

Friday Flyer – March 31, 2023

News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *Strangers in a Strange Land*
- *Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore & Carter Friend*
- **Worship at 10:00 AM – April 2nd**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, April 2 @ 10:00 AM - Worship
- Wednesday, April 5 @ 6:30 PM - Finance Committee
- Wednesday, April 5 @ 6:00 PM - *Harbour Singers*
- Thursday, April 6 @ 6:00 PM - SBGM – Dine Out *Chipotle* (off site)
- Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00 PM - Lenten Vespers

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**

Happy Friday Good People,

What a lovely day we are having here in southern Maine. Seems like spring is truly here! This Sunday we have Carter Friend visiting us from York County Community Action Corporation to share with us the great work they are doing there. We will share our plate this month with them. This week for many people from many lands and many traditions. We are now in Ramadan. Palm Sunday is Sunday and Passover soon begins. While our service won't be particularly religious this week, I want us to consider what it is like to live out your/our values in a strange land. For all of our immigrants that find themselves in Maine. Who celebrate Ramadan or Easter. What is it like to approach these holidays outside of their cultures and families? And from challenging times and circumstances. What is it like to travel across the land, like the Israelites did, escaping the Egyptians? Moving through the wilderness to a promised land. What it is like marching into Jerusalem like a king, knowing you're facing your own death? With these as a context for our weekend, the invitation today is to reflect on your own wilderness? What are you marching into that is unknown, challenging, scary? And what spiritual tools do you have to take along? Because ultimately that is what this week means for Jews, Christians and Muslims. Faith, focus on God and the strength that comes from that, practicing sacrifice or denial to enhance one's experience of Holy. We have been considering our principles over Lent. Is there a specific practice we can engage to deepen our connection to our faith and to God? I invite you to think about that over the weekend as we prepare to offer Carter, our welcome and hospitality!

Peace and Blessings

Rev Lori Whittemore, (she/her/hers)

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- **Vespers – Our 6th Principle**

A small group of hearty souls has met the last five Thursdays for some really meaningful exploration of our first five principles. We're moving on to the sixth principle next Thursday. Please join us Thursday evening at 7:00 for an informal conversation around our fifth principle "The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all." The coffee pot will be on!

- **Welcome Back to Souper Sunday – April 23**

On April 23rd we welcome back another Souper Sunday. This is always a fun time to enjoy conversation & homemade soups, breads and desserts after a Sunday service. We hope to have information about Green Sanctuary 2030 to share with you as well. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, April 23rd, and bring your appetite and maybe something to share. As the date approaches, there will be sign-up sheets for set up, soups, bread, desserts, and clean up. It would be appreciated if everyone could contribute in some way or another. We thank you and look forward to seeing you at this event!

The Faith in Action Team (Donna B., Diane E., Sonja G., Laurie S., and Randa T.)

- **Share the Plate – April – York County Community Action Corp.**

YCCAC provides a range of resources and programs to support households and individuals throughout the county, providing a unique combination of health and social services. At YCCAC, we are driven by the belief that when our communities are strong, all of its members have opportunities to thrive— and, in turn, that when an individual achieves personal success and independence, our communities grow healthier, stronger and more vibrant.

- **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.

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(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%.