



Weekly Announcements

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Worship Service

“Wisdom in the Wilderness”

Rev. Rebecca Froom

Sunday, April 13, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

As our Jewish siblings in faith observe Passover, and our Christian siblings in faith approach the end of Lent, we reflect on experiences of journeying through spiritual wilderness. Such journeys can be bitter and sweet, solitary and communal, harsh and rewarding. In this springtime moment full of unknowns, what wisdom can we find in wilderness journeys?

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

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

Spirit Circle

Sunday, April 13, 10:30 am, in-person

This week in Spirit Circle, we'll be joined by Paula, and we'll have a special all-ages welcome mediation session after church. Andrew will be our RE host, and nursery care will be available.

Kindred Spirits Discussion Group for Seniors

April Topic: Loneliness and Isolation

Tuesday, April 15, 10:30 am–12:00 pm, in-person

Join us for a monthly discussion group, grounded in our UU values, where we reflect on current events and pressing social issues. Every third month, we will discuss a pre-selected topic that is especially relevant to seniors and experiences of aging (in April, July, October 2025). The April topic is “Loneliness and Isolation.” Kindred Spirits is open to seniors aged 60+ and will meet on the third Tuesday of the month at our church. We will meet in the parish hall. Coffee and tea are provided. Please contact Rev. Rebecca Froom at rev.rebecca.froom@gmail.com or 617-803-1159.

Worship Service

“The Rising Sun”

Rev. Rebecca Froom

Anne Howarth, guest musician,

Sunday, April 20, 10:30 am, in-person and livestream

Spring bursts forth all around us with the promise of new life. This Easter Sunday, we turn to wisdom from pagan traditions, Easter, and Earth Day as we reflect on the possibilities of joy, hope, and love that can be found beyond death and fear. Music will be provided by our UFPC Choir, horn player Ann Howarth, and Music Director Norman Corey.

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Book Group

Thursday, May 1, 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 December and in summer. 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. You are welcome to come even if you have not finished the book. For the complete list of books for this year, visit our website: <https://ufpc.org/book-group>.

In Ursula Le Guin's "The Telling," a society that has suppressed its own cultural heritage struggles to reclaim its past as a ship crewed by members of various Ekumen planets travels to a distant world potentially harboring extraterrestrial life. The Yeowans, who were once enslaved, have gained freedom and are struggling to establish their own government and identity, while also seeking admittance into the Ekumen of worlds. The story explores themes of freedom, slavery, gender relations, and the importance of cultural heritage.

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Writing Group

Sunday, May 4, 12:00 pm, in-person

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 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. Our Writing Group usually meets in person on the first Sunday of the month in the parlor at 12:00 pm. There are no meetings in January or June. Contact facilitator Leslie Simpson at 617-448-9645.

Poetry Group

Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 pm, in-person

Poetry can speak to our deepest feelings and thoughts. It can give us an Ah Ha moment. At times, beautiful images transport us to a different place. The Poetry Group meets each month in person on the second Tuesday from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Bring a poem or two you would like to share with the group. Each participant will read a poem out loud. Then the members will discuss their personal responses. Coffee and tea will be provided. For more information, email Albert Vaughn at vaughn.albert@icloud.com.

Introducing Our New Ministerial Intern

We are pleased to announce that Ann Gillette Parsley will be joining United First Parish Church as our half-time Ministerial Intern in 2025-2027. Ann is a student at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago. Prior to pursuing ministry, Ann worked as a teacher for 27 years, working with adults and children in a variety of educational contexts. Ann is a member of the First Universalist Society in Franklin, MA. Ann begins her work at UFPC in September.

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