

## Friday Flyer – December 2, 2022

### News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *What's Love Got To Do With It?*
- *Stephen Ryan* (read by Niki Norman)

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, Dec. 4 @ 10:00 AM - Worship
- Wednesday, Dec. 7 @ 5:00 PM - Finance Committee
- Wednesday, Dec. 7 @ 6:00 PM - *Harbour Singers*
- Thursday, Dec. 1 @ 6:30 PM - SBGM – ZOOM

Unless indicated otherwise, these activities welcome all members and friends.

### **Office Hours**

Minister, Rev. Lori Whittemore  
Administrator, Brian Dustin

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Mon-Wed-Fri –8-11 AM

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

### **Upcoming Events and Activities**

- **Thoughts from Rev. Lori**

Hello Good People!

Here we are in December. Marching on the advent path. Destined for the return of the sun. Darkest days, brightest hope. This upcoming week will be the theme of love. I may have gotten the themes mixed up in order, but regardless, love is an important concept every week of every year.

Our language has only one word for the many kinds of love. The Hebrew language has at least 5 terms for love. Ahab is an intensely emotional and obsessive love. Agapao is a benevolent, unconditional love that you might have for a child. Agape is a love arising from a personal bond with someone. An attached nourishing love. Philio is a relationship of friendship. A fondness of another. And Philadelphia is a love between brothers and sisters. A fraternal love, in it together for of love. Nuanced ways we can and do love one another.

This week we will be hearing words from Steve Ryan. A member of our Church and a pillar of the organization, The Maine Way. An organization that provides unhoused, housing and other resources they need to get on their feet. When I try to overlay the word love onto and organization such as this, I think I would apply the word agapao to The Maine Way. A benevolent, love offering unconditional positive regard to folks getting back on their feet.

I look forward to hearing Steve's message and to contemplating the advent week of love with all of you on Sunday!

Peace and Blessings

Rev Lori Whittemore, she/her

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- **Share the Plate – December – The Maine Way, Inc.**

This organization's goal is to provide resources and affordable housing to assist people in their transition from homelessness to independence. The Maine Way owns a house located at 73 South Street in Biddeford. The house has seven private rooms, a common kitchen and living room as well as a computer room. The private rooms provide affordable housing for qualified individuals for up to 18 months. There is a live-in manager who resides in a self-contained apartment on site. We believe this opportunity allows our residents to focus on obtaining the life skills needed to integrate themselves back into the community. Visit website <https://themaineawayinc.org/>

**Please Give Generously**

- The **Membership Committee** is happy to welcome interested church visitors and members to an informal meeting with Rev. Lori Whittemore after the service and coffee hour on December 11. Please join us.

- **Tree of Hope**

- Hi Folks! Pat Snyder here with news about the Tree of Hope. On Sunday, the 4th of December, everyone who attends church that day, will be provided with an item to attach to the tree. That way we can all be involved in this wonderful project!

- **Little Free Pantry**

During the cold weather and freezing temperatures please refrain from placing canned or glass items into the Little Free Pantry.

- **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. 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
- 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%.