



## Weekly Announcements

Sunday, May 21, 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 [mariejm1961@yahoo.com](mailto:mariejm1961@yahoo.com) or 857-526-2579.

Worship Service

### “Leaves from the Vine”

McKayla Hoffman and Rev. Rebecca Froom

Sunday, May 21, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

What makes anything sacred? Does something become sacred because of our imagination, our experiences, or perhaps our material reality? This Sunday, we will expand what we imagine is worthy of veneration and explore how we can embody the sacred for the transformation of ourselves and our world.

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

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

### Spirit Circle

Sunday, May 21, 10:30 am, in-person

On May 21<sup>st</sup> the Spirit Circle will be led by our Mindfulness instructor Paula Webster and the RE Host will be Marie-Louise Jackson-Miller. We invite families to enter church together and the children will go to their mindfulness class following the Message for All Ages. The children 3 and younger will be going with Liela and Alex to the nursery at the same time.

Reminder: there will be no Mindfulness for adult class today. The class has ended for this year.

### Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 12:15 pm, in-person and online

The Board of Governors invites members and pledging friends to attend United First Parish Church's **Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:15 pm**. In this meeting we will vote on our budget for the coming year and elect new members to our Board of Governors, Committee on Ministry, and Nominating Committee. We will also unveil our new United First Parish Church logo.

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Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 870 5637 3582

## **Standout Quincy for Black Lives**

Thursdays, 3:30–5:00 pm, in-person

UFPC partners with Quincy for Transformative Change for an initiative in support of Black Lives Matter. We stand in front of the church 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](mailto:artclaire@comcast.net).

Worship Service

### **“Show Your Love”**

McKayla Hoffman and Congregation

Sunday, May 28, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

How do we share our generosity with our neighbors in the greater Quincy community, as a congregation and as individuals? On April 30<sup>th</sup> we had a “reverse offering” where we gave congregants cash from the Minister's Discretionary Fund with the invitation to use these funds in creative ways to support the needs of our Quincy area community. In this service we share our stories and insights for how we used this money to show our love for our community beyond the walls of our Stone Temple.

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## **Donation Drive for Interfaith Social Services**

Through the end of May

The Social Justice Action Committee will co-ordinate with the Religious Education Committee through the end of the month of May to collect personal care and hygiene products to be distributed at the Food pantry located at 105 Adams Street. SNAP and WIC benefits do not include personal care and hygiene products. These products include bars of soap, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, shampoo and deodorants. The members and friends of UFPC gave generously in November. Our Youth Group assembled bags of your donations. That extra effort was especially appreciated by the very busy volunteers of the Food pantry. Additional products that are in great need are diapers both for adults and infants. Our big green collection boxes will be located in the foyer of the Sanctuary and the Parish Hall. Thank you all so very much.

## **Book Group**

Thursday, June 1, 7:00 pm, online

The book this month is *In Between the World and Me* by award-winning journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates. The author pulls back the curtain and allows us to see the black condition in America today. We see how policies and culture have given them an unfair horizontal trajectory. Coates wrote this book as a letter to his teenage son. He reveals a life of fear that is part of black people's everyday life because the system that should protect them falls woefully short. The message he has is simple, “In America, it is traditional to destroy the black body – it is heritage.”

Join by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89427298331>

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## **Kindred Spirits Discussion Group for Seniors**

Friday, June 16, 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](mailto: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.

### **General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association**

Wednesday, June 21–Sunday, June 25, in-person and online

Every year thousands of Unitarian Universalists from around the world gather for a General Assembly to discuss and vote on the business of the UUA, participate in workshops on a broad range of topics, and attend meaningful worship services with great music and inspirational preaching. General Assemblies are now held in a multi-platform format where participants can attend virtually or in-person. This year GA is meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. For more information and registration go to [uuu.org/ga](http://uuu.org/ga). Please let Rev. Rebecca or Jim Petosa know if you are interested in serving as a UFPC Delegate for the business meeting portions of GA. There are also limited scholarships available through the Ministerial Discretionary Fund for UFPC members to attend GA; contact Rev. Rebecca and [rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com](mailto:rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Poetry Group**

Rev. Rebecca, Albert Vaughn and Florence Noonan have been discussing the formation of a poetry group at our church. Several members and friends have already shown interest in the idea. What does poetry mean to you? An expression of feelings and ideas? Perhaps of beauty? If you are interested in poetry and would like input in forming a poetry group, please contact Albert at [vaughn.albert@icloud.com](mailto:vaughn.albert@icloud.com). We will hold a founding meeting later this spring.

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 am–1:00 pm or by appointment