

# Friday Flyer – October 21, 2022

## News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *The Courage to Merge*
- *Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore*

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, Oct. 23 @ 10:00 AM - Worship
- Thursday, Oct. 20 @ 5:15 PM - SMGM – Movie Night

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**

Merge, converge, consolidate, integrate, unify, amplify.

The title for this week's service is a little misleading. The end of October marks the anniversary of Unitarian and Universalist merger, although it was called by many other names. From the different accounts of merging nationally and locally, merge doesn't really reflect the decisions and process of the joining of the Universalist and Unitarian traditions into one new expression. However finding a true name was and is still hard.

Sometimes language can be very confining. Sometimes the magnitude of changes or obstacles seem overwhelming. So I invite you to spend time with the word "yet". We are always becoming. We integrate each new moment with all that is gone before and map paths forward using all of experience we bring to interpret new data coming in. If you think a microchip is a miracle, the reality of the human body and soul creating millions of decisions based on all the external data being filtered by our zillions of life experiences is flabbergasting! When the news is bad, or the choices are tough, I invite you to insert the word yet. It is a way of injecting hope into your statement. It is a way of making space for the spirit that is always in us and around us.

Say the word...YET

Repeat it out loud and in your head

Think about what YET has to tell you right now

Bring Yet with you into your Friday and into the weekend

Peace and Blessings

Rev. Lori

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- **Share the Plate - October**

This month's plate offering will be split with the National Resources Council of Maine. Acting boldly on climate change has become deeply entwined with Maine's identity - whether it's coastal communities planning for sea-level rise or homeowners embracing heat pumps as a way to lower pollution and lower energy costs. The Natural Resources

Council of Maine (NRCM) has long advocated for ambitious climate action in line with what the science says is necessary to avert the worst impacts of climate change. Today, we partner with people across the state to accelerate the transition to a clean energy future that works for all Mainers. We do this by advocating for stronger clean energy and climate laws in the State House and envisioning a stronger, more flexible electric grid to support electrification of our homes, businesses, and transportation sectors.

NRCM advocated for a strong, statewide Climate Action Plan that provides a framework for action and helped pass ambitious new laws to invest in renewable energy, especially solar, and hold utilities accountable for acting on climate. With your help, we will continue to work directly with Mainers in all 16 counties to push for clean energy solutions that build a healthier Maine, strengthen our economy, and protect the way of life we all cherish. Learn more about NRCM and our work to address climate change at our website at [nrcm.org](http://nrcm.org).

### **Please Give Generously**

- **Arcadia Band – November 6**

The Arcadia Band will be performing at 4:00 PM in the UUCSB sanctuary. Suggested donation \$15.

- **Holiday Fair – November 19**

8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Doors open to the public at 8:00 am. Set up on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the Parish Hall. We need folks to set up, work during the day, and then clean up when the fair is over. There are sign-up sheets in the hallway. We also need baked goods, soups, crafts, jewelry and plants to sell. See Wendy C for more information.

- **Coffee Hosts, Ushers & Flowers Needed**

We need Ushers and flower donations every Sunday. Coffee hosts are also needed to make coffee, bring snacks, and clean up. Please sign up on the schedule on the bulletin board by the restrooms. Duties and calendar are attached. Thanks.

- **Live Stream on YouTube**

We are now live streaming our services on YouTube 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 YouTube channel

Unitarian Universalist Church of Saco-Biddeford.

(YouTube 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%.