

Friday Flyer – September 9, 2022

News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** –*Ingathering: Returning to Covenant*
- *Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore*

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, Sept. 11 @ 10:00 AM - Worship
- Wednesday, Sept. 14 @ 6:30 PM - Trustees
- Thursday, Sept. 15 @ 7:00 PM - SMGM – Game Night

Unless indicated otherwise, these activities welcome all members and friends.

Office Hours

Minister, Rev. Lori Whittemore
Administrator, Brian Dustin

By Appointment
Mon-Wed-Fri –8-11 AM

Caring Needs – Please contact church office.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- **Water Communion**

We will welcome everyone back to the sanctuary this week with our annual water communion service. Please remember to bring your water from your summer adventures to share in our community bowl.

- **Thoughts from Rev. Lori**

Hello Good People,

These words come from Mark Morrison-Reed in our hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*

The Task of the Religious Community

The central task of the religious community is to unveil the bonds that bind each to all. There is a connectedness, a relationship discovered amid the particulars of our own lives and the lives of others. Once felt, it inspires us to act for justice. It is the church that assures us that we are not struggling for justice on our own, but as members of a larger community. The religious community is essential, for alone our vision is too narrow to see all that must be seen, and our strength too limited to do all that must be done. Together, our vision widens and our strength is renewed.

As we prepare ourselves to gather together once again in the fullness of community, I invite you to read this again. Notice what word or idea resonates with you and consider it more deeply. As what this word or sentence or idea means to you in your life right now. Carry that sentence, word, or idea with you today and through to our time together on Sunday.

I am delighted to see you on Sunday!!

Peace and Blessings

Rev. Lori
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- **GS 2030**

The Faith In Action Team has been meeting since this summer reigniting our commitment to address the climate crisis. They will lead our community to engage with the Green Sanctuary 2030 campaign that was developed by Unitarian Universalist Association. We were one of the first Churches to engage with the original Green Sanctuary movement in 2003 and revisited our commitment in 2011. We are eager to begin again, knowing what we know of the climate crisis now and of the social and racial justice effects that need a new and more ardent approach.

As part of our work to renew our Green Sanctuary accreditation, we will be holding a raffle each Sunday. The raffle “ticket” that you receive along with your OOS will enter you into a drawing to be held during coffee hour. Winner must be present to win! The winner gets to choose one of the products designed to decrease our use of plastics.

- **Apartment Needed**

John Lebo has been painting outside as well as working on the sanctuary windows this summer. He has been granted custody of his two boys. They are now living in a single bedroom which is a bit cramped for the three of them. He is looking for a one- or two-bedroom apartment in the area. If you know of anything, please call him at 207/710-3182.

- **Live Stream on Facebook**

We are now live streaming our services on Facebook every Sunday at 10:00am

Feeling under the weather? Can't get to church?

Want to join the service from the comfort of your own home?

Join us live at 10:00am every Sunday on our Facebook page-

Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco and Biddeford.

(Facebook link on our web page)

- **Covid-19 Guidelines**

- Masks are OPTIONAL inside
- Masks off when speaking in pulpit area
- Sit in appropriately marked pews - social distance unless in same household
- Hand sanitizer stations
- Social hour in the parish hall

- **Hannaford Cards**

Ellie L. will be selling Hannaford Gift Cards in the Parish Hall on Sundays after church. If you buy your groceries with a Hannaford card, the church receives 5%. Please enter the Nursery one person at a time to purchase your cards.