

April 2024

CHALICE & CHIMES

Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor



APRIL SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Our theme this month is **Interdependence**, which is also one of the newly proposed Article II Values, which might replace our current UU Principles & Purposes.

We will also celebrate Earth Day and New Member Sunday!

See page 2 for full service descriptions!

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Above: A brown thrush in the grass holding a worm in its beak. Photo by Bernd Dittrich via Unsplash.
Right: Photo of the dictionary definition of Interdependence.

APRIL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Shawl Ministry on 4/2
- Goods & Services Auction on 4/6
- Minister's Tea & S.U.R.E. Meeting on 4/7
- Food Collection & Drumming on 4/14
- Guild Meeting & Council Meeting on 4/17
- Budget Meeting & Justice Now Meeting on 4/21
- Community Bean Supper on 4/27
- Souper Sunday, Drumming, & Garden Build on 4/28

APRIL SERVICES



April 7: “On What Do We Rely” with Rev. Drew Moeller

In our rapidly changing world, with new facts and figures and changing awareness, it's often too hard to know what is solid and predictable in our lives. How can we live with unpredictability and not get worn out? Today, we'll look for some answers to these questions.

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

Meeting ID: 940 9273 4334 Passcode: 027521 [Zoom Link](#)

April 14: “E Pluribus Unum” with Rev. Drew Moeller

The official motto of the United States holds the promise and the tension that we struggle with today. How can we be independent and serve the needs of the individual while also serving the whole? Together, we'll look into this seemingly impossible and paradoxical puzzle that continues to hold tension in our society.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, John Arimond, Marcia Jordan, Julie Eubanks, and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by Jack Derosier.

Meeting ID: 924 0975 2380 Passcode: 568016 [Zoom Link](#)

April 21: “Earth Day - Four Directions Development Corp”

Natalie Norton and Laurie Cartier will lead this service discussing the work that Four Directions does in our community to help Indigenous Mainers and protect our state's culture, heritage, and nature.

This week's worship team is: Laurie Cartier and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by John Arimond.

Meeting ID: 957 9237 4243 Passcode: 941243 [Zoom Link](#)

The Annual Budget Hearing will take place after the April 21 service, ahead of our Annual Meeting in May.

April 28: “New Member Sunday” with Rev. Drew Moeller

Come join us this Sunday as we welcome new members and celebrate the community we continue to create together.

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

Meeting ID: 959 1272 4840 Passcode: 867697 [Zoom Link](#)

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.

Upcoming Themes: 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.

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Monday

- *Minister's Sabbath: Unavailable*

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- *Writing Day: Unavailable*

Friday

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

Saturday

- By Appointment Only

Please Note:

Rev. Drew will be away April 16-19 to attend the Northern New England Minister's Association Spring Retreat and Annual Meeting in Greenfield, NH. Contact the office or Sue McKay, Council Chair, for assistance.

Rev. Drew's regular weekend off will be April 19-21.

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. Contact Rev. Drew directly to make an appointment.

DREW'S VIEWS

Dear Ones,

As the natural world around us awakes from its winter slumbers, spring slowly unfurls its annual natural beauty pageant. We hear birds singing again and see tender shoots pushing through the earth and sending their stems and tiny tender leaves skyward. The smell of warm humidity gives off an organic odor of rich, decomposing organic matter that provides nutrients with new life.

It's easy at this time of year to be so focused on the beauty unfolding that we forget that this new life comes from an old life and that all the splendors of the natural world are connected and support each other in sometimes obvious and sometimes not-so-obvious ways.

The same happens in our lives—sometimes, amid conflicts or strife, we start to feel isolated and alone—separate from the natural world and each other. Sometimes, we forget our dependence on the earth and each other. This forgetfulness often leaves us isolated and alone and enables us to make decisions that don't consider our actions' consequences.

This month, our spiritual theme is "Interdependence," one of the values in the UUA's proposed new articulation of our values. This awareness of our interdependence with all of the cosmos helps us consider the effects of our

actions on others and has the potential to remind us in the moments that we feel alone that all of our lives matter and that those feelings of separateness are only an illusion.

At a recent silent meditation retreat, one of the teachers reminded us that when we sit in meditation and offer our concentration and intentions of goodwill and lovingkindness through our practice, we might be tempted to think that this effort of developing our meditation practice is something we do to benefit ourselves—but growing our spiritual practice is something that we do to help all beings. Kindness begets kindness; compassion begets compassion; love begets love.

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This reminds me of one of my favorite poems by the late Canadian poet Robert Service titled "Comfort.":

Say! You've struck a heap of trouble --
Bust in, business lost your wife;
No one cares a cent about you,
You don't care a cent for life;
Hard luck has of hope bereft you,
Health is failing, wish you'd die --
Why, you've still the sunshine left you
And the big, blue sky.


Sky so blue it makes you wonder
If it's heaven shining through;
Earth so smiling 'way out yonder,
Sun so bright it dazzles you;
Birds a-singing, flowers a-flinging
All their fragrance on the breeze;
Dancing shadows, green, still
 meadows --
Don't you mope, you've still got these.

These, and none can take them
 from you;
These, and none can weigh their worth.
What! you're tired and broke and
 beaten? --
Why, you're rich -- you've got the earth!
Yes, if you're a tramp in tatters,
While the blue sky bends above
You've got nearly all that matters --
You've got God**, and God** is love.
 **[Goddess, Spirit, whatever name
 you use to describe the sacred]

When we connect to one another through this sacred awareness, our interactions have a deeper meaning. Instead of feeling alone and isolated, we become less isolated and feel connected - part of the whole - not by conforming but by being who we are. That sounds easy enough, yet in our society that venerates individualism, it is sometimes hard to be aware of our interconnectedness with all sentient beings and future generations.

May we live our lives with this intention in mind so we can be grounded in the truth of who we are and comforted by the awareness that we are part of the whole and we are never truly alone?

Namasté, & Love,



Rev. Drew

COUNCIL

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COUNCIL CRIER

Dear UUSB Community,

The wheel has turned, the vernal equinox has arrived and we welcomed the return of spring in March. April is a time when the earth begins to burst with the excitement of new life, the returning of migrating species and the waking of the slumbering bears. How will you greet spring this year? What slumbers shall

you awaken from?

Bob Kelly from Buildings & Grounds was our guest this month. Bob pointed out that, yes, B & G has a priority list of needs, but urges recognition that sometimes things shift as new needs become apparent. Bob then reviewed the B & G priority list, which can be found in the committee's minutes. He stated that for a building over 100 years old, our building is in pretty good condition!

Bob left us with the good news that the new Dorothy Door should be in place by the time you read this.

Council agreed to the purchase of sharps containers to be placed in each of the bathrooms in our building. Further information about their use will be forthcoming coming once these are installed.

Zach updated Council on his review of our building safety and security through the lens of the Houses of Worship Security Self Assessment Tool. He feels there are some areas that could benefit from attention. Zach recommended a time limited Safety Task Force be formed and Council agreed.

We briefly discussed our rental agreement with the Needle Point Sanctuary and look forward to learning more about their work over the coming months.

Council continues to discuss fundraising as part of the Treasurer's Report. Erin has been exploring a hoodie/t-shirt/accessory fundraiser that sounds fun and promising! We are always open to new ideas about possible fundraisers, so please get in contact with Council if you have any.

Tim presented the last of his proposed policy recommendations and Council approved the proposed language for the Church Cancellation Guidelines as seen below:

Unforeseen circumstances may require UUSB to cancel a Sunday service. These could include but are not limited to: a loss of electricity, heat or water in the church building; or a natural disaster impacting the building or nearby community. The decision to cancel a service will be vested in the SE Director, Music Director, Minister or whomever they choose to appoint. The decision will be

made by 7 am on the Sunday of cancellation. An announcement will go out via email, the UUSB website and Facebook page, as well as via a recorded message on the office phone. If possible, announcements will also be made via local television and radio.

Lastly, as always, 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 on 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 meeting will be held on April 17, 2024 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in attending please email uusbclerk@gmail.com to receive the ZOOM link to the meeting.

In Faith,
Tracy Haskell

DOROTHY REFRESH

A few months ago, members of the Guild agreed to refreshing and maintaining the Dorothy. As you all may remember, the first item was a new cover for the Dorothy piano. More recently, Wendy Erickson began doing some amazing work to refresh the space for UUSB members, friends, and visitors.

In the last few weeks, Wendy has cleaned and painted the bathrooms in the Dorothy, as well as waxed the floor and some rearranging of the furniture! That's a lot of work and it shows!

We hope everyone enjoys the updated spaces and we offer our thanks for all of Wendy's hard work! UUSB wouldn't be the same without the time and effort you volunteer.



TREASURER'S REPORT FEB. 2024

This report covers 66.7% of the year.

Total income for the month of February 2024 was \$22,626 and YTD income was \$182,154, 70% of the budget. In February 2023, income was \$18,369. YTD income in 2023 was \$156,798, 64% of the year's budget. The increase in YTD income of \$25,356 is partly because we had Raffle in Fall, which brought in \$11,590 this year, but the rest is from increased pledges.

Expenses were \$21,590, leaving a gain of \$1,036 for the month. YTD expenses are \$173,066, 67% of the budget. In February 2023, expenses were \$22,908 and that year's YTD expenses were \$164,615, 67% of the budget.

Income included pledge of \$14,309. Plate donations were \$712, half of that amount goes to the UUSB Food Programs. Endowments were \$5,773. Fundraising was \$996. Other income was \$1,832.

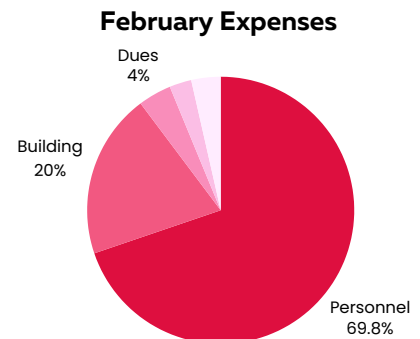
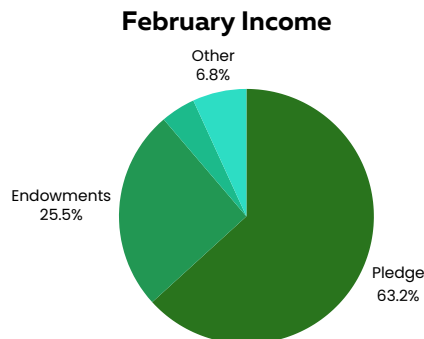
VANCO: In February, 12 people used the Vanco link to make payments totaling \$1,683.48 gross in all categories with a net of \$1,630.92. Fees were \$30.80 and the offset paid was \$27.48. Additional charges invoiced were \$21.76, which includes the monthly fee of \$10 for the site. Donations were: General Fund for \$45, Pledges for \$1,491, and Share the Plate for \$120.

Expenses for the month break down as Personnel \$15,065 (70% of total costs), Building \$4,313 (20%), Fair Share to the UUA \$869 (4%), Administrative \$576 (3%), and Congregational expenses for \$767 (3%). Total expenses for 9 months was 67% of the year's budget.

Our financial situation looks good at this time. Looking forward, the only large fundraiser is the Auction on April 6. We are trying to increase our Hannaford grocery card sales. When you purchase the cards for sale after church on Sunday, you receive the full value for what you pay. Hannaford gives a discount for bulk purchase of cards. We will begin to take payments sent to the church office through the mail either by personal check or check from your bank.

If you wish for further financial information, please email me at roxemary@gmail.com and thanks.

In Service,
Rosemary Parsons



SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE

Howdy Spiritual Explorers!!

This month we explore **INTERDEPENDENCE**! I wondered aloud to a room full of friends, "Where we might observe interdependence in the world?" Many ideas came forth! Here are a few of my favorites:

We can find it in the swish and swagger and the spin of two breathless souls, stomping and whirling, eyes interlocked, lost in the frolic and the fray of fiddle and drum. It can be found in and amongst the cavernous realm of cables and coils, blinking lights, the hum of motors and fans, housing the vast number of programs that weave an endless string of zeros and ones, that pulls up the home screen on our computer monitor.

INTERDEPENDENCE can be found in the relationship between birds and flowers, and the sea anemone and clownfish, or in neighbors participating at a local Co-Op, or even our many internal systems and organs keeping our bodies alive!

Where do you see **INTERDEPENDENCE** in the world? Check out this month's *Soulful Home*, our monthly theme-based magazine for some 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

Karen Childs

Director of Spiritual Exploration



UPCOMING DATES

April 7

SEAL Meeting

Cafe, 8:45AM

SEE Field Trip

Tribal Farm, 10AM

April 21

SEE Classes

SE Wing, 10AM

April 28

SEE Classes

SE Wing, 10AM



Join us in Building a Collective Garden at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor



Date: April 28th

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Location: 120 Park St, Bangor

Let's make our neighborhood greener and create a space where we can grow some fresh veggies by building a Collective Garden!



**In partnership with
Food AND Medicine**

No gardening experience or tools required, just bring your enthusiasm!



To learn more, email
johnny@foodandmedicine.org

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!

April 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, April 26.



ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS DUE APRIL 30



Committee reports are due by Tuesday, April 30 to be included in the UUSB Annual Report for FY2024.

Additional items that can be submitted: reports from small groups, reports on specific events, and photos from FY2024.

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:
Saturday, April 20

Weekly E-News Deadline:
Thursdays @10:00

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

WORSHIP HELP WANTED!

The Worship Committee is in need of people to step forward to help on Sunday mornings with "Stage Management" (we call it logistics coordinating).

Those who take on this role agree to arrive early to help set up the sanctuary for services and agree to stay after for a bit to help put things away. From the bowl for candles and the altar decor to the placement of microphones, these amazingly important people are involved in one of the most important aspects of preparation for Worship.

Coming up over the next two months two of our regular logistics coordinators are not going to be available, which makes our need pretty dire! Training/shadowing is available. Working in teams is encouraged (maybe one to set up and one to break down). We are hoping you will come forward and agree to help with this important work needed on Sunday morning.

If you have interest or want more information, contact Laurie Cartier 207-944-0650 or amalauriec@gmail.com. Thanks for considering this important congregational need!

COMMUNITY BEAN SUPPER

April 27 @4:00 PM in the Dorothy

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

The last Souper Sunday will be April 28

Everyone is invited to bring a pot of soup, or bread, or a dessert to contribute to the last Souper Sunday this year. Whether you have food to contribute, you are welcome to join everyone for this always tasty meal.

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.

Our Fellowship Hour Teams and Leaders for April are:

April 7: Team E, Team Leader Erin Seavey

April 14: Team G, Team Leaders, Judy and Tim Martin

April 21: Team H, Team Leader, Sue McKay (for Patti Woolley)

April 28: Team F, Souper Sunday Team Leader, Cathy Elliott

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

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, 6:30 - 8:00, OR you can attend on ZOOM the following Wednesday evening, April 10, 6:30 - 8:00. The class will be led by Evan and Joan Richert.

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

New Member Sunday

We will be welcoming new members into the congregation on New Member Sunday, April 28. This is a great way to learn a little about our newest members and a chance to celebrate them at the Fellowship Hour following the service.

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

Evan Richert evanrichert771@gmail.com, Cathy Elliott cathyelliott25@gmail.com, Linda Sisson contrabanjo@gmail.com, or Eleanor Steele elsteele99@yahoo.com.

JUSTICE NOW NEWS

Of course, the main news from Justice Now is all the work that we've been doing to get solid, effective Gun Safety Legislation passed. On March 5, Suzanne Kelly and Mary Ann Larson (by the way, Mary Ann gave the singular testimony for MUUSAN) testified in Augusta in front of the Judiciary Committee in support of LD 2086, a bill that calls for a stronger (though not yet quite strong enough) ban on assault weapons. Mary Ann along with Ann Perkins and Patty Alcott drove down for the big Gun Safety rally on March 7.



Anne Perkins, Mary Ann Larson, and Patty Alcott at the Judiciary Committee Hearing in Augusta on March 5.



On March 10, Lynn Ellis, co-chair of MUUSAN's Gun Safety Issue Group presented about the current legislation.

Then, on March 10th Lynn Ellis, Co-Chair of MUUSAN's Gun Safety Issue Group gave a presentation about the legislation on the table and how all of us can be part of getting it done! Despite a wild and crazy storm over 40 people showed up, including 4 current local legislators and Geoff Gratwick, a former state senator. We wanted to find out where the current legislators stood on: universal background checks, a 72-hour waiting period; an Extreme Risk Protection Order (formerly known as a "red flag" law) and a ban on bump stocks. We certainly let them know where we were standing.

On March 18, a group of nine UUSBs gathered at the monthly Justice Now meeting to write postcards to our local legislators and remind them of what their constituents are thinking about gun safety. We hope they are listening.

It's not too late to connect with your legislators... Ask us if you need help!

Justice Now Steering Committee,
Valerie Carter, Patty Alcott, Suzanne Kelly, Mary Ann Larson

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



Mindfulness Meditation Group

We will meet on Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 23, & 30 from 5:45 to 7:00. You can join in-person or online. The group will not meet on April 16.

This meditation group is accessible to meditators of all experience levels, including people new to meditation. The program consists of walking and sitting meditation and a Dharma lesson with group discussion. The group intends to meet in a supportive, friendly, and non-judgmental environment. Each session is self-contained

material-wise. Regular attendance is helpful though optional.

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

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

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

UUSB Choir

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

Spirit of Drumming

April 14 & 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



Shawl Ministry

April 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

April 26 at 3:00 PM at Ann Perkins' House

We welcome all single self-identified crones who are members of the church!

Please bring a dish for potluck if able. The plan is to chat and hydrate, brief program, share, eat and chat more!

Meetings are generally on the last Friday of each month. Any questions, please call Anne at 478-7091.

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

April 6 @7PM on Zoom



The Annual Spring Auction is a UUSB favorite evening for fun and fundraising!

Members and friends have already donated their artistic and culinary talents, as well as some wonderful items.

This month, we will come together to bid on seats at meals, works of art, fun events, and more.

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.

We look forward to seeing you at the auction soon!

Join the Zoom meeting with Meeting ID: 969 9823 0045 Passcode: 928625 [Zoom Link](#)

SHARE THE PLATE

Every Sunday, we share half of our undesignated plate offerings with an organization that works toward our UU values. In April, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to Faith Linking in Action. FLIA, is a group of Bangor-area congregations working together to “go upstream” to address the reasons people are falling into and getting stuck in poverty. Participants include most major faith traditions in our region.

FLIA is actively involved with multiple local organizations, including the Greater Bangor Area Housing Coalition, Dignity First, Food AND Medicine, Right from the Start, and the Maine Association for the Education of Young Children. They also help organize the annual Interfaith Martin Luther King Service.

Faith Linking in Action maintains calendars to share all the local free community meals, food pantries, and other services with regular updates, so all people can access the help they need.

In February, we shared \$356 with the UUSB Food Programs, including the bean suppers, bag lunches, and donations to Salvation Army’s lunches!



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, which you can use to shop in store or to order your groceries for curbside pickup or delivery! You can also buy cards to gift to friends and family or to donate 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



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 5:45 PM Meditation Group 6:30 PM Shawl Ministry	3 5:30 PM Worship Meeting 6:30 PM New to UU Class (UUSB)	4 5:30 PM Choir	5	6 10:00 AM  OWL K-1 7:00 PM Annual Spring Auction 
7 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes 11:30 AM Minister's Chat S.U.R.E. Meeting	8	9 5:45 PM Meditation Group	10 Committee Reports Due 6:30 PM New to UU Class (Zoom)	11 5:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Executive Committee	12 10:00 AM Budget & Finance	13 10:00 AM  OWL K-1
14 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes Food Collection 11:30 Drumming	15	16	17 11:30 AM Guild Meeting 2:30 PM Pastoral Care Team 6:30 PM Council Meeting	18 5:30 PM Choir 7:45 PM Communication s Committee	19	20 Chalice & Chimes Submission Deadline
21 10:00 AM Service 11:00 AM Annual Budget Hearing 11:30 AM Local Justice	22	23 5:45 PM Meditation Group 6:30 PM Building & Grounds	24	25 5:30 PM Choir	26 9:00 AM Shared Ministry 2:00 PM CrUunes	27 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
28 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes 11:00 AM Souper Sunday 11:30 AM Drumming 12:00 PM Garden Build	29	30 Annual Report Submission Deadline 5:45 PM Meditation Group	<p>Interdependence</p> <h1>APRIL</h1> <p>2024 </p>			

REMINDERS

ABOUT US Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor

Our Mission Statement

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

A Welcoming Congregation

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

A Green Sanctuary

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



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

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

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

Collection Plate & Pledge Reminders

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

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

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



ABOUT THE *CHALICE & CHIMES*

Church Council:

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

April 20, 2024

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