



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Worship Service

“The Middle Path”

Joe Jencks, guest preacher and musician
Sunday, March 9, in-person and livestream

When the pendulum swing of populist politics has us feeling overwhelmed, when the sensationalism of reactionary responses has us feeling some spiritual whiplash, how do we find a different way to be fully present in our lives? How do we become change-makers while engaging in healthy practices? How do we till the soil of community to make it ready for the seeds of sustainable change, while not losing our own center? Joe Jencks weaves a thoughtful tapestry of hope and invites us into self-care and community engagement in tandem, as we walk bipedal on The Middle Path.

Joe Jencks is a 25-year veteran of the international Folk circuit, an award-winning songwriter and a celebrated vocalist based in the Chicago area. He is known for his performances of musical beauty, social consciousness and spiritual exploration. Joe delivers engaged musical narratives filled with heart, soul, groove and grit. Blending well-crafted instrumentals and vivid songwriting, Jencks serves it all up with a lyric baritone voice that has the edgy richness of a good sea-salt caramel. Jencks has penned several #1 Folksongs including the ever-relevant “Lady of The Harbor” and has become a fan favorite throughout North America and beyond. Joe has performed and preached in over 200 Unitarian Universalist congregations in the US, Canada, and Ireland, and is also a dual US-Irish citizen. He has also served as a Cultural Ambassador with the U.S. State Department. www.joejencks.com

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82251479714>

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

Spirit Circle

Sunday, March 9, 10:30 am, in-person

This week, Spirit Circle families are invited to join us upstairs for Joe Jencks’ music-filled service. Nursery care will also be available downstairs. Next week during Spirit Circle, we will be making bagged lunches for Father Bill’s shelter. Please join us for this special service project!

Writing Group

Sunday, March 9, 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. While this meeting is on the SECOND Sunday, our Writing Group usually 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 Jim Petosa at jimjamespeto@aol.com or 301-442-3781.

Poetry Group

Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 pm, in-person

Poetry can speak to our deepest feelings and thoughts. It can give us an Ah Ha moment. At times, beautiful images transport us to a different place. The Poetry Group meets each month in person on the second Tuesday from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Bring a poem or two you would like to share with the group. Each participant will read a poem out loud. Then the members will discuss their personal responses. Coffee and tea will be provided. For more information, email Florence Noonan at flnoonan@gmail.com.

Worship Service

“Sharing Our Good News”

Rev. Rebecca Froom

John Muratore, guest musician, classical guitar

Sunday, March 16, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

What is the good news that United First parish Church and Unitarian Universalism brings to your life and our world? UUs often shy away from the concept and practice of evangelism, yet we have an important message of love, justice, compassion, and peace to share with each other and the wider world! On this Sunday, as we begin our annual pledge drive, we reflect on the importance of sharing the good news of our faith community.

Kindred Spirits Discussion Group for Seniors

Tuesday, March 18, 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. This group is open to seniors aged 60+ and will meet on the third Tuesday of the month at our church. We will meet in the parish hall. Coffee and tea are provided. Please contact Rev. Rebecca Froom at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com or 617-803-1159.

“Sharing the Good News of UFPC: A Stewardship Workshop”

Saturday, March 22, 2:00–4:30 pm, in-person

What do you want the wider world to know about our congregation? Join the Stewardship Committee and Rev. Rebecca Froom for an interactive afternoon in the parish hall where we share what we find meaningful about United First Parish Church with one another, and practice sharing the good news of UFPC and Unitarian Universalism with the wider world. By the end of our time together, we will practice developing our message across various mediums, from conversation skills to social media posts, and more. Snacks, desserts, and beverages provided.

Book Group

Thursday, April 3, 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 December and in summer. 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 the complete list of books for this year, visit our website: <https://ufpc.org/book-group>.

The book this month is “An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us” by Ed Yong. A New York Times bestseller, “An Immense World” is a multisensory exploration of the many ways in which animals perceive their environment. Some of these senses are familiar to us, others are utterly alien, all of them reveal that the world humans perceive through their senses is only a slice of a much larger world.

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Becoming a Member at UFPC

Are you considering becoming a full member of United First Parish Church? We will be holding a New Member Ceremony during the worship service on Sunday, April 13th. Please contact Rev. Rebecca Froom at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com for more information on becoming a member of the congregation.

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