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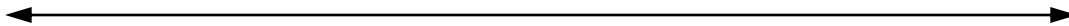
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UUA PRINCIPLES

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- * The inherent worth and dignity of every person.
- * Justice equity, and compassion in human relations.
- * Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.
- * A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.
- * The right of conscience and the use of democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.
- * The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.
- * Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

(Adopted by the 1984 and 1985 General Assemblies)



Summer Services

Information regarding connecting to summer service messages will be emailed to the congregation, and posted on our website and our Facebook page.

July 5 -

July 12 - Rev. Shay - pre-recorded message

July 19 -

July 26 - Rev. Shay - pre-recorded message



**Join us for Summer Sunday Services,
through September 6, 2020**

The flowers are blooming and leaves again adorn bare branches. It's time to explore our "new normal" for summer services.

Summer services for 2020 will be co-hosted by Jan Sacco and Evelyn LaBree. They will consist of a new Message each week that is either written or an audio recording by one or more fellow congregants from SUUC, UUCSB, or a visitor, as well as some from Rev. Shay. A message need not be long. It can be brief and in various forms: prose, poetry, meditations, music, imagery, etc. For each Sunday, Evelyn and Jan will arrange to have a Message posted on the web site (and/or emailed— we are still working this out) to be read and/or listened too by others. If a message is very brief, we may combine more than one.

Summer services provide a unique opportunity to share something you are passionate about, tell an inspiring story, educate the community on a specific topic, or simply be expressive and moving. Please reach out to Evelyn LaBree or Jan Sacco with any questions or to submit your message offering.

The following open summer service dates need to be filled:

- July 5-
- July 12 - Rev. Shay - pre-recorded messages
- July 19 -
- July 26 - Rev. Shay - pre-recorded messages
- August 2 -
- August 9 - Rev. Shay - pre-recorded messages
- August 16 -
- August 23 - Rev. Shay - pre-recorded messages
- August 30 -
- September 6 -
- September 13 - Gathering of the Waters and opening of church year

Thank you!!

Evelyn – labree@bu.edu

Jan – jrsacco@metrocast.net

Summer Virtual Coffee Hour

Beginning on Sunday, July 5th the UUCSB Board will be hosting an on-line virtual coffee hour for anyone who would like to drop in and connect with folks over the summer.

Whether you are from Sanford or Saco or the myriad of other places that house our beloved community members, stop by to say hello and catch up with those you love, or stop by to get to know someone new!

**This coffee hour will take place every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. throughout July and August.
Use this link to attend any Sunday gathering:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2399631729>

Meeting ID: 239 963 1729

Call In - (646) 876-9923

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

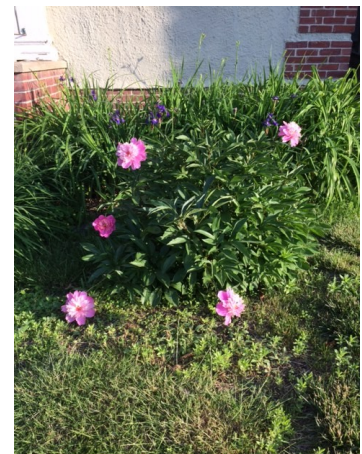
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Opportunities to Connect with UUCSB and SUUC

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/uucsbconnect> In peace, Reverend Shay MacKay

SUUC Church Garden

For anyone who enjoys gardening... you are welcome to come and work on the church garden. Anyone can come to divide the plants, or add some, or thin, or anything your heart desires. The garden belongs to all of us.



Remembrance Tribute to Ginny Reusch

Helen Kane, our church historian, invited congregants to visit Bauneg Beg Mountain Conservation Area after Sunday's Flower Communion to view the plaque that honors long time member Ginny Reusch.

Fresh flowers were placed on the plaque by Helen, Georgia Renfro, Diane Whiteside-Peck, Bev Brent, and Judi Reis in honor of Ginny's dedication to land conservation. We sang a verse of Ginny's favorite hymn, "Come, Sing a Song with Me." Several members of the group then explored the hiking trails.



Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy summer!



**Post from
Caring Unlimited
for
Nicole's 5K Run/Walk
(Reprinted with permission)**

Just about a month until Nicole's 5K Run/ Walk- Kennebunk, and we're excited to introduce this week's inspiring Featured 5K Fundraiser, Clare!

Clare has been involved with Nicole's Run for 10 consecutive years, including last year when she proudly ran the whole 5K at just 20 weeks postpartum!

Clare shared with us why she's so committed to Nicole's Run and supporting Caring Unlimited:

"Nicole lived just a few miles from where I grew up in Wells, on a street I biked or drove by all the time. I never met her, but her story is the story of a staggering number of women and gender non-conforming folks. Caring Unlimited's advocates truly meet survivors where they are at... even in the middle of the night during a global pandemic. My family is proud to walk (and run) with Caring Unlimited on our collective journeys towards liberation."

Support Clare in her 11th year at Nicole's Run by making a secure online donation here:

<https://caringunlimited.salsalabs.org/nicolesrun2020/p/clarefortunelad/index.html>

This Virtual Event gives you the freedom to complete your 5K anytime, anywhere on race day:
Saturday, July 18, 2020.

We encourage folks to sign up to virtually run or walk the 5k themselves at:

<https://www.caring-unlimited.org/about-nicoles-run>

FiAT News - Ways We can put our Faith into Action!

Remember to Vote in the Maine Primary on July 14th, 2020! You can request your Maine Absentee Ballot at: <https://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>. I am unsure about other towns but Sanford City Hall is open and you can vote in person during their business hours. If you know anyone who needs help to register to vote, they can call their local town hall for assistance or visit mej.org or lwvme.org has helpful links.

Our sister church, UUCSB, is holding a BLM vigil protest every Wednesday from 5-6:00pm on the Elm St. Bridge, which is at the intersection of Water St. and Elm St. (RT. 1) in Saco. They park on Water St. in the parking lot closest to the bridge. They wear masks and observe six feet of social distancing, have a banner, and carry signs. They have only about a dozen people at present but they want to grow. They would love to have us join them.

Side With Love & Love Resists (UUA) has recommended watching the PBS series on Reconstruction after the American Civil War, <https://www.pbs.org/weta/reconstruction/>, and having a group discussion afterwards to get a better understanding of the systemic racism in our country and to support Black Lives Matter.



Reconstruction: America After the Civil War

Post-Civil War America was a new world. Watch The Full Episode. Reconstruction Hour 3. A “New South” set the stage for the rise of Jim Crow and the undermining of Reconstruction’s legacy ...

www.pbs.org

Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington Digital Gathering happened Saturday, June 20th. The event was recorded and you can watch it online at "www.june2020.org". They are working with more than 200 partner organizations across the country, including unions, religious denominations (including UU), and social and environmental justice organizations to ensure that their message is heard far and wide: "***Somebody's been hurting our people, and it's gone on for far too long. And WE WON'T BE SILENT ANYMORE!***" The Women's March in support of BLM sent this message to me.

One of the officers who murdered Breonna Taylor was fired from the force on Friday. This is a step in the right direction, but we know this is not what justice looks like and we refuse to settle for it.

There are still two other officers, Jonathan Mattingly and Myles Cosgrove, on the force who were involved in Breonna's murder. **Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer must fire ALL of them.**

Over 600 of you made calls last week directly to Mayor Fischer and many of you reported that the voice-mail inboxes were full. That's why instead we're asking everyone to send a personal email to Mayor Fischer today. Greg.fischer@louisvilleky.gov

In a joint statement, the attorneys representing Breonna's family said this news is a welcome, but long-overdue step toward justice. It's been 101 days since Bre's murder. The attorneys said, "we await further action by the police department to terminate the other officers," and that it is time for Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron to file criminal charges against all the officers. **[We cannot rest. Every message sent shows that we're watching and sends the message that anything less than justice will not be tolerated.](#)**

Thank you for speaking out. Women's March Team

Both the Poor People's Campaign for a National Moral Revival and the Women's March are supported by MUUSAN and the UUA.

Love & Light, Patty Kidder

Covid-19 Relief Fund Created

The SUUC Covid Relief Team has been meeting weekly to help relieve hardships created by the coronavirus pandemic.

The team was created to manage a fund established by church members Art and Celina Dumas to address basic human needs created or made worse by the pandemic. The group has created a simple request form that was distributed to the community and is working to establish a dedicated account with Fidelity Investments. (The logistical details are still being finalized as of this writing.)

The team has made three awards. Recipients have been notified that disbursements will be made as soon as the account is established. Awards to date:

\$500 to Project CommUnity to support a black-owned business adversely affected by pandemic. The money bought take-out meals from One Love restaurant for organizers and participants of the Black Lives Matter rally in Sanford on June 6.

\$5,000 to Maine Access Points to support front line workers in opiate addiction, whose jobs are made more difficult and risky by the pandemic. The money buys personal protective equipment, mileage reimbursement and stipends for outreach efforts.

\$10,000 to York County Community Action Corp. to support families facing financial hardships as a result of the pandemic. The money will go entirely toward cash disbursements, spent at the discretion of Community Action, to supplement other relief payments that may be insufficient in certain circumstances.

Team members are: Natasha Nolan, Pat Herrick, Lee Burnett, Lindsay (Kidder) Bellissimo and Diane Whiteside-Peck. Feel free to speak with anyone on the committee if you have a question or a suggestion.

SUUC Covid-19 Relief Fund Request Form

Please submit a brief request that describes the actions to be taken. (Not more than 1 page)

In the request please answer:

How was this need created by the pandemic?

Who will be helped?

How will they be helped?

What is the amount of your request?

Submit your request by email to

pherrick1@maine.rr.com

or

you can drop your request in the mail slot at the
Sanford UU Church,
corner of Main & Lebanon Streets



Board 2020-2021

Vice President: Karen Nelson - June 30, 2021

Clerk: Judi Reis - June 30, 2022

Financial Secretary: Ginny Howe - June 30, 2022

Treasurer: Marcel Gagnon - June 30, 2021

Liaisons: Janie Waterhouse - June 30, 2023, Natasha Nolan Parker - June 30, 2022, Diane Whiteside-Peck - June 30, 2021

DREs: Ryan and Mesha Quinn

Church Leadership 2020-2021

Building and Grounds: Marcel Gagnon

Capital Projects Building Committee: Howard Dupee, Bill Ouellette

Choir:

Church Historian: Helen Kane

Corner Cupboard: Peg Sawyer, Judi Reis, Dee Ames, Helen Kane, Marcel Gagnon

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

Stewardship:

Women's Alliance: Nancy Farnham

Worship: Rev. Shay MacKay

Worship Associates: Rev. Shay MacKay, Patty Kidder, Mesha Quinn, Tom Huber, Beverly Brent, 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. Please note, Rev. Shay is off for the month of July.

Administrative Office Hours - Church office is closed, working from home - info@sanforduuchurch.org

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

SUUC Events and Meetings

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

HERE WE BELIEVE:

LOVE IS LOVE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY & GOOD

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE