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The Messenger

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August 6

**The Mandala
Mike Dolan**

From the President

This will be the seventh of our summer worship services which are held early and for one-half hour. **No Church School.**

How's your summer going? I'm basking in it – no big surprise! I have a shiny new bike, and it feels great to be back in the saddle, doing something active.

August 13

**Music
Patty Van Ness**

We've had some wonderful early-morning summer services here at the UUCSB, with more to come. And if you like to attend services at Ferry Beach in the summertime, there's time to do both on a Sunday morning.

This will be the eighth of our summer worship services which are held early and for one-half hour. **No Church School.**

The third Candlelight Concert took place last Wednesday evening – hope you were able to be there! Thanks to all who were involved in the planning, and especially to Patty Van Ness for bringing us Rob Simonds, a nationally-renowned virtuoso violinist who performed a varied and inspiring program.

August 20

**Summer Worship
SMGM**

This will be the ninth of our summer worship services which are held early and for one-half hour. **No Church School.**

The combined Search Committee met for the first time last weekend at a retreat with Rev Margaret Beckman. The information-gathering phase has begun, and we'll keep you up to date as the search moves forward.

August 27

**Intentions
Sue Hurley**

This will be the tenth and final summer worship service which are held early and for one-half hour. **No Church School.**

The Boards of Trustees from both churches will be meeting on August 26th at a retreat facilitated by Rev Steve. The goal of the retreat will be to identify areas where we can collaborate – sharing best practices etc. I'm really looking forward to this.

Our Annual Planning and Goal-setting retreat with our board and committee chairs will be scheduled for September. Stay tuned for the date and time. Looking forward to this too!

Now go hop on your bike, go fly a kite or whatever summer activity pleases you.

Kind regards,

Niki



Sunday Happenings

8:30 am: Worship

September 3

**Labor Day Weekend
Church Closed**

Enjoy the holiday with family & friends.

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco & Biddeford
FY 16-17 Operating Budget vs. Actual YTD
July 2016 through June 2017**

	<u>Jul '16 - Jun 17</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
001 CONTRIBUTION INCOME	72,496	67,144	5,352	108%
002 RENTAL INCOME	5,350	7,550	(2,200)	71%
003 FUND RAISING INCOME	12,671	13,450	(779)	94%
004 OTHER INCOME	2,946	5,090	(2,144)	58%
Total Income	<u>93,463</u>	<u>93,234</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>100%</u>
Gross Profit	93,463	93,234	229	100%
Expense				
101 STAFFING	55,643	56,840	(1,197)	98%
102 MISSION	5,924	5,865	59	101%
103 OPERATIONS	19,729	23,640	(3,911)	83%
104 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	3,102	3,200	(98)	97%
105 OTHER EXPENSES	3,535	3,689	(154)	96%
Total Expense	<u>87,933</u>	<u>93,234</u>	<u>(5,301)</u>	<u>94%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>5,530</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,530</u>	

Website Update—May 2017

Thank you to everyone who has visited the website at www.uuchurchsacobiddeford.com. Since the March 2016 launch, there have been over 15,745 page visits with an overall average of 28 hits per day. If you have something that you want to add, or if you see something that should be corrected, please let me know. **Please be specific with**

corrections as we have over 75 pages on our site. Also, we still have some pages that are blank except for the title. If you want to add content for those areas, it would be gratefully accepted. Thank you to those folks who have provided content and updates..

Brian D., Webmaster

Pay Your Pledge Automatically!

Annual pledges paid in regular installments help the Church's cash flow – and yours! You can set up an automatic debit from your bank directly to the Church account – no checks or mailing hassles.

You may also use a credit or debit card for pledge payments. These too can be set up ahead of time to transfer automatically an amount you choose on the date you select. These Electronic Giving options can help you manage monthly expenses and help the Church have funds available regularly to meet our payroll and other bills.

Contact Brian in the Church office to set up a payment plan. Automatic payment arrangements are kept confidential.

– Finance Committee

Information

Want to find out more about our church? Thinking about becoming a member?

To learn more about our congregation:

Please speak to any member or someone from the Membership- Welcoming Committee. Plan to attend a Sharing Your Spiritual Journey orientation.

To learn more about our faith and practice:

Various aspects of Unitarian Universalism are explained in brochures kept in a rack as you enter the sanctuary. You are welcome to take these home. You can also talk with members of our congregation.

Our Church:

We are a voluntary association of those committed to this special religious community. We share common values, but we do not require or expect conformity to any specific religious beliefs. We welcome each person's spiritual exploration and expression. Web sites www.uuchurchsacoiddeford.com, or www.uua.org, contain more information on the traditions, activities and people of our church and association. Our Membership-Welcoming Committee is also willing to assist you.

Our Membership:

Those who sign the Membership Book agree to sustain our church through continuing contributions of time, effort and financial support. All members are part of the non-profit corporation that owns the church, and they govern it through democratic process in which each one is entitled to be heard. Members elect a Board of Trustees and must also approve the "call" of a minister to our pulpit. By participating in our worship, events and activities, you'll get a sense of how this congregation might work in your life, and you in the life of the congregation. As you discover the privileges and responsibilities of membership, we recommend that you take the time to:

- Attend a Sharing Your Spiritual Journey orientation offered by the Membership Committee to find out more about Unitarian Universalism and our church's history and traditions.
- Attend church for a while to get to know the community and think about whether you share in our common values and feel ready to make a commitment to the shared spiritual journey.
- Decide your financial and time commitment to this church community.

When you're ready, speak to the chair of Membership or president about signing the Membership Book!

News

Greetings from the Treasurer

Account balances as of 5/29/2017 are as follows:

Checking	\$351.16
Accounts payable	\$-0-
Moulton Trust	\$2,652.05
Restricted Savings	\$26,109.67
Saco/Bidd Investments	\$131,038.91



Any questions, just call.

Sincerely, Dick

UUCSB Conflict Resolution Process

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco and Biddeford is committed to fostering right relations among its members, friends, and staff.

We understand that conflict can be an inevitable part of a healthy community and can serve as an opportunity for growth and development. As members of this congregation, it is incumbent on all of us to handle conflict in ways that are reflected in our covenant.

You are welcome to speak informally with any member of the Committee on Ministries, we are easily identified by our yellow name-tags. When needed, the CoM will assist in developing a mediation plan with all involved parties.

Please read the Conflict Brochure developed by this committee and follow the Conflict Resolution Pathway that applies to your situation. When needed, the CoM will assist in developing a mediation plan for all involved parties. Keep in mind that the CoM doesn't handle anonymous input.

Be assured that information communicated will be handled with appropriate confidentiality.

TD Bank Affinity Program

UUCSB is in the TD Bank Affinity Program, which is only for nonprofit organizations. TD Bank will make a donation for each church member that has a TD Bank checking account. This is a way for the church to get donations without having to do anything. Church member personal accounts are associated with the church account and in doing so the church benefits. It in no way affects member's personal accounts and no information is shared. Church members that have TD Bank checking accounts just need to call TD Bank or stop in at any location and tell them that you are a member of UUCSB and what your TD Bank account number is. If you have any questions about the Affinity Program, Tracey Bell, the TD Bank manager in Biddeford would be happy to answer your questions. Her phone # is 283-8590.

B & G Notes

Reminder : there are still some summer jobs waiting for a person to do them. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the bathrooms. Take a look and see how you can assist.

We have completed many of these jobs, but with the church year coming on fast; we need your help to get all our chores done before - dare i say it? - fall.

Three Cheers and Hats Off to Pat Snyder for leading our search for a new refrigerator, Tom Muise for organizing the Youth Room, Jane Perkins for washing all the Sanctuary woodwork and for keeping the weeds out of our gardens and Matt Gerken for the restored lighting on our sign and for the continued work on our Parlor windows!

Do Your Part

The Capital Campaign is going active! Soon all our members, friends and community partners will be asked to make a contribution to our Capital Campaign. The committee has worked hard for a whole year planning and organizing this effort. And now we are ready to "take it on the road". As you know our target is to raise \$350,000. We will use this to stabilize our Parish Hall, re work the main entrance, replace our heating system, repair and restore our windows, paint our buildings and restore our organ.

Your cash and in-kind contributions to this effort are most gratefully accepted.

Your capital Campaign contact person will be in touch with you in August to answer your questions and discuss your contribution to this work.

Thank you,

Peter Marks, Betsey Pace and Anne Dobson

Blue Note Groove

I have some exciting NEWS. I have a permanent WMPG radio show!!! Every Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 PM. It will be a Jazz and Funk music show called "[The Blue Note Groove](#)".

I am really excited to embark on this musical adventure. I love these genres and I will be learning even more about them as I dig in to create my show every week. My first show will be today July 4th afternoon. Whooo Hooo !!!

You can tune in at 90.9 FM in Southern Maine or you can listen live over the internet (<https://www.wmpg.org/>) from anywhere.

If you are busy with July 4th activities and you still want to hear my first show at another time, you can go to the same WMPG website and go to the Programming dropdown, click on Programming Grid and find my Tuesday time slot, click on the The Blue Note Groove and scroll down to find the audio stream for that date (5 weeks are stored on the website).

If you want to call in during the live show, the number in the studio is [207-780-4909](tel:207-780-4909). Texting my cell is another easy way to send amusing comments or other verbal abuse :) directly to me. If you do call, please wait till the music is playing for a few seconds before calling so I can answer the phone (there is no one else in the studio).

Ron Fluet

More News

Southern Maine Gay Men - August 2017 - Calendar of Events

Summer Themed Pot Luck Dinner Night

Thursday, August 3, 2017 - 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Join us for a relaxing evening of socializing and eating. Meat and beverages are provided, please bring side dishes to share please.

Morning Worship Service

Sunday, August 20, 2016 - 8:00am meet - 8:30am Service

Join us as we will be leading the morning worship service.

Annual Friends and Family Picnic

Sunday, August 20, 2016 - 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Ferry Beach State Park

Join us for our thank you to the community of friends and family. We provide burgers and hot dogs. We ask everyone to bring a salad, chips, fruit, or desert to share. Also, bring your beach wear as we are right at the beach, outside games and a chair. **Admission:** \$5.00 per person for resident of Maine/Free for Seniors 65+/\$7.00 per person for non-resident of Maine/\$2.00 for Seniors 65+ for non-resident of Maine.

Miniature Golf

Thursday, August 24, 2016 - 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Location: **Pirate's Cove** 70 First Street Old Orchard Beach

Come join us for this annual event. We meet at the church first and car pool together. Afterwards we will meet at Run in the Mill for drinks and food if anyone would like. **Admission:** \$8.95 plus any food and drinks you order.

Gay Themed (Non-Porn) Movie Night

Thursday, August 31, 2017 - 7:00pm

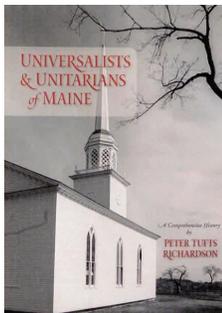
Bring a friend or two and join us for a relaxing evening watching a Gay Themed Movie and socializing. Beverages will be provided, please bring snacks to share

End of Summer Themed Pot Luck Dinner Night

Thursday, September 7, 2017 - 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Join us for a relaxing evening of socializing and eating. Meat and beverages are provided, please bring side dishes to share please.

Universalists and Unitarians of Maine have a proud story more than 200 years old. A new book by this title traces 409 Congregations in the cities and towns of Maine. It is a hardcover volume of 685 pages with 438 illustrations. The author, Peter Richardson, a retired UU minister, lives in Rockland. Cost of the book will be \$69.95 plus state sales tax and mailing costs. A limited printing of 200 copies will be available by mid-July, 2017. For further information contact the author at ptemr@aol.com



CLYNK

Please remember to help UUCSB by returning your bottles and cans through the CLYNK service at Hannaford. Green bags may be picked up at the welcome table when you come to church on Sundays. Please remember that Market Basket labeled bottles and cans are not accepted by CLYNK.

BOT Notice

Board of Trustees agendas are posted one week prior to the meetings. Approved Board minutes are also posted. You can find these items on the bulletin board nearest the Sanctuary.

Hannaford Gift Cards

Do you shop at Hannaford? Please consider participating in our fund-raising project. When you buy your groceries with a Hannaford Gift Card purchased at church, Hannaford donates 5% towards our operating budget. You can support the church at no additional cost to yourself. Hannaford cards make good gifts, too. Look for the table during coffee hour for more information.

Please Wear Your Nametag

We're very fortunate to have many new people attending our church. This makes wearing our nametags all the more important. Please be sure to pick up your nametag and wear it to the service AND coffee hour.

The Membership/Welcoming Committee has designed a new nametag board to hold clip-on tags, so you do not have to pin tags through your clothing. There is a basket next to the door so it will be easier to drop your nametag before leaving. If you need a new nametag, please see the sign-up sheet on the nametag board.

Office Hours

Brian, Administrator: Mon-Wed-Thu 8 AM to 12 PM

Rev. Steve, Wed 12-5 PM

