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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/Messages

Information regarding connecting to summer services/messages will be emailed to the congregation and posted on our website and our Facebook page as soon as it becomes available.

**August 2nd:** Jane Perkins and Evelyn LaBree - Elizabeth Tarbox and Ellen Tadd - *Meditations*  
**August 9th:** Rev. Shay - Pre-recorded message  
**August 16th:** TENTATIVE - Homesteaders  
**August 23rd:** Rev. Shay - Pre-recorded message  
**August 30th:** Helen Kane - *N.Y. Times 1619 Project*



*A sincere thank you to Evelyn LaBree and Jan Sacco for taking care of summer scheduling!*

## Corner Cupboard Update

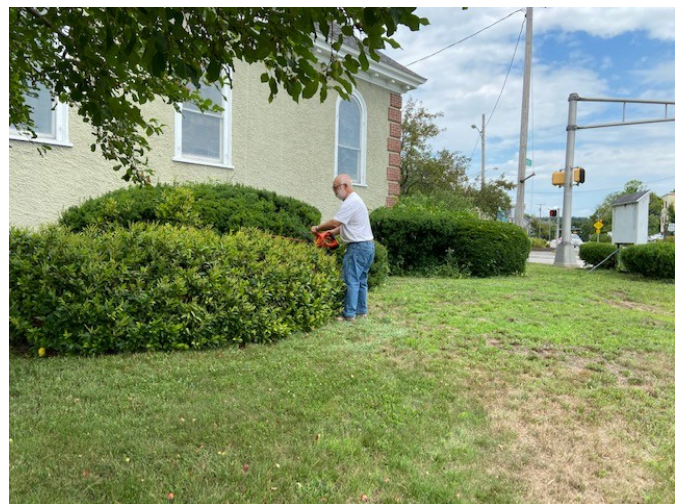
The Corner Cupboard distributed 3 items to 150 families last Thursday who received food donations from the Sanford Backpack Program. We are looking forward to partnering with them again in the near future.



## In Honor of Bob....

The late Bob McCormick was the head of our Building and Grounds Committee. Each summer he would put a planter under the Wayside Pulpit filled with flowers for all to enjoy, as well as trim the shrubs.

We have continued this tradition in his honor



## 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 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



## Virtual Kennebunk UU Blueberry Fair Kickoff

Saturday, August 1st from 10:00-12:00

Kennebunk UU Church Lawn, Main Street in Kennebunk

Masks required, along with social distancing

Enjoy blueberry buckle and iced tea or coffee, plus the company of friends and neighbors. The Virtual Fair offerings will be available as well as blueberry paintings donated by artist Nancy Beers.

## Virtual Kennebunk UU Blueberry Fair

August 1st to the 15th Please use link: <https://uukennebunk.org/2020-Blueberry-Fair>

The Annual UU Blueberry Fair in Kennebunk cannot be held due to COVID19. Starting August 1st, go to the above link and order Blueberry Fair goodies or give a donation to support this local church landmark. Thank you!



## Relief Committee Update

The account for the Covid Relief Committee is now active and we are able to deposit and write checks. This is only because of the many, many hours spent on frustrating phone calls by Diane Whiteside Peck. We owe her a great deal of thanks for her endless patience and perseverance!!

We have disbursed funds to Project CommUnity- \$600, to York County Community Action- \$10,000, and to Maine Access Points- \$5,000. All three organizations were able to show us that their specific needs were Covid caused.

We are currently considering a request from Maine Agency on Aging but need more specific information that their request is Covid related before we can fund them.

After reviewing the donor's original email, we realized that we can fund requests for organizations and individuals in the towns of the Massabesic School District: Alfred, Shapleigh, Newfields, Waterboro, Lyman, and Limerick. We welcome requests from these areas.

We meet via zoom every week and welcome questions and suggestions. The members of the Committee are Diane Whiteside Peck, Lindsay Bellissimo, Natasha Nolan, Lee Burnett, and Pat Herrick. Each of our information is in the directory if you need to contact us. Submitted by Pat Herrick

### Church Directory

Toward the middle of September we will have an updated church directory. If there are any changes regarding your telephone number, mailing address or email address, please send your information to the church office at [info@sanforduuchurch.org](mailto:info@sanforduuchurch.org). We want to make sure our directory is as accurate and up-to-date as possible. Please indicate if the listed phone number is a cellular phone, whether or not you can be texted, and how you want to be notified in an emergency. (i.e. call, text, or email). Thank you.

### CLYNK Bottle and Can Return at Hannaford

Money generated through this program is picked up throughout the year and goes into our fundraising line. Please pick up a CLYNK bag at the church for your returnable cans and bottles, the bags are located on a table in Goodall Hall for your convenience. **In light of the pandemic you may contact the church office and have CLYNK bags mailed to you if you prefer.** Please save only the cans and bottles that are redeemable. You may drop your CLYNK bag off at any Hannaford offering this incentive or at the church. Thank you to everyone for your participation in this recycling program, we can all make a difference!

## FiAT News

Please call your US Senators, Susan Collins at 202-224-2523, and Angus King, Jr. at 202-224-5344, and tell them to help the unemployed workers of our country and support extending the \$600 additional unemployment benefit. Some people receiving this extra supplemental unemployment actually made much more than that in their previous positions and without the extra \$600, they will not be able to pay their mortgages. Yes, some make more on unemployment than at their old job but if their employer calls them back if there is enough work, they have to go back to work or lose their unemployment. Most of the people receiving this money, spend it locally which helps the economy. Our senators have cast the deciding votes before on very important issues and this is one that will affect our entire country. Most people can't afford to pay their bills on regular unemployment insurance and most of the available jobs don't pay a living wage. Another stimulus payment will help but it will not be enough to stop the foreclosures and evictions that will come without extending the additional \$600 unemployment benefits. Please tell them to support extending the supplemental unemployment benefits and another stimulus payment. Thank you.

Love & Light, Patty



www.mainequaljustice.org

### Healthcare, food, and housing are human rights!

We need our Senators to make sure no one in Maine is left behind in the next relief bill. **Call today!**





### Black Lives Matter Vigil

A vigil will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 1:00PM at Central Park in Sanford. There is free parking in the parking lot beside the Back Street Grill across the street from the park. Please bring your own sign and water bottle, wear a mask and stay 6+ feet away from the other participants. You can bring your own folding chair if it is too much for you to stand for an hour. This recurring action has been organized by a few concerned Shapleigh residents and they would love some added support.

## 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](mailto:revshaymackay@gmail.com). During the COVID-19 crisis, Rev. Shay will not have office hours until further notice.

**Administrative Office Hours** - Church office is closed due to pandemic, working from home - [info@sanforduuchurch.org](mailto:info@sanforduuchurch.org)

**Co-Directors of Religious Education** - Mesha and Ryan Quinn - [dre@sanforduuchurch.org](mailto:dre@sanforduuchurch.org)

## SUUC Events and Meetings

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

