



UUSB

April 2025

# CHALICE & CHIMES

Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor



## APRIL SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Our theme this month is the **Practice of Joy**.

This month, we'll look at the legacy of democracy and UUism through Abigail Adams and responding to a TED Talk on our democracy. We will also celebrate Easter, Earth Day, and New Member Sunday!



Above: Photo by Tim Mossholder on Unsplash.

Right: This photo of the March 13, 2025 lunar eclipse was taken by Rev. Drew.

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## APRIL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Shawl Ministry 4/1  
Meditation Group 4/1, 4/15, 4/22, & 4/29  
**Annual Spring Auction 4/5**  
Showing Up for Racial Equity 4/6  
Spirit of Drumming 4/13  
Guild Meeting 4/16  
Justice Now 4/20  
**Annual Reports Submission Deadline 4/25**  
CrUUes 4/25  
Bean Supper 4/26  
**FY2026 Budget Hearing 4/27**



# APRIL SERVICES

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This year, we will be using the same Zoom meeting information every Sunday. If there is a change, it will be announced in the weekly e-news and Sunday service emails.

## **Sunday Service Zoom Information:**

Meeting ID: 965 7817 0239 Passcode: 666892 [Zoom Link](#)

### **April 6:** "Abigail Adams, the Mother of Our Country" with John Arimond

The first 12 US Presidents owned slaves – except for two: Abigail Adams' husband and son. An early abolitionist, Abigail Adams was also a Unitarian and a feminist, advocating for women's education and women's rights. In an age when most First Ladies were mothers and homemakers, Abigail Adams was a confidant and policy advisor to her husband, John Adams. An active partner to one of our country's Founding Fathers, Abigail Adams was truly a Founding Mother.

This week's worship team is: John Arimond, Sue McKay, Catherine Foxson, Keri Phipps, and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by Sojourner Crowley.

### **April 13:** "How the Elite Rigged Society (and Why It's Falling Apart)" with Rev. Drew

Responding to a TED Talk by PBS Conservative columnist David Brooks, Rev. Drew will comment on the supports and challenges of our faith in the wake of the current state of our society. Special thanks to Mark McCollough, winner of the 2024 service auction sermon topic, for sharing this interesting idea as a worshipful reflection.

*Please note:* Before and after the service we will be collecting food for our Second Sunday food collection to support the Ecumenical Food Cupboard.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, Laurie Cartier, John Arimond, and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by Rissa Moore.

### **April 20:** "Easter & Earth Day" with Rev. Drew Moeller

What do Easter, Earth Day, and Unitarian Universalism have in common? Come find out as we embrace our congregation's connection to our Christian and Naturalistic theological roots.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, Phyllis Havens, Sue McKay, and Atticus Foster. Music will be provided by Sojourner Crowley and the UUSB Choir.

### **April 27:** "New Member Sunday"

Today, we embrace our monthly theme of "Joy" by welcoming newcomers into membership.

This week's worship team is: Rev. Drew Moeller, Keri Phipps, and John Arimond. Music will be provided by the UUSB Choir and Sojourner Crowley.

# DREW'S VIEWS

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Recently, while reading through a collection of worship materials on this month's theme, I found a piece written by a classmate from theological school titled "Joy is Hard."

It's funny because I've never thought of Joy that way before. In my mind, Joy has always been that little moment of relief that randomly erupts when one least expects it and brings a momentary sweetness to life. Recently, however, the moments of random Joy seem fewer and farther between. So, finding Joy requires a bit more effort these days.

To cultivate and grow Joy takes awareness. It takes the ability to look under the decaying leaves and see the crocuses pushing through the sky. It takes awareness and "noticing" the small changes and opportunities amid sad or difficult news reports. It takes effort to turn off the news and go for a hike.

As many of you know, I welcomed a new kitten into my home as a pet in January. Mitta (Me-TA) is her name. She has been a great teacher in cultivating Joy. Every morning, as I make breakfast and listen to the NPR news report, I feel my stress level rise as I listen to the headlines and focus on what I need to accomplish that day. Before I finish my 1st cup of coffee, I can feel stress building.

On the other hand, Mitta finishes her wet food and then meows to get my attention. She walks over to her favorite wand toy with the ribbons on the end of it and says, "Meow—it's time to play and

create Joy!"

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Mitta teaching Rev. Drew about Joy.

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When I think of Joy and the Spring related holidays that we celebrate this month, I am reminded that each of them reminds us to "hold on" and put forth the

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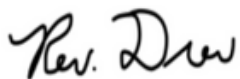
extra effort to find the Joy that comes despite the complex and tragic: From pagan traditions the Joy of the natural world coming to life after winter; In Judaism – the Joy of freedom that comes after many years of struggling under the rule of Pharaoh – even if that means wandering in the wilderness for a while; and in Christianity – that even after being denied, betrayed, and tortured there is something more rewarding and joyous that comes after enduring hardship.

As I reflect on some of our congregation's most recent congregational conversations about Needle Point's (NPS) expanding services as UUSB, I can't help but wonder if all the attention and expression of firm conviction won't lead us to a place that will eventually lead to Joy – when we see people who are struggling with substance use disorder know that they feel valued and welcomed for who they are and not feared or ostracized because of an ailment.

Other joy points I have recently experienced include attending the Eid Iftar celebration that many UUSB'ers participated in on March 21—hosted by the Maine Islamic Center in Orono—and spending time with our Jr. High / High School group on March 23. I am also anticipating some joyful times this month with our Candlepin bowling outing on March 30 and joining together with other UUSB'ers as we walk to support The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter's Walk for the Homeless on April 5. I am also excited to experience the new sound system that will soon be installed in UUSB Sanctuary, which will improve everyone's hearing of our services.

May we continue to find ways to come together and support each other as Spring unfolds and find the Joy that comes with being people of faith who journey, learn, and support each other with kindness, compassion, and love.

Namasté,



Rev. Drew

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NPS Update: Many people are asking what is happening with NPS. Currently we are re-establishing our conversations with Needlepoint Sanctuary about two things:

1. Updating and renewing their current lease for next year.
2. The possibility of receiving a new proposal for expanding their services, which may or may not include a needle exchange. Until we receive a specific proposal and the council can review it, there is nothing new to report.

If you have any questions about the NPS lease renewal, you can contact Christine in the office for a draft when it's available.





## Worship Welcomes Your Suggestions!

Personal experiences and connections greatly enhance the experience of worship. This is why the worship committee encourages your suggestions of poems, readings, music selections, stories, and personal experiences that enhance the worship experience for all. If you have a favorite piece of music, poem, or music selection that you wish to share with our worship committee, please share it with Rev. Drew, Sojourner (our Music Director), or a member of our worship committee (John Arimond, Laurie Cartier, Phyllis Havens, and Sue McKay).

Thanks to all who offer suggestions for our March worship services. I look forward to seeing what creative ideas will feed our May theme of "The Practice of Imagination."

**Special thanks to everyone who participated in the March Worship Lab. Together, we generated many great ideas for music, readings, and spiritual concepts—many of which are being incorporated into April's worship services!**

Our remaining themes for the 2025 Program Year are: the Practice of Imagination in May and Practice of Freedom in June.

# 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
- *Not Available After 4:30*

## Saturday

- By Appointment Only

### Please Note:

Rev. Drew's regular weekend off for the month is April 5-7 and will not be checking emails, phone calls, or texts.

Rev. Drew will be off on April 8, meaning not checking emails, phone calls, or texts.

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.

## COUNCIL

Sue McKay, *Chair*  
Zach Falcon, *Vice Chair*  
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Erin Seavey

# COUNCIL CRIER

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Dear UUSB Community,

Despite the snow earlier this week, the air is filled with the scents and sounds of spring. Green shoots are popping out of the earth, the daylight is lengthening, the salamanders are moving to their vernal pools and the birds are lining their nests with my dog Milo's soft, constantly shedding hair. Spring has most definitely

sprung.

With all this increased sunlight Council is excited to report that the Solar Project is moving forward. Mark McCollough has done an immense amount of research and has had many conversations with the folks at Revision Energy to develop a plan that will generate enough power for the needs of UUSB. Thank you Mark for taking the helm with this project and steering us forward!

The Stewardship campaign is in full swing! As Council reviewed the budget for FY 2026 we anticipate a deficit of just over \$8,000. You might say you hear this every year, but every pledge is vital.

The Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly (GA) is fast approaching and Council would love to hear from anyone interested in participating as a delegate. Please get in touch with Sue McKay if you are interested.

One of the topics to be decided upon at this year's GA is choosing a Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI). There are three proposed CSAI and information sessions will be held in April to learn more about each one. Please find more information here:

<https://www.uua.org/action/process>

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 April 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm., if interested please email [uusbclerk@gmail.com](mailto:uusbclerk@gmail.com) for the ZOOM link.

In Faith,  
Tracy Haskell



# Congregational Study/Action Issue Feedback Sessions

Join the UUA's Commission on Social Witness to learn more about each CSAI, offer feedback & connect with others interested in the issue!

**April 10** - Housing: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

**April 17** - Fat Liberation: Building Justice & Inclusion for Larger Bodies

**April 22** - Abolition is Faith Formation

All Sessions at 5pm PT/8pm ET on Zoom

Learn more & register at [uua.org/socialwitness](https://uua.org/socialwitness)

## 30th ANNUAL HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS



Hello Dear Ones,

On April 5 @ 10 AM I will be participating in the 30th Annual Hike for the Homeless starting on the Bangor Waterfront.

You can find the sign up sheet for UUSB's team in the Dorothy. You can also contact me directly to register, if you don't have a chance to stop by UUSB. If you have already signed up, but want to join the UUSB team, reach out to me and let me know.

If you want to support this event but not wanting to walk the 2.4 mile course I will be collecting donations - just pull me aside after a service or send me an email or text and how much you'd like to donate.

Be well all and hope to see you on the waterfront on April 5!

Love,  
Rev. Drew

# THE OFFICE ORGANIZER

**ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 25 TO [UUBANGOR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:UUBANGOR@GMAIL.COM)**

## April Office Hours & Closures

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

The office is closed on Thursdays, though I do check emails and voicemails.



Photo of the February 28, 2025 Bangor Contradance event. Photo from their Facebook page.

## What's Happening at UUSB

To keep everyone aware and involved in what's happening in the building outside of congregational events, I thought I could start a corner here to share whose been using the building and some of the fun events we've helped make happen.

In March, we hosted our regulars, as well as Dignity First, Play! Piano Studio's recital, the SCA for another event, and Bangor Contradance.

In April, we are planning to have a youth theatre program rehearse in the vestry as well as some events with Maine Family Planning on April 15 and 29.

If you are looking to schedule an in-person meeting or event at UUSB, please email the offices for the Facility Use forms. You can also request physical copies during office hours or mailed to you.

## Important Deadlines

**The Hersey Scholarship Deadline is April 15.** If you are looking to get a Hersey Scholarship for Ferry Beach Family & Friends Camp or for a youth camp at Blueberry Cove, your request must be received no later than April 15 at either [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com) or [uubangorre@gmail.com](mailto:uubangorre@gmail.com).

The **Chalice & Chimes** submission deadline for FY2025 is the **20th of each month**. Late submissions can be posted on the website, in the e-news, or the Sunday announcements.

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

E-News submissions must be received by 10am on Thursdays.



Sunday, April 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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Happy Spring Everyone! Let's hope this season of hope and renewal brings cheer to us all. Over the winter, we shared some wonderful times in fellowship. Game Night and Candlepin Bowling were well attended and such fun! Going forward, we are planning an all-day gathering in August at Peaks-Kinney State Park. We are calling it the First Annual UUSB Day at the Lake.

On April 9, 6:30-8:00pm there will be a New to UU Class on Zoom. To register contact Christine at [uubangor@gmail.com](mailto:uubangor@gmail.com) or call 207-947-7009.

## **New Member Sunday on April 27**

Please join us as we welcome and celebrate our newest members!

Would you like to become a member of UUSB?

Here's what's required:

1. Attend a Chat with the minister of a New to UU class.

2. Read our self-study guide, Getting to Know Us, available on our website at: <https://uubangor.org/new-to-uusb-2/uusb-self-study-guide/>

3. Complete a Request for Membership form and a Pledge form, also on our website.

4. Sign the UUSB Membership Book.

## **Chat with Rev. Drew on Sunday, May 11**

Following the worship service, these monthly, informal chats are a good opportunity to get to know the minister and other members of the congregation while discussing our thoughts about Unitarian Universalism and how we live our faith. So grab a snack and cup of coffee and head downstairs to Rev. Drew's office for an hour or so of conversation.

## **Fellowship Hour**

Following the Sunday worship service, we hope you'll join us in the Dorothy for fellowship and refreshments. Each Fellowship Hour is hosted by a team of volunteers. Our Fellowship Hour teams and leaders for April are:

April 6 Team A Natalie Norton

April 13 Team B Phyllis Havens

April 20 Team G Judy and Tim Martin

April 27 Team F Cathy Elliott

THANK YOU to all who make our Fellowship Hour so enjoyable!

If you'd like to join a team, contact Cathy Elliott at [cathyelliott25@gmail.com](mailto:cathyelliott25@gmail.com).

## **UUSB's First All-Congregation Picnic**

And finally, Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, August 10 for UUSB's First All-Congregation Picnic! There will be no worship service that day. Instead, we will congregate at Peaks-Kenny State Park for a day of relaxation and fun. More details to follow.



The Membership/Fellowship Committee would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with us with your suggestions, questions or whatever is on your mind.

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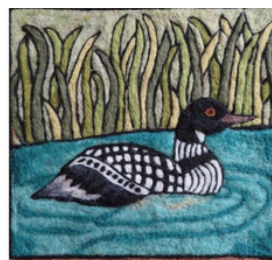
# ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION

## Spring Goods and Services Auction April 5, 7:00-8:30 via Zoom

Mark your calendars for our exciting evening of Fun and Fundraising. This annual event features seats at the table for meals, artwork, and workshops! Donations are gratefully appreciated until mid March. Please contact Sue at 478-4631 or [swm4631@gmail.com](mailto:swm4631@gmail.com).

Below is the list for this year's auction, but there may be a surprise item or two, so make sure you attend!

- Day at the Lake
- Bean Supper
- Bicycle Tune-Ups by Tom Armstrong
- Potluck Pool Party
- Sermon Topic of Your Choice
- Raclette Dinner
- Savory Breads of Your Choice
- Tapas Dinner
- Sign McCollough Art Print
- Mystery Dinner
- Needle Felting Workshop
- Gifts from the Garden
- Cinco de Mayo Chili Relleno Dinner
- Hand-Turned Wooden Bowl
- Patti's Soup of the Month
- Sailing Adventure with Rev. Drew
- Indian Dinner
- Knitted/Felted Hat or Mittens
- English High Tea Party
- Cinnamon Rolls
- Crux Air Fryer
- Hydra Minnow Kayaks





# SMALL GROUPS

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## Mindfulness Meditation Group

We will meet on Tuesdays, April 4, 15, 22, & 29 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. We will continue to explore the topic of Anger using a book titled *Anger* by Thich Nhat Hahn.

Drop-ins are always welcome. **We encourage newcomers to arrive or sign in fifteen minutes early (at 5:30 PM)** so they can get a short briefing and introduction to our group process and a quick introduction to insight meditation, especially if they are not experienced meditators or haven't meditated for a while.

Regular group meditation begins promptly at 5:45 PM.

\*\*\*Please note for in-person meditation attendees: We will start using the upper door (aka The Dorothy Memorial Door) for entrance into the building. The door will be unlocked starting at 5:20 PM and locked at 5:50 PM. This is to improve our building security. If you are running late and think you won't arrive until after 5:50 PM, consider heading home and joining on Zoom.\*\*\*

If you have any questions about the meditation group, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Rev. Drew Moeller at [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 at the UUSB website (click the donate button and select meditation group). Checks should include "Meditation" 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, Sojourner Crowley for more information: [uusbmusic@gmail.com](mailto:uusbmusic@gmail.com).

## Spirit of Drumming

April 13 & 27 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 1:00. No experience is necessary. We have a good supply of drums or you can bring your own. We hope you will join us soon.



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## Shawl Ministry

April 1 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 25 at 4:00 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

April 16 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.

## Workshop: Aging as a Spiritual Practice

The Aging As a Spiritual Practice workshop has met twice so far. The group has explored some of our preconceptions of ageing and how we have been conditioned by society to hold views of aging are biased by marketing and our own connection with older people when we were young. Our upcoming session will be focused on being present to and accepting our bodies as we age, exploring the spiritual gifts of aging gracefully and then a final session that will explore a topic chosen by the group.

Our upcoming meetings are scheduled for: March 7, March 14, and March 21. All the meetings will take place in Rev. Drew's Office.

## Community Bean Suppers

Everyone is invited to join community members and our amazing volunteers for our monthly community bean suppers! This month, we have two bean suppers: **April 26**. 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.





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## Aging as a Spiritual Practice Affinity Group

Friends Who Are Growing Older,

Our Aging as a Spiritual Practice group meetings are finished, but we decided we would like to continue getting together for informal sharing as an affinity group. This will be open to all members who are interested in discussing the topic of aging and spirituality.

Our plan is to meet at the same time, **Fridays from 2:00 - 3:30**. Our first meeting will be **April 4**. We will meet in the SEE room for teens (all the way back) where there are twelve chairs and lots of windows and privacy.

If you'd like to join us or to receive information about this affinity group, please contact Linda Sisson ([contrabanjo@gmail.com](mailto:contrabanjo@gmail.com), or 207-307-6341)

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# SOCIAL JUSTICE

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## **Saving Our Democracy**

Ongoing presence at the "No Kings" Rallies at the Federal Building in Bangor, Tuesdays 11AM-1PM. This effort started out as a venture instigated by UUSB friend, Mary Ann Larson, on February 4th with just four of us UUSB folks– Mary Ann, Francis Grey, Valerie Carter, and Suzanne Kelly. This past Tuesday, March 18th there were 50 of us from all over the Bangor area, including 12 UUSB members. Come join us and bring someone.

## **Building an Advocacy Toolbox**

At our March 16th meeting we focused on ways to advocate for a positive future for our country. We looked at how to write letters to the editor, make phone calls and arrange in person meetings with representatives at both the state and national levels, give testimony (both in person and online) for or against bills that matter to us, participate in rallies and postcard parties. In the recent special election for our District 24 State Representative many of us worked for the candidate we believe will work the hardest to sustain our democratic values. They won with 71% of the vote!

**We are not powerless if we work together, pay attention, stay informed, and keep our eyes peeled for what's coming down the pike!**

## **2nd Sunday Food Collection:**

Pick up your bag to donate to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard on Sunday, April 6 and bring it back filled on Sunday, April 13. Our grand total for 2024 was 1,552 pounds.

### **Remember:**

1st Sunday (April 6) pick up your food bag

2nd Sunday (April 13) drop off your food!



## Interfaith Dinner

### **Join us for a panel discussion on:**

How does our faith tradition help us navigate fear, despair, & anger?  
How can faith move us toward loving the transgressor?  
What sacrifices are we willing to make to achieve this?

**Panelists:** Dr. Doug Allen, John Bear Mitchell, Todd Miller, & Anila Karunakar

**Moderator:** Summer Sunderland

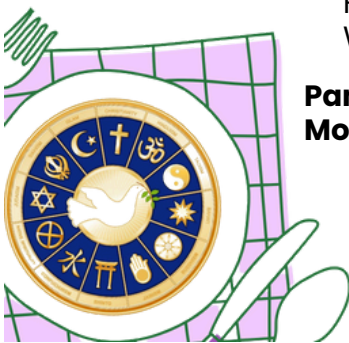
**April 7, 5pm-7pm**

**The Wilson Center**, 67 College Ave, Orono

Scan the QR Code to RSVP. RSCP encouraged, not required.



Generously sponsored by the Jewish Community Endowment Association



# 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 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.

In February, we were able to share \$371 with the UUSB Food Programs.

You can give to the collection plate through the UUSB website and Vanco or by mailing a check to the church office.

## **Upcoming FY2025 Share the Plate Recipients**

May – Bangor Humane Society

June – UUSB Food Programs



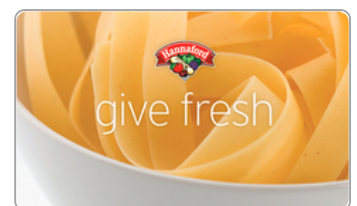
# GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

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Convenient to carry! Every card purchase helps UUSB!!! 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.


Cards are available in increments of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, \$300, or \$500. Cash, or checks made out to UUSB are accepted.

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

# April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group 6:30 PM Shawl Ministry	<b>2</b> 4:00 PM Worship	<b>3</b> 5:30 PM Choir	<b>4</b> 2:00 PM Aging as a Spiritual Practice	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Hike for the Homeless 7:00 PM Annual Spring Auction 
<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes 11:30 AM S.U.R.E.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Building & Grounds	<b>9</b> <b>Committee Reports Due</b> 6:30 PM Membership-Fellowship	<b>10</b> 5:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Executive Committee	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM Budget & Finance 2:00 PM Aging as a Spiritual Practice	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Food Collection</b> 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes 11:30 AM Drumming	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Hersey Scholarship Deadline</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group	<b>16</b> 11:30 AM Guild Meeting 2:30 PM Pastoral Care 6:30 PM Council	<b>17</b> 5:30 PM Choir	<b>18</b> 2:00 PM Aging as a Spiritual Practice	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Chalice &amp; Chimes Deadline</b> 10:00 AM Service Youth Chapel 11:30 AM Justice Now	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group	<b>23</b> 8:00 PM Communication	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM Choir	<b>25</b> <b>Annual Reports Deadline</b> 2:00 PM CrUUnes Aging as a Spiritual Practice	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
<b>27</b> 10:00 AM Service 11:00 AM Budget Hearing 11:30 AM Drumming	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group	<b>30</b>			



**ABOUT US**  
**Unitarian Universalist**  
**Society of Bangor**

**Our Mission Statement**

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

**A Welcoming Congregation**

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

**A Green Sanctuary**

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



# REMINDERS

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

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

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

**Collection Plate & Pledge Reminders**

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

1. Mail a check to the church office at 120 Park St, Bangor, ME 04401
2. Contact Eric Strong, 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*  
Zach Falcon, *Vice Chair*  
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Eric Strong, *Treasurer*  
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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 2025.  
We value your contributions and very much  
appreciate submissions.  
When sending email contributions to  
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