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Bring your water on
Sept. 8 for Gathering
of the Waters!



September Teasers

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September Worship Services with Rev. Shay

Sept. 8th - No service

September 8th – Gathering of the Waters – We join together again as one community, reminding ourselves of the beauty and strength found in the swirling diversity of this congregation. Please remember to bring some water from places that are important to you, from places you have been, from places that symbolize love and connection.

September 15th – Our First All-Ages Service! On the 3rd Sunday of every month, our worship services will be intentionally designed to welcome and include all ages, from newborns to ninety-year-olds. These services will be full of music and stories and activities that speak to the child in all of us.

September 29th – Our First Faith In Action Service! This year, when a month has 5 Sundays, the 5th Sunday will be a worship service that focuses on putting our faith into action. We will have guest speakers from local organizations, have opportunities to explore areas of social justice more deeply, and actually *do* things together that will benefit our larger community.

Changes to our Directory

Pat S. has begun work on an updated directory. Check your info in the Fall 2018 directory, Please send any changes, additions, or corrections to: c.islandgal@yahoo.com. Thank you

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

Shay's Musings

Tending Fires by Rev. Lindasusan V. Ulrich

Kieran was a curious child, interested in everything that the grown-ups in the village could teach them. The one thing Kieran wasn't interested in, though? Waiting.

Kieran often watched Naima, one of the village's Fire Tenders, take her time placing each piece of kindling just so, stacking smaller branches on top, and then carefully propping the full logs into a cone. The slowness of it made Kieran practically twitch. "Ms. Naima, why can't you just throw all of it into the fire pit together? It's all going to burn anyway."

Naima smiled. "Kieran, fires need to breathe. You have to be patient as you build them or the air won't flow properly."

Kieran also liked to visit Talia, a seamstress. As she tied a knot in her thread, she eyed her young companion. "Kieran, dear, I sew love into every stitch of everything I make. That's what makes each piece special. The process takes time, but it's worth it."

Walking home, Kieran noticed that Farad still hadn't finished the well he'd been digging over the weekend. Farad wiped dirt off his forehead with a cloth. "Friend, there's much more to digging a well than getting out a shovel and removing some soil. For example, I have to line the sides with stone so the water will be safe for drinking. I can't rush something like that."

A few days later, Kieran came running home after school, tears streaming down their face. After finding Auntie Viv in the garden, Kieran shared the story in a rush of words. "I was walking home through the park because it's such a nice day, and as I went past some oak trees, I saw this boy hassling someone. And he was saying all kinds of awful things about her family, and her hair, and her house, and she was crying. So without even thinking, I swooped in and told him he'd better leave her alone, and then I grabbed her hand and we ran away."

"What do you think you got wrong?"

"Well, you're always telling me I should be more patient and wait things out, but I jumped right in instead. I'm sorry, Auntie Viv."

"Kieran, injustice always deserves a response. You interrupted harm from continuing. Will I still worry when you leap before you look? Of course. But it took courage to defend your friend. Building justice takes time and care, sweetheart. If we do it right, though, it will be a justice that lasts."

This was the story for all ages told during the closing worship service at the UUA General Assembly this past June. The conference was focused on exploring possibilities for transformation found through cooperation and collaboration. I'm excited to share some of what I experienced while I was there, and to see where these messages may take us.

Please join me for a "movie and discussion" night on Saturday, September 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in UUCSB's Parish Hall in Saco. We will, together, watch Reverend Marta I. Valentín's sermon from the closing worship service, titled "It is Time Now" and then have discussion afterward. Light snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring more to share!



Here is where you'll find me this Fall:

UUCSB Office hours:

Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
(and other various times by appt.)

Brown Bag Suppers are back!

You are invited to bring your own supper and join me at the church for casual conversation twice a month: on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

3rd Monday Vespers at 7:00 p.m.

A vespers service is an evening worship/prayer service, usually more contemplative than a Sunday morning service. Once a month, I will be leading a 45 minute vespers in the Parish Hall – a time for music, poetry, and meditation. All are welcome.



*Thoughts
from our
Board
President,
Al Casad*



Summer is winding down, I can feel it in the air. It goes way too fast for me. I am spending the day getting ready for our annual BBQ and Boat Ride coming in 2 days. Looking forward to a fun day eat'n Q and rid'n the pontoon.

The other night I had a dream that featured moments with past members of this church who welcomed us to this church 35+ years ago. Most are gone now but, they figured prominently in our church life. A bunch of characters that I remember so fondly. Marilyn and I joined this church for the purpose of community, kindred spirits and spiritual sustenance. We found all that and more. Now, like them, I have reached church "elder" age. The big difference is that the generation of young families is not coming to church. While this seems to be happening to organized churches everywhere, I can't help but wonder what happened and what can I do to draw young families and others into this wonderful community.

I hope we can engage in conversation and learning this coming year about how we might inspire the next generation to join this loving community. For example, can we do a couple "community dinners" that focus on things that would bring young people out to participate. Amp up our social media presence. Saturday night "dances"?

Ok, back to the BBQ.

best,
Al

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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.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND SHAY MACKAY

Sunday, October 6th at 4:00 p.m. at the Alfred Parish Church, 8 Kennebunk Road, Alfred, ME.

(reception to follow)

An Installation is a ceremonial worship service in which a minister is recognized as being Called to serve a specific community – it highlights and reaffirms the relationship between the minister and the people. It is an important milestone in the life of the church(es), signifying a transition into a new era and an openness to new ideas. It is both solemn and celebratory, with serious words from various people and a wicked party afterwards!

One of my beloved mentors, The Reverend Victoria Safford, will be preaching for the service and her words are not to be missed. There will be guests from out of town, other UU clergy from around New England, and, of course, as many of you as possible – all come together to bless and celebrate our journey with one another.

I would be honored if you would join me for this important occasion.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No service	2 Labor Day No Bon Appetit	3 9:00-12:00 Rev. Shay Office Hours	4 8:00 Weight Watchers 5:00-6:00 Brown Bag 6:30 CoM 6:30 Finance 7:00 Harbour Singers	5 7:00 Alphabet Soup	6 10:00 Coffee & Carbs Offsite	: 9:00 Meditation
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 Worship Rev. Shay Gathering of Waters	9:00-12:00 Rev. Shay Office Hours	9:00-12:00 Rev. Shay Office hours 5:00 Weight Watchers	8:00 Weight Watchers Harbour Singers 6:30 BoT 7:00 Harbour Singers	7:00 Alphabet Soup	10:00 Coffee & Carbs Offsite	10:00-12:00 MUUSAN Augusta 6:30-8:00 Movie night/discussion
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9:00 Worship Rev. Shay	9:00-12:00 Rev. Shay Office Hours					

Please send to Donna B. dates of your committee meetings and/or other dates for the Messenger calendar.

Beginning an exciting new year at UUCSB!

Building News



Window in process of restoration



B&G Morning Crew

Pat S., Jane P., Maestro, Anne D., Betsey P.

From the Archives

Up on the roof top.... So, we've been talking about our church roof a great deal this summer. Here's some recent history about the roof on the part of our building known as the Sanctuary.

In Oct. of 1997, work began on replacing our old and leaky roof in this part of our building. "The weatherman predicted rain and the workmen went home for the night having placed a protective tarp over the unshingled portion of the roof. They awakened next morning to find that there had been a rain of 'Biblical' proportion. Part of the Sanctuary ceiling was lying on the floor." (from Houses of Worship, Saco Maine.) In a strange coincidence in 2008 while a repair of the Sanctuary roof was taking place a similar situation occurred. This time with less damage, but still with chunks of ceiling in the pews!

In April 2010 a special congregational meeting was held to vote on replacement of the west side of the Sanctuary roof. You can see a copy of the minutes posted in the Parish Hall. Sort of "deja view" all over again! In June 2013 we fixed roof leaks around the steeple stump.

In 2015, we "water proofed" the steeple stump.

In 2019 while getting a quote to once again seal up the leaks around the base of our steeple; we discovered that the north side of our annex roof, which we had neglected due to all the drips in the Sanctuary, was in dire straights.

And on it goes!!

Cap Camp news

Your Capital Campaign dollars are at work! Have you looked at the front of the church from the sidewalk and noticed the boarded up window? Have you wondered what is happening? Restoration is what's happening. Soon the restored Sanctuary window will be installed. That will be a feel good moment. Watch your email. We are going to have a Sunday celebration!

Around the Building and Grounds

By the time you read this, the contract for those dire-straights roof repairs will have been signed and the work will be scheduled.

B&G folks have been in e-mail conference about other projects that we can tackle this Fall. (We want to keep some \$\$ for those pesky urgent items that crop up over the course of a church year.)

The immediate major needs are for a railing on one side of the walkway and the stop gap securing of the panes in the Sanctuary windows. We are talking with contractors the week of August 18th about these concerns.

Our usual Fall cleaning and spruce up is underway. Floors are being polished, paint touched up and brass is being shined. We need help with installing those basement window well covers, and general tidying up and organizing. Ask Jane P., Betsey, or Anne D. if you can lend a hand.

Oh, we always need sponges, eco-friendly dish soap and saran wrap, baggies and foil for our kitchen. Keep us in mind when you are at the grocery store. Thanks



*"We are One World
waiting for each other"*

Music Notes from Choir Director, Ellie R.

Our Music Ministry: Our music ministry begins with our Sunday services but extends in many directions. Let me know if you're interested in being part of it: The Music Ministry Team, the Choir, Special Music, a Justice Choir. Contact me at:
UUCSBChoir@maine.rr.com

My Music Notes: 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 and share the poetry of my songs and the stories behind them. If you have questions about our Music Ministry that you'd like answered, please let me know!

Morning Song:

Before one service each month I am in the sanctuary leading 'gathering singing'. Please join us in singing! If you prefer not to sing, please sit quietly in the sanctuary and enjoy the music or gather with friends in the parish hall or hallway for conversation. Dates and times of upcoming 'Morning Song' will be found in the Friday Flyer.



The Music I Write – When I was a young girl my mother, with no mal-intent, compared my piano playing to that of my big sister. I don't recall her exact words but I recall feeling 'less than' and 'not good enough'. In high school my older and wiser boyfriend said to me 'you're a musician but not a creative musician'. I believed it. Every time I attempted to be creative with my music, there was always a barrier...until one morning over 30 years later I heard a melody while I was in the shower. It played over and over and over in my head. Something told me not to let it go. I didn't know how to write it down on paper but somehow I found a way to remember it. Throughout that day, the words followed. My first song was written!

This year in my 'Music Notes' I will share with you some of the poetry of my songs and if there is a story behind the music or the words. My songs typically center on the interconnectedness of all beings and my hope for a peaceful coexistence with all.

Camille Curtis Saucier was kind enough to showcase this song during a Voices in Harmony concert in 2003. This link is from a recording of that event! Singing with me are Myra R. and Rose P.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/e11kifpzon3uymg/AACn_VFQj4CtoosW98Z7oT6ea?dl=0

One World

by Ellie Rolnick, copyright 2003 by Ellie Rolnick

We are one world waiting for each other.
We are one world, brother, sister, father, mother.
We are one world, standing on the brink,
Waiting for a drink of peace.

We are one world waiting for each other.
We are one world, brother, sister, father, mother.
We are one world, standing on a ledge,
Waiting at the edge of peace.

When we come to know that the world is small
We will understand that we must share it all.
Mountains and rivers, forests and lands
But we can only do it hand in hand in hand.

We are one world waiting for each other.
We are one world, brother, sister, father, mother.
We are one world, standing on the brink,
Waiting for a drink of peace. We are waiting for a drink of peace.
We are waiting....

Choir Rehearsals: All who love to sing are welcome to be part of the choir. We will be having a special choir gathering some time this fall and the choir is getting a late start this year. Please see the Friday Flyer for details.



AND THE
SURVEY
SAYS...



Survey: What are your social justice priorities? What do you think those of our church should be? Please complete [this survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2RJSWFR). <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2RJSWFR> The same survey will be delivered via e-mail and a paper copy will be available. Please respond just once.

Democracy: [MUUSAN](https://www.muusan.org/) (Maine UU State Advocacy Network) and the Unitarian Universalist Association

There is a lot happening legislatively in our state and with a crucial national election, much to do to make the changes we so want.

Read the UUA article "[Unitarian Universalists and Elections](https://www.uua.org/faithful-democracy)" and prepare to join the national interfaith coalition, Faithful Democracy in a massive Get Out the Vote effort. We will be hearing more about this from Reverend Shay.

Join us for the next
MUUSAN Network Meeting
Saturday, September 14,
10-Noon
UU Community Church of
Augusta
<https://www.muusan.org/>

Faith in Action Team: UUCSB's Social Justice Center

Energy Attracts Energy

We talk about wanting to attract families and young people. This year we plan to find ways to show the larger community of social justice warriors that UUCSB is a center of action. Kicking this off, we will have a booth at [River Jam Fest](http://riverjamfest.com) (<http://riverjamfest.com>) on September 20 and 21st in which we will showcase all the ways that our two churches put their faith into action. Please sign up to participate! (Contact Randa or sign up at the FiAT bulletin board in the parish hall.)

We know that most of us are engaged in faithful actions, even if it's not under the auspices of our committee or through our church. Let shine this little light of ours!



a refugee
**For I was a stranger
and you welcomed me.**
MT 25:35
- Jesus

Immigrant Resettlement update

One can't help but be aware of the influx to greater Portland of asylum seekers from west Africa. Several of those families have found their way to host families in Saco and Biddeford and will be needing lots of support to make their way. Here are some needs:

Transportation: you can sign up to drive or donate bus passes

Babysitting: occasional or regular opportunities to snuggle babies for 1-2 hour blocks.

Clothing: donations of all kinds needed, especially for winter and rain wear, all ages

Gift cards: Hannaford, Market Basket, Walmart, Target, Goodwill
Cash or checks to WIONN (Welcome Immigrants Our New Neighbors) for other needs

So many others: Contact Sonja, Matt or Randa if you want to know about other needs or how you can join a care team or to get an update about our friend Gladdess and his family.



UUCSB Holiday Fair

Yes, it's only September, but the holidays will creep up on us. Be assured - your Holiday Fair Committee is already energized and excited. Mark your calendars. The event will happen on **Saturday, November 23**. We are grateful to have committed folks who will plan, and organize, and be responsible for the kitchen, Granny's Attic, the Country Store, Jewelry Table, Pie Buy, Wreaths, Dry Arrangement Buckets, Baked Beans and Bread, and more.



What we need now is you - your time, and energy, and creativity, and your willingness to help make this an event to talk about - one that draws the crowds of early holiday shoppers from our church and our community - an event that generously supports our church financially. We need bakers of sweets and beans, soup and bread makers, wreath makers, creators of crafts, people to set up, others to decorate, still others to clean up, We need talented musicians to set the holiday mood. We need friendly smiling faces to work shifts at tables during the fair and folks to handle money. We need people to publicize in a variety of ways. Again, we need you. It takes a village - or a whole church - to run a successful holiday fair.

No doubt, we will be asking for your help. What would be better is if you would contact us to volunteer to help at a table or to work on a specific task. There will be a variety of opportunities - whether to work the day of the fair or to join small work parties. It isn't too early to start knitting, crafting, and/or planning how you can contribute to this major fundraiser for our church.



We are looking for donations of "Ugly Christmas Sweaters" to sell at the Fair. Also need donations of decorations for wreaths.

Contact Wendy C., or Dorinne S., who will delightfully welcome your time and talents - as little or as much as you have to offer - as well as your ideas for our Holiday Fair.

Candlelight Concert

Join us in our
historic sanctuary
for a candlelight
concert featuring the
words and songs of
our
talented, creative
church members



**Unitarian Universalist Church
of Saco and Biddeford
Saturday, October 19, 2019
7:00 - 9:30 p.m.**

Suggested Donations of \$10 - \$20
will be gratefully accepted for the support of our church
\$5 for children, \$30 family maximum

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*Who are these "talented, creative church members"
who will perform?*

Musicians: Ellie R., Rev. Shay, Anne C., Alex R., Mike D., Conrad C., Randa T.

Poets/Authors: Nancy K., Randa T., Anne D., Donna B., Anne C.

And more.....

We are a Green Sanctuary



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

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

Alphabet Soup – September Calendar of Events

Please Note that some events may change.

Potluck Dinner for Alphabet Soup

Theme: Fall Kickoff

Thursday, September 5, 2019 – 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Location: UUCSB

Please bring a friend and bring an entrée, salad, side dish, or a dessert to share. The Meat will be provided.

Leader: Tom

Admission: FREE

Board Game Night

Thursday, September 12, 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, September 19, 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 carpool. 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.

Gay Themed Movie Night

Thursday, September 26, 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

Potluck Dinner for Alphabet Soup

Theme: October Fest

Thursday, October 3, 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. The Meat will be provided.

Leader: Tom Admission: FREE

Recent church family happenings



Gary from SUUC singing and playing his guitar at the Ferry Beach picnic for the two churches

August picnic at Ferry Beach. Good people, good conversation, good music, good food. Pictured here: Niki N. and Randa T. from UUCCSB and Charlie G. and Diane W-P from SUUC



What's Up?

Caring Connection

Wow, Summer seems to have flown by! Along with lovely weather, vacations, and visitors from out-of-town, we have seen several very serious, scary, and debilitating health issues for several of our members. Please hold them, their caregivers, and the rest of our beloved congregation in your thoughts. Thanks to everyone who has reached out to offer support.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the first church service in September. The Caring Connection: Marilyn C., Anne C., Donna R., Gloria S., & Pat S.



Puzzle/Books Shelf

What fun these puzzles are! Please bring in any you want to share.

This week 9/2-9/8 some of the 1000 piece puzzles that haven't been used much will be removed to make more room. They will be on sale in Granny's Attic at the Christmas Fair.

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

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.



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

Greetings from the Treasurer

Account balances as of 8/21/19
are as follows:

Checking	\$ 1,680.43
Accounts payable	\$ 79.12
Moulton Trust	\$ 1,716.38
Restricted Savings	\$ 37,769.03
Saco/Bidd Investments	\$139,405.41



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.

**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.

**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.

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!

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