



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Sunday Morning Meditation

Sundays, 9:00–9:45 am, in-person

Meditation is offered on Sunday mornings from 9:00am to 9:45 am. We meet in the parlor, and when weather permits, we meet outside in the garden. We begin with a poem by Thich Nhat Hahn to center our intentions, followed by a walking meditation, then silent meditation, and ending with sharing our thoughts and insights. Feel free to contact Marie-Louise at 857-526-2579 or mariejm1961@yahoo.com.

Worship Service

“The World We are Making”

Rev. Rebecca Froom

John Muratore, guest musician

Sunday, February 11, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

We are living in times of tremendous change, challenge, and possibility. Our actions, and inactions, influence the future of our lives and the life of our planet. This reality is daunting but not without hope and opportunity. As the cycles of the season begin to turn towards spring, and as our Christian siblings in faith enter the reflective season of Lent that culminates in the celebration of Easter, we take time to consider the ways in which we can build a just and equitable world. Classical guitarist, John Muratore returns to our sanctuary to share his music in our service.

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

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

Spirit Circle

Sunday, February 11, 10:30 am, in-person

This week our Creative Art instructor Max Olson, will focus on the theme of Justice and Equity. Together the children will be making paper chains representing how we all have a place and we are the strongest when we work together. Our RE helper will be Albert Vaughn. All children enter the sanctuary with their families and after the message for all age the children will meet in the dining hall for their art project. Children ages 3 and under will go with our caregivers Alex and Liela to the nursery.

Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 11, 12:15–1:30 pm, in-person and livestream

The Board of Governors invites you to our annual mid-year congregational meeting. Members of our Board and staff will share updates about the life of the congregation. Rev. Rebecca and Ministerial Intern McKayla Hoffman will lead us in a conversation about the Unitarian Universalist Association’s current reworking of our UU Purposes and Principles and Sources into a new statement of purposes, values, and inspirations. Childcare will be provided.

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Kindred Spirits Discussion Group for Seniors

Friday, February 16, 10:00–11:30 am, in-person

Join us 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.

Presidents' Day Winterfest Quincy

Monday, February 19, 1:00–7:00 pm, in-person

Celebrate Presidents' Day in the City of the Presidents. This free festival, hosted by the City of Quincy, includes interactive games, music and experiences, costumed characters, theatrical street performers, live music, food trucks and more at the Hancock Adams Common, City Hall and Church of the Presidents. For more information visit: <https://discoverquincy.com/events/city-of-quincy-presidents-day-winterfest>.

Meet UFPC: Newcomer Orientation

Sunday, February 25, 12:15–2:15 pm, in-person

Are you new to United First Parish Church? Do you have questions about the congregation, Unitarian Universalism, or how you can become more connected to the community at UFPC? This newcomer orientation, facilitated by Rev. Rebecca and a lay leader in the congregation, is an opportunity for participants to share their spiritual journeys, learn about Unitarian Universalist history and heritage, and hear more about the path to membership at UFPC. Snacks will be provided, and childcare may be available with one week's advance notice. Please RSVP by emailing Rev. Rebecca Froom at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com or filling out the sign-up sheet in the parish hall during social hour.

Writing Group

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

Our UFPC Writing Group will be meeting again this year. We usually 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, March 7, 7:00 pm, 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 on Zoom. We try to select a balance of styles. You are welcome to come even if you have not finished the book.

The book this month is The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett. When her corgis stray into a mobile library parked near Buckingham Palace, the Queen feels duty-bound to borrow a book. Discovering the joy of reading widely (from J. R. Ackerley, Jean Genet, and Ivy Compton-Burnett to the classics) and intelligently, she finds that her view of the world changes dramatically. Abetted in her newfound obsession by Norman, a young man from the royal kitchens, the Queen comes to question the prescribed order of the world and loses patience with the routines of her role as monarch. Her new passion for reading initially alarms the palace staff and soon leads to surprising and very funny consequences for the country at large.

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

Join by telephone: 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 894 2729 8331

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