



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, June 19, 2022

In our historic building, sometimes on hot and humid days the finish on the pews may stain clothing. We are researching creative solutions and apologize for the inconvenience.

Worship Service

“Appreciating Blessings During Challenging Times”

Rev. Rebecca Froom and Rev. Michelle Walsh

Sunday, June 19, 10:30 am, in-person and live stream

On this Flower Communion Sunday, we gather as a multigenerational community to honor the beauty of each of us and the blessings of being in community. The service includes a Child Dedication for Marcel Kovach. Our musicians are Norman Corey on piano and organ and Ruth Levitsky on flute. During social hour following the service we will celebrate Rev. Dr. Michelle Walsh on her last Sunday as our Affiliated Community Minister. **Please bring a flower to contribute to the Flower Communion.** Flowers will also be available at the church.

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82251479714>

Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 822 5147 9714

Standout Quincy for 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.

Fledgling Tales: UFPC Storytime

Thursday, June 23, 7:00 pm, on Zoom

A Zoom story half hour will be on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm [except in July and August]. Religious Education Committee member Albert Vaughn will be the host. Cozy up in your jammies, with your favorite stuffed animal, blanket and caring adult and join us for a time of ritual and sharing for preschool and elementary school age children. We will share a chalice lighting, we will read a story, everyone will check in and a family or guest will share a favorite story.

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Sunday Morning Meditation

Sundays [except July 3], 9:00 am, in-person

We will have meditation on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am outside in the garden, weather permitting, and in the church parlor (with masks) when it rains. Our practice includes guided, walking, and silent meditation. Feel free to contact Marie-Louise at mariejm1961@yahoo.com or 857-526-2579.

Chalice Circle: Creating Our Covenant and Chalice Circle Schedule

Karl DeBisschop, Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller and Jamie Grassmann

Sunday, June 26, 10:30 am–12:00 pm, in-person and on Zoom

What topics are on your mind and heart this season? Join us for our first Chalice Circle of the summer where we will create our covenant, brainstorm topics and set a schedule of presenters. Each summer we gather on Sunday mornings for Chalice Circles rather than worship. Chalice Circles are a form of small group ministry which invites deep listening, reflection, and sharing on a thoughtful topic. Each Sunday a congregant leads that week's Chalice Circle, presenting the topic for reflection and discussion. The presenter is paired with a "host" from our Chalice Circle leadership team. Chalice Circles run from June 26th to September 4th.

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John Quincy Adams Presidential Birthday Wreath Laying

Monday, July 11, 12:00 pm, in-person

On Monday July 11th at 12:00 noon, United First Parish Church will celebrate the 255th birthday of our own John Quincy Adams. This will be the 55th year that we have had this celebration, which dates back to the presidency of Lyndon Johnson. On the birthday of every deceased President there is a wreath placed at the burial site in the name of the current President. With the Adams' presidencies the Navy always represents the President because John Adams was President when the Navy was officially formed. A Navy honor guard presents the wreath, and President Biden is the 11th President to so honor John Quincy Adams. Incidentally, Reverend Rebecca is the 7th minister to represent United First Parish Church and take part in this ceremony. This year along with the usual speakers we welcome back the Quincy Choral Society, who had to miss the last two years because of the pandemic. The ceremony is open to the public, and this year the Navy is going to video it

Summer Office Hours

The summer office hours [June 27 to September 9] are Tuesday–Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm or by appointment.

UFPC Gardeners

The UFPC Gardeners are ready to get back outside now that our springery weather is passing. We do need volunteers and welcome folks with little or no experience. We are happy to meet you and share our garden "wisdom". Schedule to TBD. Please contact Claire Fitzmaurice, garden coordinator at 617-272-0274 or artclaire@comcast.net. Thank you.

Medical Supplies for Ukraine Forward

Our medical supplies drive for Ukraine Forward has ended. You can learn more about the organization and ways to support their work at <https://www.ukraineforward.org/>.