

The Messenger

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Worship for June

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

- June 5th – Rev. Lori Whittemore –
“In the larger community”**
- June 12th – Rev. Niki Norman – “How We Get There”. ”**
- June 19th – Rev. Lori Whittemore— “This is for the Fathers”**
- June 26th – Rev. Lori Whittemore— “Flower Communion”**

**We are 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 10:00 a.m. every Sunday on our Facebook page.
Go to our website (www.uuchurchsacobiddeford.com)
and click the Facebook link. 

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

Sermon Notes

Happy June, Wonderful People!

Where did it go? May and these last 5 months? It has been a lovely month encountering earth, mothers, grief, each other and community. Next month is the stage of completion and return on our Spiritual Pilgrimage. Where we head back different than when we began. Great time to take another spiritual inventory as you prepare for the summer months. I noticed there was still space on the sheet for facilitating a summer service. Please sign up! Now that we can be in person...lets do it! I have only recently met and come to know Russ, our superhero building fixer guy. I startled him one day as I walked in wearing my tam. He was spreading soil on our bare patches. I had some left over holy ground that we made together. I had him stir it with his hands and mix it in with what he was spreading. What came from all of us, what was blessed by all of us, is a part of the ground(s) again. Here he is.

June will be a month of getting to know our larger community and celebrations of one sort or another. We are returning to where we started on our metaphorical pilgrimage. Perhaps we are returning to even before the pandemic. Interacting with the world. The first Sunday, I am hoping to have a person from a community organization come in to commune with us. To share the good news of what they do and join us in our rituals of togetherness. The second Sunday Niki will lead a service of gratitude for all of the many, many people who make our time together possible and fabulous! The 3rd Sunday will be a celebration of Father's Day and solstice. The last Sunday will be flower communion and a sending.

Thank you for making my time here spectacular! You have welcomed me, trusted me, celebrated me, and made me feel at home! I feel so very very blessed and look forward to continuing this journey with you next fall!

Peace and many blessings to you!

— Reverend Lori (she/her)



Biographies

Reverend Lori Whittemore (Rev. Lori) serves as a contract minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco and Biddeford. She holds a Master of Divinity from Bangor Theological Seminary and is ordained by the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine (Chime). She is a Board-Certified Clinical Chaplin and Diplomate Supervisor certified by the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy. She recently received her doctorate in ministry from the George Fox University's Portland Seminary focusing on semiotics, church and culture. She is delighted to be with us.



Reverend Niki Norman is a community chaplain and interfaith minister in southern Maine. Rev Niki graduated from and was ordained by the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine in 2020, where she currently serves as a board member. Rev Niki provides weekly interfaith services each week for the residents of St Joseph's Rehab and Residence in Portland and was honored to be the Minister of the Week at Ferry Beach in the summer of 2021. Rev Niki is a member of the UUCSB and is deeply grateful for the support from the UUCSB community. She loves people, laughter, music, cats and poetry, in no particular order!



Music Notes

from Choir
Director, Ellie Rolnick



- **June Choir:** June 12 and June 26; rehearsal at 8:45; singing in church
- **Participation:** If you want to join the choir for June, please contact me ASAP
- **Masks:** Masks are optional for the choir but are not required.
- **Special Music:** Do you play an instrument or sing? If you would like to offer your music talents to sing or play a hymn or other music during a service, please let me know!
- **Choir and Music Ministry Pot Luck:**
 - ◇ Have you been part of the choir this year?
 - ◇ Have you offered 'Special Music' this year?
 - ◇ Are you interested in participating in our Music Ministry during the next church year?

If the answer to one or more of these questions is 'Yes!' then you are invited to our Potluck gathering on June 26th. I will be sending out specifics to those who I know answered yes to the first 2 questions but if you answered yes to the third question – I need you to reach out to me!

All are welcome who love to sing or who want to be involved with our Music Ministry.

For more information, please contact me directly at choir@uuchurchsacobiddeford.com

Caring Connection

The role of the Caring Connection group is to care for our church family by coordinating short-term support and assistance for members of the church during times of difficulty. This year we have been busy giving practical help, making calls and shawls, and sending cards. Thanks to all of you for your generous support, and special thanks to Paula Howard, who has made lovely prayer shawls and faithfully sent cards to members, despite her own recurring physical challenges!



We depend on you to reach out to any one of us to let us know of your need or of a concern you may have for someone else. At recent meetings, we have discussed the impact of relative social isolation on our community. With the constant mutation of COVID-19, members still weigh the risks and benefits of gathering with others. What things can we do to help keep the flame of connection alive during this period when socializing together is so challenging? We would welcome any suggestions.

We hope you all stay safe and well. If you do experience times of difficulty, or if you have suggestions, please contact one of our members.

The Caring Connection Team:

Paula Howard, Margaret Merrill, Donna Ravn, Pat Snyder, and Marilyn Stoesser-Casad

REFLECTIONS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Here we are. The month our transitions begin for the new year at our church. Seems like only yesterday that we were starting out the current year. We've come a long way since last year's beginning. Perhaps most exciting is that we now have Reverend Lori Whittemore as our pastor! We are confident that she will lead us in hope, harmony and education. In addition, we are delighted to have our own beloved Reverend Niki Norman, who will fill in once a month for Reverend Lori Whittemore!



The dreaded COVID monster is calming down and we can meet together once again Coffee Hour is beginning and the Spring Yard Sale is a go! Building and Grounds absolutely outdid themselves this year. Week after week, they worked on every part of our beloved church. Cleaning, repairing and updating. They never stopped and continue on today. We are most grateful to this dedicated group!

Upon the receipt of a generous donation from Cathy Vollkommer in memory of her beloved Pat, our church's electrical system was repaired and updated! Our furnace problems resulted in not having heat one Sunday this winter. But that did not stop our faithful parishioners. They found a way to have service that morning and the furnace was repaired!

We are live streaming now on Facebook every Sunday due to the hard work of a few folks who stepped up and got it done! Many committees worked so hard during this past year. It was rough but they all came through with shining colors! We are so grateful to each and every one of them!

We were able to have a Thanksgiving Pie sale which gave us some hope for activities to begin again. Our "Tree of Hope" was a smashing success and brought joy to us as well as those who physically benefitted from the project.

So, now we begin a new year of hope and anticipation. We came through one of the most difficult times of our church lives and it is time to celebrate!

— Your Ever Faithful Board of Trustees: *Paul Coleman, Wendy Coleman, Mike Dolan, Sonja Gerken, Pat Snyder, Cathy Vollkommer, Anne Wilkinson*



**Come to our Yard Sale and Bake Sale on
Saturday June 4th, from 8am-1pm.**

Volunteers and items to sell are needed.

Baked goods will be limited to cookies and bars,
prepackaged 4 to a package.

Household goods and jewelry sell really well.

Books are fine. No clothing.

Bags needed.

Board of Trustees agendas are posted one week prior to the meetings. Approved Board minutes are posted on the bulletin board nearest the Sanctuary and emailed to the congregation.



**Sunday June 12 in the Parish Hall
immediately after church.**



Congratulations,
Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore!
We are proud of you
and glad to have you
With us at UUCSB!

And now
Rev. Lori
puts away
her tam!



Celebrating in the
Parish Hall for the
first time since
pre-Covid.

Share the Plate

Hello all.

As you know we donate half of the collection plate on Sunday to a local non profit. I am the coordinator of this effort, but I need your input as to which local groups you are passionate about. I would love to have ideas for next year. Please contact me by email (or text) with any ideas you may have.

— Jeannine Wilson (jwilso118@gmail.com)



June Share the Plate: Welcome Immigrants, Our New Neighbors (WIONN)

In June we will be sharing half of our collection with the legal support fund of WIONN. Many of the immigrants served by WIONN recently are asylum seekers. The process of gaining asylum can be costly. Free legal services are limited and paid service are expensive, starting at \$3500. We will also use this fund to help with filing forms for renewing work permits (\$410) and applying for citizenship (\$1170).

WIONN is a small organization with a big heart! When founder Judy Cadmus was volunteering at Biddeford Adult Education 10 years ago, she learned of a new immigrant family that was in need of household goods. She and her husband, Dick, gathered some things and met with the family. That family told of another family in need and Judy and Dick reached out to them, too. Soon they were befriending and helping nearly 30 families, and their friends started to get concerned! The Cadmuses enlisted the support of their Kennebunk church and some friends of friends and WIONN was born.

Donna Beveridge, Betsey Pace, Odette Dansereau, Mark Young, Susan Young and Trevor Neitz have given of their time helping a number of families and Matt Gerken and Randa Thomas are on the WIONN leadership team. In the past UUCSB has been very generous in helping our friend, Gladdess and his two daughters, who are now happily settled in Oxford.

WIONN works through "care teams" of 2-4 people to get to know families and to help them set up homes in the greater Biddeford area and to navigate a new country and culture. Sonja Gerken, Matt Gerken, and Randa Thomas are on care teams. WIONN helps with grocery gift cards, back-to-school sneakers, finding furnishings and household items. Volunteers help New Mainers enroll kids in school, find work or training programs, fill out complicated forms, and access other resources.

Please give generously! Merci, Obrigado, NaTakallam, *Sepās-gozāram*



Around the Building

We at B&G are finishing this church year like the finale of the Overture of 1812 - with fireworks. Come see what's going on with our leaky spots, roof issues and Sanctuary windows. Details of all this will be in our Annual Report. We are pleased to see so much progress on much needed work. Our thanks to the committees and congregation members who work with us on these projects and to the contractors who gave us so much more than we bargained for. Merci!!!

— Anne Dobson

Faith in Action Team: UUCSB's Social Justice Center



Next FIAT meeting:

June 5 after church

Check the Friday Flyer for information about summer meetings

If you are a social justice warrior, you can be a member of the UUCSB Faith in Action Team. Paraphrasing Robert Frost, "We work together, I tell you from the heart, whether we work together or apart."

MEETING REPORT:

Our FiAT (currently Donna Beveridge, Diane Eiker, Sonja Gerken, Matt Gerken, Dorinne Spirito and Randa Thomas) met twice in May, getting back in the swing of things.

With our intent to do what we can and from a base of Gratitude, Love and highest intentions, we agreed to support each other to give with joy and passion and not just a sense of obligation. We agreed to accept our limitations and to explore our limits.

The passions that emerged include:

Green Sanctuary 2030: we will continue to learn how to participate in the UUA's recertification process. We will meet this summer to study and plan. See Diane's message.

A woman's right to choose: an area of particular passion right now, Dorinne has shared her experience of going to D.C. with Marilyn Stoesser-Casad and Anne Dobson. to march many years ago. Please read her reflection on [page 9](#).

Connecting with our greater community: Recognizing the limits of our numbers, time, and energy, we agreed that it is important that we become more aware of what actions other agencies are organizing.

We will:

- Inform our church community of local demonstrations and other actions so we can show up. Please do the same!
- Bring one of our church banners to represent UUCSB
- Wear our yellow UUCSB Side with Love t-shirts when we participate. (See Sonja to order one for yourself!)



Pride Portland:

You are invited to march with our church and MUUSAN as the Portland Pride Parade returns on June 18! Details on meeting time in an upcoming Friday Flier.



Our Principles - My View

In this time of unrest and uncertainty in our community, country, and the world, do you, as a UU, feel strongly about an issue? Here's an opportunity to share your view with our UU community and for others to respond by sharing a different point of view. We welcome thoughtful discourse through this opinion-based column.

The Messenger will accept opinion pieces that are grounded in our Principles and the Sources from which they are drawn. Our Messenger editors will review each contribution to determine its appropriateness. **My View** articles represent the beliefs and opinions of the authors. We are a congregation that accepts one another as we search for truth and meaning in our lives and our community.

[1st Principle](#): The worth and dignity of every person;

[2nd Principle](#): Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;

[3rd Principle](#): Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;

[4th Principle](#): A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;

[5th Principle](#): The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

[6th Principle](#): The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

[7th Principle](#): Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven [Principles](#), which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these [Principles](#) within a "living tradition" of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience. These are the six sources our congregations affirm and promote:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Our first **My View** article (on the next page) is offered by a member of UUCSB and member of FIAT (Faith in Action Team). It is the view of one person, Dorinne Spirito. **This is her view. What's yours?**

Woman's Choice *by Dorinne Spirito*

I believe in a woman's choice for abortion. Nearly 50 years ago, in 1973, the Supreme Court ruled that women can only be denied abortion in the last 3 months of pregnancy. This ruling has been contentious ever since, to the point of threats, dangerous demonstrations, and murders at women's clinics where women have been able to get comprehensive healthcare and make healthy decisions around pregnancy options. This ruling has been upheld until recently and now individual states are making their own laws and outlawing and criminalizing abortions. These laws disturb me.

The Supreme Court is reconsidering this law once again, and the implications look very dire. If this law is overturned, the people who will be mostly affected will be the poor, people of color and the people in rural communities. I believe there will likely be very dangerous abortions out of desperation; women will die; and there will be more uncared for children brought into this world.

Rev. Dr. Susan Fredericks-Gray, our president of the UUA, in a statement on May 3, 2022, states "As a faith tradition, we are committed to Reproductive Justice which espouses the human right to have children or not to have children, to parent the children one has in healthy environments and to safeguard bodily autonomy and to express one's sexuality freely." She also states "UU's will continue to fight for abortion access."

I believe Women's Choice is embodied in our principles. We covenant and promote the following:

#2 Justice, Equity, and Compassion in human relations.

#5 The right of conscience and the use of democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

Is there justice in taking away a woman's choice? I don't believe so. Is there justice when only people of means have access to abortion? I don't believe so. Many people believe that we are not using the democratic process when we deny women the right to figure out for themselves about abortion. I believe this is a personal issue for every woman.

This picture was taken in 1989 when the abortion ruling of 1973 was also very threatened. Anne Dobson, Marilyn Stoesser-Casad, Bobbie Eregitano and I took a Maine bus of women to DC to join the Prochoice March. We had to stand up for a woman's right to choose. Fortunately, the Supreme Court ruling was not changed at that time, but the laws have become diluted and manipulated ever since. The trip was a very meaningful experience for me; and today I am inspired by all the women and men who have worked tirelessly to protect our rights, our health, and the health of our families throughout the years. I will continue to fight for PRO-CHOICE, a Woman's Choice.

For more information:

www.uua.org/pressroom/press-releases/fight-abortion-access



This is the view of one person. We recognize the inherent value of every person's view. What speaks to your passion? What moves you to action? Our Faith in Action Team welcomes your view.

ARE WE A GREEN SANCTUARY? *by Diane Eiker*

Green Sanctuary: what is it?

As a Unitarian Universalist congregation we are committed to “putting our money where our mouth is,” that is, we live our values. The Green Sanctuary program is the tool developed by the UUA to proclaim our commitment to environmental justice and to act on that commitment. We live this out through spiritual connection, sustainable living and social justice. The program was begun 15 years ago and is just beginning its 7th iteration.

How does a congregation become a Green Sanctuary?

To become a Green Sanctuary a congregation must put together a team, do a self-assessment, make a plan and complete projects in the area of environmental justice. When the project is completed a detailed final report is submitted to the UUA for review and either approved for accreditation or returned with suggestions for further work.

Has UUCSB gone through this process?

On December 13, 2005, our church became one of the first to be certified as a Green Sanctuary. This accreditation was renewed in 2011 with an upgrade to the program.

Are we still a green sanctuary?

While we are still listed with the UUA as a Green Sanctuary, we are aware that we have not maintained the commitments we made at the time of accreditation. Because of this we have chosen to carry lightly our claim to the title while we re-organize to plan for the newest iteration of Green Sanctuary, Green Sanctuary 2030.

What is Green Sanctuary 2030?

The climate-change crisis with global warming is the existential threat to the human species and the web of life. It is the urgent, overarching survival and justice issue of our time, calling us to impactful action now. Green Sanctuary 2030 is a response to that threat. It will call for us to develop a three-pronged approach to climate change: mitigation (reduce the causes), resilience (reduce vulnerability to the effects of climate change) and justice (confront the reality that climate change has a greater impact on those most vulnerable and historically oppressed). Meeting each of these goals will require in-depth self-assessment, planning and action and, while being led by the team, will require the involvement of the congregation as a whole.

What's next?

Our FiAT (Faith in Action Team) team is prepared to hit the ground running in the fall to begin the process of re-accreditation in Green Sanctuary 2030, so be prepared to go to work!

Read more about Green Sanctuary 2030:

<https://www.uua.org/environment/green-sanctuary/2030-mobilizing-for-climate-justice>

Good Stuff Sale!

We're sure everybody must have some good stuff around the house that they would be willing to donate to the church to be sold. While you're cleaning out that attic or basement, or just sprucing up, downsizing or moving, consider giving any larger items to the church. (Small Items of \$20 retail or less should be held for church yard sale). Pat Snyder will take care of the sale of these items with proceeds supporting our church. This is an easy, contact free way to help raise money toward the fundraising needs of the church this year. Please contact Pat Snyder if you have any items that you think might be appropriate.



MUUSAN

Maine Unitarian Universalist
State Advocacy Network

MAINE UUs SUPPORT DEMOCRACY!

Check out the three opportunities below.

Be a part of UUtheVoteME 2022! Volunteers are needed from every Maine UU congregation! Be a part of ensuring that all Americans have access to voting, and help stand up for democracy as we go into the November elections. Contact UUtheVoteME co-facilitators Julia and Trudy at admin@muusan.org to learn the different ways to get involved!

UU the VOTE



Are you interested in being a nonpartisan election observer for the June primaries? Get trained by the League of Women Voters of Maine. As a nonpartisan election observer, you'll have the chance to travel and observe multiple poll locations, take pictures, and report back.

If you're interested in volunteering, fill out the League's [sign-up form](#) and sign up for the [training](#) on May 24. Once they get you registered as a volunteer, they'll sort out your Election Day assignments that work best with your schedule.

A recent Maine election and a ruling by the FEC have exposed a [dangerous loophole in Maine's campaign finance laws](#) that allow foreign government-owned entities to influence the outcome of Maine elections. The Protect Maine Elections referendum would close this dangerous loophole. *We need to collect another 35,000 petition signatures by September 1st to put this vital reform on the Maine ballot. If you can participate in collecting signatures on just one day - [the statewide primary election on June 14th](#) - it would be a game-changer for this campaign.* Let's come together again to qualify the Protect Maine Elections referendum to close this loophole and preserve Maine elections for Maine people!



**PROTECT MAINE
ELECTIONS**



MUUSAN is rapidly expanding our mailing list to Maine Unitarian Universalists and others who share our values in the public arena. We hope you enjoy all the opportunities that our newsletter, [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) provide for social justice actions in Maine, especially on our four primary issues: Democracy in Action, Health Care, Climate Change, and Racial, Native, and Immigrant Justice

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

On-Line PayPal Payments

Donations and pledge payments can be made using PayPal. To do so, go to the church website at: www.uuchurchsacobiddeford.com and at the very top of the page click "Give" and then click "Donate".

Donations and pledge payments may also be mailed to:

Unitarian Universalist Church of
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60 School Street
Saco, ME 04072

Greetings from the Treasurer

Account balances as of 5/20/2022 are as follows:

Checking	\$11,456.60
Accounts Payable	\$146.73
Moulton Trust	\$1,055.97
Restricted Savings	\$45,552.91
Saco/Bidd Investments	\$159,388.40

Any questions, just call.
Sincerely, *Wendy Coleman*



Hannaford Gift Cards

Would you like to donate to the church in a way that doesn't cost you anything? If you buy your weekly groceries with a Hannaford gift card purchased from UUCSB, the church gets 5%. Our church depends on this fundraiser to contribute to its operating budget. Cards are available in \$100 or \$50 denominations. Gift cards are for sale in the nursery every Sunday after the worship service, or if you are worshipping virtually, just call or email Ellie Lockwood (ellenor.lockwood@twc.com) and make arrangements to pick them up at another time. Thank you for participating in this fundraiser in support of our church. .



Ellie Lockwood

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.





UU Post It Notes



Post It!

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 (Niki Norman, Pat Campbell, and Odette Dansereau).

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 Dustin, Webmaster

Church Administrator

Brian Dustin

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 to 11 am.

[207/282-0062](tel:2072820062) or [207/632-4512](tel:2076324512)

www.uuchurchsacobiddeford.com

Little Free Pantry

Bring what you want; take what you need.

Some suggestions are peanut butter, pasta, rice, baking products, protein bars, cereal, canned soups, canned vegetables, powder laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products, diapers, toothpaste, bar soap and paper products.

Thank you for putting your Faith into Action.



Photo by Liz Gotthelf/Journal Tribune

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 and 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!

We are a Green Sanctuary and a Welcoming Community