congregational visioning process. The committee plans to begin this process with a congregational survey- participation from our entire UUSB community is welcomed and desired. Council approved the committee's request to work with Molly Shea, a grad student, to develop and implement the survey.

Council approved Tim Martin's editing suggestions of the UUSB Board Book. These included removing the old, unused Email Policy as it is now incorporated into our newly adopted Social Media Covenant. Council also approved the removal of a duplicate listing of the UUSB Endowments as they are included in the UUSB Annual Report. Tracy has agreed to draft a section regarding UUSB's adoption of the Eighth Principle to be added to our UUSB History document for Council to review at our next meeting.

Speaking of our newly adopted Social Media Covenant, huge thanks to Zach Falcon and the Communications Committee for their excellent work. And.... Here it is!

*Any discourse on our social media pages is expected to be in alignment with our Unitarian Universalism values and principles. Comments should be respectful of the inherent worth and dignity of every person as well as supportive of each person's spiritual growth, promoting justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. Disrespectful and abusive language as well as misinformation will not be tolerated and are subject to removal. If you see any communication that you feel is disrespectful, hurtful, or inaccurate, please contact the UUSB office immediately at*

[uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com). Thank you for your partnership in making UUSB a safe and welcoming community.

We were delighted that Eric Strong was able to join our meeting again this month. He has been working closely with Rosemary to ensure a smooth transition when she retires her treasurer's hat. Eric was able to step in last minute to provide the Treasurer's Report as Rosemary was still without power from the storm.

Please don't forget to pick up your raffle tickets. It takes all of us to recommit to keep UUSB going and we need each and every fundraising dollar.

Lastly, once again, a message of gratitude and thanks for our Beloved UUSB Community. Council is grateful for everyone for pitching in, in whatever way you have done; from participating in Fellowship Hour, helping with a clean up day, working on a fundraiser, participating in a committee, greeting a visitor, smiling as you pass in the hallway or for simply showing up and being with us.

In faith,  
Tracy Haskell



## TICKET SALES ARE ALMOST OVER!!!!

THE WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON JANUARY 14 AFTER THE SERVICE!

This year we have provided some exciting possibilities for trips for families of all sizes. Only 800 tickets are available for sale at \$20 each. We will draw two winners on January 14th, one for up to \$3500 in value and the other for up to \$1500. If you want to design your own get away, you can. Maybe visit or include family or friends?

Purchase tickets and pick up packets of 10 tickets at the table in the Dorothy Memorial Hall. Two lucky winners will enjoy a get-a-way of a lifetime! If you can't attend on a Sunday, contact Sue McKay at [swm4631@gmail.com](mailto:swm4631@gmail.com) or contact the Church office 947-7009 and we can arrange for pick up. Details are posted on the UUSB website and descriptions are in the packets.

**All outstanding raffle packets need to be returned for the drawing on the 14th. Please bring them to church on the 7th if possible. Otherwise contact Sue McKay at 478-4631 to make alternate arrangements.**



# SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE





Howdy, Spiritual Explorers!!

This symbol keeps popping up! Have you seen it?  
This Power Flower amplifies and reorganized core values that many of us Unitarian Universalists share. You may see many key words reminiscent of language from our current Seven Principles.

We'll be exploring each of these topics in turn, throughout the year. You and your family can deep dive into each of them in turn, by checking out our Soul Matters monthly magazine. This month's topic is  **Liberating Love!**  
In it you'll find stories, games, podcasts, and activities.

Our faith is an ever-evolving one, always striving to be relevant, and at the forefront of what the world needs today. Over the next year or two, we as an Association, are constructing some resolutions to decide if this will be the new imagery that we use to convey our collective values.

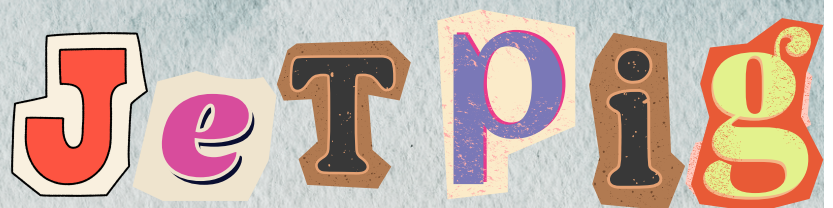
There's a fun mnemonic that some regional friends in the Youth and Family Programming community have imagined - it's an easy way to remember all these big and important words - JetPig  

★ Justice, Equity, Transformation, Pluralism, Interdependence, and Generosity ★

Our pal JetPig is fueled by the power of LOVE. Be sure to print out the cool coloring page designed by Piko Flauta, a young and creative UU Youth, and share it with someone you LOVE!

*Karen Childs*

Director of Spiritual Exploration



## UPCOMING DATES

Dec 3rd - **SEE Classes**

SE Wing, 10AM

Dec 10th - **SEE Classes**

SE Wing, 10AM

Dec 17th - **SEE Classes**

SE Wing, 10AM

Dec 24th - **No Classes**

Winter Break

Dec 31st - **No Classes**

Winter Break

Jan 7th - **SEE Classes**

SE Wing, 10AM



# 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!

## January 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.

There will be no office hours January 2 and January 16.  
The Office will close at 1:00 on Friday, January 26.



## 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.

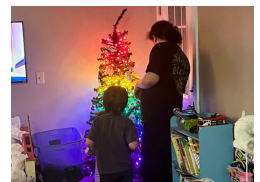
## Submit Announcements by Fridays

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 & Art Wanted!** Your photo or art could be featured in our newsletter! 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:  
Saturday, January 20

Weekly E-News Deadline:  
Thursdays @10:00

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

# MEMBERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP

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## **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](mailto:cathyelliott25@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU to all the volunteers who make our Fellowship Hour possible!**

## **Souper Sunday is back!**

**On January 28 the Fellowship Hour will be a super SOUP potluck.**

You are invited to bring a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or a sweet treat to contribute to the table for our first Souper Sunday of the year. Whether you are able to bring anything to contribute, please plan to stay a while and enjoy a hearty lunch that day. There is always plenty of food and good fellowship for all!

## **Chat with the Minister on January 7**

Next Chat with Reverend Drew will be Sunday, January 7, following the service. 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. So get some treats and coffee in the Dorothy and head back into the Sanctuary at 11:15 for some great conversation guided by your interests.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Saturday, February 3, 6:00 – 8:00, in the Dorothy

## **It's GAME NIGHT!**

After several years' pause for Covid, we're getting together again to enjoy an evening of fun for all ages. Come join your friends and meet new ones. Play your favorite games or learn a new one.

**Everyone is encouraged to bring Snacks, Drinks, & Games to share. See you there!**

## **Interested in Joining UUSB?**

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

Step ONE: complete a membership request card. This is available on our website, at the welcome table in the Dorothy, or by contacting Christine Sprague in the office, [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com).

Step TWO: 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/>

Step THREE: arrange to speak one-on-one with Reverend Drew or a member of the Membership Fellowship Committee OR Attend a Chat with Reverend Drew OR Attend a New to UU class in April.

Step FOUR: make a financial pledge to UUSB.

Step FIVE: sign the membership book.

\*Signing the book can take place at a New Member Sunday service (in April or November) or individually with Reverend Drew and a member of the MF Committee.

Questions? You can contact a member of the Membership Fellowship Committee:

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# SOCIAL JUSTICE

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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY!!**

**FLASH!! January 2024: What a time for Social Justice actions, advocacy, education and working together!**

Contact Suzanne (suziekr@gmail) or Valerie (vcgardener@gmail.com) to hear more.

Wednesday, January 3rd: meet at UUSB at 7:15 AM for a Caravan Trip to Augusta: Gun Safety Day of Action!

Mainers from across the state will descend on the State House in Augusta to demand that our legislators pass strong gun safety legislation in the legislative session that begins that day. It's time for our legislators to hear from the vast majority of Mainers who want these bills. Showing up in numbers that display the breadth and diversity of voices on our side will be vital to passing these bills, and YOUR presence is requested! Join us to support speakers at a press conference and then talk with lawmakers!

Show up at 9:00 AM; press conference starts at 9:30 AM in the Hall of Flags.

We may have already participated by the time you see this in the C&C but there'll be more to come!

## **OTHER JANUARY HAPPENINGS in January!!!!**

**Sunday, January 7th - find out about NPV: the National Popular Vote**, better known as one person, one vote -- The way democracy should be. We will have postcards to send to our legislators and information about why this matters.

## **FLIA - Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**

FLIA's 2nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will take place on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 3:00 PM.

Join us at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St, Bangor.

We will welcome Dr. Harold Dorrell Briscoe as our keynote speaker. Dr. Harold Dorrell Briscoe is the author of *There's a Storm Comin': How the American Church Can Lead Through Times of Crisis*. He is also the founder and lead pastor of The Six Eight Church in Durham, NC.



This event is free. Freewill offerings will be accepted. Come and enjoy Dr. Harold Dorrell Briscoe's speech, some refreshments, and excellent conversation and community.

## **NAACP - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration**

Monday, January 15, 2024 - 8:30-10:30 at the Wells Conference Center

Please join the Greater Bangor Area Branch NAACP and UMaine's Raymond H. Fogler Library for this annual celebration of Dr. King and Civil Rights.

This year's event will feature social worker and educator Dr. Judith Josiah-Martin, who will deliver the keynote address on Dr. King's legacy titled, "If not now, when?"

Admission is \$20. To join one of UUSB's tables, speak to Suzanne Kelly.



# RINGING BELLS, FEEDING SOULS

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On **Sunday, January 14**, 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.

**In 2023, we donated 1,847 pounds of food!**

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.

If you aren't sure what to give, they are always looking for cereal, canned fruit, canned baked beans, pasta, and sauce!

Keep an eye out for potential updates and changes to the food collection and donation process, as we move into another year and have to find volunteers to make sure we can continue this important outreach.



## 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.



# SMALL GROUPS

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:uusbmusic@gmail.com).

## Spirit of Drumming

January 14 and 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, 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

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## Shawl Ministry

January 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!

## CrUUnes

January 26 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, January 26 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.

## UUSB Guild

The UUSB Guild meets monthly to discuss business, share good company, and enjoy a variety of guest speakers throughout the year. One part of the Guild's business is helping keep UUSB beautiful, welcoming, and loved. Recently, they are working to update and maintain the Dorothy Memorial Hall. They have purchased a second folding wall, so that UUSB has one for the Dorothy and the Vestry. And, as pictured here and on the front page, they recently purchased a new cover for the piano in the Dorothy.

Recent guest presenters have included Rev. Drew, speaking about his time at the meditation retreat last winter, and Mike Howard, speaking about basic income.

The January Guild meeting is on January 17 at 11:30. The January meeting will be on Zoom only. Meeting ID: 950 9284 2022 Passcode: 529396 [Zoom Link](#)



# SHARE THE PLATE

In January, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to the Bangor Public Library. The Bangor Public Library strives to inspire, enlighten, and enrich its members by connecting them to books, information, and ideas needed for work, recreation, education, and

inspiration by providing excellent service to its members and community. For more information, you can visit [www.bangorareashelter.org/](http://www.bangorareashelter.org/) or visit Bangor Public Library in person!

In November, we were able to share \$419 with Penquis LiHEAP to help heat homes throughout Penobscot and Piscataquis counties!

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, \$300, or \$500.

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](mailto:roxemary@gmail.com)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  5:45 PM Meditation Group  6:30 PM Shawl Ministry	<b>3</b> 5:30 PM Worship Meeting	<b>4</b> 5:30 PM Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:45 AM SEAL Meeting 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes 11:15 AM Chat with the Minister S.U.R.E. Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 11:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Stewardship Meeting 5:45 PM Meditation Group 6:30 PM Trustee Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>Committee Reports Due</b> 6:30 PM Membership- Fellowship Committee	<b>11</b> 5:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Executive Committee	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Committee on Shared Ministry 10:00 AM Budget & Finance	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Service 11:15 AM Raffle Drawing Spirit of Drumming Food Collection	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group 6:30 PM Building & Grounds Committee	<b>17</b> 11:30 AM Guild 2:30 PM Pastoral Care Team 6:30 PM Council Meeting	<b>18</b> 5:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Comm. Committee	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Chalice &amp; Chimes Deadline</b>
<b>21</b> 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes 11:30 AM Local Justice	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30 PM Choir	<b>26</b> 12:00 PM Office Closing 3:00 PM CrUUnes	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
<b>28</b> 10:00 AM Service 11:00 AM Souper Sunday 11:30 AM Spirit of Drumming	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group	<b>31</b>	 <p>Liberating Love</p> <p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <p>2024</p>		



**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.



# REMINDERS

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*

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## Church Council:

Sue McKay, Chair  
Tracy Haskell, Vice Chair  
Jessica Glant, Clerk  
Rosemary Parsons, Treasurer  
Zach Falcon  
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Ali Khavari  
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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:

**January 20, 2023**

The next issue will be February 2024. We value your contributions and very much appreciate submissions. When sending email contributions to The *Chalice & Chimes*: uubangor@gmail.com