



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Sunday Morning Meditation

Sundays, 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 marieljm1961@yahoo.com or 857-526-2579.

Worship Service

“What’s in a Vote?”

Special Guest and Rev. Rebecca Froom

Sunday, March 19, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

As a religious tradition, Unitarian Universalists affirm “the use of the democratic process in our congregations and in society at large” in our 5th Principle. Why does democracy matter religiously and spiritually? How might deepening our religious commitment to democracy impact how we show up in the communities that matter to us?

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

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

Spirit Circle

Sunday, March 19, 10:30 am, in-person

The Children's Spirit Circle on Sunday March 19 will be a music circle led by Elisabeth Moore. There will **no longer be adult education music classes** from now until the end of the year. Sunday morning the children enter the sanctuary with their families as everyone is a part of the community whole. Following the message for all ages, children 3 years and under will go to the nursery and all children will go to the Spirit Circle classroom. The RE Host this week is Andrew.

YOUTH GROUP TODAY: During coffee hour the youth group and advisors will meet with a few young adult/adult members of UFPC for a conversation regarding homelessness in and around Quincy. Marie Louise, a member of the youth advisor team, organized this time to be in a Spirit Circle Talk on a topic that touches our hearts and moves us to service. This talk will be a time to brainstorm Love in Action and ways to participate and contribute to change through resource access, compassion, and understanding.

“Path to Membership”

Sunday, March 19, 12:15–2:00 pm, in-person

Have been attending UFPC for a few months - or a few years - and are interested in getting more involved in our congregation or becoming a member? Join Rev. Rebecca Froom for a workshop to learn more about UFPC and what it means to be a member of a Unitarian Universalist congregation. Snacks will be provided and childcare is available upon request. Please RSVP at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com. If you are interested in becoming a member but not available for the workshop, please let her know.

Standout Quincy for Black Lives

Thursdays, 3:00–4:30 pm [4:00–5:30 pm starting April 6], in-person

UFPC partners with Quincy for Transformative Change for an initiative in support of Black Lives Matter. We stand on the church front steps 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 contact Claire Fitzmaurice at 617-272-0274 or artclaire@comcast.net. Please check out our Facebook page: StandOutQuincy4BlackLives managed by our co-leader Mimi Balsamo who can be reached at mimibalsamo@gmail.com.

Spring Fling Fundraiser

Saturday, March 25, 5:00 pm, in-person

The Spring Fling is Saturday, March 25th. Purchase your Tickets today by going to the Donate tab on the UFPC website www.ufpc.org by 1 pm on event day or after the worship service this Sunday. Adult tickets are a donation of \$15-\$30 and tickets for Children 12 and under are \$10. Tickets purchased on the website will be held for you at the door. If you need a ticket sponsorship, please contact Rev. Rebecca.

The Spring Fling committee is planning a catered dinner. Please contact Karl DeBisschop if you have any dietary restrictions at kdebisshcop@gmail.net.

The Silent Auction kicks off on March 17th. Visit GalaBid at <https://app.galabid.com/ufpcspringfling23> to register and get bidding. We'll also have a Live Auction for a few items the night of the event.

We look forward to seeing you all on March 25th!

Worship Service

“Loving Our Church”

Rev. Rebecca Froom and McKayla Hoffman

Sunday, March 26, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

As we begin our annual pledge drive on the theme “Loving Our Church, Loving Our Community,” we reflect on spiritual and ethical practices of generosity and gratitude.

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Writing Group

Sunday, April 2, 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. There are no meetings in January or June. 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 forty-five minutes to one hour. Contact facilitator Jim Petosa at jimjamespeto@aol.com or 301-442-3781.

Book Group

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm, on Zoom

The Book Group meets on the first Thursday of the Month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, with a gap in summer and in December. All members and friends are welcome to join us. We will conduct our meetings via Zoom. Each year,

we choose a variety of genres and forms. This Church Year all our selections are in response to book banning across the United States. You are welcome to come even if you have not finished the book.

The book this month is The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie (2007). Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, this book which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live.

Join by computer: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89427298331>

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Flower Fund for Easter Sunday, April 9th

This year, the Flower Committee will be trying something new. Instead of ordering traditional lily plants, we will collect donations of any amount for a Flower Fund so that we may order a variety of colorful blooming houseplants such as hydrangeas, azaleas, kalanchoes and forced daffodils or tulips. We hope that with this plan more folks will be able to participate. After the Easter service, the donors will be welcome to choose a plant to take home. Please speak with Claire Fitzmaurice or email her at artclaire@comcast.net. Thank you!

Kindred Spirits Discussion Group for Seniors

Friday, April 21, 10:00–11:30 am, in-person

Join Rev. Rebecca for a monthly discussion group, grounded in our UU values, where we reflect on current events and pressing social issues. This group is open to seniors aged 60+ and will meet on the third Friday of the month at our church in the parish hall. Coffee and tea are provided! Please contact Rev. Rebecca with any questions at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com or 617-803-1159. If you need to enter the building via the handicapped accessible entrance, please contact David Bousquin at 617-842-1706.

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