

Friday Flyer – October 27, 2023

News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *What Is There Left to Say?*
- *Rev. Lori Whittemore*
- **Worship at 10:00 AM – October 29th**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, Oct 29 @ 10:00 AM - Worship
 - Wednesday, Nov 1 @ 5:00 PM - Finance Committee
 - Wednesday, Nov 1 @ 6:00 PM - *Harbour Singers*
 - Thursday, Nov 2 @ 6:00 PM - SBGM – Dine Out – *Kobé* (Biddeford)
- 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

It was not too long ago. Less than a year and a half that we gathered behind our church with members of other faith communities to mark and lament the terrible tragedy at the Uvalde school. I believe many of us were deeply impacted by the senselessness of it and the great loss of innocents. And still somehow it felt far away. At least for me. I also realized as time crept by that lessons were not learned. Changes were not made. Thoughts and prayers may have been plentiful by policy and action was not addressed. Now we sit and stand and gather heartbroken! Personally affected by what has taken place. The first thing that hit me when I sat to prepare us for Sunday was ...what is there left to say? It has been said and said and said. Without words the first thing is to tend to our own grief and grieving. To make space for all the grief that this has stirred up in ourselves. The memories of other tragedies from years past that have made a mark. The next is to reflect on what sources of strength we have leaned on in our past and figure out how can we lean on them again right now? Let us consider how to help each other through this terrible time. There isn't much to say right now. Listening to others who are grieving is place to start. Making space in your hearts for the hope to bloom again. Preparing yourself for a wave of demand and advocacy that I feel welling up inside me, inside us. Please join us on Sunday for fellowship and ritual as we walk this path together.

Peace and Blessings

Rev Lori Whittemore, (she/her/hers)

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- **Annual Meeting Part II – October 29**

The Board of Trustees has voted to resume the Annual Meeting to address the remaining issue that was tabled: the approval of funds to replace the aging oil burner.

The motion as presented is:

Motion to Approve: Allow the Board of Trustees to use up to \$37,000 from a combination of existing savings and the endowment fund, which is \$ 159,281 as of the beginning of June, to replace the current oil burner system with a newer, more highly efficient oil burner system.

- **Directory Update**

The Membership Committee, Board of Trustees and Church Administrator are doing our annual review and update of the UUCSB Directory. Please review your entry and send updates to uuchurch@gwi.net or call the church office at 282-0062 with this information. The **deadline** for submitting changes and additions is Nov. 3, 2023. We hope to complete our revisions by late Nov. Thank you.

- **Know Before You Vote:** There are eight initiatives on the November 7th ballot. MUUSAN (Maine UU State Advocacy Network) offers this [Voter Guide for November 7, 2023](#). with endorsements for five of them.

- **UUCSB Holiday Snowflake Fair**

Our holiday fair this year will be on Saturday December 2nd from 8-2. **You can start bringing items for the fair on November 16th** and put them in the RE room, narthex, and nursery. The space for Granny's Attic in the basement is already full. We only want clean and in good shape items. We will not accept mattresses, overstuffed furniture, air conditioners or refrigerators. We need bakers, soup makers and craft makers as well as many volunteers to help set up, work at the fair and clean up. Sign-up sheets will go up soon. I will bring posters as soon as they are ready for people to distribute. Any questions, please call (286-7219) or email (wendycoleman@maine.rr.com) Wendy Coleman.

- **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 – October – Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness**

Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness is comprised of different departments that house our various program and service offerings, which are:

WABANAKI HEALING & RECOVERY: Addressing the treatment and recovery needs in our communities, we opened doors to multiple locations to support tribal members on their recovery journey.

WABANAKI PUBLIC HEALTH: We provide public health services including nutrition and physical education, environmental health, youth engagement, a women's economic hub, injury and violence prevention, maternal and child health, culture, education and language, infectious disease, and community wellness.

WABANAKI HEALTH & WELLNESS: Our mission is to provide high-quality, culturally relevant behavioral health services, substance use treatment, and housing support services to our Wabanaki community and other Indigenous people.

CENTER FOR WABANAKI RESEARCH, KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION: The mission of the Center for Wabanaki Research, Knowledge & Innovation is to create a world where Wabanaki people overcome barriers to improve health and wellness in our communities empowered by Wabanaki-led data and research. 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%.