

Friday Flyer – January 13, 2023

News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *Eat with Me*
- *Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore & Vassie Fowler from Seeds of Hope*
- **Worship at 10:00 AM – January 15th**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, Jan. 15 @ 10:00 AM - Worship
 - Sunday, Jan. 15 @ 11:00 AM - Clothing Swap Planning Meeting
 - Wednesday, Jan. 18 @ 6:00 PM - *Harbour Singers*
 - Thursday, Jan. 19 @ 5:15 PM - SBGM – SAGE
- Unless indicated otherwise, these activities welcome all members and friends.

Office Hours

Minister, Rev. Lori Whittemore
Administrator, Brian Dustin

By Appointment (email: revlori.uucsb@gmail.com)
Mon-Wed-Fri – 8-11 AM

Caring Needs – Please contact church office.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- **Thoughts from Rev. Lori**

Hello Good People,

It is Friday once again. We have joining us the Sunday Vassie Fowler, the new executive director of Seeds of Hope. It will be great to meet her and hear all about what is happening at Seeds of Hope. There used to be a tagline that “It starts with a meal”. When I looked at their website, I realized that they do SOOO much more! It was interesting to read their history. That they started in 1869 as Christ Church for the workers at the mill and as the mills slowed down in the 1940s, they began to wane. Up until the 90s when they started to focus on mission. And in 2011 shifting completely over to mission. The community center is thriving. In some ways, for very hard and challenging reasons. I applaud them for identifying and living into their call to be God’s people. To live in to the love of Christ. Let’s give Vassie a hardy welcome when she joins us on Sunday.!

It is also Martin Luther King’s Monday coming up. Another opportunity to consider beloved community as a concept and reality for and in our community. We have touched on the concept of beloved community as it relates to intentional antiracism, and we have begun a discussion on climate justice and the disproportionate effects of climate change on BIPOC people. While racism, particularly structural racism, may be off our radar being the whitest state in the country, we are compelled to engage with the reality of it. It is a part of our principles. It is a part of our DNA as UUs. This winter I invite you to read the book, *Caste*, by Isabelle Wilkerson. Perhaps we can have some after church conversations about it over coffee.

“Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” Martin Luther King, Jr

Let’s find a new way to love our way into this conversation. Let’s fellowship our way into this conversation. But most importantly, let’s get into this conversation.

Peace and Blessings

Rev Lori Whittemore, she/her

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- **Share the Plate – January – Seeds of Hope**

The Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center in Biddeford partners with our local communities and neighbors to find solutions to poverty and to promote personal growth. Besides the drop-in center, they provide support for job searches, finding housing, and other needs, as well as health promotion and education.

Please Give Generously

- **Tree of Hope**

The Tree of Hope is performing well! Holding tight and then gifting winter wear that folks need. We would be so grateful if anyone could help us out as we have depleted our supply. Just drop your items in the basket by the door as you enter the church.

- **Clothing Swap Planning**

Anyone interested in assisting with our Annual(almost) Clothing Swap join us in the Parlor at 11:15 on Jan. 15. FYI – This has been a UUCSB tradition. We bring our gently used clothing. We try on each other's duds. Sip coffee and munch a bit. Though this is not a fund raiser, we usually pay \$5/bag for the things we select. The objective is to enjoy each other's company. We traditionally wear one of our finds the next morning in church

- **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%.