

The Messenger

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April Services, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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Oliver and her Poetry

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with Rev. Diana McLean

Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, you are welcome here

Shay's Musings

It's Spring!

Well...kind of.

I'm writing this from our sunroom, where, with a small space heater, it's finally warm enough to sit again. It's the Spring Equinox, a balanced day of light and night, and I'm watching a super moon rise in the dusky sky.

I've been reading *The Island Within* by Richard Nelson – a beautiful book filled with lyrical prose and spiritual depth as he realizes over and over again that the breadth and depth of Nature is something to be respected, experienced, protected, and revered.

"Throughout this vast expanse the land breathes with song and pours an anthem of morning into the sky. In the glow of a summer sunrise, the living continent sings."

The world is reawakening, however slowly, blooming and blossoming everywhere around us. Look closely and you will see the signs.

For many of us, I imagine the world within is reawakening as well, after a long, gray winter. When I first came here in August and had grand visions of all the things we would get done, people warned me that life slows down in the winter months. Now I know this to be true!

And it's time for us to move out of hibernation. There is work to be done in this beautiful, brilliant world – songs to be heard and songs to be sung.

"It matters not what the clocks say or the attitudes and labors of men. Morning is when I am awake and there is a dawn in me. Moral reform is the effort to throw off sleep...to be awake is to be alive. We must learn to reawaken and keep ourselves awake, not by mechanical aids, but by an infinite expectation of the dawn, which does not forsake us in our soundest sleep. I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by a conscious endeavor. It is something to be able to paint a particular picture, or to carve a statue, and so to make a few objects beautiful; but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium through which we look, which morally we can do. To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts. Every man is tasked to make his life, even in its details, worthy of the contemplation of his most elevated and critical hour. If we refused, or rather used up, such paltry information as we get, the oracles would distinctly inform us how this might be done." ~ Henry David Thoreau from *Walden*

My friends, let there be a dawn in you! Throw off sleep and jump willingly into the unfamiliar and the unknown. Affect the quality of your days with wonder and awe through conscious endeavor. Carve and paint yourselves anew into a wakefulness that sees this world the way we dream it to be – a wakefulness that inspires you to work toward creating that world unflinching.



Tentative Schedule

Mondays:

Sanford office hours
11:00am-5:00pm

Tuesdays:

Saco/Biddeford
office hours
11:00am-2:00pm

Sanford
office hours
2:30pm-5:30pm

Wednesdays:

Saco/Biddeford
office hours
11:00am-5:00pm

Thursdays:

Sermon Writing Day
(availability will be limited)

Last lunch in
Hawaii!



Diana and Shay

**2019
Pledge
Kick Off
Event a
Success!!**



UUCSB

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What a wonderful kickoff event last Saturday evening. The food was varied and tasty, colorful decor, lovely music, a delightful 2 act skit and the warm, friendly vibe of over 60 folks. What a great start to our Pledge Campaign. We are on the way toward meeting our \$73,000 goal for this year. Thus far, the amount pledged is at \$ 32,100. We have reason to be grateful and optimistic. Thanks again to everyone for making such a fun evening come about. Several people commented on how much they enjoyed getting together saying, "let's do this more often".

Don't forget to add your Doings for Dollars event to the growing list of "Doings" that our creative congregation is contributing. I am getting excited about this event and looking forward to some fun things to do with our church community in the coming months.

It is Spring! Look for the blooms and birds.

Best,

Al

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.

Board of Trustees:

At March's meeting

Jane

Anne

Betsey

Pat

Niki

Al

Wendy

Ron

Rev. Shay



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| | 4:30 Bon Appetit Offsite 10:00 Sanford UUC Geography of Grace | 11:00-2:00 Rev. Shay Office hours 5:00 Weight Watchers 7:30 Coven Off Site | 8:00 Weight Watchers 11:00-5:00 Rev. Shay Office Hours 5:00 Brown Bag/Shay 6:30 Finance Comm. 6:30 CoM 7:00 Harbour Singers | 7:00 Alphabet Soup | 10:00 Coffee & Carbs Offsite | 9:00 Meditation 7:30 Godspell SUUC |
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"If It's To Be; It's Up To Me. "

Susan Young



Donna Beveridge

Our 2019 Pledge Kick Off Event on March 23rd was a success by all measures - food, musical entertainment, decorations, program. More than sixty of you showed up - long time and new members/friends of all ages. The Parish Hall, a colorful extravaganza, was filled with people sharing smiles, hugs, and conversations as they enjoyed savory and sweet finger foods.

During a sometimes humorous skit about membership and the meaning of pledging, everyone got to meet - not only Edythe and Faith, members of the church - but Edythe's Inner Voice, better known as IV or Ivy, played by our own Betsey P., hidden with a mic behind a screen.

By the time you read this, you may have already received a call asking you to meet with a canvasser. We hope you will agree to meet - not only to make your pledge to our church - but to share stories and thoughts about what is meaningful to you about our church and what you would like to see in the future. As I write, we have already received more than \$30,000 in pledges. Our goal is \$73,000. I believe we can make that, especially if we believe our theme, ***If It's To Be; It's Up To Me!***

Thank you for being a valued part of our church and for sharing your time, talents, and treasures.



Gloria's colorful centerpieces on colorful tables



Donna B., Susan Y., Sonja G., and Betsey P. (behind the screen) during the skit about our Pledge Drive theme



Alex C., Ellie R., and Rev. Shay provided background music before and after the program, while folks ate and connected with one another.



FIAT meetings:

2nd Sunday of the month
10:20 in the Parlor.

Please come!

Next meeting:
April 14, 10:20

How do you put your faith into action? Visit the interactive Bulletin Board in the Parish



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Let's continue the vision of the late John Andrews

Faith in Action Team: UUCSB's Social Justice Center

How Social Justice Work Builds Spiritual Muscle, One Brake Cable at a Time (by Randa)

My work with the refugee family I support has brought me again, face to face with the question of how much is enough. This is a question we all face regularly and one with which I'm very familiar.

Lacking other reliable, convenient transportation, the family has been using their bikes to get around. Hearing about some of the times and places they have ridden their bikes, I became alarmed, worried about safety of these people I love. On a day I was feeling particularly depleted from a hard day at my job, the little one told me her brakes had failed that week and she hadn't been able to stop her bike. What!?! I immediately went to her bike and was able to make a small adjustment to her brakes that would slow her down for a while. I didn't have time or energy to check the other bikes.

Worry over the situation left me feeling even more exhausted than I had felt upon my arrival at their home that day. At the bottom of my energy stores, I started to write to Rev Shay about it. The situation returned me to the spiritual question about the limits of my power. The approach that usually helps me is to think of the biggest picture and work back down. So many needs in the world...Poor people in Maine...Refugees in Biddeford...This refugee family...That single issue with that one bike. Is that enough?

For the moment, I came to my own resolution to that question. More will come up, including even the same one, and I will tackle it again. Thus is the nature of the human experience.

An Invitation to Share:

FIAT invites you to share a reflection about how you put your faith into action or action into your faith. We believe in the wisdom and power of the collective. We all have so much to learn from each other. Please take some time this month to reflect on faith and action. Sometimes we don't even know that we are experiencing faith or doing action. Either can be as different as each of us is. If you wish to share your own thoughts about faith or action, please let Donna B or Randa know. We'd love to hear about your experience, and we'll find a place for your thoughts. Your spirit and your spiritual community will thank you!

Share the Plate

Each month our congregation shares a portion of the Sunday morning offering with organizations that reflect our 7 principles. It is a way we expand our practice beyond the walls of our building;

In recognition of Earth Day (April 22), this month we will be sharing our gifts with the Eastern Trail Alliance (ETA). ETA is a 65-mile section of the East Coast Greenway, connecting Kittery to Casco Bay in South Portland. The ETA has 22 off-road miles from Bug Light (in South Portland) to Kennebunk, as well as a scenic on-road route that mostly follows quiet country roads. Bike riders and hikers enjoy a beautiful journey from South Portland to the Piscataqua River in Kittery. Our gifts will help the ETA with their current fund drive to close a critical 1.6-mile gap between South Portland and Scarborough.

Share the Plate

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| January | Welcome Immigrants Our New Neighbors (WIONN) | \$264.20 |
| February | MUUSAN | \$283.00 |
| March | Animal Welfare Society | |
| April | Eastern Trail Alliance | |

MUUSAN Spring Conference
and Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 11
9:30-2:30 pm
UU Church of Augusta.

Capital Campaign - What's Up? April, 2019

Re-doing the front steps to the Sanctuary four years ago was the catalyst for a Capital Campaign. If you're a new member or friend, you may ask, *What is the Capital Campaign?* As a current member, you may say, *Capital Campaign?* *I don't see anything happening...* This time intensive process has a bit of history....

At the Annual Meeting in June, 2016, B & G presented an assessment of UUCCSB's needs done by Roger Panek an historic architect. Based on this assessment, we listed priorities and a wish list, created and mailed a flyer listing major projects, and requested initial financial support/pledges. A partial project list includes: Stabilizing the Parish Hall underpinnings, Restoring/repairing the Organ, Installing a new heating system, Restoring the Sanctuary windows, Re-doing the central entrance area, and Replacing the cupola on the Sanctuary roof. A unanimous vote was passed to proceed with a Capital Campaign, with a goal \$350,000.



Front steps of Sanctuary

The Capital Campaign Committee adopted a process developed by Sacred Places, an organization that helps churches embark on Capital Campaigns. We have completed three of the five parts- Public Value, Heritage (see the timeline on the Parish Hall Bulletin Board, and a Building Assessment. The fourth part, Discovering our Community Partners & Resources is not yet complete. We can NOT ask potential community sponsors until we have roughly 90% support from our church members AND have raised \$130,000. The fifth part, Telling our Story, is where we sell our story to our potential partners/sponsors (once we have the 90% and \$130,000).

We also have a grant-writing team, which hopes to bring in \$90,000-\$100,000 as part of our fundraising.

To date we have repaired the foundation in the Sanctuary underneath where the choir sits, re-pointed the Parish Hall chimney, restored half of the Parish Hall windows, replaced one window in the RE room (funded from other donations), replaced the roof over the chancel, and restored the fan window and louvers over the front entrance of the Sanctuary. These repairs were noted in Roger Panek's report, and were completed using the Capital Campaign funds.

Currently, we are in conversation with a Project Manager to get permits and quotes for under-the-Parish-Hall-Cleanout, shoring up the foundation, and replacing the skirting. Work will begin in late Spring/early Summer.

The good news is that Roger Panek noted in his report that for the age of our building we're in pretty good shape. As we each take care of our own homes and make repairs as needed, we need, also, to take care of our church building and make repairs that are necessary.

Financial note: Approximately 50% of our members have pledged a total of \$75,765 to date. Available pledge cash (in a savings account) is \$56,601.70.

Knox Lock Box



Meet
Gladdess,
newest
member of
the B&G
team!



B&G: Pat S., Jane P., Maestro, Anne D., Betsey



YARD SALE May 10

BAKE SALE May 10

Cleaning those closets and attics and garages? Remember to think of the UUCSB Annual Yard Sale on May 11 before you head to Goodwill with your still usable treasures.

This year we are adding a bake sale to the event. Jean Horton will be organizing the food part of our sale.

In the next few weeks you'll be getting more information about both the Yard Sale and the Bake Sale. Sign up sheets will appear on the bulletin board across from the rest rooms. Notices will be in the Friday Flyer, Order of Service and the Messenger and you may be contacted by e-mail or phone re. a specific place where your talents are needed.

So be dusting off your good used items as well as your favorite recipes.

FMI - Anne D. at 282-6600

Recently at B&G.....

This year the emphasis for B&G has been on safety and security. We have consulted with the Saco Police and the Saco Fire Department about these matters. Our thanks to both organizations for their excellent guidance.

This past month we have installed a Knox Lock Box near our main entrance doors. This box holds a key to our doors. The key to the box is held by the Fire Department. This assures quick and easy access to our building in case of an emergency.

Six of our congregation attended CPR/AED training this month. We are awaiting our Red Cross certifications. As soon as the certifications come, we will post the names of those certified near the AED.

Matt has reactivated our door bell. (Forgot to mention that last month.)

The Monday Morning Crew has established a system for regular monitoring of our safety equipment - emergency lights, smoke alarms, AED power and , fire extinguishers.

By the way, we are also beginning to gather a list of projects for next fiscal year. If you have any suggestions contact Anne D. at 282-6600 or asd@gwi.net.





We are the same. There is no difference anywhere in the world. People are people. They laugh, cry, feel and love, and music seems to be the common denomination that brings us all together. Music cuts through all boundaries and goes right to the soul.

Willie Nelson

Music Notes from Choir Director, Ellie R.

Our Music Ministry: Our music ministry begins with our Sunday services but extends in many directions. This year in my monthly 'Music Notes' I'll talk about the ways music is woven into our services and our lives. If you have questions about our Music Ministry that you'd like answered, please let me know!

Choir Rehearsals:

April 14 at 10:15 and April 21 at 8:30 - both for Easter Sunday

April 28 at 10:15 for Mother's Day

Morning Song:

Join me in singing before the service at 8:45 on Sunday, April 14th. We will sing songs of spring!



Music in Our Community: Many members of our choir and our church family participate in community ensembles. This month I'll share more about the Sea Change Chorale.

The mission of the **Sea Change Chorale** of Portland, Maine, is to promote social justice through song. We are dedicated to musical excellence and to creating an experience that inspires, heals, offers visibility, and promotes a sense of community for our members and our audience. We come from a range of spiritual traditions, political values, life experiences and musical abilities.

Our unity comes from a deep and abiding love of song that honors the enduring spirit of all people and from a commitment to helping others.

We formed in the summer of 2014 as the [Phoenix Chorale](#) and recently re-organized as the Sea Change Chorale in 2017. One of our primary activities is our [social justice partnership](#) with a local organization, which culminates in a spring concert to raise funds and awareness for that organization. We also participate in a number of other [events](#) during the year to honor our commitment to social justice in Maine and beyond. Each year, our Annual Benefit Concert is performed to financially support a partner organization that works to enhance Maine's environment and its population through innovative social programs. 100% of concert proceeds are donated to the partner organization. This year's concert is on June 1, 2019, at 7:00 PM, at the Williston-Immanuel United Church, 156 High Street, Portland, ME 04101. All proceeds to benefit our 2019 Social Justice Partner – [Portland Recovery Community Center](#). Details to be released as the date approaches. For more information: <http://seachangechorale.org>

Upcoming Concerts (members of our congregation are involved with the listed events)

Songweavers Women's Chorus: Songweavers Women's Chorus: "I Am the Light". Sunday April 14, 4:00 p.m.; First Congregational Church, 508 Union St, Manchester, NH; Saturday, April 27, 5:00 p.m.; South Congregational Church, 27 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH



Our Parish Hall before the fun began at our Pledge Drive Kick Off Event. Lots of color and hands representing our theme, **If It's To Be, It's Up to Me!** Were you sitting at one of these tables?

From our sister church in Sanford -
a yummy fundraiser



Cake Carnival, April 7, 2019

Here we go again! First it was Death By Chocolate, followed by the equally successful Pie Fest, when our bakers outdid themselves, while the rest of us expanded our waistslines with irresistible deliciousness! Part 3 of our trilogy, the Cake Carnival, will challenge our confectioners to even greater heights of perfection with their most decadent creations.

Please put this early Spring FUNDRAISER on your calendars now, then start searching for THE perfect cake/cupcake recipe to celebrate the occasion. Let your imaginations soar!

Sign-up sheets with ways you can help are now in the parlor. We need lots of cakes to sell, snacks for our free coffee cafe, and volunteers to help with clean up.

I will be in Goodall Hall from 9:45 a.m. before church on Sunday, April 7, to receive your offerings and arrange them to best advantage for the enhanced coffee hour beginning at noon. Raffle tickets will be on sale until 12:30, when the draw for some special items will be held. Have fun!

Helen Kane,
Cake Carnival Chair

from your Caring Connection



Greetings!

Thankfully, March seemed like a quiet month in terms of needs.

We have been discussing local resources in our community and finding that there are many available at little to no cost. Please let us know if you are aware of a need so we can either help directly or utilize some of the readily available resources to ease the burden.

Wishing you all a lovely Spring!

Marilyn, Gloria, Anne C., Donna R. & Pat Snyder.



Doing for Dollars!



Dear UUCSB Beloved Community,

Are you ready for something new and exciting? Due to waning interest in the annual church auction and changing financial situations for all of us, your Board, along with input from the newly forming Fundraising Team, has decided to try a new form of fundraising this Spring and we are all very excited about it!

We're calling it **Doings for Dollars** and here's how it works:

UUCSB Members and friends agree to sponsor a dinner, tea, picnic, museum tour with lunch, pool party, brunch, barbecue, sailing expedition, game night, crochet a sweater, teach a gardening class, paint a picture, etc. etc. for our Church Members and regular attendees and their families. You may ask questions about how to host events by emailing Rev. Shay or the church office. **Proposed event/service host forms are due by March 31st, 2019. Follow this link to begin designing your offerings:** <https://goo.gl/forms/4VJAu2LL5V7BD0m1>

In mid-April, we will e-mail a link to the complete bidding book to all Church Members and friends. Carefully review the bidding book and select the events you are interested in attending.

After each service on April 28th and May 5th you may enter bids on the bid rosters in the Parish Hall. Feel free to buy places at events as gifts for your friends and family, as well as for yourself. We will also allow bidding by e-mail and telephone for those of you who are unable to be present at the church during these Sundays.

The Different Types of Offerings

- Buy It Now: \$10-\$50 for an individual - this bid guarantees a place at the event for a set price. For example: dinners, classes, group adventures.
- Open Bidding: some items are one-time offerings or are available for only a single person. In these cases, a minimum bid will be set and everyone has a chance to go for it! For example: cottage rental, a painting, a garden/landscape consultation.
- Economy Events: Events with more modest prices and/or intended for entire families to attend.

All proceeds will go to support the very important work of this church, both within our walls and in the surrounding community. We are very much looking forward to offering this multi-faceted multigenerational community- building auction and hope you will get excited about it, too!

Yours in service, love, and peace,
Al Casad, UUCSB Board President
Reverend Shay MacKay

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I found you

On my knees
My arms stretched up and out

Tears stream down my face
They stain my cheeks

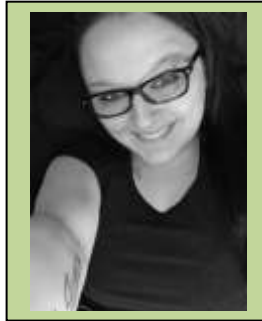
The knot in my core
It tightens to remind me it's there

I scream out loud, and surrender

I begin to pray

I feel the fullness of acceptance
I have finally found you

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Stephanie
Meunier

We UU's are Creative!**Gingko**

rice paper and reed 2' x 5'



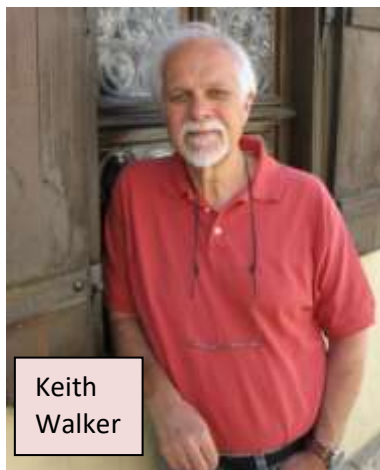
Pat Campbell's art has a spiritual intent - that of peace and contemplation and based on either nature or Buddhist imagery. In a world such as ours this becomes a political statement as well. Pat hopes the viewer will find beauty in the work and thereby connect.

Sit down and listen
to the voices of your
wounds.
They've waited so long

just to tell you that
when you touch the raw
heart you
are already healed.

Always and only
this suchness right now
holds all
you will ever need.

~ Keith Walker



Keith
Walker



Membership. Please wear your nametag! We're very fortunate to have 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. You may drop your nametag in the basket next to the door as you leave. If you need a new nametag, please see the signup sheet on the nametag board.



Post It!



UU Post It Notes

Committee on Ministries

What should I do if I have a conflict with a church member or group?

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 nametags.

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.

Website

Visit our website at

www.uuchurchsacobiddeford.com.

If you would like to add or correct something, please let me know. Please be specific with corrections as we have over 75 pages on our site. Added content for areas that have not yet been developed will be gratefully accepted. Thank you to those folks who have provided content and updates.

Brian D., Webmaster

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UUCSB Recycling Tips

If you are a resident of Saco, you probably recently received a big post card from the City about transfer station usage and recycling tips. This is very useful information.

We at the UUCSB try to keep good recycling practices in mind and in use. In this effort, we have posted recycling guides by containers in the kitchen, green room and supply closet.

In spite of our good intentions, folks still put non recyclable stuff in the recycling bins - **used saran wrap, returnable bottles, Styrofoam containers and, my personal favorite - used facial tissue!** Please consult the posted guides before you deposit items in our bins.

Thank you. Anne D.

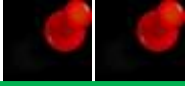


Storm Closings

It is getting to be that time of year, folks. In the event of bad weather, the board president and vice president will make the decision to cancel services by 7:30 a.m. The board president or will post the decision on the church website (WCSH-6, WWSN, etc.) as well as on the church website. The message will also be sent out from the church office if possible. As always, please use your own best judgment for safety.

Is it spring yet?

Financial Information



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 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



CLYNK

Help UUCS 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.



Greetings from the Treasurer

Account balances as of 3/25/19 are as follows:

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| Checking | \$ 17.67 |
| Accounts payable | \$ 0 |
| Moulton Trust | \$ 1,695.81 |
| Restricted Savings | \$ 9,755.55 |
| Saco/Bidd Investments | \$ 136,009.17 |



Any questions, just call.
Sincerely, Wendy C.

Hannaford Gift Cards

Do you shop at Hannaford? Please consider participating in our fundraising 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.



Get your cards from
Ellie L.



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 members' 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 talk with you. Her phone # is 283-8590.

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.uuchurchsacobiddeford.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.

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

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| 1 | The inherent worth and dignity of every person |
| 2 | Justice, equity and compassion in human relations |
| 3 | Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations |
| 4 | A free and responsible search for truth and meaning |
| 5 | The right of conscience & the use of the democratic process within our congregations & in society at large |
| 6 | The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all |
| 7 | Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part |

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!

We are a Green Sanctuary and a Welcoming Community



We meet at The Unitarian Universalist Church
of Saco & Biddeford
60 School Street Saco, ME

For more information contact Tom Muise at tmansmk49@gmail.com

Alphabet Soup – April 2019 Calendar of Events

Please Note all meetings are open to anyone who would like to join.
See Tom, Brian or Mark for more information.

Pot Luck Dinner for Alphabet Soup

Thursday, April 4, 2019 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Location: UUCSB

Theme: Easter Brunch – Make Items to celebrate an Easter Brunch



Let's make it a great big one. Please bring a friend and bring either an entrée, salad, side dish, or some type of Easter Breakfast Food and a dessert to share. So, bring you favorite brunch type side dishes. The Meat will be provided. Remember this is BRUNCH!!!

Leader: Tom

Admission: FREE

Board Game Night

Thursday, April 11, 2019 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Location: UUCSB

Bring a friend or two and join us for a fun packed evening playing a board game and socializing. Beverages will be provided, just please bring snacks to share.

Leader: Brian/Mark

Admission: FREE

SAGE Dinner

Thursday, April 18, 2019 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Location: UUCSB

We will be joining SAGE in Portland, Maine for their Monthly Dinner. We will be meeting at the Church at 5:00 PM and car pool. Dinner at 6:00 PM. The cost is under \$6.00 or \$8.00 each depending on your age. RSVP by Monday, so that we can get a head count to SAGE.

A little something about SAGE:

Gay Themed Movie Night

Thursday, April 25, 2019 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Location: UUCSB

Bring a friend or two and join us for a relaxing evening watching a Gay Themed Movie and socializing. Brian usually finds a good movie for us to watch. Beverages will be provided, just please bring snacks to share.

Leader: Brian

Admission: FREE

Pot Luck Dinner for Alphabet Soup

Theme: Cowboy's Out on The Ranch

Thursday, May 2, 2019 – 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Location: UUCSB

Let's make it a great big one. Please bring a friend and bring an entrée, salad, side dish, or a dessert to share. So, bring you favorite brunch type side dish's. The Meat will be provided.

Leader: Tom

Admission: FREE