



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Worship Service

“Examined on Love”

Rev. Rebecca Froom

Sunday, May 23, 10:30 am, on Zoom

So many of us live with high expectations for ourselves and perhaps for one another and our communities. Our Universalist heritage teaches us that each of us is worthy of love and each of us is able to love. In this service we reflect on how we can understand the unfolding of our own life story from a perspective that is grounded in love.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86170075449>

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 23, 11:45 am, on Zoom

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 23 on Zoom after our worship service at 11:45 am. We hope that you can attend this most democratic component of our Unitarian Universalist faith. We gather together to vote on the budget, to elect members to lead our congregation for the coming year and to acknowledge milestones and accomplishments.

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Children’s Chapel

Thursday, May 27 and June 10, church website

DRE Joan McDonald posts a new children’s chapel video for our preschool to early elementary age children on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. The video is posted on the Religious Education page on our website: <https://ufpc.org/religious-education>. The theme focus for this month is Becoming.

StandOut Quincy 4 Black Lives

Thursdays, 3:30–5:30 pm, church front steps

SOS! We have but a skeleton for our StandOut crew for the next two Thursdays (5/20 and 5/27). Due to family and professional obligations, we are down to just three of our Regulars. We average 8 participants. I truly hope that my fellow UFPC members can carve out an hour to join us on one or both days. Thank you!

–Claire Fitzmaurice (617)272-0274 or artclaire@comcast.net

Worship Service
“Wild and Precious Life”
Rev. Rebecca Froom and congregants
Sunday, May 30, 10:30 am, on Zoom

On this Sunday members of the congregation from different generations will reflect on Mary Oliver’s poem “The Summer Day,” answering the poet’s question, “Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”

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Fledgling Tales: UFPC Storytime
Thursday, June 3 and 17, 7:00–7:30 pm, on Zoom

Every first and third Thursday 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. What is better than a couple of stories shared in community? **For everyone’s safety a Zoom link will be emailed to our UFPC families weekly and new families may sign up to receive the link.** Contact Joan at dre@ufpc.org.

Book Group
Thursday, June 3, 7:00–8:30 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.

The book this month is *Snow* by Orhan Pamuk. Dread, yearning, identity, intrigue, the lethal chemistry between secular doubt and Islamic fanaticism—these are the elements that Orhan Pamuk anneals in this masterful, disquieting novel. An exiled poet named Ka returns to Turkey and travels to the forlorn city of Kars. His ostensible purpose is to report on a wave of suicides among religious girls forbidden to wear their head-scarves. But Ka is also drawn by his memories of the radiant Ipek, now recently divorced. Amid blanketing snowfall and universal suspicion, Ka finds himself pursued by figures ranging from Ipek’s ex-husband to a charismatic terrorist. A lost gift returns with ecstatic suddenness. A theatrical evening climaxes in a massacre. And finding god may be the prelude to losing everything else. Touching, slyly comic, and humming with cerebral suspense, *Snow* is of immense relevance to our present moment.

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QPride Festival
Sunday, June 6, 12:00–4:00 pm, Pageant Field

Join our UFPC and Quincy community to celebrate Pride! QPride will have fun for the whole family. The event will include an interfaith opening, guest speakers, drag performances, food and beer vendors, local and LGBTQ vendors, Prideful puppy contest, puppeteer story time, DJs and more. You can find more information at <https://www.qprideday.com>. We hope to have a UFPC table at QPride and if so, we will be looking for volunteers to staff the table. More details to follow.

Virtual General Assembly

Wednesday, June 23–Sunday, June 27

This year the annual General Assembly (GA) of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) will be happening online and all UUs are welcome to attend. The Wednesday - Sunday event includes workshops, worship services, a Ware Lecture from Stacey Abrams, and the General Sessions (business meetings) of the UUA. Registration is \$200 and includes online access to most of the programs following GA, so even if your schedule doesn't allow you to attend GA live, you can still participate after the fact. Some events, such as the Sunday morning worship service are open to the general public free of charge. If you are hoping to attend GA, please let Rev. Rebecca know so UFPC can participate in GA as a team when appropriate. Scholarships of Rev. Rebecca to request a scholarship. You can learn more about General Assembly and register at www.uua.org/ga. or the full \$200 registration fee are also available through the Ministerial Discretionary Fund; please contact Rev. Rebecca to request a scholarship. You can learn more about General Assembly and register at www.uua.org/ga.

Chalice Lighters Wanted

Rev. Rebecca and I would like to invite members and friends to volunteer to read a chalice lighting during our Sunday services. The theme for April is Becoming. Please let Joan McDonald know if you are interested at dre@ufpc.org.

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