

The Messenger

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Saco & Biddeford
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May Services, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

May 5 Rev. Laurence Miller

May 12 Rev. Shay
The Cathedral of the World: A Universalist Theology

May 19 Rev. Shay
The Shape of Justice

May 26 Calling in Our Ancestors

Note: June 9 is our Flower Communion



Jane P. is fitting the coat she created for Betsey's and Donna's Sophie dog. When Jane's not knitting warm wear for UU dog friends, she can be found weaving intricate and lush patterns on her looms.

UU's are Creative; we see it all the time. Send us photos of your creative work - painting, baking, sculpting, song-writing, dancing, knitting, gardening - whatever you do - and we'll feature you on our UU's are Creative page in a future Messenger.

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

Shay's Musings



It's finally Spring! The peepers are awake and all of our snowbirds are coming home from their various warmer-climate wintering over spots. Old Orchard Beach is unshuttering and spring cleaners all across the land are decluttering everything collected in the shadows of the long winter.

What are our roots and where are they planted?

What are the sources of nutrients, of water and light, that nourish us?

What beauty and fresh air, sweet pollen and soft petals can we provide for our larger community?

One year ago, my family and I were here for Candidating Week, meeting and greeting you, and falling in love over and over again. It's been quite a year and I couldn't be happier with where I've landed, and with whom.

Now that we've gotten to know each other better, we're ready to jump into the hard work of discovering where we can bloom and blossom – together and individually.

My friends, I'm delighted to be in this with you. There's always more work to do, but for right now, I say, "Get out and play! Enjoy Spring and let her revitalize you!"



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)

Easter Sunday
flower arrangement
by Jane P.

Thoughts from our Board President, Al Casad

A little over a year ago the Search Committee was wrapping up its work; we were welcoming Reverend Shay MacKay; and there was much excitement. Looking back, that early excitement remains and has grown into a fond affection for our new minister's comfortable, humorous style and thoughtful, moving sermons. She has been working hard. We have new faces joining us on Sundays. We have 5 new members recently added to our church. There is a sense of promise and hope for the future of this church. It feels like a time to take action, take some risks with concrete steps little and large.

Our recent pledge campaign generated lots of good suggestions and ideas offered by you all. Let me share some of those thoughts and suggestions. We may want to take action on some right away and give others more consideration, but let's get going on some of the more compelling ones. This is a partial list. Committees may choose to take on some of these if they are not already under consideration...please let me know your thoughts.

Time for some Potluck Dinners, Regular gatherings for connection/caring.

T-shirts made up for fund raising, designed and worn for raising community awareness of our church.

Streaming Sermons - available on our website. Advertised.

Convert a section of the Sanctuary into a "Family Friendly" space.

Make specific steps (with consultation) toward RE for children and adults.

Create a committee focused on social media, PR, community engagement

Engage youth in multigenerational services with specific activities.

Install speaker in Nursery.

Service projects focused on community needs or support services.

Develop a Covenant of Right Relationship for our Church Community.

Spring is here, a little poem:



UUCSB

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Spring, the sweet spring by Thomas Nashe

Spring, the sweet spring, is the year's
pleasant king,
Then blooms each thing, then maids
dance in a ring,
Cold doth not sting, the pretty birds
do sing:

Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-
woo!



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.



Which is Ron and which
is the tulip? Ron fits
right in - whether in the
classroom where he
volunteers or at church
where he is active on the
Board of Trustees and
more!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		30	1	2	3	4
		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 Alumni Band, Saco 7:00 Women in Harmony, So. Port.
5	6	7	18	19	10	11
9:00 Worship Rev L. Miller 10:15 Choir 4:00 Women in Harmony, So. Port. Panera Bread	4:30 Bon Appetit Offsite	11:00-2:00 Rev. Shay Office hours 5:00 Weight Watchers 530 Member/Welcom. 7:30 Coven Off Site	8:00 Weight Watchers 11:00-5:00 Rev. Shay Office Hours 5:00 Brown Bag/ Shay 6:30 BoT 7:00 Harbour Singers	7:00 Alphabet Soup	8:00 Yardsale Setup 10:00 Coffee & Carbs Offsite	8:00 Yard/Bake Sale 9:00 Meditation 9:30 MUUSAN Augusta 10-5:00 Music Workshop, MASS
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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"If It's To Be; It's Up To Me. "

Susan Young



Donna Beveridge

Our 2019 Pledge Drive is Over!

The colorful hands hanging from the Parish Hall ceiling have been falling like snowflakes, announcing the end to this year's Pledge Drive. By the time you read this, we will have finished canvassing members. It's not anyone's favorite part of church membership - not for you who have been canvassed and not for our canvassers. But as we collect your financial contributions, we support the mission of our church and provide the necessary funding on which to build next year's budget. That feels good for all of us. We want and need our church to exist for us and for those who have yet to find us.

We wish again to thank all of you who helped us pull off a successful and fun kickoff event on March 23 - for setting and cleaning up, for decorating, for providing delightful music and delicious food and drink, and particularly for turning up and bringing your good energy to the evening.

We would also like to thank all the canvassers who made calls to all members asking for a face to face visit and to all of you who said yes. An important component of this year's canvas - as important as asking for your pledge - was the opportunity for members and friends to discuss how the church is or isn't meeting your needs and to share the visions and hopes you have for our church. We have looked carefully at your comments and shared a consolidated version of them on another page of this newsletter.

We have yet to meet the Finance Committee's proposed goal for this year of \$73,000. As of April 22 we have received \$60,712 in pledges. Although many members have increased their pledges, we have experienced significant losses of a few major contributors. If you wish to make a pledge (welcomed from both members and friends of the church) or even wish to increase your pledge, please contact Al C., Susan Y. or Donna B.

Thank you for all the ways you share your time, talents, and treasure. And remember, "If It's To Be, It's Up To Me!"

Susan Y. and Donna B.,
Co-chairs of the 2019 Pledge Drive



UUCSB Canvas Member Survey2019

The Pledge Drive Committee thanks you for your comments made during visits with canvassers. We consolidated these comments into the listing below for the Messenger, but have kept your full comments for review. We welcome any others you may wish to share. Send them to Al C., Susan Y., or Donna B.

What moved you to become a member of our church?

Location
 Previously a UU
 Desire for community support, search for meaning
 Recommendations by relatives or friends
 RE for my children
 Warm welcome, breath of fresh air
 Importance of right relations, social justice
 A place to use my voice, opportunities for growth
 A specific minister
 Creativity of UU's

What could our church do to better serve members?

Currently doing a good job
 Attract families, younger members, UNE students
 Provide RE for kids/youth and intergenerational services
 Engage members - more community dinners, bring a friend Sundays, small group ministries, circle suppers
 Engage the wider community - nursing homes, refugees, services streamed on website and facebook
 Provide better contact, communication, and focus - BoT, Welcoming/Membership Committee
 Provide more traditional services, more spirituality, use rituals from other religions
 Improve sound system, better use of technology
 Raise more money
 Help everyone fit in and find their way

What are the strengths of our church?

Our new minister, Shay
 Our church community - caring, welcoming, pulling together
 Commitment to UU ideals
 Commitment to social justice - MUUSAN, FiAT
 Core of older but energetic members
 Volunteers giving time - Monday cleaning crew, music, board, etc.
 Our administrator

What do you believe is important to do for the future of our church?

Grow our membership - children, younger people, retirees moving into this community
 Expand community presence - through communication, use of social media
 Grow our financial resources - fundraising, yardsales, Capital Campaign
 Keep our minister
 Maintain church - Capital Campaign, paint church

**FIAT meetings:**

2nd Sunday of the month

10:20 in the Parlor.

Please come!

Next meeting:**May 12, 10:20**

I challenge you to
pick up trash!!!

Faith in Action Team: UUCSB's Social Justice Center

Trash Pick-up Challenge


Be mindful of our faith while you are on the beach, streets and trails this spring. Pick up 3 pieces of trash on each outing. When you are in the parish hall, put a piece of 'trash' into the 'trash can' on our new interactive bulletin board. Each piece of our bulletin board 'trash' represents a day that one of you met the challenge.

Add spiritual depth to your trash pick-up. As you bend to the earth to pick up a piece of refuse, exhale, "In this moment..." and inhale as you straighten, "I am present." Here are some other pairs of phrases that might help you to feel connected.

- I am a part – of the interdependent web
- We work together – whether together or apart
- With love for my planet – I do my part

Robert Frost knew that "[We] work together... whether [we] work together or apart." As we see the trash can fill, we will be reminded that we are indeed part of the interdependent web of existence and we are connected to each other– whether together or apart.

We will continue the challenge through the rest of the church year.

Ongoing Initiatives	Updates	How you can participate
<p>Gladdess and Family</p> <p>Contact Randa or Sonja FMI</p>	<p>Although his family is attending a different church, Gladdess continues to volunteer with our Monday cleaning crew. He has a date for his asylum hearing (May, 2020), but he's still waiting on his work permit. He is taking a CNA course. His practicum will be at Seal Rock from June 25-July 20. The girls are both enrolled in swim classes at the YMCA. York is getting active in the Community Bike Center, and Youston is participating in Engine's after-school arts program.</p>	<p>Biking: bike panniers, baskets, visibility aids and trailer bike (see image)</p> <p>Childcare: June 25-July 20, 6:30-7:30 am. Can you cover one or more mornings?</p> <p>Food: Hannaford and other gift cards are always needed.</p> <p>Friendship: Offer to take Gladdess or the girls for excursions.</p> <p>Transportation: Add your name to a list of people Gladdess can call as needed.</p> <p>There is a monthly Rent Shortfall of \$100.</p> 
<p>Little Free Pantry</p>	<p>The community is definitely participating in the LFP both in taking and leaving needed items.</p>	<p>Tidy the pantry when you're by - passing. Add food or non-food or seasonal items when you can. And always take what you need.</p>

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;

Share the Plate: BLUU

In May we will join in the promise and practice of our shared commitment to be a more inclusive, more expansive Unitarian Universalism by supporting Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU):

The Promise and Practice of Our Faith. Bonus: our contribution will be matched! "Imagine what our faith would look like if we *upheld* and *centered* the history, the perspectives, the voices, and the leadership of Black Lives of Unitarian Universalists..." "Together, we can collectively work to dismantle [white supremacy] and amend a long broken promise to the Black Lives within our Association." (from UUA.org) For more information:

<https://www.blacklivesuu.com/>



Share the Plate

February	MUUSAN	\$283.00
March	Animal Welfare Society	\$404.75
April	Eastern Trail Alliance	

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

There are Many Positives re: Our Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign Committee is open to all

We have received 40 pledges totaling \$75,765

Our Committee members,
Anne D., Betsey P., and Mark Y.
are committed to a
successful campaign

Opening the door
to our future



As noted in our timeline, our church has a rich history, which needs to be preserved, and we are fortunate to have an historic building.

**Ben Caron is
now our Clerk
of the Works!**

*Rev. Shay and
Our Board of Trustees
support our Capital
Campaign*

**We are lining
up folks to
clean out
under the
Parish Hall!**

**Al C. and Ron H. are
pursuing grants**

We promote our Capital Campaign
through brochures,
letters, Q&A's, Messenger articles

Already we have:

- Repaired the foundation under the Sanctuary
- Repaired the Parish Hall chimney
- Restored half of the Parish Hall windows
- Restored the fan window
- Repaired the roof over the chancel

Yard Sale Bake Sale Yard Sale Bake Sale Yard Sale Bake Sale

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So many folks have signed up to help with our May fundraiser - THANK YOU! Check the signup sheets in the hall by the restrooms. There are still opportunities to help with this event.

Clean out those closets, attics and garages. You can leave stuff in the Parlor.

Come to the sale. Buy back all those goodies you donated!



B&G: Gladdess, Anne, Betsey, and Jane

YARD SALE May 11

BAKE SALE May 11

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

B&G News

The folks at B&G are looking forward to the next fiscal year. The Finance Committee is busy trying to fit the Canvass pledge total into an operating budget that will meet all of our UUCSB program needs. In addition to electricity and fuel and water and sewer and insurance, B&G has traditionally been allocated about \$2800 a year for repairs and maintenance of our buildings. This is never enough to meet all our costs. This next fiscal year, due to reductions in pledges, we can't even plan around the usual amount.

Think about that leak in the Sanctuary that is staining our ceiling. Think about the shingles we lost in one of our wind storms. Think about that cement block in our walkway that has suffered a frost heave. Think about our peeling paint. Think about our security system. Think about what you'd like our facility be. Think about how you can support our efforts to keep the UUCSB in good shape.

"If it's to be; it's up to me!"





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!

Morning Song:

Join me in singing before the service at 8:45 on Sunday, May 12. We will sing songs of spring!



Choir Rehearsals:

5/5 10:15 for Mother's Day
5/12 8:30 Mother's Day
5/19 10:15 for Flower Communion
5/26 Off
6/2 10:15 for Flower Communion
6/9 8:30 Flower Communion



The only thing better than singing is more singing.

Ella Fitzgerald

Music in Our Community: Many members of our choir and our church family participate in community ensembles.

Upcoming Concerts (members or friends of our congregation are involved with the listed events – their names are in parentheses):

Alumni Band: Annual Mike Drapeau Scholarship Concert; Saturday, May 4, 2019; First Parish Congregational Church of Saco; (Nathan C)

Women in Harmony: "Journeys", Sat., May 4, 7:00 PM; Sunday, May 5, 4:00 PM; First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland (Betsey P)

Sea Change Chorale: June 1, 2019, 7:00 PM; Williston-Immanuel United Church, 156 High Street, Portland, ME; All proceeds to benefit the Portland Recovery Community Center (Margaret M)

What about You?: Do you sing or play in a music group that hasn't been highlighted yet this year? Are you singing in the shower and wanting to join the choir? Contact me with information or to find out more about the UUCSB Choir.

Music Workshop: "Come Let Us Worship: Cycle of Song, Volume 2"; Saturday, May 11 from 10 am to 5 pm at the UU Church of Haverill, MA; Rev. Jason Shelton, award winning composer and arranger (and more) as he previews 8 new choral anthems for small congregations. You don't need to be a choir member to attend – you just need to love to sing! It's a amazing experience reading through the music with over 200 others. Join a few of us who are already signed up and have a song filled experience! At the end of the day we will sing a couple of songs in a worship service at the UU Church of Haverill. Cost is \$40 per person, lunch included. Registration closes Monday, May 6th. Contact me for the registration link.



**Triquire
April service**

**Charlie Grindle
playing for Triquire
April service**



Pat grew up and lived in Connecticut, working in insurance claims. She also lived in Nashua, NH, for a few years. Although she grew up Catholic, she attended her first UU church there.

When she and Cathy moved back to Maine a few years ago, they were trying to recover from Cathy's job loss and Pat's diagnosis of stage 3 lung cancer. This community opened its arms and provided the caring and support she was looking for at this point in her life.

Though limited by illness, she enjoys gardening and exploring history.



Cathy is so happy to be a member of UUCSB. What she likes most is the warm and welcoming community. From the moment she and Pat walked through the door, they knew they were where they wanted to be.

Cathy was born in NY and grew up in Vermont and Maine. She taught school and coached, then spent much of her career as a Corporate Trainer in banking. Now she is at Kennebunk Savings as a mortgage Loan Processor.

Pat and Cathy enjoy traveling throughout New England and spending time at home with their dogs, Ellie and Abbie.

Cathy V. , Pat S., Kate S., and Mike D. signed the Membership Book on April 14 and became members of our church. All will be publicly introduced on June 9. Welcome, each of you!



Hello! says Kate. I am a Mainer by birth and by heart. I was raised in the Sanford school system, and graduated from the University of Southern Maine where I met my partner, Jaap. We have been through a lot together over the last 10 years, and he has always had my back. He actually encouraged me to find a church that fit! In 2017, we welcomed our little mischief-maker Finn to the world. Finn and I love going to UUCSB as often as we can. We love the music, stories, and people we meet.

We miss you, Dick!



from your Caring Connection

As most members of the congregation know, Dick Skillin moved to western Massachusetts at the end of March. This decision was made to allow him to be closer to family to ensure the proper and best care possible. We will all miss Dick, who has quietly and tirelessly worked as a Trustee, Board Treasurer, Caring Connection member, and long-time volunteer at Bon Appetit. He would welcome cards and notes at his new address:

Richard H. Skillin
741 Parker St., Apt 30B
East LongMeadow, MA 01028

The Caring Connection Group has had a busy month. Many members of the Congregation (and the group) have had caring needs, and members have responded with cards, rides, meals, and visits.

If you have or know of a caring need which may not have been addressed by the church community, please bring it to our attention.

Have a great Spring!

The Caring Connection:

Marilyn S-C, Anne C., Gloria S., Donna Ravn., and Pat S.





We meet at The Unitarian Universalist Church
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For more information contact Tom Muise at tmansmk49@gmail.com

Alphabet Soup - May, 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

Theme: Cowboys 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 your favorite brunch type side dishes. The meat will be provided.

Leader: Tom - Admission: FREE

Board Game Night

Thursday, May 9, 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, May 16, 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 to car pool. Dinner at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$6.00 or \$8.00 each depending on your age. RSVP by Monday, so that we can get a head count to SAGE

Board Game Night

Thursday, May 23, 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

Gay Themed Movie Night

Thursday, May 30, 2019 – 7:00 – 9:00 pm - Location: UUCSB

Bring a friend 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

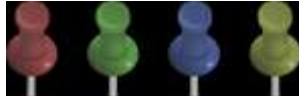
Theme: Dining Out

Thursday, June 6, 2019 – 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Location: UUCSB

We will meet at the Church and car pool together and head off to Mulligan's. Please bring a friend, must RSVP by Tuesday, June 4th. To Tom at tmansmk49@gmail.com.

Leader: Tom - Admission: Depends on what you order.

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.



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.



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.



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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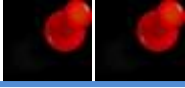


Puzzle and Book exchange....

Pat Snyder here requesting your input on the puzzle/book exchange. Is the location ok? Any suggestions on the arrangement? Should we leave it up all Spring and Summer? Do away with it altogether? If you have an opinion/idea, please email me at c.islandgal@yahoo.com



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:

Checking	\$1707.80
Accounts payable	\$-0-
Moulton Trust	\$1,695.81
Restricted Savings	\$7,758.65
Saco/Bidd Investments	137,887.25



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:

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!