

Shay's Sharing...



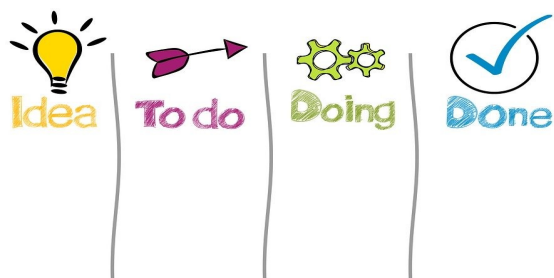
“Let my love, like sunshine, surround you.”

~ Rabindranath Tagore

My beloveds, as we continue through this strange time know that I love you. Until further notice, we will be doing church on-line and from a physical distance, but as my long-distance partner and I always say, real love knows no spiritual distance. I will be doing all I can to maintain connections and communications with all of you, and will hope that you are doing the same – with me and with your fellow beloved community members. Please take care of yourselves, keep looking for hope in the smallest and most unexpected moments, and never forget that you are not alone.

I also want to remind you of an important aspect of our community life – the minister's discretionary fund. This is unrestricted and completely confidential money that is to be used in times of crises to assist our community members. If you are struggling during this time and in need of a boost, please reach out to me. And if you happen to find yourself with a little extra right now and are looking for ways to help others, please, also, reach out to me. Together we are powerful.

Love, Rev. Shay



Notes From the Board of Management

The Board met on March 9th, before the Coronavirus had reached Maine, but we knew it was coming. No one knew exactly what it would look like but the general feeling was that everyone would need to do their best to take care of themselves, and that our church community would do its best to keep us connected.

Our meeting began by thanking the subcommittee of the Board (Diane and Karen with Shay) for using input from all of us to develop a new Board Covenant.

The Stewardship Campaign was on the agenda of course. Every year at this time, we look at the financial needs of our church for the coming year, and this year, in addition to the usual expenses of salary, office expenses, utilities, etc, we **must** replace the furnace. The pledge drive has begun.

Coming soon, church t-shirts for sale!

Reminder that there will be the following openings on the Board: Clerk, Liaison, Ginny Howe is running for a second term as Financial Secretary so she must be re-elected. The Nominating Committee also needs one member. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let David Agan, Deb Folsom, or Jan Sacco know, they are the members of the Nominating Committee.

Board of Management Structure DRAFT 2/20/2020

This year (2019-2020) the Board of Management has worked without a President and with a 7-person Board. We wanted to provide some observations about how it has gone and describe plans for moving forward, some of which will require congregational approval both this year and in 2021.

The year has gone well. We have rotated responsibilities for chairing the Board meetings and providing monthly updates to the congregation. Previously, the President met with the Minister, set the agenda, ran the Board meetings, and informed the congregation. This year, every month a different person meets with Shay, sets the agenda, and runs the meetings. Each chair has a different style but never feels like “the boss.” In addition, by no longer using Robert’s Rules of Order, our Board meetings are half an hour shorter (6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.). We no longer waste time on motions, 1st, 2nd, and votes and, instead, focus on questions, concerns, and problems.

When we reviewed nonprofit Board governance models, we found the following best describes our current approach:

A Board that operates without a CEO uses a Cooperative Model. The Board makes consensual decisions as a group of peers, making it the most democratic governance model. There is no hierarchy and no one individual has power over another. The Board exists only because the law requires its formation. This model requires that each member be equally committed to the organization and willing to take responsibility for the actions of the whole Board.

This affects our experience at meetings. Each of us is an active participant in discussions. We work in small subcommittees when they make more sense and work with one another by email between meetings. The clerk distributes minutes by email within a week or two of a meeting; the feedback to the clerk informs the minutes presented at the next meeting. This step alone means that each of us is responsible for not letting things slip through the cracks, ensuring that what we have addressed is documented in the minutes and, if we did not resolve a question, it comes back onto the agenda.

One of our obligations under the By-Laws is to review the By-Laws every three years. In conducting that review, we have identified a number of changes we will move forward with next year. This spring, however, we need to assist the Nominating Committee with its work. As a result, we are going to propose the following:

Next year we will operate, as this year, without a President, as a 7-person Board. We feel that the 7-person Board is consistent with our congregation’s size.

Next year is Karen’s last year as Vice President. Our recommendation in the By-Laws revision will be that the Board thereafter be comprised of seven members: Clerk, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, three Liaisons, and an At-Large Member.

We are carefully reviewing the By-Laws and the Handbook of Operations to devise By-Laws that accurately describe how we work as a Board while being responsive to congregational needs. As we move forward, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to ask any member of the Board of Management: Karen Nelson (Vice President), Janie Waterhouse (Clerk), Marcel Gagnon (Treasurer), Ginny Howe (Financial Secretary), Natasha Nolan (Liaison), Judi Reis (Liaison), and Diane Whiteside-Peck (Liaison).

Stewardship Update

As of March 30, 2020, we have received 14 pledges for a total of \$31,570.00. Thank you!

Pledges this year are about half of last year's pledges, and 47% (based on preliminary pledge goal of \$66,986.00) of our targeted goal for fiscal 2020-2021. We are \$35,416.00 short of that figure.

The Board and Finance Committee will be working to do the best we can under the current circumstances.

Although March 31st is the official end of pledge month, we will gladly accept additional pledges. We will keep the congregation informed as we go forward.

Church Building Update

During this difficult time for everyone, we want to assure you all that the church remains watched over and cared for. Bill and I continue to work our normal hours, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

Bill was completely disinfecting every handle, light switch, door knob, and touch point daily until all of the outside meetings and gatherings were cancelled. We are the only two people coming to church on a regular basis now. Bill continues to check every room of the building upon entry and disinfects as needed.

The outside light by the ramp, in-between Goodall Hall and the Parlor, is left on in the evening. We turn it off when we arrive and turn it on when we leave. Until our electrician is able to come in and install a motion sensor light, we are hoping this will help deter a burglary. To put everyone's mind at ease, the church is occupied and kept up and cared for as it has been all along.

Below is a list of extra jobs Bill has been working on and hopes to complete as time allows during the closure of the church.

- ◆ Check, repair and clean every blue/silver metal chair
- ◆ Paint wall by the pegboard on the ride side of entry door to parlor
- ◆ Thoroughly clean and disinfect all tables
- ◆ Paint top of radiators in the parlor
- ◆ Sand and refinish the top of the altar
- ◆ Paint the bottom trim in the main entry
- ◆ Reset the nails in the floor of Goodall Hall
- ◆ Wash the floor in Goodall Hall
- ◆ Use a sealer on entire Goodall Hall floor
- ◆ Paint bottom of doors, inside bottom of sill and ramp entry
- ◆ Paint entry door to parlor
- ◆ Paint door trims
- ◆ Paint left side of minister's door
- ◆ Refinish the long wooden bench in Goodall Hall entry
- ◆ Paint the lower right hand side of the wall in the church entry
- ◆ Paint baseboards in Goodall Hall
- ◆ Paint the window in the church entry
- ◆ Repair the white fence along Lebanon Street
- ◆ Repaint the padded bench in Goodall Hall



Effective midnight on Wednesday, April 1st, Gov. Mills issued an executive order for all non-essential workers to remain at home. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Be well, stay safe. Best, Mona and Bill

Let's Stay Connected!

I have created some private Facebook groups for us to use as a space where we can share things with each other in a more informal way. Here's one where we can share books, movies, music, photos, and all things fun that we are doing while stuck at home: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/revshayfunathome>

Sanford folks can connect and coordinate efforts to care for each other here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/suucconnect>

Saco/Biddeford folks can connect and coordinate efforts to care for each other here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/uucsconnect>

Virtual Brown Bag Suppers with Rev. Shay: Every Wednesday, beginning April 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Zoom – all are welcome to come chat and eat together! Follow this link on any Wednesday:

<https://zoom.us/j/2399631729> In peace, Reverend Shay MacKay

Sanford Area Food Pantries

Sanford Food Pantry – Sanford Residents Only - 1202 Main Street - Sanford, ME - 04073

(207) 490-2397 - Mondays 10:00 -noon - Meet outside, no means to leave message

Salvation Army Food Pantry - 871 Main Street - Sanford, ME - 04073

(207) 324-3134 - Fridays 10:00 - noon (Meat included, every other week)

St. Therese Food Closet

In need of tuna fish and healthy cereals (Cheerios & Raisin Bran)

St. Ignatius Gym

Food donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office, 66 North

25 Riverside Avenue

Ave. Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - noon & 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Sanford, ME - 04073

(207) 324-2420 (Rectory #) -Thursdays noon-2:00 p.m.

York County Food Bank - Rated 2nd best in the area

5 Swetts Bridge Road (Just off Rte. 4) - Alfred, ME - 04002

(207) 324-1137 ext. 103 - Tuesdays & Fridays noon - 3:00 p.m.

The Corner Cupboard – Area's only NON-FOOD pantry (Necessities you can't buy with Food Stamps)

Sanford UU Church - 5 Lebanon Street (Rte. 202 & 109) - Sanford, ME 04073

(207) 324-3191 Normally open 3rd Saturday of every month 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

North Berwick Food Pantry - Rated best in the area! Not restricted to residents.

77 High Street (Rte. 4 – Hurd School) - North Berwick, ME

(207) 957-4135 - Mondays 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Currently it is ok for you to come early)

Our Sister Church - Visit our sister church's website at <http://www.uuchurchsacobiddeford.com/>

SUUC Book Group - Due to the current health crisis situation, the SUUC Book group has been postponed indefinitely.

FiAT/MUUSAN News

If you know people who don't have internet access to register at MainersTogether.com please have them call the Maine Peoples Alliance (MPA) office phone number 207-797-0967 and leave a message, someone will call them back to register them. The MainersTogether.com project is looking for people willing to organize relief efforts online in their own homes in most small towns in southern Maine, like Wells, Acton, Lebanon, Newfield, Shapleigh, Alfred, Waterboro, Lyman, Limerick, Berwick and North Berwick. We are also looking for someone who would like to help me with organizing in Sanford/Springvale as I need to work more on my campaign for House District 19. Please contact me or register online at MainersTogether.com to volunteer to help organize the relief efforts in your town. We have a member of the UUCSB working with the Biddeford/Saco Team. There have been a lot UUs across the state helping with this project. UU Millennials are volunteering to do the shopping and delivering to help keeps us wise ones (60+) safe and at home organizing online. It makes me proud to be a UU. Just because we don't see them in church anymore doesn't mean that they are not out in the world spreading love and compassion and putting our UU Faith into Action.

Please call Gov. Mills and ask her to stop all foreclosures and evictions and freeze rent and mortgage payments until 90 days after the Pandemic is over. They have been talking about it and offering a tax credit to the landlords to compensate for the loss in revenue. No one should have to worry about a roof over their head while they are quarantined and out of work.

Most of the bills in Augusta that MUUSAN was following have been carried over to the next session because of the Pandemic. We will keep you informed when life in Augusta gets back to normal. Love & Light, Patty

Made with Love Silent Auction



Well folks, our "Made with Love" Silent Auction fundraiser may have been postponed, but there has been no shortage of enthusiasm with some wonderful items ready to go as soon as our doors open again. Beautifully-made garments, artist and home-crafted jewelry and decorative items, homemade breads, fresh eggs, and homegrown produce, counseling and massage services, and homemade dinners with all the fixings - this auction is shaping up to be one of our best! If

you did not get a chance to donate but would like to, please let me know and I will add your donation to the list. In the meantime, stay safe, be patient, and when the time is right - the bidding will begin! Thanks!

Jan - jrsacco@metrocast.net



Horsemen of the Apocalypse: War, Famine, Pestilence and Death

Salvation

Perhaps it takes four horsemen lined abreast
In pale array, replete with warnings dire,
To reaffirm our values, thence to wrest
Our nobler instincts from beneath the mire.
Earth's global home, in measures that astound,
Succumbs to ignorance, despair and greed.
Inequity and homelessness abound,
With heedless help nor care for those in need.
Our debt to history has been ignored,
Alas, to our great shame and detriment.
Until our sense of right has been restored
We cannot hope to reach our true intent.
Time now to learn anew, to reassess
Priorities, and then to coalesce.

Helen Kane
March 21, 2020

Updates from Our Community

Blood Centers across the nation and in Maine are facing shortages. There is an immediate need for blood donation. COVID-19 does not pose any known risk to blood donors. If you are feeling healthy and eligible to donate, call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org).

USDA has set up three new email addresses to answer questions you might have about food or farming.

Farm labor questions should go to aglabor@usda.gov

Food supply chain questions should go to foodsupplychain@usda.gov

School food questions should go to feedingkids@usda.gov

Have kids staying home from school and wondering how to keep them engaged all day? Maine author Chris Van Dusen is reading one of his children's books every day on his [Youtube channel](#).

Shopping for Seniors and Those With Health Issues - Here is the latest grocery shopping information for seniors and those most at-risk. Many stores are providing specific time periods for these folks to ensure they get food and other essentials first. Please give courtesy to those who really need to get in and out and avoid exposure. Please be aware information is changing and updating on a daily basis.

- **Shaws:** Every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. Shaws will set aside shopping time specifically for senior citizens and other at-risk members of our community. - **Market Basket:** Will be open each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00 a.m. ONLY to serve customers 60 and older. - **Wal-Mart:** From March 24 through April 28, Wal-Mart stores will host an hour-long senior shopping event every Tuesday for customers aged 60 and older. This will start one hour before the store opens. - **Target:** All nationwide stores will reserve the first hour of shopping each Wednesday at stores nationwide for vulnerable guests. - **Hannaford** will be dedicating special shopping hours for customers over 60 and those with compromised immune systems starting March 24. Stores will open early from 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Board 2019-2020

Vice President: Karen Nelson - June 30, 2021
Clerk: Janie Waterhouse - June 30, 2020
Financial Secretary: Ginny Howe - June 30, 2020
Treasurer: Marcel Gagnon - June 30, 2021
Liaisons: Judi Reis - June 30, 2020, Natasha Nolan Parker - June 30, 2022, Diane Whiteside-Peck - June 30, 2021
DREs: Ryan and Mesha Quinn

Church Leadership 2019-2020

Building and Grounds: Marcel Gagnon
Capital Projects Building Committee: Howard Dupee, Bill Ouellette
Choir: Charles Grindle
Church Historian: Helen Kane
Corner Cupboard: Peg Sawyer, Judi Reis, Dee Ames, Helen Kane
Covenant of Right Relations Team: Aileen Fortune, Melody Wood, Lee Burnett, Karen Nelson, Rev. Shay
FIAT (Faith in Action Team): Patty Kidder
Finance Committee: Peg Sawyer, Pat Herrick, Ginny Howe, Deb Folsom
Fundraising Coordinator: Jan Sacco
Homesteaders: Jan Sacco, Melody Wood
Investment Management Committee: Peg Sawyer, Art Dumas, Howard Dupee
Members and Friends: Tonia Chase
Ministerial Relations Team: Tom Huber, Dee Ames, Bev Brent
Music Committee Chair: Melody Wood
Nominating Committee: Deb Folsom, David Agan, Jan Sacco
Stewardship: Helen Kane
Women's Alliance: Nancy Farnham
Worship: Rev. Shay MacKay
Worship Associates: Rev. Shay MacKay, Patty Kidder, Mesha Quinn, Tom Huber, Beverly Brent, Judi Reis, Jan Sacco, Janie Waterhouse and Georgia Renfroe.

Minister - Rev. Shay MacKay. In the event of a pastoral emergency or caring concern, please contact Rev. Shay at 207-518-8059 (text/call) or at revshaymackay@gmail.com During the COVID-19 crisis, Rev. Shay will not have office hours until further notice.

Administrative Office Hours - Closed until further notice due to Gov. Mills executive order for non-essential workers to remain at home - info@sanforduuchurch.org

Co-Directors of Religious Education - Mesha and Ryan Quinn - dre@sanforduuchurch.org

UUCSB Leadership

President: Allen Casad
Vice President: Ron Hiser **Secretary:** Pat Snyder
Treasurer: Wendy Coleman **Collector:** Betsy Pace
At Large: Susan Young, Laurie Sivonen, Isa Ahmed Mogens Ravn Please contact UUCSB at uuchurch@gwi.net for contact information

SUUC Events and Meetings

The church is closed to all activities, events, meetings, etc. until further notice.