

Friday Flyer – September 22, 2023

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From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *How Shall We Welcome You?*
- *Rev. Lori Whittemore*
- **Worship at 10:00 AM – September 24th**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, Sept 24 @ 10:00 AM - Worship
- Sunday, Sept 24 @ 11:00 AM - Holiday Fair Planning Meeting
- Thursday, Sept 28 @ 7:00 PM - SBGM – Movie – *Fair Haven* (2017)

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,

The theme for this month is Welcome and this week we will explore the concept of how we welcome people. Part of welcoming people is first and foremost seeing who they are. If someone presents their name, we welcome by that name. As a church it is the least we can do. See people for who they are and accept them and honor them. We pride ourselves as a community to especially welcome the oppressed. Sunday we will explore the newish phenomenon of pronouns. I will share some history about pronouns as well as why it is important to call people what they identify themselves by. I will share the work of the Rev. Dr. Roger Jones with you Sunday morning!

Prior to our time together, I invite you to think about how the concept of people expressing their specific pronouns feels for you? Think about why you might feel that way. Like a name, a pronoun is a signifier of someone. How does it feel to be called something other than your correct name? As a church that holds fast to the concept of honoring the inherent worth and dignity of all people. Calling people by how they identify is a fundamental expression of that principle. . Also consider that we are building our community on the building blocks of that principle. In a world that seeks to marginalize people or discriminate people based on gender expression and identity, shouldn't we be a sanctuary for people to live fully into their expression and identity? Lets explore that together Sunday!

Peace and Blessings

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- **Holiday Fair Planning Meeting**

There will be a planning meeting after worship today in the green room for anyone interested in working on the holiday fair. Please see Wendy C. FMI or with questions.

- **Worship Support Volunteers**

Every member of our church family has a role to play. We need ushers, flowers, coffee hour hosts, audio/video support and worship assistants every Sunday. **Please sign up for at least two slots on the schedule on the bulletin board by the restrooms.** Thanks.

- **Share the Plate – September – Minister’s Discretionary Fund**

In September, we will be sharing our plate collection with the MDF. Half of the plate offering for the month will be earmarked for this fund.

- **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%.