

# Friday Flyer – August 18, 2023

## News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *Summer Worship*
- **Worship at 8:30 AM – August 20<sup>th</sup>**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, August 20 @ 8:30 AM - Summer Worship
- Thursday, August 17 @ 7:00 PM - SBGM – Movie Night –  
*Red, White & Royal Blue (2023)*

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,

This has felt like a strange summer to me. Hot/rainy/cool. I love August for its warm days and cool nights, changing light and most of all the sound of the cicadas. I share this poem with you from the 2nd or 3rd century written by a Hellenistic poet:

We bless you, cicada  
high in the branches  
You sip a dew drop  
and whistle like a king  
What you see is yours;  
all soft the meadows  
and furry mountains.  
Yet you do no harm  
in the farmer's field,  
and men exalt you  
as the voice of summer.  
You are loved by Muses  
and Apollo himself  
who gave a clear song.  
Wise child of the earth,  
old age doesn't waste you.  
Unfeeling and bloodless  
you are like a god.

The cicada is voice of summer, but cicadas do no harm. They are a siren call to the sweet peace/piece of summer. Let these short last weeks of summer be a time of incubation and discernment about how and what we want our voices to communicate to each other, the community and the world.

Read the poem out loud  
Meditate and notice what word sticks with you  
Pray about what that word is saying to you  
Contemplate-bring the word forward with you through the days ahead  
Peace and Blessings

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- **Discussion: The BoT's Proposal to Replace Our Boiler – September 17**  
This conversation will take place in the sanctuary following worship.
- **FiAT Boiler Information**  
There has been a great deal of conversation regarding the replacement of our old oil boiler. FiAT has provided links to provide more information. Here is a [Side-by-side Comparison](#) with answers to questions various people have posed. Feel free to contact Sonja or Randa or a member of the Board of Trustees if you have further questions.
- **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 8:30am  
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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- **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%.