Friday Flyer – August 5, 2022

News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- Worship This Week -A Taste of GA
- Diane Eiker
- Worship at 8:30 AM- August 7th
- Church Activities This Week:
 - o Sunday, August 7 @ 8:30 AM Summer Worship
 - o Wednesday, August 10 @ 6:30 PM Trustees
 - Thursday, August 11 @ 7:00 PM SMGM via ZOOM
 Unless indicated otherwise, these activities welcome all members and friends.

Office Hours

Minister, Rev. Lori Whittemore
Administrator, Brian Dustin

By Appointment
Mon-Wed-Fri –8-11 AM

Caring Needs – Please contact church office.

Upcoming Events and Activities

• Thoughts from Rev. Lori

Happy Friday Good People!

We in the waning of summer. Where September is just around the corner and we are savoring each hot breeze, knowing it will not last. I just finished reading bell hook's book *Belonging; A culture of place.*" It is an amazing book where she explores a geography of the heart focusing on issues of land, land stewardship, and linking them to local and global environmentalism and sustainably. All the while weaving through the issues of race, gender, and class.

Something I read made me think of UUCSB. hooks (intentionally lower case), quotes Wendell Berry when he says that when folks feel disenfranchised, they find peace from finding a sense of belonging on a particular place on earth. A particular piece of geography. I think that some of us might feel that way about UUCSB. With my eyes closed I know the feel of the bumps in the parking spots across the street. I know how the cracks on the walkway feel under my sneakered feet. (before and after the patch). I grin when slamming the door, and smile at the greener green room. The site and sound of the organ gives me such comfort. The sense of belonging to UUCSB is a tether and a comfort to me.

As you rest in these warm days of summer, I invite you to consider your belongingness to this geography and to UUCSB. The official cycle and season of pledging for the community has passed, but in the spirit of belonging I challenge you to offer gifts in another way. I invite everybody in our community, I invite **YOU**, to assist in worship AT LEAST ONCE this fall season. Sign up to usher for a Sunday or assist as a worship assistant one Sunday. (training provided). Consider bringing flowers or offering special music. Talk to membership committee about hosting coffee hour. If you sing in the shower, Ellie wants to talk with you about choir. Ultimately our space is made sacred by all of your presence. Take a turn on the team

to create a sacred experience for one another. It is so meaningful to participate in this way and just as much a blessing to hear a variety of voices or shake a hand of someone you don't often get the chance to.

There is a new sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a spot(s)! From the abundance in our hearts and souls may we offer extravagant welcome and grace to each other.

Peace and Blessings and cool breezes! Rev. Lori she/her

Live Stream on Faceboook

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 are OPTIONAL inside
- Masks off when speaking in pulpit area
- Sit in appropriately marked pews social distance unless in same household
- Hand sanitizer stations
- Social hour in the parish hall

• Hannaford Cards

Ellie L. will be selling Hannaford Gift Cards in the Parish Hall 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.