



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Worship Service

“Embracing Possibilities”

Rev. Rebecca Froom, Joan McDonald and Jim Petosa
Sunday, September 12, 10:30 am, in-person and live-stream

For our annual ingathering worship service that marks the beginning of the “church-year” we return to our beautiful sanctuary for in-person worship services for the first time since March 8, 2020. We will gather outside between 10:00 and 10:30 am to greet one another and listen to beautiful music performed by violinist Jagan Nath Khalsa and cellist Hannah Soren. We will then enter the sanctuary together. The service will include our Water Ceremony, so please bring water from a place that is meaningful to you - from near or far! Water will be provided for folks who have not brought their own. An outdoor social hour will follow the service, with ice-cream provided by the Board of Governors. The link to live stream will be emailed out on Saturday.

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.

Worship Service

“The Time of Our Joy”

Rev. Rebecca Froom
Sunday, September 19, 10:30 am, in-person and live-stream

Mid-September marks the Autumn Equinox and the Jewish harvest holiday of Sukkot. This is a time of transition and balance, of abundance and loss. In this service we reflect on the Equinox, Sukkot, and the ways in which we find and create joy and stability in the midst of impermanence.

Goal Setting for 2021-22 with the Social Justice Action Committee

Sunday, September 19, 12:00–1:00 pm, in-person

The demands for Social Justice Action are unlimited. For You and I, our time and energy are finite. Please come and share your concerns with the Social Justice Action Committee at our workshop in the dining room. We NEED your help to set our priorities for actionable goals for the coming Church Year. If you are unavailable on the 19th, please share your concerns and ideas with me to report to the group. We will schedule a separate Zoom meeting if there is enough interest. Please contact me at artclaire@comcast.net or via cell phone at 617-272-0274. Thank you, Claire Fitzmaurice

Creative Arts and Spirituality Workshop (12 to adult)

Sunday, September 19, 2:00 pm, in-person

The Creative Arts and Spirituality workshop has been postponed a week and will begin on September 19th at 2:00 pm in the parish hall. Schedule to be decided by participants. Please read below for details. There are 12 spots open and there are 7 people needed to have the workshop. Please sign up in the parish hall or contact the church administrator at office@ufpc.org.

Creativity is something that we all have within us, but often do not access because we push it aside or deny we are creative. Our creativity could be expressed with our hands, minds, pencils, writing, paints, bodies, inventions, dance etc. It's not what we produce that is important it is the spiritual process from which our creativity or artfulness emerges. This workshop will incorporate art expressions, both visual and written, and how the conscious and subconscious unifies through creative spirituality. This link is magical and feeds a deep sense of visual aliveness while connected to our spirit and Selfhood. Please join us for this workshop if it calls to you. (Limited to 12 participants There are 6 spaces for teens and 6 for adults. Teens will fill up first and then the adults will take the open slots. Spaces will be given to adults in order of the sign ups.

The overview of the workshop is: Group Bonding – Consciously Linking Spirituality with Creative Arts, Mandalas – Process not Product, Touch Drawings – Basic Learning and More Touch Drawing incorporating Writing.

There is a \$23 fee for this class. No one will be turned away if they do not have the fee. Please see Nan or Rev. Rebecca regarding your need. All materials are provided and after the class participants keep your personal art supplies so you may continue creative projects beyond this workshop.

If you are interested in the class, please view the videos to introduce you to Touch Drawings before you sign up. Example: Touch Drawing with Deborah Koff-Chapin https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPwDu8Yo_so Introduction to Touch Drawing (less than 3 minutes) Classroom workshop <https://vimeo.com/140496887>

Sunday Morning Worship Roles

Our in-person worship services will also be live-streamed. As we shift our worship format, our volunteer roles are also shifting. If you are interested in any of the following roles, please be in touch with Rev. Rebecca at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com or Jamie Grassmann, Worship Committee Chair, at jamieteevee@gmail.com.

- Greeter
- Usher
- Videographer for our live-stream
- Reader
- Song leader
- Musician

Greeter and Usher Orientation

Sunday, September 26, 12:15–1:45 pm, in-person

Our greeters and ushers serve an important role in creating a welcoming, inclusive, safe, and accessible space on Sunday mornings. As we return to in-person worship this orientation is an opportunity for new and returning greeters and ushers to strengthen our inclusive practices to welcome people of all backgrounds, learn about building safety and emergency preparedness, and familiarize ourselves with revised roles for Sunday worship. If you are thinking of serving as an usher twice a month or twice a year, please do attend this orientation. Contact Rev. Rebecca at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com or Jamie Grassmann at jamieteevee@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

In Memorial

This fall we will be holding three Celebration of Life services to remember UFPC members who have died – some recently and some many months ago.

Celebration of Life for Jane Mudge
Saturday, September 18th at 11:00 am

Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Kirt Switzer
Saturday, September 25th at 2:00 pm.

Celebration of Life for Louise Reilly
Saturday, October 16th. Time and details to be determined

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Summer Office Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 am–12:00 pm or by appointment