

Friday Flyer – December 1, 2023

News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *Love and Hope*
- *Rev. Lori Whittemore & Matt Brown*
- **Worship at 10:00 AM – December 3rd**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Saturday, Dec 2 @ 8:00 AM - Holiday Fair
- Sunday, Dec 3 @ 10:00 AM - Worship
- Wednesday, Dec 6 @ 5:00 PM - Finance Committee
- Wednesday, Dec 6 @ 6:00 PM - *Harbour Singers*
- Thursday, Dec 7 @ 6:00 PM (OOB) - SBGM – Dine Out – *Patron Mexican*
- Friday, Dec 8 @ 9:00 AM - Coffee & Carbs (off site)

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**

Homelessness

By Jacob Folger

Homeless Morning
Homeless Noon and Night
I am alone, fear gripping me
As I fight this fight.

Cardboard For My Bed
Trash bag for my head
No future home in sight
Move on the land owner says.

Sleeping rough
Boy its tough
My days no job to do
I have no purpose, where oh where am I going to?

People looking down at me
Ignoring me I see
I am invisible, not even here
I wish I could be free

Hello Good People!

This poem sets the stage for our Sunday together. Matt Brown will join us to speak about his amazing work with the Hope Squad. An organization that exists to make the invisible visible by meeting folks in the encampments and meeting some basic needs. We will share the plate with them this month. Homelessness is such a hard issue to consider. Yet it is ours to look at even if it is painful or difficult. It is written in the prophets, "Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God." We cannot fix all the problems of the world, but we are not free to ignore them either. And so we will hear about Matt's experiences and good work.

Please reread the passage. Out loud and in your head.
Notice a word or a line that sticks with you
Ask what that word or line means for you at this time
Carry this realization with you through the weekend and into our service on Sunday

Peace and Blessings

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- **UUCSB Holiday Snowflake Fair – December 2**

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. Jean Horton is in charge of the bake/food to go table. She will be providing containers for the food to go, so please let her know if you need them. We need many volunteers to help set up, work at the fair and clean up. We would also like to have some baskets to raffle. If you are planning to put one together, please let me know. Sign-up sheets are up in the hallway right before the fellowship hall. Any questions, please call (286-7219) or email (wendycoleman@maine.rr.com) Wendy Coleman.

- **Share the Plate – November – MUUSAN (Maine UU State Advocacy Network)**

MUUSAN is a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in our Unitarian Universalist faith and animated by its principles. MUUSAN welcomes as partners and collaborators all those who share our values and links our 26 Maine congregations and many friends in an active legislative ministry. MUUSAN's mission is to educate and to organize for a more just society.

- **Faith in Action Team (FiAT) – Dec. 10**

FiAT will meet next on Sunday, December 10th at 11:15 AM. The regular meeting time will be the 2nd Sunday of the month.

- **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.

- **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%.