

Friday Flyer – August 22, 2025

News You Can UUse

From the UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

- **Worship This Week –Music**

- *Ellie Rolnick*

- **Worship at 8:30 AM – August 24th**

- **Church Activities This Week:**

- Sunday, August 24 @ 8:30 AM - Summer Worship
- Thursday, August 28 @ 7:00 PM - SBGM – Movie Night-*Give or Take*
- Friday, August 29 @ 9:00 AM - Worship Ministry

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**

- Under one roof or none,
we gather—hearts open wide—
UU candles flicker hope
where cold sidewalks or doorsteps reside.
- Faith is not just words,
but hands that reach and hold,
a promise that every soul
deserves warmth against the cold.
- Let our circle widen still,
no one left outside—
In every seeker's struggle,
Love is our common guide.

These are words that came to me as I reflected on our guest. I was also thinking about the unhoused as expressed a congregational interest and priority from our surveys of the church last year. All these also coincide with our building and the work being done on our roof. Time and interest coming together. It has been a summer and week of synchronicities for me in general and I feel like the universe starting to tweak time or at least my perception of it. With the changing temperatures, I feel some speeding up of blood flow and attitude and thinking about life. As we enter the last week of August, I feel so much excitement about coming together again on the 14th for worship together!

In the lectio method I invite you to read the poem above in your head and then out loud.

Notice a word or line that stands out for you.

Reflect on that, prayer on that to ask what it has to say to you in this moment or time in your life

Take the reading and word or line with you this next week and notice when it comes up for you or you encounter a situation where there is an intersection of this and the world

Peace and Blessings

Rev Lori Whittemore (she, her, hers)

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- **Still Seeking Filmer and RE Lead**

We are still looking for a Filmer and an RE lead. Detailed descriptions are attached. Could you please share these announcements with friends and family?

- **Fall Worship Support**

The sign-up sheet for worship support duties has been posted on the bulletin board near the office. Please take a moment to select at least one or two tasks that you will do to help make our worship amazing. Tasks include worship assistant, coffee hour host, flowers, ushers, AV/filming and RE assistance.

- **Church Picnic – August 23**

Everyone is invited to Marilyn and Al's home on Bonny Eagle Pond at 2 Shore Road, Standish. Swimming, boating (5 kayaks, 1 canoe, 1 pontoon boat), fishing, croquet, cornhole, bocce, a grill and great fellowship are on offer. Bring: your lunch and utensils, chairs and flotation devices (limited supply available). RSVP would be helpful. (It might motivate Al to smoke up some pork for sandwiches!)

Church Picnic at the Stoesser-Casad's on Bonny Eagle Pond in Standish.

- **Saco Wellness Fair – September 13**

Please Note: the fundraising *Saco Wellness Fair* at our church on Sept. 13 is only \$15 to get in, (not \$20 as previously reported). The updated flyer is attached. Please help get the word out by posting / sending it to friends!

Also, we could really use more hands on the day of; if you can spare an hour or two (or even three or all four?) we can stagger volunteers if we have enough. Whatever you want to do for however long would be a great help.

- **Hannaford Gift Cards**

Buy your groceries with Hannaford Gift Cards available during Coffee Hour. The church gets 5%.

- **Share the Plate – Summer – Equality Community Center**

Located at 15 Casco Street in downtown Portland, the Equality Community Center (ECC) is the first of its kind in Maine - a collaborative workplace for LGBTQ+ and allied social justice-seeking non-profit organizations, in addition to serving as a community center for Maine's LGBTQ community.