



UUSB

March 2024

# CHALICE & CHIMES

Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor



## MARCH SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Our theme this month is **Transformation**. This month, we celebrate our treasured community with stewardship Sunday; welcome Rev. Mark Harris as a guest speaker; and look to our youth for some transformative, and fun, insights.

See page 2 for full service descriptions!



Above: Clipper Butterfly hatchery, with one already emerged from the cocoon. Photo by Håkon Grimstad via Unsplash.

Right: Photo of UUSB Game Night 2024. Photo by Rev. Drew Moeller.

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## MARCH EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

S.U.R.E.. Meeting on 3/3

Shawl Ministry on 3/5

Food Collection on 3/10

Justice Now: Guest Speaker on 3/10

Spirit of Drumming on 3/10 & 3/24

Justice Now Meeting on 3/17

Guild Meeting on 3/20

Bean Supper on 3/23 & 3/30

Souper Sunday on 3/24



# MARCH SERVICES

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March 3: "Treasuring Our Community" with Rev. Drew Moeller

Join us for a fun-filled service where we celebrate our treasured and beloved community as we kick off the beginning of our annual stewardship / pledge campaign for 2025. Special music, slide show, story and more!

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

Meeting ID: 958 9032 7770 Passcode: 730477 [Zoom Link](#)

March 10: "Frederic Henry Hedge" with Rev. Mark Harris

The title of an old rock song by The Clash provides the inspiration for a sermon on Bangor's most famous minister, Frederic Henry Hedge. As many of you probably know Hedge was one of the early leaders of the Transcendentalists, and their famous discussion group was given the name Hedge's Club. He went to Bangor in 1835 with some misgivings. It was even said he was exiled there, but then he stayed for fifteen years. Hedge was often caught in the middle of conflicts over church and theology and where he was going to call home. Decisions about coming, staying and going are never easy. Can Hedge's life help us with these conflicts?

This week's worship team is: Rev. Mark Harris, Laurie Cartier, Catherine Foxson, Phyllis Havens, and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by John Arimond.

Meeting ID: 930 1714 1032 Passcode: 119345 [Zoom Link](#)

March 17: "Story, Song, & Science!" with the Jr. YoUUth and Karen Childs

Our Jr Youth Conference young folks will be hosting this transformative intergenerational service - full of Story, Song, and Science!! We'll be sharing some of the highlights from this weekend's MidCoast Region Youth Conference Experience! We'll rock out to a drumming performance led by Laurie & LyAnn, indulge in some Fantastical Faith Chemistry, hearken to the tales of a Shamanic Journey, and delight in a PopUp Choir, lead by our very own Molly J Webster!

This week's worship team is: Karen Childs, Junior Youth Conference participants, Phyllis Havens, and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by the Crowded Table Highway Women.

Meeting ID: 964 4572 2866 Passcode: 361821 [Zoom Link](#)

March 24: "Change Within" with Rev. Drew Moeller

In living into our UUSB covenant of striving to be "a welcoming, inclusive, progressive community of spiritual seekers of all ages" we sometime need of pause to reflect of what this means and hear voices from many perspectives from different generations. Today our Director of Spiritual Exploration and Rev. Drew will share some of things they are learning about generational differences in our community and how we might think of engaging in congregational life in differently.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, Laurie Cartier, Phyllis Havens, and Ben Goff. Music will be provided by Jack Derosier and Rev. Drew Moeller.

Meeting ID: 921 5755 1449 Passcode: 590587 [Zoom Link](#)

March 31: "Easter" with Rev. Drew Moeller

Easter in a confluence of spiritual concepts and symbolism of rebirth, renewal, and transformation. Join us this Easter Sunday where we explore Easter through a UU lens of what this story can teach us about transformation.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, John Arimond, Sue McKay, and Sylvia Pond. Music will be provided by the UUSB Choir, Molly J. Webster, Jack Derosier, and Aaron Mahoney, organist.

Meeting ID: 924 0612 8785 Passcode: 616239 [Zoom Link](#)

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**We Love Your Suggestions!** Do you have a poem, reading, music, story, personal experience, or opinion you want to share in worship? Then Bring It!

The sharing from our members enhances our worship and is part of our covenant of journeying together to find meaning and truth. To share, talk to Rev. Drew, Laurie Cartier (worship chair), Molly Webster (Music Director), or a member of our worship team. We'll do our best to include/incorporate your contributions into our weekly worship experiences.

Thanks to Martha Larson - for making some wonderful suggestions for readings last month and Linda Koehler for her recommendations for several of her original songs that matched our theme in February.

**Upcoming Themes:** April - Interdependence    May - Pluralism    June - Renewal

If you have a favorite hymn, song, reading or story related to any of these themes please share them with us.

# DREW'S VIEWS

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Dear Ones,

On March 19 in the Northern Hemisphere, we celebrate the vernal equinox and the return of Spring. In response to this milestone of the earth's journey around the sun, many religious traditions have celebrations relating to change, including ancient fertility rituals, Passover, and Easter. This year, Ramadan also falls around the vernal equinox. From a religious perspective, Spring is a holiday that is busier than winter solstice and the beginning of the new year.

Spring is one of the most noticeable seasonal changes. The transition from cold weather and flat light from the low-riding sun - to a brighter light, longer days, and intense colors emerging from dull browns and greys brings excitement to our hearts and minds.

Spring celebrates change and transformation - the earth warms and signals to seeds and plants that it's time to wake up and start growing again. It's a signal to start the sap flowing again to the deciduous trees, and for animals it's time to wake up from hibernation. This embracing of change and rebirth contrasts the human tendency to desire sameness, routine, and predictability.

Yet there is something about the intensity and beauty of Spring - even early in the process of Spring that allows

us to overcome our resistance to transformation if even for a moment to witness the tender shoots bursting forth, the bright colors, and the returning of warmth that allows us to let our guard down and let the change in.

This is a beautiful reminder of some things coming alive in our congregation as we head into spring! In particular there two things need your participation and response:

1) Starting on March 3, we will kick off our annual UUSB Financial Stewardship Campaign for the UUSB 2025 fiscal year, which begins this July. Every year, we ask our UUSB Members and friends to make a financial commitment to our congregation so we can pay our staff, maintain our wonderful historic building, and support quality worship and spiritual Exploration programs for youth and Adults along with our outreach programs to the greater Bangor community. Please double-check your email inbox for an email from UUSB's Stewardship Committee. Please read the email and respond by sending your

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# 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 away March 10-17 for a silent meditation retreat. Contact the office or Sue McKay, Council Chair, for assistance.

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.

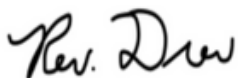
Rev. Drew is also available by appointment outside of offices by appointment. Contact Rev. Drew directly to make an appointment.

pledge form back to our Stewardship Committee by the end of March so we can include your pledge in our budgeting process for next year. This year, we aim to increase our pledges by at least 10%. We realize that everyone needs help to do that. So, if you can contribute more, that will be an excellent spiritual exercise in EQUITY.

During March, UUSB will be conducting a congregation wide information survey. Our survey team has worked long and hard with all congregation committees to develop a comprehensive survey covering many aspects of our congregational life. We need everyone involved with UUSB to answer this survey! The goal of this survey is to gather information about our community to guide leadership in making important decisions now and in the future. We want your perspectives and input into this process. Please contribute by responding to our survey by following the link below or requesting a printed copy from the UUSB office. We need your response by the end of the month to have your voice counted.

Let the arrival of the new season be your inspiration to "Spring Into Action" by responding to our Stewardship Campaign and Congregational Survey so that we can life into the possibilities that the season holds for us as continue to live, grow and transform together.

Happy Spring! May you all be well!



Rev. Drew



## COUNCIL

Sue McKay, *Chair*

Tracy Haskell, *Vice Chair*

Jessica Glant, *Clerk*

Rosemary Parsons, *Treasurer*

Zach Falcon

Francis Grey, Jr.

Ali Khavari

Tim Martin

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# COUNCIL CRIER

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Dear UUSB Community,

As I write this Council Crier, March has yet to arrive—will we be greeted by a lion or a lamb?

Council listened to a cooperative proposal from Food & Medicine, Needlepoint Sanctuary and UUSB to establish a raised bed collective garden. Tamra from Food & Medicine described their ever growing collective food

gardens program and is looking forward to seeding such a venture at UUSB. Volunteers will be needed to ensure that the garden grows food to reduce food insecurity in our area. Council enthusiastically approved this proposal!

Willie Hurley from Needle Point Sanctuary attended our meeting to discuss the proposed rental agreement. He identified his needs and how they will be utilizing their rental space. Council approved this rental as long our certificate of occupancy is granted. By the time you read this NPS could be our new neighbor!

Rev. Drew shared in his Minister's report a need to explore the necessary steps needed to repair the windows that were damaged during storms.

Christine has volunteered to be the initial point of contact for security alarm issues. The backup people will remain the same. Thank you Christine!

Tim Martin continues his diligent work on editing the UUSB Board book - it has been quite the slog, a tip 'o the nib and many thanks Tim!

Zach Falcon provided Council an update on Security and Safety Protocols. In many areas UUSB is doing well. There are some areas needing attention and the working group has identified a punch list. He felt that this work is important and urged Council to keep the momentum going with this work. Council plans to continue this discussion at our March meeting.

Council welcomed gifts from the Appleton and Mekrut estates to our capital fund.

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

In Faith,

Tracy Haskell

# TREASURER'S REPORT JAN. 2024

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This report covers 58% of the year.

Total income for the month of January was \$25,707. YTD income is \$159,527, 61% of the year's budget. In January 2023 income was \$17,813. Last year's YTD income was \$138,429, which did not include an income from the raffle. Total income in 2023 was 56% of the year's budget.

Expenses were \$25,163. YTD expenses of \$151,477 are 58% of the budget. In January 2023 expenses were \$19,683 and the year's YTD expenses were \$141,706, 57.7% of the budget.

January income included pledge of \$12,041. Plate donations were \$875. Half of that amount goes to the Bangor Public Library, which has one of the largest circulations in New England.. Raffle income was \$6,540 Endowments were \$4,246. Rental income was \$885.

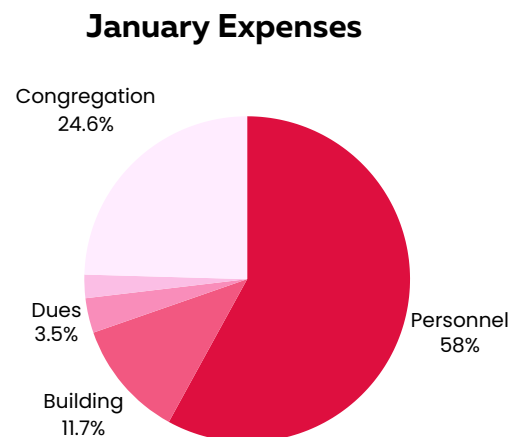
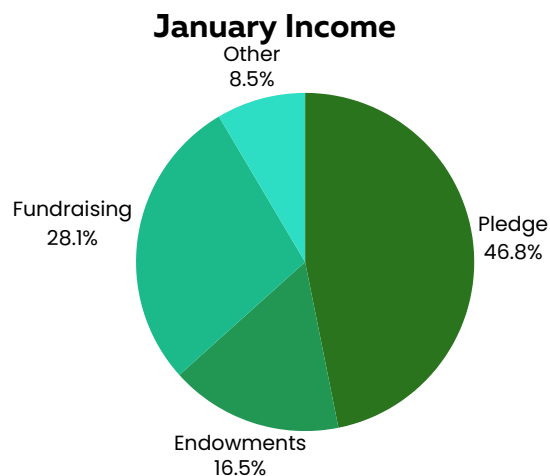
VANCO: In January 2024: 13 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$1,477.98 gross in all categories with a net of \$1,423.11. Fees were \$17.31 and the offset paid was \$21.98. Additional charges invoiced were \$37.56. Donations were: General Fund for \$45, pledges for \$1,091, Raffle \$200 and Share the Plate for \$120.

Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$14,591 (58% of total costs), Building \$2,941 (12%), Fair Share to the UUA \$869 (3%), Administrative \$584 (2%), and Congregational expenses for \$6,178 (\$5,000 is the cost of the Raffle prizes, so regular expenses are \$1,178) (25%).

The Raffle did not reach its expected goal, so we are looking for other ideas for Fundraising for the Spring. Next year we will not be having a raffle.

Thank you for your commitment to UUSB.

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.

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## The Financial Stewardship Team is once again hosting the annual Variety Show for your entertainment!

To wrap up what we HOPE will be a successful Pledge campaign, we are inviting anyone of all ages who is interested to join in on our annual Variety Show, which will be presented after the March 24th service, in the Vestry at 11:30am where snacks and beverages will be served.

Anyone who has an act to perform for our entertainment should contact Phyllis Havens from the Financial Stewardship Committee (the folks that run the yearly Pledge Campaign) at 207-944-0181 to sign up.

This is always a fun event and we can't wait to celebrate with you all the end of another successful Pledge Campaign!





# SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE



Howdy Spiritual Explorers!! This month, our communal theme is **TRANSFORMATION**. Many of us may have been lead to believe that transformation must be a dramatic experience with large-scale output. But let us wonder together...

Our Soul Matters team shares this little wisdom nugget: *"Perhaps transformation is about breathing rather than becoming better. It's about patience, not perfection. It's about depth, not dominance. It's about attention, not improvement."* It's pretty neat how a little shift in perspective can **transform** our understanding!

*Soulful Home*, our monthly theme-based magazine, is a full of fun and meaningful activities, aimed at helping us practice our shared values all month long!

With conversation starters, games, podcasts, and music playlists, you and your kiddos will have some great jumping off points to talk together about **TRANSFORMATION**.

*Karen Childs*

Director of Spiritual Exploration



## UPCOMING DATES

- Mar 3rd  
**SEE Classes**  
SE Wing, 10AM
- Mar 10th  
**SEAL Meeting**  
Cafe, 8:45AM  
**SEE Classes**  
SE Wing, 10AM
- Mar 17th  
**Intergen/Jr. Youth Con Service**  
SE Wing, 10AM
- Mar 24th  
**SEE Classes**  
SE Wing, 10AM
- Mar 31st  
**SEE Classes & Egg Hunt**  
SE Wing, 10AM

Registrations Due: **March 3rd**

**REVOLUTION**  
Lute Festival Group  
**MID-MAINE JUNIOR YOUTH CON**

11-15 YR OLDS

Download Registration form!

**MEMO**

Spiritual Exploration Action League

**Jr Youth Con Planning Meeting**  
Mar 10th @ 8:45AM  
Community Café

# 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!

## March 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 close at noon on Friday, March 29.



## Needlepoint Sanctuary Renting the Dorothy Offices



One of UUSB's long-term friends and partners has been growing and needed an administrative space. So, Needlepoint Sanctuary has begun renting the old minister's office spaces above the Dorothy Memorial Hall. They will begin occupying the space on March 1. Once they have settled in, look forward to a more in-depth article in the April *Chalice & Chimes*.

If you have questions or concerns about the rental or any incidents that may occur, please contact Christine in the UUSB office or a member of Council.

If you have questions about Needlepoint Sanctuary and their work, contact Willie Hurley at [needlepointsanctuary@gmail.com](mailto:needlepointsanctuary@gmail.com)

## 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.



*Chalice & Chimes* Deadline:  
Wednesday, March 20

Weekly E-News Deadline:  
Thursdays @10:00

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

# ARCHIVES HAS MOVED!

Archives has moved!!! We have come down from the lofty heights of what once was the minister's office to the SE wing. Thanks to SE Director Karen Childs, who made space for us, we have a storage room for all our boxed documents and a separate work area which is pleasant and comfortable. We can't thank Karen enough for going to the lengths she did to provide us with a wonderful space and for helping to make our move a smooth and easy one.



We also must thank Council for providing the funds to purchase the shelving for the new storage area. Our many boxes of documents, as well as other non-paper items, include not only the archival materials for UUSB, but also archival materials from the Unitarian Church, Hersey Retreat, and the Universalist Church.



And finally, many thanks to Nero (who happened to be at church helping Karen) and Willie and his crew from Needlepoint Sanctuary for their help in spending half a day getting us moved down two flights of stairs!

A few people have expressed interested in helping in archives and I will be in touch with you soon. If anyone else would like to give a hand, please contact me, Cindy Todd, at 944-9375.



## 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.

# MEMBERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP

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## **March 24 Tapas Table!**

On March 24 we will have a Tapas Table downstairs in the Vestry instead of Souper Sunday.

March 24 is the date of the ever popular (Not A) Talent Show which will be downstairs after the service. We invite you to bring finger foods for our Tapas Table that can be enjoyed while watching the show that day.

## **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).

## **Our Fellowship Hour Teams and Leaders for March are:**

- Mar 3 Team A Natalie Gregory
- Mar 10 Team B Phyllis Havens
- Mar 17 Team C Eleanor Steele
- Mar 24 Team F Cathy Elliott

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

## **Chat with Reverend Drew**

Next Chat with Reverend Drew will be Sunday, April 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.

## **New to UU Class**

Want to learn more about UUSB? If you are interested in becoming a member or would just like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our congregation, there is a "New to UU" Class offered in early April. You can attend the class in person the evening of Wednesday, April 3, OR you can attend on ZOOM the following Wednesday evening, April 10. The class will be led by Evan and Joan Richert.

To sign up for the class, please contact Christine in the office ([uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com)). If you have any questions about the class, please contact Evan Richert ([evanrichert771@gmail.com](mailto:evanrichert771@gmail.com)).

We will be welcoming new members into the congregation on New Member Sunday, April 28.

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

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# JUSTICE NOW NEWS

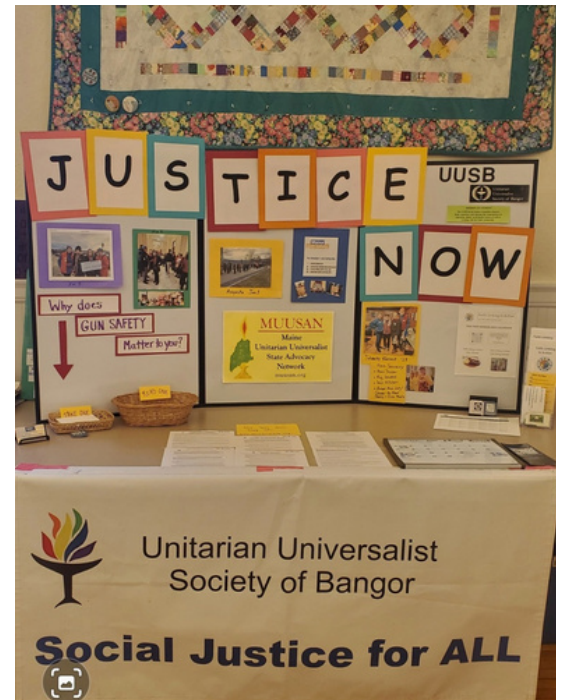
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We have been redefining our goals and work model: more focused on specific justice actions that support our UU principles. On our plate right now is working towards getting gun safety legislation passed. To that end we have an event planned for Sunday, March 10th, 11:30AM-1:00PM. Lynn Ellis, co-chair of MUUSAN's (Maine Unitarian-Universalist State Advocacy Network) gun safety issue group and member of the Maine Gun Safety Coalition, will go over the gun safety bills (wording not finalized at the time I am writing this) the legislature will be voting on and what we can do to help get this crucial legislation passed:

- Assault weapons ban
- Extreme Risk Protection Order (Red flag law)
- 72 hour waiting period to buy a gun
- Background checks on all gun sales

Make a plan to be at church for this Justice Now event. Invite your friends, your state representative and senator, anyone who cares about this issue. This is something we can all work on. Childcare will be available.

Find out more about this action and other Justice Now news on our table in the Dorothy Memorial. Inspired by UUSB S.U.R.E (Showing Up for Racial Equity), we know that showing up is the most important thing we can do.



## Second Sunday Food Collection

On **Sunday, March 10**, UUSB will once again host our Second Sunday Food Drive, the church's monthly community food collection. This month, we will continue 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!



# SMALL GROUPS

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## Mindfulness Meditation Group

We will meet on Tuesdays March 5, 19, and 26 from 5:45 to 7:00. You can join in-person or online. The group will not meet on March 12.

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

March 10 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

March 5 at 6:30 PM in the Dorothy

Are you interested in knitting or crocheting? Are you interested in creating gifts for beloved members of our community?

You don't have to have any experience with knitting or crocheting ahead of time to join the Shawl Ministry. Bring your own supplies or borrow some. All that matters is you come and join the fun!

## CrUUnes

March 29 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

March 20 at 11:30 AM in the Dorothy

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.

# 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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Every Sunday, we share half of our undesignated plate offerings with an organization that works toward our UU values. In March, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to MUUSAN. The Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network is a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in our Unitarian Universalist faith and animated by its principles. This legislative ministry links Maine's 22 Unitarian Universalist congregations to promote just, humane laws and policies in keeping with our UUA Seven Principles.

In January, we shared \$438 with the Bangor Public Library!

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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## Transformation

## MARCH

2024

1

2

10:00 AM  
OWL K-1

3

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

4

5

5:45 PM  
Meditation  
Group  
6:30 PM  
Shawl Ministry

6

5:30 PM  
Worship  
Committee

7

5:30 PM  
Choir

8

10:00 AM  
Budget &  
Finance

9

10:00 AM  
OWL K-1

10

10:00 AM  
Service  
SEE Classes  
Food  
Collection  
11:30  
Justice Now  
Speaker  
Drumming

11

12

13

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

14

5:30 PM  
Choir  
7:00 PM  
Executive  
Committee

15

16

**RevolUution  
Jr. Youth  
Conference**

17

10:00 AM  
Service  
11:30 AM  
Local Justice

18

19

5:45 PM  
Meditation  
Group  
6:30 PM  
Building &  
Grounds

20

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

21

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

22

9:00 AM  
Shared  
Ministry  
2:00 PM  
CrUUnes

23

10:00 AM  
OWL K-1  
Bag Lunch  
Prep  
3:00 PM  
Supper Prep  
4:00 PM  
Bean Supper

24

10:00 AM  
Service  
SEE Classes  
11:30 AM  
Tapas Table  
Talent Show

25

26

5:45 PM  
Meditation  
Group

27

28

5:30 PM  
Choir

29

12:00 PM  
Office Closing  
2:00 PM  
CrUUnes

30

10:00 AM  
OWL K-1  
Bag Lunch  
Prep  
3:00 PM  
Supper Prep  
4:00 PM  
Bean Supper

31

10:00 AM  
Service  
SEE Classes

# REMINDERS

## ABOUT US Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor

### Our Mission Statement

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor is an historically liberal religious community, celebrating diversity and supporting spiritual growth and social responsibility in each child and adult.

### A Welcoming Congregation

We welcome individuals and families of all religious upbringings, racial and ethnic backgrounds and sexual orientations. We, a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

### A Green Sanctuary

The UU Society of Bangor, recognized as a Green Sanctuary by the Unitarian Universalist Association, endeavors to incorporate care for the Earth into its worship and religious education while working to promote environmental justice and sustainable living. We covenant to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part.



Do you have a **CLYNK** Bag?? Be sure to have one handy, so you can easily be collecting bottles and cans to help raise money for our UU Youths' Social Justice Service Trip. The bags are in the Dorothy Memorial Room. Please contact Laura Santilli for details. Thank you for your support!!!

**UUSB is always in need of volunteers** – for fundraisers, childcare, teaching, and to fill positions on our active committees. The great perks of volunteering are not just the satisfaction of contribution, but the sense of community we all feel when we accomplish important tasks with others. Since we don't always know who is able to take part, please contact a council or committee member if you are open to volunteering in any large or small way.

The **UUSB Worship Committee** is looking for more member participation in our worship services and is extending an INVITATION to one and all of you to consider if you might be interested in joining our services as READERS.

### Collection Plate & Pledge Reminders

One way you can help continue our outreach efforts is to keep up with your financial pledge. Without our weekly passing of the collection plate, we still need to make sure that we can pay our bills. Keeping up with your pledge allows our staff and leadership to focus on providing services to members, friends, and guests. There are three options to make is easy to keep up with your pledge:

1. Mail a check to the church office at 120 Park St, Bangor, ME 04401
2. Contact Rosemary Parsons, our treasurer, to set up a direct withdrawal from your paycheck or bank account
3. Donate online through Vanco. This option will be available on our website, as well as shared in our weekly e-news

Thank you for your continued support as we all work to provide for our community.





# ABOUT THE *CHALICE & CHIMES*

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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:

**March 20, 2024**

The next issue will be April 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)