

Friday Flyer – June 30, 2023

News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *Ashura – Muslim Holiday of Mourning*
- *Rev. Niki Norman*
- **Worship at 8:30 AM – July 2nd**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Friday, June 30 - Yard Sale Setup
- Saturday, July 1 @ 8:00 AM - Yard Sale
- Thursday, June 29 @ 7:00 PM - SBGM – Monthly Dine Out – *Smoke*

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**

It's the last day of June. Hard to believe given the April-like weather we have been having! This weekend Niki is going to share about Ashura. The Muslim holiday of mourning for the martyrdom of the prophet Mohamed's grandson. It is a period of mourning and sadness. She is preparing us for the sharing of our space with the Shi'a Muslim women of southern Maine later this month (July). I am not sure we will get too many glimpses of them as it is a very private affair. They even cover windows so that women can take off their hijabs in privacy, I am told. What beautiful way to honor our tradition. To be open and welcoming of another tradition celebrating holy time. A tradition that is different than ours, even in our liberalness. If that is a word. Come Sunday and hear Niki fill us in a bit about Ashura! And get your book, 'Girls Like Us'! We will be talking about it in August.

A reading from the Quran for consideration this week

What actions are most excellent?

To gladden the heart
of a human being.

To feed the hungry.

To help the afflicted.

To lighten the sorry
of the sorrowful.

To remove the wrongs
of the injured.

That person is the
most beloved of God
who does most good
to God's creatures.

Words to live by!

Peace and Many Blessings

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- **Yard Sale – July 1**

Thank you, bakers, setter uppers, donors, and sellers – oh, and BUYERS!! Whatever you signed up to help at the Yard sale, Jean and I will be in touch with you next week to confirm your assignment.

We will be having a **POPULAR DEMAND sale on Saturday, July 1st from 8 to 1.**

If you will be bringing baked goods for sale: please wrap and label everything. Identify any unusual ingredients i.e., nuts or gluten free or anything you think they should know. You may suggest a price if you like, try to use whole dollar amounts. Please let Jean H. know if you are able to sit at the baked goods table for a few hours.

- **Share the Plate – June, July & August – Equality Community Center**

The ECC is a collaborative workplace for LGBTQ+ and allied social justice seeking non-profit organizations, including Equality Maine, MaineTransNet, Pride Portland, PFLAG, Khmer Maine, Cross Cultural Community Services, Democracy Maine, Sexual Assault Response Services, Through These Doors, Prevention Action Change, and the Kindling Collective. Located at 15 Casco Street in downtown Portland, the Center provides a safer and more inclusive gathering space with social and educational programming for all, working to support the most marginalized in our communities.

- **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%.