

Friday Flyer –May 3, 2024

News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week** – *It's Not Just About Us*
- *Nadine Malloy*
- **Worship at 10:00 AM – May 5th 21st**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, May 5 @ 10:00 AM - Worship
 - Sunday, May 5 @ 11:15 AM - MoFA
 - Wednesday, May 8 @ 5:30 PM - Trustees
 - Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:00 PM - Small Group Ministry (closed)
 - Thursday, May 9 @ 7:00 PM - SBGM – Zoom
 - Friday, May 10 @ 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**

Hello Good People,

This Sunday we will welcome Nadine Molloy from No Bowl Empty to share about their pet food pantry. The theme of the month is pluralism and it felt fitting to extend our consideration and our spirituality to include creatures who are not human. No Bowl Empty is an organization suggested by Melissa Warren. It was also suggested the church make a donation to an animal welfare organization in memory of Clarissa Frost, who had a deep love of animals and especially her cats. I share a prayer for the animals attributed to St Francis of Assisi:

Hear our humble prayer,
O God, for our friends the animals,
especially for animals who are suffering;

for animals that are overworked, underfed and cruelly treated;
for all wistful creatures in captivity that beat their wings against bars;for any that are hunted
or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry;for all that must be put death.

We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity,
and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion
and gentle hands and kindly words.

Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals,
and so to share the blessings of the merciful.

Peace and Blessings
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- Huge Yard Sale**
Anne and Charles W. are having a HUGE yard sale this weekend. A donation will be made to UUCSB, so please come and support them as they prepare to move back to Saco. Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9:00-1:00, 65 Waterhouse Road, Dayton, Anne's phone is 207-229-5643
- Intergenerational Church Wide Cleanup – May 11**
Intergenerational Church wide clean-up at the Saco Transportation Center on Sat., May 11th from 9-11am with Rain Date of Sat., May 18th. Please wear your UUCSB T- shirt if you have one! All ages are encouraged to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Gloves & Bags will be provided. BYO water bottle and gloves for small hands if you have them. This event is organized by RE & MoFA.
- MoFA (Ministry of Faith in Action)**, Sunday May 5, 11:15-12:15 in the Meeting Room. Our planned agenda is centered on Green Sanctuary 2030.
- Biddeford-Saco Black History Walking Tour**, May 4, 1-hour guided tour leaving Saco Transportation Center promptly at 10 am. [Click here for more information.](#)
- UUA guidance on response to the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza:** The Unitarian Universalist Association has been made public statements and [ut together resources for concerned UUs. Here are 2 articles: [UUA Statement on the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza and Israel](#) (Oct 2023), [UUA Condemns Violence Against Gaza, Urges Immediate and Total Ceasefire](#) (Feb 2024). The Unitarian Universalist Association held a webinar in November and released a resource packet and webinar video called "[Why We Cannot Turn Away: Resources for UU Leaders Engaging on Israel & Palestine.](#)" This may help you with language if you would like to write to newspapers or elected leaders.
- Save the Date:** May 11, 9-11 (rain date: May 18). Trash pick up at the Saco Transportation Center. This is a joint project with RE, MoFA and the Transportation Center. Find details in the May *Messenger*.
- MUUSAN Network Meeting**, Brunswick Unitarian Universalist church on Saturday, May 11th, from 10am - 12:00pm at 1 Middle Street, Brunswick, 04011. Look back at the recent legislative session and ahead to the future with some of our legislative partners. Meet UU members from across Maine and prepared to be inspired! [Register here.](#)
- Share the Plate – May – No Bowl Empty UUCSB Discretionary Fund**
An organization in Waterboro that provides food and supplies for people struggling to keep their pets fed.
- 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%.