



UUSB

May 2025

# CHALICE & CHIMES

Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor



## MAY SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

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

This month, we'll look at the past through the Great Bangor Fire, the possible through Spiritual Imagination, and the future, through our SEE program and yoUuth.



Above: Our talented members and friends put on a fun and exciting Variety Show on March 23. Photos by Rev. Drew Moeller.

Right: Weekly Tuesday protests outside the Bangor Federal Building. Photo by Barbara Baker.

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## MAY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Showing Up for Racial Equity 5/4  
Shawl Ministry 5/6  
Meditation Group 5/6, 5/13, & 5/20  
Growing Older Affinity Group 5/9  
**Annual Meeting 5/18**  
Guild Meeting 5/21  
CrUUnes 5/23  
Bean Supper 5/24 & 5/31  
Spirit of Drumming 5/25



# MAY 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](#)

### **May 4:** "The Great Bangor Fire" with Sue McKay

This week's worship team is: Sue McKay, Laurie Cartier, and Phyllis Havens. Music will be provided by John Arimond.

### **May 11:** "Spiritual Imagination" with Rev. Drew Moeller

Often we get caught up in our understanding of how things are that we forget that we forget to let our minds wonder and see possibilities that we didn't even know were there. Today we'll look at the power of imagination and how it can feed our Spirits.

*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, John Arimond, and Sue McKay. Music will be provided by Sojourner Crowley and the UUSB Choir.

### **May 18:** "SEE Celebration Sunday" with Rev. Drew Moeller & Camden Ador

Join us as we hear from our young people and teachers about their adventures this year in their spiritual exploration program.

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

### **May 25:** "Music of Remembrance" with John Arimond

This week's worship team is: John Arimond and Sue McKay. Music will be provided by Sojourner Crowley.

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## **Musicians needed for summer services at UUSB!**

Would you like to sing or play music for summer worship services at UUSB? We are looking for musicians to provide music during the summer at UUSB on the following Sundays:

July 6 (to team up with Sue)	August 17
July 13	August 24
July 27	

Contact Sojourner Crowley at [uusbmusic@gmail.com](mailto:uusbmusic@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.



# DREW'S VIEWS

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Dear Ones,

One of my favorite quotes about imagination comes from Antonie de Saint-Exupéry. He says:

A rock pile ceases to be a rock  
pile the moment a single [person]  
contemplates it, bearing within  
[themselves] the image of a  
cathedral.

Imagination is one of the gifts of being human - of being present in what is here now and seeing the possibility of something different evolving out of it. In many ways, it is a human superpower. The challenge is we are also beings that prefer uniformity and predictability, the antithesis of imagination. Still, imagination gives us hope, engages our creativity, and helps us see something in the rock, something that is more than the sum of the rock's measurable physical characteristics. In a way, it's seeing beyond things as they are - and instead seeing what could be.

In our liberal religious tradition, imagination is also a significant meaning-making element. There's a way that we investigate life's experiences through the lens of our values and see many possibilities and visions of things that could be but haven't yet become.

There are many examples of this from a technical perspective - think of Dick Tracy's two-way wrist-radio that was imagined back in the 1930s that led to the creation of the commercial cell phone which are used by 5.81 billion people today. Or our Universalist and

Unitarian ancestors who looked at the dominant theology of their times and concluded that religious freedom was an important aspect of the development of the human spirit.

Imagination is the stuff of our faith today too. When we go through a major life experience we are left with in impression of what that experience means as we extend that experience out into the future. I know that most of the people I know have a slightly different take on what death means once they've lost someone close to them. Or have lived through hardship, loss or a major successful accomplishment.

This is how the theology of individuals and world religions began - trying to make meaning of the experiences of life, and extending them out into the future - trying to imagine how the world could be after life, after the changing of the seasons, and after (and during social upheaval).

As Unitarian Universalist, we do this when we live through our values and then ask ourselves what does this mean?

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What does it mean to build a beloved community? What is a beloved community? How will we know when we get there?

One of the things that has brought me some sadness this year was that after completing a wonderful visioning survey last year, we did not have the energy and bandwidth as a congregation to engage in a visioning process to imagine who we saw ourselves growing into as a congregation in the future. We've learned many important things from that survey that has helped us stay grounded in the present, and so far we've missed the opportunity to imagine together who and what we might be as a congregation in the future.

I think we brushed up against that idea of imagination when we considered the proposal from Needlepoint Sanctuary about being a central hub for serving people in our community living with substance use disorders (though that conversation remains unresolved).

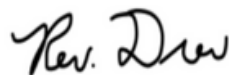
As Spring unfolds, and warmer weather and new life is bursting forth in the gardens let us make time in our own

spiritual lives to imagine the potential of the hard rocks and stones in our lives and imagine them into something AMAZING like a cathedral.

Speaking of cathedrals – I will be away at the end of this month starting on May 22nd and returning June 10. I am taking the remaining vacation time that I did not take in 2013 when I was on sabbatical. During that time I will be in France and attending a reunion of some of my 8th grade classmates. For the first week of my trip I will be in Paris where I am looking forward to visiting the rebuilt Notre Dame Cathedral which is now reopened to visitors. While I am away you will be in good hands of our UUSB leadership and staff including our pastoral care team. There will be more information.

May Spring continue to unfold in your hearts and minds and lead you to imagining a beautiful future that we build together.

Love and peace to you all,



Rev. Drew



Special thanks to everyone who helped support our congregation's participation in the Annual Hike for the Homeless!

We had 11 people from UUSB participate in the walk and several others who made donations to support our team. This year our congregation was an official sponsor of this event and together we raised about \$550.00 for the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter. This year we even had canine support!





## 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).

Our remaining theme for the 2025 Program Year is the Practice of Freedom in June.

# 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
- *Not Available After 4:30*

## Saturday

- By Appointment Only

### Please Note:

Rev. Drew's regular Sunday off for the month is May 4 and will not be checking emails, phone calls, or texts.

Rev. Drew will also be away May 5-8 for the UU Ministers' Association Retreat.

Rev. Drew will be off May 22 through June 10 for a vacation, meaning not checking emails, phone calls, or texts. May 22 and 23 are makeup holidays from earlier in the year.

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*

Tom Armstrong, *Clerk*

Eric Strong, *Treasurer*

Kim Boucher

Francis Grey

Tracy Haskell

Tim Martin

Erin Seavey

# COUNCIL CRIER

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Dear UUSB Community,

I write this on April 19, a day of peaceful protests around the United States, the day of the annual Kenduskeag Canoe Race and the 250th Anniversary of the lighting of the lanterns in Boston's Old North Church. At that time Boston was the epicenter of resistance to British policies that included taxation

without representation, taking away the right of civil trials and tyrannical rule under the king. History does have a way of coming back upon itself. Community, and our UUSB community in particular, is the lifeblood of resistance.

Your UUSB Council was thrilled that Mark McCollough agreed to volunteer more of his time as the Project Manager for the Solar project. Mark reported that in recent conversations with Revision Energy they anticipate installation of the solar panels by late August or early September.

Mark has also agreed to facilitate our Annual Budget Hearing on April 27.

Council agreed to cease donations to the Salvation Army and reallocate those funds to other food resource programs. It was decided to split the donation between UUSB's food programs and the Good Shepard Food Bank.

UUSB NEEDS YOU! The Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly (GA) is fast approaching and UUSB is still in need of people who are willing to serve as a UUSB Delegate. For more information please see [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga). Please get in touch with Rev. Drew or Sue McKay if you are interested in serving as a, much appreciated, delegate.

Two topics that Council encourages you to consider prior to our Annual Meeting on May 18 are the proposed UUA Congregational Study/Action issues and a proposed change to the UUSB Bylaws to reflect our adoption of the 8th Principle.

During this year's General Assembly Delegates will choose a Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI). There are three proposed CSAIs:

1. Abolition is Faith Formation.
2. Fat Liberation: Building Justice and Inclusion for Larger Bodies
3. Housing: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

As I mentioned last month information sessions were held in April to learn more about each one. If you missed those sessions please find more information about the proposed CSAIs here: [www.uua.org/action/process](http://www.uua.org/action/process).

Also at our Annual Meeting, we will be considering a proposed bylaw change that reflects UUSB's adoption of the 8th Principle at the May 21, 2023 Annual Meeting. Council

thanks Zach Falcon for drafting the proposed by-law language. It reads:

**Resolution of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor to Amend the Bylaws to Include the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle**

Whereas, during 2022 and 2023 the UUSB community gathered multiple times to learn about and discuss the possibility of adding an additional principle to the current seven, and

Whereas Rev. Andrew Moeller regularly spoke on the underpinnings of the 8th Principle both in sermons and via a multi-month-long spiritual enrichment group study of racism, white privilege and what it means to become anti-racist. UUSB was then honored to welcome Rev. Sara Hayman in 2023 to hear her sermon speaking directly to the core of the 8th Principle, and

Whereas On March 19, 2023, a Special Congregational Meeting was held to discuss the 8th Principle. Both support and concerns about UUSB adopting it were expressed, and

Whereas, on May 21 at the UUSB Annual Meeting, the 8th Principle was adopted by vote of the membership of the congregation, and

Whereas the 8th Principle reads:

**We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.**

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Unitarian Universalist Society of Bangor hereby directs the UUSB Council to amend the Bylaws of the Society to include the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle among the principles of the Society by adding a new paragraph following Paragraph D in Article 2, as follows:

**To work to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.**

Adopted by vote of the Membership of the UUSB on this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2025."

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 May 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm., if interested in attending please email [uusbclerk@gmail.com](mailto:uusbclerk@gmail.com) for the ZOOM link.

With Love at the Center,  
Tracy Haskell





**UUSB NEEDS PEOPLE TO  
SERVE AS DELEGATES TO  
UUA GENRAL  
ASSEMBLY THIS  
JUNE. TO LEARN MORE:  
[HTTPS://WWW.UUA.ORG/GA](https://www.uua.org/ga)  
IF INTERESTED PLEASE  
CONTACT REV. DREW OR  
SUE MCKAY**



**UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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UUSB needs people to serve as delegates to UUA General Assembly. General Assembly is the annual gathering of Unitarian Universalists where we conduct the business of the association, explore the theological underpinnings of our faith and lean fully into our mission and covenant. Serving as a delegate is a meaningful way to represent our congregation in doing the business of the UUA. Delegates must inform themselves on issues to be considered and attend business meetings where agenda items are discussed and voted on. Serving as a delegate is an incredibly educational and spiritually nourishing experience. Any UUSB member who is interested, please contact Rev. Drew or Sue McKay.

# THE OFFICE ORGANIZER

Find all your UUSB Church Office Updates in this space. You can find publication deadlines, office hours, as well as important building updates and more!

Please note: the encampment has been swept and closed and warming shelters have closed for the season. You may see more unhoused people out and about around UUSB and downtown.

## May 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.

The office will be closed Wednesday, May 28 for the AUUA's Pro Day.



## What's Happening at UUSB

Usually, activity in our building tapers off toward the end of the school year, but we have a pretty full calendar in May and through the summer!

In April, UUSB's Growing Older Affinity Group, Guild, Spirit of Drumming, Showing Up for Racial Equity, Justice Now, and community bean supper all met in the building. We welcomed our regulars renters, including AA, Bangor Contradance, Needlepoint Sanctuary, New Renaissance Singers, and Women With Wings. New this month, we welcomed Maine Family Planning for their new Testing Tuesdays partnership with NPS.

Looking forward, May is an exciting month! New Renaissance Singers will have their Spring Concert. We will also welcome Bangor Area Youth Choirs back for another performance. And our newest building user is Ten Bucks Theatre Company! They will be doing some rehearsals in the building starting in May. We are also looking forward to being Ten Bucks Theatre's rain location for Shakespeare in the park in July and the location for their September 24-hour play festival!

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 **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.



Chalice & Chimes Deadline:  
Tuesday, May 20

Weekly E-News Deadline:  
Thursdays @10:00

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

# Hello from SEE!

Greetings UUSB!

As we wrap up a rich and meaningful year of Spiritual Exploration, I want to thank you for so graciously welcoming me onboard. We celebrated Easter together by exploring how springtime and renewal are honored in cultures around the world (and candy and games of course)—a beautiful reminder of the returning light.

Looking ahead, the SEAL team and myself would love to get a covenant group for parents started at the end of May. If childcare were provided, would you be interested in joining? It would be a space for reflection, support, connection, and shared growth.

If this speaks to you, please email me at [uubangorre@gmail.com](mailto:uubangorre@gmail.com)

Be Well,  
Camden Ador  
Spiritual Exploration Coordinator

## Annual Meeting Childcare

The UUSB Annual Meeting will be May 18th following the service. All members are encouraged to attend.

Child Care Needed? If you have children and want to attend the Annual Meeting May 18 in person, child care must be requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact the Church office. 947-7009

Child Care Staffers may be needed for approximately two hours following the service on May 18th. To qualify, one must have passed the most recent UUSB background check process. Contact the Church Office for details, 947-7009.





# MEMBERSHIP-FELLOWSHIP

Happy Merry Month of May! Finally, warm breezes and flowers.

## 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:

May 4 Team D Valerie Carter

May 11 Team H Patti Wooley

May 18 Team E Erin Seavey

May 25 Team K Kayla Worthington Strong

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).

## First Annual UUSB Day at the Lake

And finally, Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, August 10, for the First Annual UUSB Day at the Lake! There will be no worship service that day. Instead, we will congregate at Peaks-Kinney 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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MAINE ISLAMIC CENTER'S  
**RAMADAN**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**MARCH 21, 2025**

Left: Rev. Drew speaking at the Maine Islamic Center's Ramadan Celebration.

Above & Right: UUSB members attending the Ramadan dinner hosted by the Maine Islamic Center on March 21.



# SMALL GROUPS

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## Mindfulness Meditation Group

We will meet on Tuesdays, May 6, 13, & 20 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). Our last choir Sunday for the program year is June 15.

## Spirit of Drumming

May 25 at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary

The Spirit of Drumming Circle is led by 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.



# SMALL GROUPS

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## Shawl Ministry

May 4 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

May 23 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

May 21 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.

## Growing Older Affinity Group

May 9 at 2:00 PM in the SE Wing

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 on the second Friday each month from 2:00 - 3:30. We will meet in the SE Wing, in the back corner room.

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)

## Community Bean Suppers

May 24 & 31 in the Dorothy

Everyone is invited to join community members and our amazing volunteers for our monthly community bean suppers! 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.



# SOCIAL JUSTICE

Social justice is critical to UU values and principles. UUSB's busy Social Justice committees (Justice Now and S.U.R.E.) continue to play a critical and visible role in our work for a more just and democratic world.

Over the past few months of increasing upheavals in our country and globally, UUSB's Justice Now has continued to engage in a wide range of projects and activities, ranging from Food Security work (such as FLIA – Faith Linking in Action), and the church's monthly food collection on Second Sundays, and monthly free bean suppers.

Each month, Second Sunday food donations then get dropped off at the Hammond Street Congregational Church (Ecumenical Food Cupboard). Our most recent April food collection resulted in 164.5 pounds of food. For more information on local food initiatives, contact FLIA chair Suzanne Kelly.

For more information on how UUSB can contribute to Indigenous and racial justice work, contact Laurie Cartier or Joanie Ellis. Environmental, climate, state policy issues (MUUSAN), and health issues are other areas addressed by UUSB Social Justice.

Currently UUSB's Justice Now work is focusing particularly on how to build advocacy skills for democratic issues, local food security, and engaging in Saving Our Democracy. UUSB's and friends are encouraged to join our "NO KINGS" rallies in front of the Federal Building in Bangor, every Tuesday from 11 to 1. Bring or make a sign to show your support for democracy!

For more information, contact Suzanne Kelly, Mary Ann Larson or Valerie Carter.



Above: Lawn sign at the rally on Tuesday, April 15. Photo by Suzanne Kelly.

Right: UUSB at the weekly Tuesday protests outside the Bangor Federal Building. Photo by Christina Diebold



## 2nd Sunday Food Collection:

Pick up your bag to donate to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard on Sunday, May 4 and bring it back filled on Sunday, May 11. Our grand total for 2024 was 1,552 pounds. In April 2025, we donated 159.5 lbs!

### Remember:

1st Sunday (May 4) pick up your food bag

2nd Sunday (May 11) drop off your food!



# 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 May, half of the undesignated funds in the plate will go to the Bangor Humane Society. The Bangor Humane Society champions the humane treatment and adoption of companion animals. We provide quality care for homeless pets. We promote animal welfare through education and advocacy.



In March, we were able to share \$513 with MUUSAN.

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

June – UUSB Food Programs



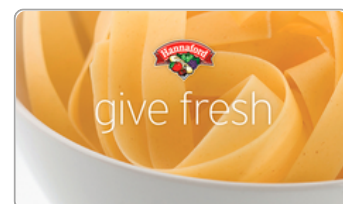
# GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

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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



To start Bangor Pride 2025, everyone is invited to the Generations of Pride Dance on Saturday, May 31 at the Spiral Goddess Collection, 16 State Street, Bangor. Doors open at 6:45. Celebrate Pride across Generations with music from the 60s to today!

Donations support Bangor Pride and the Spiral Goddess Collective Care Fund.

# May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div><h2>Annual Meeting</h2><p>Sunday, May 18 Immediately following the service</p></div> 				<b>1</b> 5:30 PM Choir	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Committee on Shared Ministry	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes 11:30 AM S.U.R.E.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Shawl Ministry	<b>7</b> <b>Committee Reports Due</b> 5:30 PM Worship	<b>8</b> 5:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Executive Committee	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM Budget & Finance 2:00 PM Growing Older Affinity	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Food Collection</b> 10:00 AM Service SEE Classes 11:30 AM Drumming Minister's Chat	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Meditation Group	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Council Membership- Fellowship	<b>15</b> 5:30 PM Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10:00 AM SEE Celebration & Bridging <b>11:30 AM Annual Meeting</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Chalice &amp; Chimes Deadline</b> 5:45 PM Meditation Group	<b>21</b> 11:30 AM Guild Meeting 2:30 PM Pastoral Care	<b>22</b> 5:30 PM Choir	<b>23</b> 2:00 PM CrUUnes	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper
<b>25</b> 10:00 AM Service 11:30 AM Drumming	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:00 PM Communication	<b>29</b> 5:30 PM Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10:00 AM Bag Lunch Prep 3:00 PM Supper Prep 4:00 PM Bean Supper

Rev. Drew Away

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## Immediately following the service

**31**  
10:00 AM  
Bag Lunch  
Prep  
3:00 PM  
Supper Prep  
4:00 PM  
Bean Supper

Rev. Drew Away



**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 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 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*  
Tom Armstrong, *Clerk*  
Eric Strong, *Treasurer*  
Kim Boucher  
Francis Grey  
Tracy Haskell  
Tim Martin  
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Council meets at 6:30 PM  
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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: May 20, 2024

The next issue will be June 2025. This is the final issue for FY2025.  
We value your contributions and very much appreciate submissions.  
When sending email contributions to  
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