

Sunday Morning Meditation

Sundays, 9:00-9:45 am, in-person

Meditation is offered on Sunday mornings from 9:00am to 9:45 am. We meet in the parlor, and when weather permits, we meet outside in the garden. We begin with a poem by Thich Nhat Hahn to center our intentions, followed by a walking meditation, then silent meditation, and ending with sharing our thoughts and insights. Feel free to contact Marie-Louise at 857-526-2579 or marieljm1961@yahoo.com.

Worship Service **"Faces of the Divine"** Rev. Rebecca Froom and Shiloh Hoffman Sunday, May 12, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

Turning to stories, images, and traditions from Hindu, Christian, and Jewish traditions, your ministers reflect on many ways and genders through which divinity takes form. What wisdom do we find in diverse representations of the divine that can ground and inspire us today?

Join by computer: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82251479714</u> Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 822 5147 9714

Spirit Circle

Sunday May 12, 10:30 am, in-person

Children enter the sanctuary with their families and following the Message for All Ages children of all ages will go to their classroom. This week our instructor Olga Popova will be providing a music lesson teaching the children two new songs in the Spirit Circle classroom. The RE helper this week is Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller. We ask that children ages 3 and younger go into the nursery with our Child Carers, Alex and Sol, when the Spirit Circle class begins.

Kindred Spirits Discussion Group for Seniors

Friday, May 17, 10:00–11:30 am, in-person

Join us for a monthly discussion group, grounded in our UU values, where we reflect on current events and pressing social issues. This group is open to seniors aged 60+ and will meet on the third Friday of the month at our church in the parish hall. Coffee and tea are provided. Please contact Rev. Rebecca Froom with any questions at <u>rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com</u> or 617-803-1159.

Worship Service **"Evangelists for Love and Compassion"** Rev. Rebecca Froom Sunday, May 19, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, May 19, 12:15 pm, in-person and online

The Board of Governors invites members and pledging friends to attend United First Parish Church's Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 19th at 12:15 pm. In this meeting we will hear updates on important projects, vote on our budget for the coming year, and elect new members to our Board of Governors, Committee on Ministry, and Nominating Committee. Childcare will be provided.

Book Group

Thursday, June 6, 7:00 pm, online

The UFPC Book Group meets on the first Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, with a gap in summer and in December. All members and friends of UFPC are welcome to join us. We meet on Zoom. We try to select a balance of styles. You can come even if you have not finished the book.

The book this month is <u>Moses, Man of the Mountain</u> by Zora Neale Hurston. In this 1939 novel based on the familiar story of the Exodus, Zora Neale Hurston blends the Moses of the Old Testament with the Moses of black folklore and song to create a compelling allegory of power, redemption, and faith. Narrated in a mixture of biblical rhetoric, black dialect, and colloquial English, Hurston traces Moses' life from the day he is launched into the Nile River in a reed basket, to his development as a great magician, to his transformation into the heroic rebel leader, the Great Emancipator.

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Annual Pledge Drive Ending

On April 7th we formally wrapped up our annual pledge drive on the theme "Everything Possible: Funding the Future of our Faith." We've had very encouraging responses so far, and there are still outstanding pledges. If you haven't yet turned in your FY2025 Pledge Intention Form (the amount of money you pledge to donate in July 2024 - June 2025), please do so soon. Pledge Intention forms can be turned in on Sundays or mailed to the church at the address below.

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 am–1:00 pm or by appointment.