

Friday Flyer – February 10, 2023

News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *Expanding Our Beloved Community*
- *Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore*
- **Worship at 10:00 AM– February 12th**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, Feb. 12 @ 10:00 AM - Worship
 - Sunday, Feb. 12 @ 11:00 AM - New Member Welcome Luncheon
 - Tuesday, Feb. 14 @ 4:30 PM - Membership Committee
 - Wednesday, Feb. 15 @ 6:00 PM - *Harbour Singers*
 - Thursday, Feb. 9 @ 5:15 PM - SBGM – NOA (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

- **New Member Sunday & Welcome Luncheon**

This Sunday, February 12th, everyone is invited to a souper luncheon to help welcome our six new members to our congregation. Home made soups will be offered along with bread, cheese and beverages. Please help welcome these individuals formally to our church community.

- **James Standerfer Funeral**

James Standerfer's memorial service will be held on February 11th at 11:00 AM at Dennett, Craig & Pate's Saco location - 365 Main St. Burial at Laurel Hill will follow the service.

- **Thoughts from Rev. Lori**

Hello Good People,

Sunday is new member Sunday followed by soup. Otherwise known as a souper Sunday. I want to share with you some words from Friday's service.

To join a church, is to commit to a social circle you do not get to choose and can therefore show you whether your spirituality is CRAP or not because you have, in theory, to remain in right relationship with people you do not necessarily agree or relate to.

What does it mean to be in right relationship with people in your community? I think it is more than one thing. First I think it means to be in thoughtful conversation with all members. Even those who bug you. It means calling people to account when they have fallen short of honoring our principles. It also means forgiving when others have fallen short. It means living fully into our congregational polity with grace. What is polity you ask. It is the system for which

we govern ourselves collectively. It is woven into our principles. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large. It means that we trust the processes that we have put into place as an extension of the people we care for and commit to. These are all marks of how we live our principles. I believe that everyone here is doing their best. It is what makes me want to join on Sunday. People at UUCSB have demonstrated that they take their spirituality seriously and thoughtfully and honor each other in many ways. Thank you for inviting me in! To serve as your contract minister and to sit in your pews. I am so glad to be here!

Peace and Blessings,

Rev Lori Whittemore, she/her

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- **Shelter Training Opportunity**

As a result of our recent efforts to offer hospitality to those without a warm place to shelter, deputy fire chief David Pendleton has asked if folks from our church would be interested in getting shelter training so that they might be called upon as volunteers when potential events happen. I share his words with you.

"Warming centers, cooling centers, and shelters need core groups of volunteers to assist with operations since unfortunately City Staff, cannot manage things without additional help. Our intention is to formalize groups of volunteers from your organizations to be trained and prepared to assist as necessary. Working more closely together will lessen or prevent duplication of effort and help make things more manageable. My request to you is to speak with your members and decide if this is a commitment which can be made and if so, create your volunteer list.

Below is a training opportunity you can consider attending. Perhaps it will influence a decision to build a volunteer group, or not, and either way is fine. Please provide me with the names of those planning to attend and the time slot. I will forward the participant list to Megan. Perhaps there is an ability to use one or more of the busses which were at the ready last weekend to provide concentrated transport to YCEMA in Alfred for the training.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

From YCEMA Deputy Director Arsenault (on behalf of Training and Response Coordinator Caitlin Lipert:

Our agency is excited to announce we will be hosting Shelter Training. This course is offered at two different times on the same day to accommodate different schedules and will be held at the YCEMA training room. This sheltering course will cover most aspects of setting up and running a local shelter and will focus on best practices. The first hour will be in a classroom setting. The second hour will be a practical exercise using the information from the classroom. Instruction is led by William Guindon, Maine Mass Care Coordinator for Maine Emergency Management Agency. This training will be available at the following times:

Tuesday, February 21st from 1 pm- 3 pm

Tuesday February 21st from 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm"

I am planning to attend from 1-3 if anyone is interested in joining me. I am willing to drive us out. Please let me know by Monday as I will be sending our list that day.

Thanks for considering, Rev. Lori

- **Share the Plate – February – Maine Association of New Americans**

MANA is an immigrant-led organization that promotes social & personal empowerment of immigrants through:

- Raising awareness of individual and collective trauma and how they affect our lives
- Expanding people's resilience building strategies by exploring various resources
- Providing trauma-aware, multilingual transportation services to address social determinants of health
- Connecting people with their peers across cultures

Please Give Generously!!

- **Clothing Swap Returns**

We are having our Annual (Almost) Clothing Swap on Feb. 18 from 10 to 12. Donations may be placed in the Parlor – be sure to label your items as for the Swap – or they may be brought to the Parish Hall on Feb. 17 from 3 to 5. We ask for a donation of \$5/ bag of stuff you take home. Any money raised will go to a UUUCSB project to be decided by those at the Swap. Left over items will be shared with a local charity. Come enjoy some coffee and goodies, try on someone's clothes and have a good visit with your UUUCSB friends. FWI: Contact Jean Horton.

- **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%.