

The Unicorn

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Liminal Letters

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Beloveds,

We are right now in the midst of the Christian season of Lent. This is a time of reflection, self-examination, and preparation. Many Christians observe this season by giving up something, typically something that isn't very good for you.



This is to help the individual focus on the things that truly matter. More recently, some people choose to take up a deliberate spiritual practice during Lent.

I have a Lenten practice of daily letter-writing. Forty letters, hand-written to people. This practice helps me to slow down, to focus, and to make deeper connections. Every year that I do this, I get some surprise in return. Sometimes a letter. Sometimes something that I am able to

understand better as a result of this practice. Who knows what I will receive this year? Whatever happens, I will arrive at Easter in a deeper and stronger place.

UUFSB is also in a time of preparation and introspection. You are preparing for your next minister. And while you don't know yet who that will be, I hope you are prepared for the unexpected.

One of the ways you are preparing is by participating fully in the stewardship campaign that is currently underway. I know that you'll want to start out your next ministry in the strongest place possible. So digging deep and considering what it truly means to be a steward of UUFSB is another great thing to do as a Lenten practice.

Oh—and you don't have to be a Christian to participate in this season of deeper reflection. So how are you preparing to do the important work of welcoming your next minister? You might think of it as spring cleaning. Of course, this goes beyond just sprucing up the physical environment. Maybe you'd like to write a letter to yourself to think about how you wish to prepare. I'm so excited for you!

In shalom, Pastor Madelyn, Interim Minister

Put yourself on my calendar: https://calendly.com/madelyncampbell; call/text me: 484-935-3485.

Interfaith Liturgical Calendar - March 2024

10 Ramadan begins at sundown (Muslim)
St. Brigid's Feast Day (Christian)
21 Nowruz (New Year) (Baha'i, Persian)
Ostara (Wiccan/Euro-pagan)

23 Purim begins at sundown (Jewish)

24 Palm Sunday (Christian)

25 Holi (Hindu)

29 Good Friday (Christian)

31 Easter (Christian)

BULLETINS FROM THE BOARD

The Board would like to thank everyone who has supported the Fellowship through their pledges and donations during this congregational year. Stewardship is not only about what you can provide financially, but also the many hours of volunteering to sustain the Fellowship and promote UU values in the greater community. We are grateful for your dedication to the congregation.



There are, however, significant challenges as we transition into the next phase of our history. For the last three years, we have run a deficit budget. This year there is a projected \$60,000 shortfall in the 2023-2024 budget for the year. While we are able to meet our expenses, it is not sustainable going forward. At our February board meeting, the Finance Committee reported that the deficit did not improve for this year, and we are facing another deficit for the 2024-2025 congregational year.

The board is having some very difficult conversations about our financial future. We want to keep our doors open for the spiritual well-being of our members and maintain a presence in the outside community. We would like to continue paying our staff fairly and provide modest raises. Our building is aging and we need to continue to maintain our facilities and grounds. And we have \$125,000 left on the mortgage.

A number of painful decisions need to be made if we are to forge a sustainable future for UUFSB. The following are things we need to consider going forward: reduce or eliminate the RE program, reduce the hours of our Congregational Administrator, replace the cleaning staff with volunteers, eliminate grounds keepers and snow removal contractors, and cut the live-streaming staff. There is nothing here that we want or feel we can afford to eliminate. Moreover, the staff we lose will need to be replaced by volunteers with the skills, time and energy to keep us and our renters happy.

Equally important, we are exploring new income streams through the efforts of **Susie Byrnes**, who is chairing the Ways and Means Committee. She is identifying potentials for increasing our rental income, and creating events that can raise funds while also supporting our community and increasing our visibility in the community. Susie will welcome any ideas and time you can dedicate to bring funds into the Fellowship. Chalice Lighters and Faithify are two ways the UUA provides portals for raising funds for specific projects. These will not ease the deficit but reduce the pressure to allocate funds from cash reserves.

The board is also considering a "Mind the Gap" campaign at the same time as the Stewardship Campaign. This would be an opportunity for members of the congregation to make a one-time

donation to offset our current deficit while also making their annual pledge for the coming year. I hope to be able to share these ideas with you next month. If you have any ideas for additional fundraising or income sources, please email the board at board@uufsb.org.

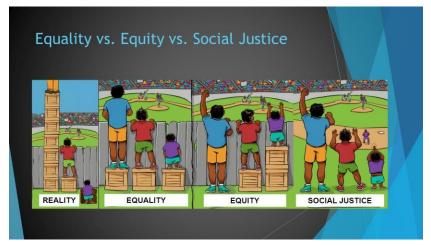
Finally, the board greatly appreciates the willingness of **Judd Kramarcik** to chair our Stewardship Campaign this year. We do not have a co-chair for this committee, so please support Judd in any way you can during this campaign. If you can lend a hand, please let us know. And we hope to see everyone at the Stewardship Campaign Dinner on Sat., Mar. 2 at 6:00 p.m.

In Fellowship, Denise Stevenson, BOT President

RE CORNER

Dear beloveds,

We are still struggling with illness among our RE families, but we all persevere. The K-4th grade class had a terrific discussion about an "equity" graphic (shown below) and started to grapple with the idea of intersectionality, all during our month focusing on the values of equity and justice (proposed in the new Article II of the UUA Bylaws).



The middle school visited the Selden Mosque where we were warmly greeted with snacks, a talk from the Imam, and a tour of their worship space. We had the opportunity to participate in their sunset prayers. One member gave us copies of the Qu'ran in English. We learned that the Qu'ran is passed down orally; Muslims memorize all 600 pages and demonstrate their proficiency during a full

day of recitation from beginning to end. Thus all Muslims learn the same text. Some of us left with a dab of Arab perfume on our hands. Did you know that the Arabs

were early manufacturers of perfumes?

Finally, I want to tell you that I have a new friend. Their name is L. PIGLET. I'm sharing a first photo with you. L. PIGLET has been exploring our building. The children will meet them in March.



Love to all, Deb

WORSHIP

Summer Services – Call for Speakers on "My Spiritual Story"

Where did you come from, spiritually speaking, who are you, and where are you going? We all want to know! Here is your chance to tell us!



Each year we ask members of our congregation to consider leading a service during the summer based on a topic that can be discussed from several different perspectives. The theme for our services this summer will be "My Spiritual Story." We all have a story to tell about how we came to this Fellowship. Some of us have been life-long UU's, some came from other faith traditions, some came to provide

a spiritual foundation for their children and some have searched far and wide to find a sacred home where they belong.

Consider some questions: Who have been your spiritual inspirations or ancestors? Are there myths or fairy tales that contribute to your sense of spirituality? Have you ever felt that you had a calling or spiritual purpose? Have you ever felt spiritually depleted and experienced growth/ regeneration? What brings you to a religious community that is out of the mainstream? How can your unique journey inform or inspire the rest of us? We all have a story to tell – please consider sharing yours this summer by leading a service. Invite a friend or family member to join you!

If interested, please write a brief service proposal with this essential information: your name, phone number, years affiliated with UUFSB, sermon "working" title, and a description of your possible direction with some aspect of your topic (no more than 150 words, please). Please also tell us if any of the summer dates will not work for you and submit it to Lorraine Stidd at lorraine.stidd@gmail.com or June Cerveny at june.cerveny@gmail.com no later than April 12. If it would help, feel free to consult with one of the WAs as you put your ideas to paper.

Our summer series may go longer this year as we transition from Pastor Madelyn to our new minister. At this time, we are working to fill every Sunday from June 30 THROUGH Sept. 1.

As always, you will be assigned a Worship Associate (WA) who will provide support and oversight as you create your service—including help with your sermon and choosing other service elements—and will be on the dais, co-leading with you, on that summer Sunday morning.

Remember that your fellow members and friends in the congregation that morning are eager to get to know **you** better. They are as invested in the success of the service as you are. They know that they are *co-creators* of this experience with you, the WA who leads with you, the musicians, and anyone else who has a role that morning. You really cannot fail!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Attention: Upcoming Vote on Proposed Proclamation - Info Session on Mar. 10, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

The Racial Concerns Committee spoke with the UUFSB Board of Trustees (BOT) at their February meeting asking them to support the "Just Stop Unjust Stops Campaign" (JSUS). This campaign is an effort to improve traffic safety on Long Island and transform Suffolk County's

harmful and unsuccessful traffic enforcement strategy. The current strategy victimizes Black and Brown drivers and fails to keep our roads safe. The BOT adopted the following resolution and invited the committee to present it to the Congregation for approval at the June Congregational Meeting:

Proposed Proclamation by the UUFSB Board of Trustees for Acceptance by the Fellowship

Whereas the Racial Concerns Committee of the UUFSB is a signatory at the core leadership level to the Just Stop Unjust Stops campaign of Suffolk County to abolish racially discriminatory non-safety-related traffic stops by the Suffolk County Police Department and shift resources toward improving traffic safety;

Whereas the Eighth Principal calls upon us as a congregation to be accountable for our values, through action, for the benefit of the wider community of which we are a part; And whereas our entire congregation supports the values underlying the Just Stop Unjust Stops campaign;

Therefore the Board of Trustees of the UUFSB hereby recommends that the Fellowship as a whole vote to be recognized as a partner of the Just Stop Unjust Stops campaign to end discriminatory non-safety-related traffic stops and improve traffic safety in Suffolk County.

So that the congregation has the information needed to vote on the proclamation, RCC will present an educational forum on Mar. 10 from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Enjoy coffee, tea, cookies and wraps while you find out about this important campaign. RCC members and others who are part of the core leadership team of the campaign will be on hand to explain the effort and to answer all questions.

STEWARDSHIP

"Connecting in Love" Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Dinner – THIS Sat., Mar. 2, 6:00 p.m.

If you've signed up for the celebratory dinner to kick off our Stewardship Campaign for fiscal year 2024/25, "Connecting In Love," we will see you THIS Saturday, March 2 at 6:00 p.m.

We will enjoy a cocktail hour accompanied by music, a delicious catered dinner, and entertainment by our own **Claudia Jacobs** and **Dan Weymouth**. Childcare will be provided.



There is no need to bring anything but yourselves! Please <u>click here</u> to RSVP.

We look forward to seeing you all on March 2!

Judd Kramarcik, Stewardship Campaign Chair

Music Calendar Planning Session – Sat., Mar. 9, 11:30 a.m. on Zoom

If you would like to join the musicians who provide music during our services, but you are not currently the email list, contact Joan Kiely at petitsalonny@gmail.com.

Hospitality Thank Yous

Thank Yous from Hospitality are many this week, some of whom I will undoubtedly omit. With heartfelt apologies.

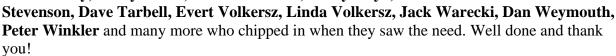
We had food in abundance. Leading the list is **Denise Stevenson**, who not only hosted coffee hour, but who brought a luscious King's Cake shipped straight from New Orleans (that's the cake with the "baby" hidden in it). That particular cake is just the best. Next on the list is **Judd Kramarcik**, who brought a chocolate mousse cake to die for, as they say. Other food-bringers include the **Racial Concerns Committee**, whose luncheon food as well as chocolate sheet cake we all gobbled up. In addition, we must applaud the folks who did all of the schlepping with chairs and tables, on top of that list being **Charlie Posey**. (Please give Charlie a helping hand, as this is more than a one person job). **Gerry Selya** always pitches in too, as well as **Krystal Affouri**, There were many more helpers too, including **Shelly Psaris** for helping with laundering duties, and **Carolyn Loufbourow** and **Susan Buckley** with kitchen clean up. We all are grateful.

And, fellow UUFSBers, not that we need more opportunities to eat, but **this upcoming Sunday** is SUUper Sunday, where we will undoubtedly have some leftovers from our Saturday night Stewardship Drive dinner. So, if you're still inspired to bring something, think salads or soups.

Thank You, Joanne Hammer, for the Hospitality Team

Le Petit Salon de Musique Saison 12 Finishes with a Flourish

We had two successful concerts this season - an intimate crowd on Jan. 28 and a packed house on Feb. 25. Thank you to all who attended and all who helped - some did a lot, some did a little, but together we carried it off. The Le Petit Salon Team includes: Krystal Affouri, Marie Baltz, Deede Cook, Linda Cortese, Rich Hall, Joanne Hammer, Judd Kramarcik, Joan Kiely, Linda Kirk, Lily Klima, Laura Lesch, Linda Mikell, Tom Pelletier, Charlie Posey, Karen Posey, Shelly Psaris, Collen Rudman, Gerry Selya, Denise Stevenson, Dave Tarbell, Evert Volkersz, Linda Volkersz, Jack Warecki, Da



Joan Kiely Le Petit Salon de Musique

Membership, Hospitality, Ushers Wanted

We would love to have your expertise on our Membership and Hospitality teams! Those sunny faces that you see at the door every Sunday morning welcoming you to service are our Greeters. The folks helping to put away hymnals, stack chairs, put away tables and assist everyone in finding seats are our Ushers. And the behind-the-scenes hosts, bakers, coffee makers and dishwashers are our Hospitality team. Your commitment would only be one Sunday a month in

any of those capacities. We invite you to shadow a team members if you would like to learn the ropes. If any of these interest you, please contact **Gretta Johnson-Sally** <u>Gjsdre@hotmail.com</u>.

UUFSB Quiz

We've come up with some fun and interesting questions that we will publish in upcoming Newsletters to see how much you know about our Fellowship, Here is a question for you:

Q: Who is the ultimate authority at the Fellowship?

- a. the board
- b. the minister
- c. the congregation

Answer on Page 10.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Alzheimer Association Workshop – Sun., Apr. 7, 12:30 p.m.

UUFSB Pastoral Associates offer a workshop from the Alzheimer Assoc. Have lunch at SUUper Sunday (Apr. 7); then join us in the GREEN room at 12:30 p.m.

TOPICS:

Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's – How to recognize the signs in yourself and others.

Effective Communication Strategies – practical information and resources to help dementia care partners learn to decode verbal and behavioral messages from people living with dementia.

Linda Mikell for the PAs

UUFSB First Friday Book Group Discussion - Mar. 1, 7:30 p.m.

The Fellowship Book Group meets via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on the first Friday of the month.

On Mar. 1, we will be discussing *Prequel* by Rachel Maddow. *New York Times*reviewer Jeff Shesol describes the book as "a ripping read — well rendered, fast-paced and delivered with the same punch and assurance that she brings to a broadcast." <u>Click here</u> to read the full review.

Newcomers are always very welcome! The books we select are available in both print and audio formats. Contact bookgroup@uufsb.org for the Zoom link and more information.

Newcomer/New Member Class - Sun., Mar. 17, 12:15 p.m.

There will be a newcomer/new member class on Sun., Mar. 17 following the worship service (around 12:15). We'll meet in person in the blue room. If you'd like to attend but are unable, please contact **Pastor Madelyn** at minister@uufsb.org to make other arrangements.

2023 GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION

Some Auction Events Still Have Openings

Perhaps you missed your chance to bid in the Silent Auction for one of our fun-filled events. Good news! You can still bid on any of the following. Please contact **Susan Catanzaro** in the office at office@uufsb.org if you would like to sign up for one or more events!

Title	Date/Time of Event	Cost	Item #
Learn to Travel Hack with Bethany	Fri., 3/1/24 7:00-8:00 pm (Zoom)	\$10	EV03
Angels in the Afternoon	Sat., 4/14/24 2:00-4:00 pm	\$25	EV05
12th Annual Play Reading at the Kagels'	Sat., 5/4/24 at 2:00 p.m.	\$20	EV09
Garden Tours	Sat., 5/25/24 (rain date 5/26)	\$20	EV08
Pasta Dinner	Fri., 9/20/24 at 6:00 pm	\$35	EV14

LATEST UUFSB NEWS AND EVENTS

Sanctuary Art Reception, Sun., Mar. 3, 12:30 p.m. - All Are Invited

Contributing artists and appreciators of the current Sanctuary exhibit entitled "The Interconnectedness of Life" will share their reasons for submitting their entries. It is a fascinating array of photographs, prints and original works of art. Please join us for light refreshments and be enlightened by the various perspectives discussed.

As always, if there is interest in purchasing any of the exhibited works, please contact **Gilda Candela** at 631-877-7598. In our ongoing effort to fundraise for UUFSB, 25% of the sale price will be donated by the artist back to the Fellowship.

Grounds & Sounds Café Presents Martha Trachtenberg and Hank Stone – Fri., Mar. 8, 8:00 p.m.

Martha Trachtenberg and **Hank Stone**, two fantastic singer-songwriters from Long Island, are coming together to provide an enjoyable night of music on Fri., Mar. 8 at Grounds & Sounds Café!



Martha has been writing songs and performing since the mid-1970s and her songs have been recorded by a number of artists from the bluegrass world, including Greg Blake, the International Bluegrass Music Association's 2024 Male Vocalist of the Year. For the past two years, Martha has been one of the leaders of a songwriting workshop at the

prestigious **Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival** and is slowly but surely assembling songs for another CD.

Hank began writing songs over fifty years ago, but only started bringing them out to audiences in 2001. He's made a name for himself in the Long Island music scene and has since recorded three CDs of his original tunes. His songwriting recalls songwriters of the 1960s and 1970s, from

Donovan to Paul Simon, Van Morrison to Jackson Browne. Walt Graham, of Acoustic Connections on WSHU in Fairfield, Connecticut, has called Hank "a unique and wonderful songwriter." Hank is currently working on a new set of recordings, expected to be released in late Spring 2024.

Martha and Hank will do some songs solo and some songs together. It should be a special evening of moving music.

Open Mic: 8:00 p.m. (signup starts at 7:30 p.m.), main act begins around 8:45 p.m.

Refreshments Available: coffee, tea, cold beverages, desserts, cheese and crackers; remember to bring your own wine (small corking fee).

<u>Click Here for Tickets</u> - Only \$15 (walk-ins welcome)

Invitation to Free Movie Screening and Meet the Director – Sat., Mar. 9, 4:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock (UUCSR)

On Sat., Mar. 9 from 4:00-7:00 p.m., the UUCSR Social Justice, Racial Justice, and Religious Education Committees will welcome **Yoruba Richen** back to the Congregation. If you had the opportunity to view Ms. Richen's movie, *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks* last year, you'll want to join us for her second film, *The Cost of Inheritance*.

This film explores the complex issue of reparations in the U.S., using a thoughtful approach to history, historical injustices, systemic inequities, and critical dialogue on racial conciliation. Through personal narratives, community inquiries, and scholarly insights, it aims to inspire understanding of the scope and rationale of the reparations debate.

Register at: https://uucsr.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2162488

Warm regards,
Claire Deroche (cderoche@uucsr.org)
UUCSR Social Justice Coordinator

Learn about the Proposed Article II Revisions – Join a Session in March

The Long Island Area Council of Unitarian Universalist Congregations will be offering a program to study the proposed Article II Revisions and all amendments from GA 2023 over four weekly, online, 90-minute sessions beginning Mar. 4.

Our goal is to have Unitarian Universalists take a deeper dive while in a covenanted community before reacting to or giving feedback on the proposed Article II. GA delegates will especially appreciate the exploration, and all are welcome.

This program is free, but all participants must register. <u>Click here</u> to register. Sessions include:

- *Covenant Mar. 4* Use the covenant section from the Proposed Article II to explore and live into.
- *Purpose, Inspirations, Inclusion and Freedom of Belief Mar. 11* Focus on the sections before and after the values and covenant.
- Love Mar. 18 Explore the centering value in the proposed Article II.

- Six Values: Interdependence, Justice, Equity, Generosity, Pluralism, and Transformation
 - Mar. 25 Connect with the values and their meaning in our lives and communities.

The Facilitator will be **Nikki Willard**, the Secretary of the LIAC Board and a member of the UU Fellowship of Huntington.

Answer to UU Quiz on Page 4

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OUTSIDE OUR WALLS

Opportunities for Connection - CERUUA Update

<u>Click here</u> for the latest news of the UUA Central Eastern Region.

CER Monthly Leadership Skill Ups for Changing Times Series

The Central East Region team is offering a monthly *Leadership Skill Ups for Changing Times* series. These are drop-in calls for all congregational leaders where you can learn a new skill - or fine tune an old one - with CER staff and other leaders doing similar work in other congregations. Calls alternate monthly between Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. ET.

Upcoming dates and topics:

- Tues., Mar. 5 What is Shared Ministry, Really?
- Thurs., Apr. 5 and Tues., May 7 Topic to be determined

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://uua.zoom.us/j/99600842058?pwd=cEtWRW9tbEU1SEhNT0EreXInTHJTZz09

Meeting ID: 996 0084 2058 Passcode: 493257

REMINDERS

SHAWL MINISTRY GATHERING IN-PERSON - SECOND THURSDAYS, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

All knitters and crocheters from beginner to advanced are welcome to join us on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Blue Room. The next meeting will be on Mar. 14. We gather in fellowship for conversation and support as we work on our shawls to be given in times of joy or need. For further info, <u>click here</u> or contact **Shelly Psaris** at <u>shelly.psaris@gmail.com</u>.



BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE CHANGE - WED. EVENINGS, 7:00 P.M.



Bible study has moved from Sunday after worship to Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. We are currently looking at the Psalms. We will meet on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting: https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96393587955

• +1 646 876 9923 US (New York); Meeting ID: 963 9358 7955

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS

Collections of non-perishable food items continue. Please leave the items in the bins in the foyer. Items most appreciated include canned tuna, canned fruit in juice, peanut butter/jelly, popcorn/Hippeas/Annie's Organic crackers, cereal/oatmeal/power bars, granola/cereal bars, organic fruit snacks, raisins, pretzels, pasta, sauce, rice. Food donations can't be accepted if they have already been opened, or if they are expired, dirty, dented or otherwise damaged.

Note: On Feb. 21, I discovered expired food donations, one as far back as 2022. **Please do not donate expired items.** It is insulting to those who are in need of our outreach and I should not have to go through every item to check the dates. Thank you!

Shelly Psaris,

Coordinator of Island Heart Food Pantry collections

MORNING MEDITATION ON ZOOM - WEEKDAYS AT 7:30 A.M.



You are invited to join the <u>Stony Brook Sangha</u> in a Zoom morning meditation. On Mondays through Fridays, we gather to meditate from 7:30-8:00 a.m. We start with a guided meditation and then finish in silence. If you are interested in joining, please contact **Denise Stevenson** at: denisemstevenson@gmail.com

WEEKLY SANGHA - SATURDAYS, 9:00-10:30 A.M. ON ZOOM AND IN THE BLUE ROOM

Stony Brook Sangha is a Buddhist community in the tradition of Vietnamese Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. We meet via Zoom and in the Blue Room at the Fellowship at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays. Contact **Denise** (denisemstevenson@gmail.com) for the Zoom link, All are welcome.

ONGOING CONTACT INFO

- Shawl Ministry: Shelly Psaris shelly.psaris@gmail.com
- Tai Chi, Yoga, Qigong, and Essentrics Classes: Laila Sholtz-Ames MedArts.UUFSB@Gmail.com
- **Labyrinth:** Thursdays 1:00 p.m. Evenings as scheduled. Linda Mikell edlinmik9@gmail.com
- Sangha (Buddhist meditation): Mon.-Fri., 7:30-8:00 a.m. and Sat. 9:00-10:30 a.m., online via Zoom. Denise Stevenson <u>denisemstevenson@gmail.com</u>
- Sharing Circles: On the web at http://uufsb.org/ministries/small-group-ministry
- Our Calendar can be found at uufsb.org/events-2/calendar

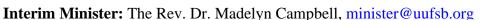
APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - MARCH 22

Please submit newsletter items via email to uufsbnews@uufsb.org by Fri., Mar. 22..



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UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 a.m.

Services are being held in-person in the sanctuary and simultaneously livestreamed on YouTube. Please visit our <u>website</u> for further details and the livestream links.

Mar. 3, 2024 – "Generosity" – Pastor Madelyn Campbell

Generosity is another petal on the Article II flower. We will kick off our stewardship campaign with this exploration of generosity.

Mar. 10, 2024 – "What Wonderous Love" – Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore, Worship Leader

As our Unitarian Universalist Association once again considers its Principles and Purposes, the UUA Article II Bylaws Commission asks us to center Love as the enduring force that holds us together. Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore from the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock speaks about how we might consider the re-visioning of the Principles and Purposes. How might we move Love to the center of our mission and vision of our faith?

Mar. 17, 2024 – "Transformation" – Pastor Madelyn Campbell

Transformation is one of the petals on the new Article II graphic. But what are we committing to transform? Ourselves? The world? And how will we accomplish this? Come and find out!

Mar. 24, 2024 – "A Place for Conservatives in Unitarian Universalism" – Pastor Madelyn Campbell

Often people conflate liberal religion with liberal politics, but the two are not the same. Is there a place for political conservatives within our Unitarian Universalist covenant and values? Come and find out in this sermon requested by an auction winner!

Mar. 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday – Pastor Madelyn Campbell

What can Easter mean for Unitarian Universalists? We'll look at how the Easter narrative teaches us resilience, and how we can internalize that message as UUFSB moves into the next phase of ministry.