



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Worship Service

“Beyond Perfection”

Rev. Rebecca Froom

Sunday, January 24, 10:30 am on Zoom

It has often been said “do not let the perfect become the enemy of the good.” In this service we reflect on how liberating it can be to look beyond perfection for the good that is present and possible in ourselves, our relationships, and in our efforts to build just, compassionate, and joyful communities.

Join by computer: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86170075449>

Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 861 7007 5449

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 24, following service on Zoom

The Board of Governors invites you to our mid-year Congregational Meeting, which will be held on Zoom on Sunday the 24th following the service. This is an opportunity to hear updates from the Board on a variety of topics, Rev. Rebecca and the Unitarian Universalist Association. The Board will also give some updates and take questions about how we will come together for church activities as we look ahead to the spring, summer, and fall.

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Weekly Children’s Chapel

Every Thursday, Joan McDonald, our Director of Religious Education, posts a new children’s chapel video for our preschool to early elementary age children. The video will be posted on the Religious Education page on our website: <https://ufpc.org/religious-education>. The theme for this month is imagination.

January 7: Imagining who you can become (what possibilities exist in you?)

January 14: Imagining a more just world (what work has been done? What work can we do?)

January 21: Using your imagination and thinking outside the box.

Quincy for Black Lives Standout

Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 pm, church front steps

I am privileged to announce that UFPC is partnering with Quincy for Transformative Change for a new initiative in support of Black Lives Matter. We will meet on the church front steps weekly to bear peaceful witness and to advocate for justice and equity for our fellow citizens of color. You are invited to join our small but dedicated group. Kindly direct your questions to me at my cell 617-272-0274 or artclaire@comcast.net. Thank you, Claire Fitzmaurice.

Anti-Racism Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 28, 6:30–7:30 pm on Zoom

The Anti-Racism Book Discussion Group meets next on Thursday, January 28 at 6:30 pm. We continue our discussion of the book *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. We will focus on chapters 10–12.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84188051078>

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Worship Service

“After COVID: Let’s Dream!”

Rev. Rebecca Froom and colleagues

Sunday, January 31, 10:30 am on Zoom

This service is a collaboration between several area ministers as we imagine how the pandemic will affect different parts of our culture: Justice after COVID, Church after COVID, Love after COVID and more! Joining us will be ministers from Canton, Cohasset, Franklin, Middleboro, Reading, and our own congregation.

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Book Group

Thursday, February 4, 7:00 pm on Zoom

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 will meet on Zoom during the pandemic. We try to select a balance of styles, and this year we ended up with 4 non-fiction works and 5 works of fiction. You are welcome to come if you have not quite finished the book. Over the years we have had some practice at avoiding spoilers and it is always fun to have new voices.

Our February book selection is *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, is a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of—and paean to—the natural world. From the roots to the crown and back to the seeds, Richard Powers’ twelfth novel unfolds in concentric rings of interlocking fables that range from antebellum New York to the late twentieth-century Timber Wars of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. There is a world alongside ours—vast, slow, interconnected, resourceful, magnificently inventive, and almost invisible to us. This is the story of a handful of people who learn how to see that world and who are drawn up into its unfolding catastrophe.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86564868177>

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Writing Group

Sunday, February 7, 12:00 pm on Zoom

Our UFPC Writing Group meets the first Sunday of the month at noon. We will use Zoom links to gather online during the pandemic. As in the past, 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 advance reservation is required. Groups tend to vary in size between 6 and 14 participants, and the session lasts for 45 minutes to an hour. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact facilitator Jim Petosa at jimjamespeto@aol.com or at 301-442-3781.

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Join Our UFPC Zoom Worship Team

Every Sunday morning our online services are created by a team of staff and volunteers, serving in a variety of artistic and logistical roles. We'd love to expand our team! If you are interested in learning more about any of the following roles, please contact Jamie Grassmann, Chair of the Worship Committee, or Rev. Rebecca at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com. Some of the roles include:

- serving as a Digital Ushers who manages the Zoom waiting room and facilitates sharing during Joys and Sorrows
- running our slides and any multimedia through the screen share function on Zoom
- giving a chalice lighting reading
- providing music to be recorded ahead of time
- taking or sharing pictures of our UFPC building and grounds to be used in our worship slides
- editing audio or video files ahead of or following worship services

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