



## Weekly Announcements

Sunday, April 20, 2025

### Worship Service “The Rising Sun”

Rev. Rebecca Froom  
Anne Howarth, guest musician,  
Sunday, April 20, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

Spring bursts forth all around us with the promise of new life. This Easter Sunday, we turn to wisdom from pagan traditions, Easter, and Earth Day as we reflect on the possibilities of joy, hope, and love that can be found beyond death and fear. Music will be provided by our UFPC Choir, horn player Ann Howarth, and Music Director Norman Corey.

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

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

### Spirit Circle

Sunday, April 20, 10:30 am, in-person

Please join us for a UFPC Easter Egg Hunt after church this Sunday on the South Lawn! We will gather in the Parish Hall and go over to the lawn together. Turn in your eggs at the end of the Hunt for an additional prize! All children and their families are welcome to join us (children should be accompanied by a grown-up). In the unlikely case of rain, we'll relocate to the Sanctuary.

This week in Spirit Circle, we will have a special session for Easter. We'll learn about Easter traditions and do activities and crafts! Elizabeth and Marie-Louise will be leading this session, and nursery care will be available.

### Worship Service “Cultivating Joy”

Rev. Darrick Jackson  
Sunday, April 27, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

Spring brings relief from the harshness of winter. And yet, we are still facing the harshness of the world. How do we cultivate joy as a spiritual practice of restoration and resistance?

The Rev. Darrick Jackson (he/him) is the Ministerial Credentialing Director at the UUA. He is one of the authors in the book “Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity and Power in Ministry.” Rev. Darrick is active in DRUUMM (the UU ministry for people of color) and is the treasurer for Healing Moments (a ministry for caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s). He is pursuing his Doctor of Ministry in Theology and the Arts at the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Rev. Darrick and his husband, Dr. James Olson, live with their two cats, Merlin and Morgana.

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## **Quincy 400 Lecture Series: Slavery and Freedom in Quincy**

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30–7:30 pm, Thomas Crane Public Library

Explore the history of slavery and freedom in Quincy with historians Kabria Baumgartner and Gabriel Raeburn as they present original research on the experiences of Black and Indigenous people who were enslaved in our community in the eighteenth century. Research for this project was conducted in our UFPC archives, and historical sites throughout the city. Find out more at <https://thomascranelibrary.org/>

### **Book Group**

Thursday, May 1, 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>.

In Ursula Le Guin’s “The Telling,” a society that has suppressed its own cultural heritage struggles to reclaim its past as a ship crewed by members of various Ekumen planets travels to a distant world potentially harboring extraterrestrial life. The Yeowans, who were once enslaved, have gained freedom and are struggling to establish their own government and identity, while also seeking admittance into the Ekumen of worlds. The story explores themes of freedom, slavery, gender relations, and the importance of cultural heritage.

Join by computer: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83582134326>

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

### **Writing Group**

Sunday, May 4, 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 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 Leslie Simpson at 617-448-9645.

### **Minns Lectures**

April 30, May 8, May 14, in-person and online

Register today for the 2025 Minns Lectures. This April-June, Minns is excited to host several vibrant conversations with prominent UU ministers and innovative thinkers to tell new stories about UU history, from the Civil War to today.

- A three-lecture series: Deconstructing Mythologies of Unitarian Anti-Racism: Rev. Dr. Wayne Arnason, April 30, St. Paul, MN; Rev. Lisa Friedman, May 8, Rochester, NY; and Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed, May 14, Boston, MA.
- A two-part discussion and clip screening of the feature documentary “Why Are You You” about Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) with filmmakers from Linden Tree Productions, June 14, Boston, MA, and at General Assembly in Baltimore, MD.

Find out more and RSVP to join online by Zoom or in-person at: [minnslectures.org/upcoming-lectures](https://minnslectures.org/upcoming-lectures)

### **Save the Date: Chili and Trivia**

Saturday, May 10, 6:00–9:00pm, in-person

The Stewardship Committee invites you to a chili cook-off, and trivia night fundraiser on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>. Match your wits and your culinary skills with the UFPC community while we share some fun and raise some funds for our congregation. UFPC's own Stephen DeBisschop will serve as our Quizmaster for the evening. Tickets will be \$10-\$20 sliding scale donation (children free) and will come with five tickets for the raffle items. A cash bar of beer, wine, and upscale sodas will be available. Tickets will go on sale April 27<sup>th</sup> along with a sign-up for the chili cook-off (and cornbread bake-off). If you are interested in volunteering for the event or contributing a raffle item, please contact Karl DeBisschop at [kdebisschop@gmail.com](mailto:kdebisschop@gmail.com).

### **Poetry Group**

Tuesday, May 13, 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 Albert Vaughn at [vaughn.albert@icloud.com](mailto:vaughn.albert@icloud.com).

### **Save the Date: Annual Meeting**

Sunday, May 18, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Turn in Your Pledge Forms**

In this year's stewardship campaign, we reflected on the financial future of our congregation and what we find meaningful about our congregation through the theme "Sharing the Good News of UFPC." You can still turn in your Pledge Intention Form (for July 2025-June 2026) by putting your form in the Stewardship Box in the church office or mailing it to the church at the below address.

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