# Friday Flyer - February 4, 2021

## News You Can UUse From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** Spiritual Tools for the Journey
- Rev. Lori Whittemore
- Worship at 10:00 AM- February 6th

## Church Activities This Week:

- o Sunday, Feb. 6 @ 10:00 AM
- WorshipTrustees
- o Wednesday, Feb. 9 @ 6:30 PM
  - Unless indicated otherwise, these activities welcome all members and friends.

### **Office Hours**

Administrator, Brian Dustin

Mon-Wed-Fri -8-11 AM

**Caring Needs** – Please contact church office.

## **Upcoming Events and Activities**

## Thoughts from Rev. Lori

Happy Friday! I hope you got plowed out ok and I hope this week's storm doesn't pack quite the same punch as last week. My sermon this week will be about spiritual tools. Or rather, A TOOL, and the many ways you can use it to enrich your life and the lives of others. Spoiler alert, the tool is listening. My talk will be about listening to yourself, others, and for the voice of God. I share these words from Kate Lore of Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Port Townsend, Washington, ", Listening doesn't just guide us through the world. It also creates our world." I look forward to Sunday's co-creating together! Rev. Lori (she/her)

#### • Faith in Action News

MUUSAN (or Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network) is actively writing testimony and Letters to the Editor about different legislation in Augusta this session and you can find more info on both MUUSAN's website (MUUSAN.org) and their Facebook page. MUUSAN has four different issue groups for you to choose from to get involved, Democracy in Action, Climate Change, Health Care and Racial, Native & Immigrant Justice. We are asking that all our congregations get involved in supporting LD 1626 - the Tribal Sovereignty bill as we will need a two-thirds majority for it to pass. Remember, you don't have to submit oral testimony unless you want to. You can always submit your written testimony as a PDF to be distributed to everyone on the committee.

MUUSAN has started a new committee of Congregational Legislative Liaisons (or CLL's) who meet every Monday at 1pm on zoom and they are trying to have every UU congregation in Maine represented on this committee. Fortunately, you don't have to attend every meeting because the updates and actions are listed on MUUSAN's website and Facebook page every week because I have a prior commitment every other week with the Maine Peoples' Alliance (or MPA) Strategy Committee. I would love to share the responsibilities of being SUUC's CLL with anyone willing to get involved. You can read more about it on MUUSAN's website & Facebook page or contact Patty Kidder for more info.

Also, I know this year can be a bit confusing about who is your current Rep. and Senator in the 130<sup>th</sup> legislature for the rest of 2022 and what are the new House and Senate District numbers and boundaries going forward after the November 2022 elections into the

131st legislature. Whoever was your Rep. and Senator last year(2021) is still representing you this year through the end of the second session in June or July. These are the folks who need to hear from you about the different bills you want them to support or oppose this year.

I have attached a link to the new House and Senate district maps going forward for the next decade. House districts - <u>DRA 2020 (davesredistricting.org)</u> Senate districts - <u>DRA 2020 (davesredistricting.org)</u> If you click on "map colors" (far left side), it will remove the pretty colors and allow you to zoom in to learn the exact boundaries for each new district. If you want any help figuring out your new district numbers and boundaries, contact Patty Kidder via email or cellphone, "patty\_kidder@hotmail.com" or 207-502-9667.

## White Ribbon Project

As you are aware, Maine Medical Center and area hospitals are currently overrun with the demands of treating covid and the effects of covid. Our medical staff and support services go everyday to a job that places them and their households at risk. Each time they leave the warmth of their homes, they face career challenges that frequently rise above their own personal emotional and physical resources to complete. Yet, each person served from our community is greeted by a professional ready to meet their needs and the needs of their loved ones.

The White Bow Project is a simple community thank you to our medical and support services for their services and sacrifice by placing a white bow on mailboxes, shrub, or tree. The hope is for this staff to see that their community thanks them and recognizes their sacrifices. When a person places their white bow, they are saying "we are in this together.". The more bows placed, the greater the message of appreciation and community solidarity. May every Maine mailbox have a white bow!

## Live Stream on Faceboo0k

We are now live streaming our services on Facebook every Sunday at 10:00am
Feeling under the weather? Can't get to church?
Want to join the service from the comfort of your own home?
Join us live at 10:00am every Sunday on our Facebook pageUnitarian Universalist Church of Saco and Biddeford.
(Facebook link on our web page)

## • Covid-19 Guidelines

- Masks must be worn inside
- Softly singing with masks on
- Masks off when speaking in pulpit area
- Sit in appropriately marked pews social distance unless in same household
- Hand sanitizer stations
- No coffee hour feel free to socialize outdoors

#### Ushers & Flowers

We need Ushers and flower donations every Sunday. Please sign up on the schedule on the bulletin board by the restrooms. Thanks.

#### Hannaford Cards

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