

Friday Flyer – December 22, 2023

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From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *The Possibilities of Christmas*
- *Rev. Lori Whittemore*
- **Worship at 4:00 PM – December 24th**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, Dec 24 @ 4:00 PM - Worship
- Monday, Dec 25 – All Day - Christmas Day – Office Closed
- Friday, Dec 22 @ 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**

Season's Greetings Good People!

We are in the home stretch of preparing for Christmas. Christmas is a time of mystery and wonder for all who focus on the spiritual significance of it. Not to be confused with the smorgasbord of excess shopping and partying! We join ourselves together Sunday to ground ourselves in what I perceive the true meaning of Christmas to be. Whether you buy into the cultural Christmas that this time of year has morphed into, let us circle back into its real meaning, together on Christmas Eve. We are in the culmination of anticipation of the coming of the Son, the returning of the sun, the magic of the light coming back into our lives. We light the candle of wonder on Christmas Eve to usher us deeply into the mystery of these days. There is untapped mystery yet to be discovered. That is the real magic. That the love and light in the world illuminates all things. That all possibilities are illuminated. Join as we open our hearts to one another and help each other prepare for the mystery yet to come!

Peace and Blessings

Rev Lori Whittemore, (she/her/hers)

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- **The Little Tree That Could – December 17**

Please help our *The 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 – December – Hope Squad**

We are sharing our plate for the month of December with the Hope Squad. The mission of the Hope Squad is to see those who are invisible; to hear those who have no voice, to reinforce the infinite value and worth of each person we meet by providing a compassionate ministry of presence, needed resources, and hope to those living on the streets of Maine through mobile outreach."

- **Gun Safety Day of Action – January 3, 9-noon**

Gun Safety Day of Action, when Mainers from across the state will descend on the State House in Augusta to demand that our legislators pass strong gun safety legislation this year: •Assault weapons ban • Red Flag law •72-hour waiting period to buy a gun •Background checks on all gun sales

Let MUUSAN know that YOU can come on January 3 by signing up [HERE](#).

- **Green Sanctuary 2030 Orientation – January 3**

Attend a “watch party” and discussion at the church 6:45-8:30 (rsvp with [Randa T.](#)) or [register](#) to attend live from home or to get the recording of the session.

- **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.

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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%.