



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Worship Service

“We Strengthen Each Other”

Rev. Rebecca Froom

Sunday, October 10, 10:30 am, in-person or live stream

On this Indigenous People’s Day weekend, we reflect on stories of oppression and resilience of Indigenous North Americans. We reckon with our own Unitarian Universalist heritage in the history of “Indian Schools” and the roles we can play in the contemporary movements of Indigenous Americans.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85369171483>

Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Webinar ID: 853 6917 1483

This Week in Religious Education

It is Joan McDonald, the director of religious education, Sunday off. Our Deputy DRE’s this week are Albert Vaughn and Jo Morris, who may be substituting for her daughter Rebecca Morris. When the children exit from the sanctuary after the Message for All Ages, they will have a circle time—sharing names and joys and sorrows. There is a great story to share and time to play some games or draw pictures.

Fledgling Tales: UFPC Storytime

Tuesday, October 12 and 26, 7:00 pm, on Zoom

A Zoom story half hour will be on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Cozy up in your jammies, with your favorite stuffed animal, blanket and caring adult and join DRE Joan McDonald for a time of ritual and sharing for preschool and elementary school age children. We will share a chalice lighting, Joan will read a story, everyone will check in and a family or guest will share a favorite story. Please make sure the name on your zoom account is recognizable, so Joan can let you in.

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Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 825 0768 5947

StandOut Quincy 4 Black Lives

Thursdays, 3:30–5:30 pm, in-person

UFPC is partnering with Quincy for Transformative Change for an initiative in support of Black Lives Matter. We 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.

We will hold a mini-congregational meeting to elect Kim Dangora to the Stewardship chair position on Sunday, October 17 directly after the worship service.

Sunday Morning Meditation

Sundays [starting October 24], 9:00 am, in-person

On Sunday morning, October 24th, I will be glad to restart our meditation practice at 9:00 am. If the weather is warm enough, we will meet in the church garden. For cooler temperatures we can meet in the parlor with a window open and wear our masks. Our meditation typically begins with the shared reading of our guiding principles, followed by a reading from Thich Nhat Hanh, then a period for silent reflection, and closing with a sharing of our insights. Let me know if you'd like to participate.

–Marie-Louise, mariejm1961@yahoo.com, 857-526-2579

Cupcakes for a Cause

Sunday, October 24, coffee hour, in-person

YUM! When you buy a cupcake and bite into it at coffee hour on Sunday, October 24, know that you are supporting an organization hard at work for a social cause. You might even buy a half dozen to take home for family or friends to enjoy! Where will the money go?! You have a vote. There will be three organizations to choose from!

Calling all bakers! Donate your delicious cupcakes at the parish hall before the service on Sunday, October 24. (Both homemade and store-bought cupcakes are accepted.) And yes, you will also get a vote! Contact Florence Noonan at flnoonan@gmail.com with any questions.

Conversations on Celebrating Life by Knowing Death

Sunday, October 31, 12:15 pm, in-person

Nan Moore, Affiliate Lay Community Minister for UFPC is offering an open group conversation on the topic of Celebrating Life, by Knowing Death. Memorial services for long time members Jane Mudge, Kirt Switzer, and Louise Reilly have been held from mid-September to mid-October. The hope of this offering is to provide some conversation and support for church members who may have inquiry related to the quality of their own life, while knowing one day we ALL will experience our own transition from life to whatever comes next. This discussion will be focalised by Nan and this is a drop-in group. You do not need to sign up, just show up. Conversations will be held at 12:15 pm in the parish hall and will last for 90 minutes.

Kindred Spirits Discussion Group for Seniors

Wednesday, November 10, 10:00–11:30 am, in-person

United First Parish Church, parish hall

Join Rev. Rebecca 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 age 60+ and will meet on the first Wednesday of the month. This will be our first meeting since February 2020; note that the group will now be meeting at the church (during this time no snacks or coffee will be provided). Please contact Rev. Rebecca with any questions at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com or 617-803-1159. If you need to enter the building via the handicapped accessible entrance, please contact David Bousquin at 617-842-1706.

Stewardship Pledges

As we return to our beloved Sanctuary, we'd like folks to consider how they might contribute financially to the work of the congregation in the coming church year. The needs are real as we do the work that lies ahead with responsibility, care and thoughtfulness. Pledges for the fiscal year 2022 are still being gratefully accepted. You can complete our pledge form and set up an automatic payment through our website, www.ufpc.org, or contact Kim Dangora for a paper copy at aimee222@comcast.net or 508-472-9754.

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