



UUSB

February 2024

# CHALICE & CHIMES

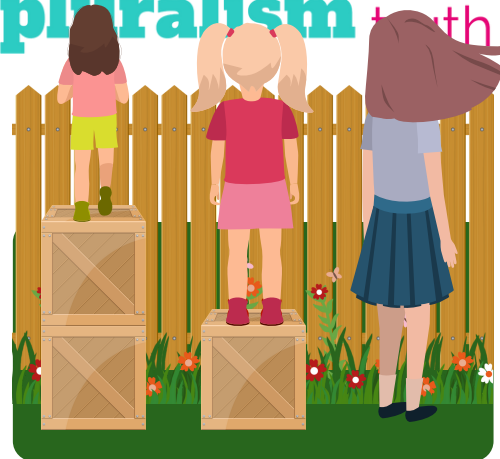
Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor



## FEBRUARY SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Our theme this month is **Justice & Equity**. This month, we celebrate Imbolc to start and welcome Rev. Liberty back as a guest to end.

See page 2 for full service descriptions!



Above: Word Cloud based on the proposed UU Values.  
Right: Graphic depicting Equity.

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## FEBRUARY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- K-1 OWL Program Starts 2/3
- Family Game Night on 2/3
- SURE Meeting on 2/4
- Shawl Ministry on 2/6
- Chat with the Minister on 2/11
- Spirit of Drumming on 2/11 & 2/25
- Local Justice Meeting on 2/18
- Guild Meeting on 2/21
- Bean Supper on 2/24
- Souper Sunday on 2/25



# FEBRUARY SERVICES

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February 4: "Imbolc" with Laurie Cartier

This is the time of year on the Pagan wheel that is known as Imbolc, that halfway point between Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. As the days get longer, the winter has set in, but the promise of Spring is just below the surface! Join us for a ritual honoring Brigid, goddess of the hearth and flame, healing, and smithcraft.

This week's worship team is: Laurie Cartier, Phyllis Havens, Caleigh Grogan, and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by Jack Derosier and Linda Koehler.

Meeting ID: 997 1116 9025 Passcode: 239096 [Zoom Link](#)

February 11: "Balancing the Needs of Many" with Rev. Drew Moeller

This Sunday Rev. Drew will explore our monthly of theme Justice and Equality as it relates to our UU Principles and the newly proposed UU values. This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, John Arimond, Mary Ann Larson, Laurie Cartier and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by the UUSB Choir, Molly J. Webster, and Jack Derosier.

Meeting ID: 973 1596 2040 Passcode: 626160 [Zoom Link](#)

February 18: "TBA" with Rev. Drew Moeller

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

Meeting ID: 941 5207 3351 Passcode: 688799 [Zoom Link](#)

February 25: "Mattering" with Rev. Rebecca Liberty

Shortly after Rev. Liberty completed her time at UUSB last summer, she began working at Husson University in the Center for Student Success. Related to February's worship theme of Justice and Equity, she'll share some language and practices she's learning in that new academic role, especially the concept of "mattering." We'll consider how people of any age come to know deeply that their own "inherent worth and dignity" is recognized and supported, and that they truly matter to others.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Rebecca Liberty, Laurie Cartier, Sue McKay, and Ben Goff.

Meeting ID: 920 0712 7498 Passcode: 694813 [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:** March - Transformation  
May - Pluralism

April - Interdependence  
June - Renewal

# DREW'S VIEWS

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Dear Ones,

On my most recent weekend off, I decided to relax, and curl up and escape into fantasy land of the classic Star Wars movie series created by George Lucas. I rarely watch movies twice so it was interesting watching these movies again after 30 some years. When I originally watch those movies they jumped around a bit - this time I watched or at least started watching them again but this time in order. This gave them a whole new perspective and depth. I thought I was going to escape and yet as I watched these movies I couldn't help but notice how intensely Lucas captured the chaos of how beings (anthropomorphized) continue to create and perpetuate violence in the name of the beliefs and ideologies - both the "Light Side" and the "Dark Side" of the Force.

I thought that I was escaping all the craziness of politics and heartbreak and injustice of war that is happening in our world, but there it was - reflected back at me - the shifting balance of power between the polar sides of "The Force." On the one hand, there was the rebellion that was trying to work together to protect and defend a fragile and precarious democracy. On the other hand, there was the Imperial power led by the Chancellor and his enforcer Dark Vader who were intoxicated with power,

uniformity, and hierarchical order.

I also noticed that watching these movies again in sequential order added a richness and depth to the plot that I had not been aware of before. It reminded me of my last binge watch series last November of the PBS Series *Fight the Power: How Hip Hop Changed the World*. Growing up, I only knew of Hip Hop as a musical genre. I did not know how it developed or its cultural significance and how it has articulated the Black experience in our society. There was something powerful of re-examining my assumptions about Hip Hop's message, about understanding how this music came out of the cries of suffering, and about seeing Black communities speaking truth to power. By taking the time to look at it in a deeper way, I've gained a deeper understanding of a people's struggle for acceptance and equality.

This month is Black History Month - a time we are encouraged to look at the history of Black people's experience in our American history. I think that many

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of us feel we have learned a ton about Black history. We might even be lured into thinking that we know this history or even just certain parts of it. But, our Eighth UU Principle reminds us that having learned some of that history in the past is not enough. Everyday we are learning more and more about the history of systematic racism and white supremacy culture in our society and around the world. Even the fact that we separate "Black History" from our own "Common History" is telling.

Black history. Indigenous history. LGBTQ+ history. Disability history. They are all part of our collective history. It behooves us to study them and learn from the wisdom of the oppressed, not just the oppressor, to help us understand the complex relationships between people, so we can better continue our work of living into our Eight UU Principle and our nation's values of "justice and equality for all people." Let us continue to learn and re-examine what we have learned and put it in meaningful and actionable context.

This month's theme is "Justice and Equality," which are crucial parts of our UU Values that we are exploring as we consider changes to the UUA's Article II articulation of our UU Faith. I want to thank MaryAnn Larson and Linda Koehler for their suggestions for readings and music that helped us explore our theme this month. It's always great to have recommendations.

Changing focus a bit - I am inviting all people involved with UUSB to share with me photos of some of your favorite memories and experiences at UUSB for a

couple of project that I am working on with our Stewardship and Visioning Team. Please see the announcement in this issue of the *Chalice & Chimes* on how to share your photos with me by February 18.

I also want to thank all the UUSB Committees and staff who have been putting such great effort into creating thoughtful questions to be included in our UUSB Congregational Survey that will be happening in March during our Stewardship appeal for next year. We know that people are busy AND we hope that everyone in our community: members, friends, and guests - will take the time to fill out the survey as a means of our commitment to our congregation and its future. Your survey response and returning your pledge cards is a way of showing your commitment to growing our beloved community and supporting all of our congregational leaders and volunteers. We need your participation. Your voice matters!

Stay Warm and be well All!



Rev. Drew

#### **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 be taking his monthly weekend off on February 24-25.

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. Contact Rev. Drew directly to make an appointment.

Rev. Drew will be away March 10-17 for a silent meditation retreat.

Dear Ones,

I am working on a couple of special slideshow projects and I need your help! Please send me you some of your photos of some of your favorite moments here at UUSB. These photos can be of special events like worship service, SEE, Apple Chapel, social justice activities. Cool pictures if the building or particular space. They can be recent photos or photos that are a couple of years old

Photos can be uploaded to [HERE](#). Please include a description and your name in the file description.

Example:

Apple\_Chapel\_Andrew\_Moeller

**Please send your photos by February 18.**

Thanks in advance! I can't wait to see all your pictures!

Rev. Drew

## COUNCIL

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# COUNCIL CRIER

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Dear UUSB Community,

It seems to me that once the new year begins, it's passing feels so quick! Already we are greeting February. The wheel turns and we once again find ourselves at Imbolc. Imbolc is traditionally a time when we welcome the first waves of spring, yet I find it challenging to imagine spring as I wake to the chilly

days of January. However, the bird songs do seem to be ramping up and in the evenings I listen as the Coyotes sing in the start of their mating season; the promise of new life certainly a sign of spring to come.

Members of Council and Buildings & Grounds met with the Code Enforcement Officer and received a green light to accommodate the Needle Point Sanctuary's (NPS) need for administrative office space. The office space above the Dorothy will need some cleaning and emptying prior to our new tenants moving in. Hopefully, our new tenants will be able to walk to their new office space through the new Dorothy Door, a year of so many new beginnings.

Rev. Drew, Cathy Elliot, Patti Woolley and Evan Richert continue the groundwork for our congregational visioning process. The Visioning Committee has asked each UUSB Committee to submit survey questions soon and Council spent some time developing a set to pass along to them. Once survey questions have been submitted, Molly Shea can begin her work to implement the survey. Council and Guild (thank you!) have approved the funds to secure Molly's time for this important project.

The Committee on Shared Ministry attended our last Council meeting as part of their mid-year check in on our experiences with the minister and staff. We had a good discussion and are deeply appreciative of the work the COSM does. And.... this committee does need new members, if this interests you please reach out to Rev. Drew or a Council member.

Council has approved the draft budget as presented. We recognize that this budget reflects some difficult decisions and big asks of our minister, staff and congregation. During our February meeting Council plans to devote significant time to discuss fundraising- what has worked, what has not, and brainstorming fresh ideas to help keep UUSB financially healthy. We would particularly welcome any ideas you may have for new fundraising opportunities.

A reminder that all are welcome to attend Council meetings. Our next meeting will be held on February 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending please email [usbclerk@gmail.com](mailto:usbclerk@gmail.com) for the ZOOM link.

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

## **SOCIAL MEDIA COVENANT**

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A social media covenant was recently drafted by the Communication Committee and approved by Council to address how to monitor troubling posts or comments on our social media platforms. It is on all of us to monitor online discussion, and maintain these guidelines. Please reach out if you see anything of concern. The covenant reads:

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.

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

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The Worship Committee has been doing our part to support Rev Drew and bring you wonderful services on Sunday morning! With the help of John Arimond who has done a fabulous job recruiting, new voices have been joining the services as readers. If you have an interest in being a reader, please let us know! On the days that Rev Drew is away from the pulpit, we are doing our best to bring you varied and interesting services. In February that will mean an Imbolc Ritual at the beginning of the month and the return of Rev Rebecca Liberty to do a service for us at the end of the month! If you have ideas for services, please contact Laurie Cartier so we can discuss how to make them happen!

# TREASURER'S REPORT DEC. 2023

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Sorry that there was no report last month. I got too involved in the budget for the upcoming year.

This report covers 50% of the year.

Total income for the month of December was \$31,441. YTD income is \$133,821, 51% of the year's budget. In December 2022, income was \$27,027. Last year's YTD income \$120,615 which included no Raffle income. Total income was 49% of last year's budget.

Expenses were \$26,374. YTD expenses are \$126,450, 48.6% of the budget. In December 2022, expenses were \$28,769 and last year's YTD expenses were \$122,056, 49.7% % of the budget.

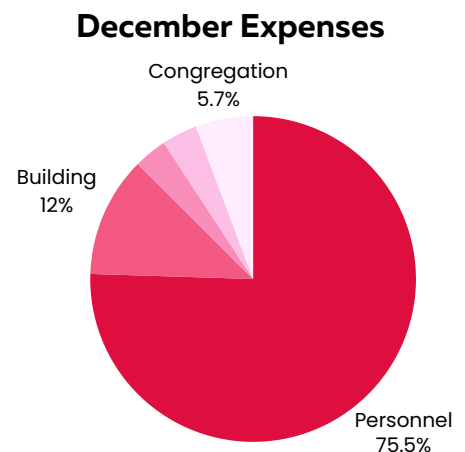
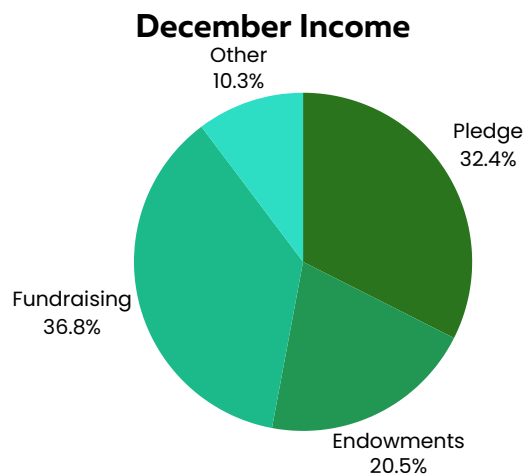
December income included pledge of \$10,199. Plate donations were \$611. Half of that amount goes to the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. Endowments were \$6,448. Rental income was \$1,175. Gift baskets brought in \$3,515 and wreaths totaled \$1,865. General Fund was \$1,175

VANCO: In December: 19 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$4,050.73 gross in all categories with a net of \$3,966.40. Fees were \$63.07 and the offset paid was \$69.73. Additional charges invoiced were \$21.26. Donations were: General Fund for \$195, pledges for \$3,191, Share the Plate for \$120, Baskets \$275, Raffle \$100, and Minister's Discretionary \$100.

Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$19,912 (75% of total costs), Building \$3,155 (12%), Fair Share to the UUA \$847 (3%), Administrative \$929 (4%), and Congregational expenses for \$1,509 (46). Total expenses for 6 months was 48.6% of the year's budget.

Thank you all for keeping up on your pledges. You make this church happen.

In Service,  
Rosemary Parsons





# TREASURE OUR COMMUNITY

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## It is time for the UUSB Fiscal Year 2025 Pledge Campaign!

Members and Friends will receive a pledge card via email in early February and we will have Stewardship Sunday on March 3.

We ask that **everyone** return their pledge response to Amy Starkey-Lam no later than Sunday, March 24. You can respond in whatever way is easiest for you: email, phone call, text message, or mail! You can email Amy at [amystarkeylam@gmail.com](mailto:amystarkeylam@gmail.com) or call or text to (207) 356-2651. Members and Friends who already receive a physical copy of the *Chalice & Chimes* will receive a pledge form in the mail in early February as well.

Please consider the amount of financial commitment you can make for Fiscal Year 2025 (July 2024-June 2025).

**For Members:** If you are a member and unable to make a financial contribution, we still ask that you return a pledge response to maintain your membership status. Please just indicate that you are requesting a waiver in your response.



# 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!

## February 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 February 23.



## 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.

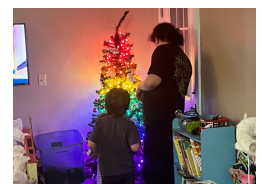
## Submit Announcements by Fridays

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:  
Tuesday, February 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).

February's Team Leaders are Bridgette Chalila & Wendy Sites; Patty Alcott; Kayla Worthington-Strong; and Cathy Elliott.

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

## Next Souper Sunday, February 25!

On February 25 the Fellowship Hour will be a super SOUP potluck.

You are invited to bring a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or a dessert 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 February 11

Next Chat with Reverend Drew will be Sunday, February 11, 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.

## It's GAME NIGHT!

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

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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Here are some highlights from the Social Justice committee for January.

## **Gun Safety Rally at the State House in Augusta**

Four of us were part of the Gun Safety Rally at the State House in Augusta on Wednesday, January 3. According to the security guard we talked to, over 2,000 people were in attendance. Most of us didn't even get into the State House until the rally was over. The end of the line stretched farther than the eye could see.



## **Faith Linking in Action: MLK Celebration**

FLIA (Faith Linking in Action) invited an awesome guest speaker, Dr. Harold Dorrell Briscoe, to an MLK Celebration, held at the Hammond Street Congregational Church on January 14. There were several UUSB participants, including FLIA co-chair Suzanne Kelly, and Rev. Drew.

## **NAACP MLK Breakfast**

As usual, on January 15 we had our UUSB table for the MLK birthday celebration in Orono. Ann Hartman, of SURE (Stepping Up for Racial Equity), was on the planning committee, and Rev. Drew provided the opening prayer.



## **MUUSAN Virtual Network Meeting: Saturday, February 10**

Be sure to put MUUSAN's virtual Network Meeting on your calendar for Saturday, February 10th, 10:00-12:00. Register at [muusan.org](http://muusan.org). Find out how you can help to advocate for new gun safety laws for Maine, as well as other legislation supporting UU values.

## **Second Sunday Food Collection**

On **Sunday, February 11**, UUSB will once again host our Second Sunday Food Drive, the church's monthly community food collection. This month, we will begin collecting food during the service, instead of after the service.

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

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).

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

# SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL EQUITY (SURE)

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SURE (Showing Up for Racial Equity) meets on the first Sunday of the month at 11:30 am in the SEE Community Cafe. Our meetings have been rich and meaningful!

In January, we were joined by two members of Beth El Synagogue, Barbara Kates and Laura Levenson, who shared with us their personal feelings and experience of being Jewish in this area and how the Israel/Gaza war is affecting them. It was so timely and we had a wonderful crowd to listen and ask questions. What a gift to have them be willing to come and share their thoughts and feelings with us!

In an effort to bring more of this type of meeting to our congregation, at the February 4 meeting we will have Natalie Norton joining us to talk about the Four Directions Development project created to help the Native American tribes in Maine afford to purchase their own homes or start a business. Many of you invested in this project 4 or 5 years ago. Natalie will give us an update on how the program is going.

SURE members also decided to tackle this year's UUA Common Read: *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World* by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg (Beacon Press, 2022). We will be starting our discussion of the book on the first Sunday in February and continue that discussion over the next 3-4 months. You can get the book on Amazon.com or order it through The Briar Patch in Bangor. Anyone is welcome to join in the conversation whether you are reading the book or not.

Many of the SURE members joined other UUSB members at the annual MLK breakfast at UMaine. What an amazing morning that was! The speakers were excellent! And the SURE co-facilitators, Laurie Cartier, Joanie Ellis, and Ann Hartman also spoke at the UUSB MLK Sunday Service. We shared from our hearts our experience of the work we have been doing since the adoption of the 8th Principle. We do hope you were all inspired and that you will be joining us as we Show Up!

If you have any questions about this group, please contact Laurie, Joanie, or Ann. We hope to see you at the next meeting!



## 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.

# 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

February 11 & February 25 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

February 6 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

February 23 at 2:00 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, February 23 around 2:00–5:00 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 next Guild meeting is on February 21 at 11:30.

# ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION

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**Mark your calendars for the Spring Auction: April 5, 7:00 on Zoom! It's always great fun!**

This is a UUSB favorite evening for fun and fundraising.

Members and friends donate their artistic and culinary talents and bidding on seats at meals, works of art and fun events brings the community together.

Some of the items up for bid this year include: seats at a wide variety of dinners, tasty soups and decadent desserts, spending the day at Sue and Patti's lakeside camp, and handknitted hat or mittens.

More items, excursions and meals and food options are needed to make this special night our best ever! Please consider joining in the fun!

Contact Sue McKay to discuss what you could donate. Look for a sign up sheet on the Dorothy Memorial bulletin board.

## SHARE THE PLATE

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In February, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to the UUSB Food Programs. This includes the Bean Suppers that we host on the fourth, and fifth, Saturdays each month and our Bag Lunch program, to give lunches for those attending our Bean Suppers.

In December, we shared \$306 with the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter!

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

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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



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Justice &amp; Equity

FEBRUARY



2024

1

5:30 PM  
Choir

2

3

10:00 AM  
OWL K-1 6:00 PM  
Family Game  
Night 

4

8:45 AM  
SEAL Meeting  
10:00 AM  
Service  
SEE Classes  
S.U.R.E.  
Meeting

5

6

11:30 AM  
Staff Meeting  
2:00 PM  
Stewardship  
Meeting  
5:45 PM  
Meditation  
Group  
6:30 PM  
Shawl Ministry

7

5:30 PM  
Worship  
Committee


8

5:30 PM  
Choir

9

10:00 AM  
Budget &  
Finance

10

10:00 AM  
OWL K-1 

11

10:00 AM  
Service  
SEE Classes  
Food  
Collection  
11:30  
Minister's Chat  
Drumming

12

13

5:45 PM  
Meditation  
Group

14

**Committee  
Reports Due**  
6:30 PM  
Membership-  
Fellowship  
Meeting

15

5:30 PM  
Choir  
7:00 PM  
Executive  
Committee  
7:45 PM  
Comm.  
Committee

16

9:00 AM  
Committee on  
Shared  
Ministry

17

18

10:00 AM  
Service  
11:30 AM  
Local Justice

19

20

**Chalice &  
Chimes  
Deadline**5:45 PM  
Meditation  
Group  
6:30 PM  
Building &  
Grounds

21

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

22

5:30 PM  
Choir

23

12:00 PM  
Office Closing  
2:00 PM  
CrUUnes

24

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

25

10:00 AM  
Service  
SEE Classes  
11:00 AM  
Souper Sunday  
11:30 AM  
Spirit of  
Drumming

26

27

5:45 PM  
Meditation  
Group

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29

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*

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## Church Council:

Sue McKay, Chair  
Tracy Haskell, Vice Chair  
Jessica Glant, Clerk  
Rosemary Parsons, Treasurer  
Zach Falcon  
Francis Grey, Jr.  
Ali Khavari  
Tim Martin  
Erin Seavey

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:

**February 20, 2024**

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