



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Chalice Circle

“Critical Race Theory”

Adrian Smith, presenter

Albert Vaughn, host

Sunday, July 18, 10:30 am, on Zoom

Critical race theory (CRT) is a body of legal scholarship and an academic movement of civil-rights scholars and activists in the United States that seeks to critically examine U.S. law as it intersects with issues of race in the U.S. and to challenge mainstream American liberal approaches to racial justice. Why? It's a hot topic. And hopeful we'll learn from each other and learn about the topic. It's controversial. Some think it's too radical. Some think it's challenging conservative and liberal approaches to racial injustice. Some think it's a tool to divide. Let's chat.

During the summer months, we hold weekly Chalice Circles on Sunday mornings from 10:30 am–12:00 pm (in lieu of worship). Chalice Circles are drop-in discussion groups grounded in the tradition of small group ministry which emphasizes personal reflection, authentic sharing, and deep listening. Each Chalice Circle will have a presenter who introduces the topic of the day; throughout the summer we will have a variety of presenters and topics. There will also be a Chalice Circle host each Sunday who will support the presenter and guide us through our small group ministry format. Our Chalice Circles will be on Zoom until August 1 or 8. Then we meet in-person in the parish hall for the rest of the summer.

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

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

StandOut Quincy 4 Black Lives

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

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.

Updates on Covid-Safe Building Usage

Your Board of Governors has been working alongside our Reopening Taskforce (Jim Petosa, Daphne Souvenir, Bill Westland, David Downs, David Bousquin, Joan McDonald, and Rev. Rebecca Fromm) to thoughtfully outline plans and policies to begin to use our building and grounds for regular programs and special events. Our work is grounded in our UU principles that respect the worth and dignity of all people and is guided by science. Though the State of Emergency in Massachusetts has now been lifted, we know the global Covid-19 pandemic is far from over. We are looking at the recommendations coming out of the CDC as we consider how to create safe and welcoming spaces for our multigenerational community and for all of the programs, groups, and renters who use our building and grounds. Our policies assume that we are living in a mixed-vaccination society. Though many of us have been vaccinated, not everyone is eligible and not everyone chooses to get a vaccine. Note, UFPC feels

strongly that unvaccinated people have a responsibility to continue to protect themselves through masks and social distancing throughout all aspects of their daily lives.

Here are some highlights of our changing Covid-19 policies and practices:

- Masks are no longer required outside.
- Masks are required inside with two exceptions for staff and speakers and performers at events.
- Indoor events are allowed with capacity limits set for each room, including Sanctuary (200), Parish Hall (40), Parlor (14), Dining Room (30), Kitchen (10).
- Room reservations can be made to David Bousquin in the church office at office@ufpc.org David has a complete list of capacity limits for each room.
- We will use our building in ways that encourage social distancing, such as roping off every-other-pew in the sanctuary, creating a one-way path through the building for our historic tours, having all our restrooms be single-occupancy, etc.
- There are many topics the Reopening Task Force will still be discussing including safe practices around eating together, singing together, and the particular needs of young children and families.

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