



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Worship Service “You Belong to Everything”

Rev. Rebecca Froom

Sunday, September 14, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream
Joe Stoddard, guest musician

Each of us is part of the interdependent web of life. We are all connected. In this service we turn to theologies and philosophies that teach that the light of the divine dwells within all of us and connects us to all that is. We reflect on the practice of covenant as a way of strengthening our bonds to our faith community and the larger world. The UFPC Choir will sing.

Joe Stoddard, our guest musician, is one of the grades 4-6 music teachers at Village School in Marblehead, and has worked as a church organist, choir director, and pianist for many years.

Join by computer: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82251479714>

Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 822 5147 9714

Spirit Circle

Sunday, September 14, 10:30 am, in-person

This week in Spirit Circle, we will create our class covenant and do some Water Communion-inspired ribbon dancing! Our lead teacher this week is Elizabeth, and our RE Assistant is Andrew. Nursery care will be available.

Kindred Spirits Discussion Group for Seniors

Tuesday, September 16, 10:30 am–12:00 pm, in-person

Join us for a monthly discussion group, grounded in our UU values, where we reflect on current events and pressing social issues. Every third month we will discuss a pre-selected topic that is especially relevant to seniors and experiences of aging (October 2025, January 2026). Kindred Spirits is facilitated by Rev. Rebecca and is open to seniors aged 60+. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the parish hall. Coffee and tea are provided. Please contact Rev. Rebecca Froom at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com or 617-803-1159.

UFPC Committee Fair

Sunday, September 21, social hour, in-person

The Board of Governors invites you to this year's Committee Fair! The Fair will happen on Sunday, September 21 during coffee hour. As a democratically run organization, a majority of the work of the church is volunteer led. The work of the committees can sometimes feel mysterious to those new to the church or not currently tied into church work. This Fair is an opportunity for people in the congregation to learn more about what the committees at UFPC do and to find a way to become more involved in the life of the church. Volunteer opportunities vary in terms of commitment from a one-time effort to a limited focus on a topic or task, to joining an ongoing committee for monthly meetings. We hope you will join us to learn more about the important work of our church volunteers.

and opportunities to become involved. If you have any questions please contact Church President, Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller at marieljm1961@yahoo.com.

Meet UFPC Newcomer Orientation

Sunday, September 28, 12:15 pm, in-person

Are you new to UFPC? Do you have questions about the congregation, Unitarian Universalism, or how you can become more connected to the community at United First Parish Church? This newcomer orientation, facilitated by Rev. Rebecca and a member of the Board of Governors, is an opportunity for participants to share their spiritual journeys, learn about Unitarian Universalist history and heritage, and hear more about the path to membership at UFPC. Snacks will be provided, and childcare may be available with one week's advance notice. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the parish hall or by contacting Rev. Rebecca Froom at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com.

Book Group

Thursday, October 2, 7:00 pm, on Zoom

The Book Group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, with a gap in summer and in December. All members and friends are welcome to join us. We will conduct our meetings via Zoom. Each year, we choose a variety of genres and forms. You are welcome to come even if you have not finished the book. For more information visit: www.ufpc.org/book-group.

The book this month is Isaac's Storm: A Man, A Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History by Erik Larson. This book is a non-fiction account of the catastrophic 1900 Galveston hurricane, focusing on the fatal miscalculations of Isaac Cline, the United States Weather Bureau's chief meteorologist for Galveston, and the storm's devastating impact on the city. The book uses Cline's own records and survivor testimonies to chronicle the storm's approach, the devastating loss of life, the tragic death of Cline's wife, Cora, and the profound, lasting impact of the disaster.

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Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 835 8213 4326

Writing Group

Sunday, October 5, 12:00 pm, in-person

We welcome everyone to join us in a free writing session and optional sharing of our words that pursue thinking on a theme. This is a non-critiqued, open minded, generous group that encourages self-expression in a supportive gathering. You can attend one or more sessions. No reservation is required. Groups tend to vary in size between 6 and 14 participants, and the session lasts for forty-five minutes to one hour. Our Writing Group meets in person on the first Sunday of the month in the parlor at 12:00 pm. There are no meetings in January or June. Contact facilitator Leslie Simpson at 617-448-9645.

Poetry Group

Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 pm, in-person

The Poetry Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month in-person from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the parish hall. Bring a poem or two you would like to share with the group. Each participant has an opportunity to read their poem out loud. It can be a poem by someone else or one you wrote. Then, in turn the members discuss their thoughts on it. Contact Albert Vaughn at vaughn.albert@icloud.com.

Save the Date

Celebrating Norman Corey's Music Ministry – Sunday, October 26, 10:30 am–1:00 pm, in-person

Ordination of Shiloh Hoffman – Saturday, November 1, 3:00 pm, in-person

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