



## Weekly Announcements

Sunday, September 19, 2021

### 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.

Join by computer: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85369171483>

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

### The SJAC Needs You!

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

UFPC's Social Justice Action Committee will host a Goal-Setting Workshop this coming Sunday Sept 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. All are welcome to share their concerns and hopes. We hope to design a set of goals that we can act upon throughout the coming Church Year. Yup! Democracy in Action! We hope that parents will come. RSVP greatly appreciated. Please contact me, Claire Fitzmaurice, at [artclaire@comcast.net](mailto:artclaire@comcast.net) or 617-272-0274.

### 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](mailto:artclaire@comcast.net). Thank you, Claire Fitzmaurice.

### 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](mailto:rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com) or Jamie Grassmann, Worship Committee Chair, at [jamieteevee@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com) or Jamie Grassmann at [jamieteevee@gmail.com](mailto:jamieteevee@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

## **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](http://www.ufpc.org), or contact Kim Dangora for a paper copy at [aimee222@comcast.net](mailto:aimee222@comcast.net) or 508-472-9754.

## **Writing Group**

Sunday, October 3, 12:00 pm, in-person

Our UFPC Writing Group will be meeting again this year. We will meet the first Sunday of the month in-person in the parlor at 12:00 pm. As in past years, 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 1 hour. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact facilitator Jim Petosa at [jimjamespeto@aol.com](mailto:jimjamespeto@aol.com) or by phone at 301-442-3781.

## **Book Group**

Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 pm, in-person and 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 in-person in the parish hall or you may join us on Zoom. We try to select a balance of styles. You are welcome to come even if you have not finished the book. Over the years we have had some practice at avoiding spoilers and it is always fun to have new voices.

Our book this month is *Holocaust: The Shocking Story of the Boston Cocoanut Grove Fire* by Paul Benzaquin. First published in November 1959, this is the bestselling account of the fire at The Cocoanut Grove, a premier nightclub during the post-Prohibition 1930s and 1940s in Boston, Massachusetts, on the night of November 28, 1942. It was the scene of the deadliest nightclub fire in history, killing 492 people and injuring hundreds more. The scale of the tragedy shocked the nation and briefly replaced the events of World War II in newspaper headlines. It led to a reform of safety standards and codes across the U.S., and to major changes in the treatment and rehabilitation of burn victims internationally. The author has scrupulously sifted facts from fancy and with powerful dramatic force molded these and other important elements into a stunning narrative, making this a powerful book.

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