

UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

January 28, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Writers Group – January 28

11:30 in the RE room. Join us and get it write!

Ordination and Installation – April 7

Sign up sheet to assist with Rev. Whittemore's Ordination and Installation on April 7 is on the bulletin board across from the kitchen door.

The Little Tree That Could

Please help our *Tree of Hope*. Today, after church, please take a few items from the basket by the door and attach them to the clips you'll find hanging from the tree. You can replenish hanging items anytime you are at the church! Thank you!

Share the Plate – January – Seeds of Peace

Each summer, hundreds of young people engage with each other across lines of conflict and difference—sharing meals, living spaces, and learning experiences in a traditional summer camp program.

Hannaford Gift 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%. Please enter the Nursery one person at a time to purchase your cards.

Please e-mail announcements to Brian in the church office (uuchurch@gwi.net) by 8 AM the Wednesday prior to the Sunday they are to appear. Announcements will not be carried over to the next week unless you notify us no later than Wednesday. Thanks.

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TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP:

Annual Hymn Sing

Ellie Rolnick

Choir Director Ellie Rolnick and the UUCSB Pick Up Choir lead today's 'Hasn't happened in a while but Annual Hymn Sing'. We're weaving YOUR favorite hymns throughout our typical church service. No sermon or big picture message but you'll learn a little about UU Hymnody and how some of those favorite hymns came to be as well as do a lot of singing or enjoying the music as the words and sounds wash over you.

NEXT SUNDAY – February 4

Don't Just Sit There – Do Something!

Anne Dobson

This service is a celebration of all we do together to make the UUCSB our church home. Please join us as we explore ways to use our time, talent, and treasure to improve our already special place. Service coordinator – Anne Dobson with help from just about everyone. Share the plate is the **UUCSB Foundation Fund**.

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You are invited to please sit quietly during the gathering music

Greetings & Announcements – Donna Ravn

Sounding the Singing Bowl

Prelude – Paul Benya

You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.

Welcoming Words – Ellie Rolnick, Choir Director

***Hymn #188** *Come, Come Whoever You Are*

Lighting of the Chalice

This is our sacred promise:
To gather together in peace
To seek truth in love
To serve human need
So that all shall grow in harmony with the divine.
Our Covenant

***Hymn #361** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Greeting Your Neighbor

***Hymn #1** *May Nothing Evil Cross this Door*

Sharing from the Heart (*Joys and Concerns*)

Prayer #123 *Spirit of Life*

Spirit of Life, come unto me;
Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion,
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea,
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close, wings set me free.
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

***Hymn #1053** *How Could Anyone*

Message *Hymn Sing*

– Members of the UUCSB Pick Up Choir

#6, #21, #126, #159, #298, #305, #1031

The Work of This Church – Offertory

Share the Plate – Seeds of Peace

***Song of Gratitude and Celebration**

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let faith and hope and love arise.
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue. Amen.

***Extinguish the Chalice**

As we release this flame
From its faithful service today
We allow the spark in each of us to burn on;
To warm our compassion,
To fire our delight
To light our paths,
Today, tomorrow and always.

***Hymn #311** *Let it Be a Dance*

Closing Words

***Hymn #1064** *Blue Boat Home*

Postlude

***Please stand, as you are comfortable.**

Thanks for making our worship possible:

Ushers – Ben Parker and Jane Perkins
Flowers – Jane Perkins
Coffee Hour – Members of the UUCSB Pick-Up Choir

Hearing assistance devices and large-print hymnals are available. Please ask an usher.