

## UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

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January 7, 2024

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Worship Support Signup

Please take a moment to sign up for worship support duties for the winter/spring season. Thank you.

#### The Little Tree That Could

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 – 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. It is here that personal and interpersonal change begins, as perceptions and attitudes shift in the face of a new reality they create at Camp. As participants find their own voices, form relationships, and gain insights into the root issues that divide them, they build greater levels of confidence, trust, respect, and empathy, which inspire their commitment to work for change at home.

#### Annual Hymn Sing - January 28

Join Choir Director Ellie Rolnick and the UUCSB Pick Up Choir for a 'hasn't happened in a while but Annual Hymn Sing'. We'll weave YOUR favorite hymns throughout our typical church service. Look for the hymn survey slip in your Order of Service or send Ellie an email at [uucsbchoir@gmail.com](mailto:uucsbchoir@gmail.com). We'll need the name or number or first line of the hymn (from the gray or teal hymnal). 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.

#### 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](mailto: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:

##### It Starts with a Seed

##### Rev. Lori Whittemore & Tim Wilson

We will be joined by Tim Wilson from Seeds of Peace. Seeds of Peace equips exceptional youth and educators with the skills and relationships to work in solidarity across lines of difference to create more just and inclusive societies. [www.seedsofpeace.org](http://www.seedsofpeace.org).

Tim Wilson has more than 50 years of experience in education, public service, and athletic coaching. Currently, Tim serves as Senior Advisor to Seeds of Peace, an organization that he has been with since its founding in 1993, and Director of its Maine Seeds Programs. Until 2006, he was the Director of both the Seeds of Peace Camp in Maine and the Seeds of Peace Center for Coexistence in Jerusalem.

#### NEXT SUNDAY – January 14

##### What Love Calls Us To Do

##### Rev. Lori Whittemore

There are many ways that Unitarian Universalism incorporates the call to love in principles and campaigns. These have never been shallow calls. The call to love through our faith is a call to engage deeply with the world in the fullness of the world. To celebrate the gifts and to witness the pain. The commitment to honor and respect those we disagree with in our pews, in our neighborhoods and in our country, even when it is hard. What does that mean? We will consider how we engage our faith through love when our values are challenged in the many ways our values are challenged these days. Join us next week to explore what loves calls us to in principle and practice.

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*You are invited to please sit quietly during the gathering music*

**Greetings & Announcements**

– Anne Dobson

**Sounding the Singing Bowl**

**Words of Welcome**

**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 #131** *Love Will Guide Us*

**Sharing from the Heart** *(Joys and Concerns)*

Please type your joys and concerns in the zoom chat

**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.

**Story for All Ages** *A Little Peace* – Barbara Kerley

**Reading** *Planting Seeds* – Sawhney

**Message** *It Starts with a Seed*  
– Tim Wilson, Seeds of Peace

**The Work of This Church – Offertory**

**Share the Plate** – Seeds of Peace

**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 #159** *This Is My Song*

**Closing Words**

**Postlude**

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**Join Zoom Meeting**

**Direct Link**

<https://zoom.us/j/94655474414?pwd=bFh4Zzhzc2pzd2lPYUpmYU82K3A1Zzo9>

**Manual Logon**

Meeting ID: 946 5547 4414

Passcode: 928059