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# Parish Notes

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord



## Minister's Musings *Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger*

It's 10:21 pm. The parents have said their good-byes. Five more hours and we are headed to the airport. The youth are excited, roaming the church - and nowhere near ready for sleep. Time to finish these musings, musings about the importance of stories and the impact of church when it helps to create stories that shape our lives. A week from now, our youth will have an array of tales to tell of the borders we will cross, the suffering we will observe, and the works of justice and healing that are possible.

And as they tell their stories, the stories become a part of who they are. Same for all of us. Everyone engaged in our congregation is at times forced to cross borders, traveling out of their comfort zone into the unfamiliar - creating a story as a gift. Everyone spending time in our community comes close to suffering as we hold each other during moments of loss, fear, anxiety and much more - creating more stories, leaving more gifts. All who have been around have seen the way service and justice are central to who we are - resulting in stories others tell of us and the impact we can have.

We are our stories, provided we tell our stories - to each other, across the generations, and to the world. "Let's Tell Our Stories" is our stewardship theme this year because we have a vision to strengthen the way we share those stories. With Heidi as our Office Administrator we now have a person on staff who has the graphic design talent and "marketing" zest to make visible our prophetic voice, to be creative in how we present who we are, and to make more easily accessible the ministries we offer. Quality posters, targeted social media ads, and online registration forms are just a few of the ways she has already moved us forward.

And then there are the stories that hold the values we hope to pass along, up and down the generations, over and across different life stages and experiences. Our Lifespan Faith Development has tapped a new level of energy, especially with the addition of Second Hour programming twice a month. To help this ministry thrive, Lyn needs logistical support preparing for Sunday mornings. This would allow her to spend more time connecting with families and being present to others.

Once again, Heidi offers what we are looking for and is willing to adjust her schedule (3 hours on each task, for a total of 6 more hours per week). For the past two years we have solidified our foundation. Your generosity has been remarkable. We are in a good place now. I hope you feel that and own that. There is much happening worthy of our stories, worthy to be shared. Let's build on our foundation. Let's notice what ought to be shared. Let's tell our story. (And are those youth truly asleep by now? Time to check.)

*With gratitude, curiosity and love,  
Michael*

CONNECTING IN LOVE AND SERVICE  
GROWING SPIRITUALLY  
TRANSFORMING OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

## March Worship Services

Livestream our worship services at [concorduu.org/live](https://concorduu.org/live)

### March 1, 2020 | 10 am | “Hot Topics in Judaism” | Rabbi Robin Nafshi

As we kick off our theme of Judaism, come hear Rabbi Robin Nafshi from Concord’s Temple Beth Jacob talk about the issues that Jewish faith communities are wrestling with in terms of their identity and role on the theological, spiritual, and socio-political landscape.

Our first Sunday drop-in covenant group will focus on our monthly theme of “Judaism.” All are invited to participate. Rev. Lyn Marshall will facilitate.

### Thursday, March 5, 2020 | 2 pm | “Jewish Wisdom Tales”

#### UU Worship Service at Havenwood Heritage Heights, 33 Christian Ave, Concord

The telling of and reflecting on wisdom tales is core to the Jewish tradition. We will share a few such stories and reflect together on their meaning and guidance for us today.

### March 8, 2020 | 10 am | “Wisdom Stories” | Rev. Michael Leuchtenberge & Nick Devlin

We are our stories - as individuals and as a community. We create a sense of purpose through the narratives we share and our shared understanding of purpose helps highlight the stories that matter most in our lives. Congregant and Life Coach Nick Devlin will guide us in this exploration of our own wisdom stories.

### March 8, 2020 | 7 pm | “Taize @ Concord UU” | Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

A time for meditation, reflection, and renewal through music, brief words, and silence. Come sing, light a candle, and nurture your spirit during this non-traditional worship experience. **Runs Oct thru April.**

### March 15, 2020 | 10 am | “UU Jewish Voices” | Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Quite a few UUs identify as both Unitarian Universalist and Jewish. This service gives voice to the experience and perspective of UU Jews and celebrates what all of us can learn from our Jewish roots and Jewish co-congregants. If you have a story to share, please let Michael know. And somehow we will connect this all to pre-St. Patty’s Day music played by a quartet that is not the Wholly Rollers, but seems to have a similar crew and attitude. :-)

### March 22, 2020 | 10 am | “Ancient Texts: Alive & Kicking” | Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

The Jewish tradition exemplifies how an old text like the Torah can stay relevant and engaging through commentary and debate. What can Unitarian Universalists learn from this approach? How can we tap into the wisdom of ancient sacred texts yet stay true to our propensity to question, doubt, and see truth primarily grounded in our own personal experience?

### March 22, 2020 | 7 pm | Ostara Equinox Ritual | Earth Centered Spirituality Group

Ostara, the vernal equinox is a time of balanced hours of sunlight light and darkness. The wheel of the year has spun toward spring. We find ourselves in the moments preceding a riot of growth, frenzied activities and summer fun! In this last pause prior to action we gather to contemplate our aspirations for the season of fertility. We’ll select a rune to symbolize our connection to the energetic quest, seek closer associations with deities of the Norse pantheon, generate energy for manifestation and come together in community to celebrate the ride of life. Join us!

## March 29, 2020 | 10 am | “Resting in the Heart of Silence” | Margaret Fletcher, Jeanne Ann Whittington & Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

So much of our lives is given over to accomplishing, achieving, planning, thinking and doing. On this Sunday morning, we set such activity aside and discover we can rest in the simplicity of being. We can rest our weary hearts in the heart of silence. Giving ourselves over to silence, for a time, in this way, we learn to access and live from a heart that can fully rest in the midst of life’s movements.

The service is also the concluding element of our Sixth Annual Weekend Mindfulness Meditation Retreat (*see p. 8*). Please enter the sanctuary in silence as we open ourselves to the practice of resting in the heart of silence.

## Youth Group News

By the time March roars in like a lion (or however it arrives this year), our youth delegation to the Arizona/Mexico border will have returned from seven days of immersion learning about immigration at our southern border. They’ll have touched the wall, crossed into Mexico, and met lots of people affected by our immigration crisis. Thank you all for your support of their fundraising efforts! They raised **\$4,736** of their \$4,000 goal, ensuring that every youth who wanted to participate was able to go. Part of their experience will involve thinking about what they can do in New Hampshire to help improve the situation for immigrants and asylum seekers. Expect to hear from them about how you can help too!

## March Mystery Match!

It’s time for our Spring Mystery Match! If you’ve never participated before, you’re missing something wonderful. Children and adults sign up to be matched with an anonymous pen pal. Exchange notes and clues for a couple of weeks before meeting your Mystery Match at our meet-up celebration on March 29th. Sign up in the Parlor on **March 1 or 8** to be matched with someone, or email [lyn@concorduu.org](mailto:lyn@concorduu.org). You will be assigned a number, and for the next three Sundays you should leave a note for your match in the corresponding file in the Mystery Match Mail Box. No shopping, no stress, just a fun chance to get to know someone from a different generation a little better. It might be the beginning of a beautiful friendship!

## Lifespan Faith Development

As we take up the subject of Judaism and its influence on us as Unitarian Universalists as our worship theme, our children’s Soul Matters theme is Wisdom. It feels once again like the two themes are wonderfully complementary; Judaism has a rich history of intellectual curiosity, scholarly study, and wisdom tales that have been passed down for centuries. Judaism also has a physical and emotional wisdom in its rituals and liturgy. What wisdom have you gleaned from your own life? What would you want to make sure our children know? After the Time for All Ages during Sunday worship, if you’d like to join Rev. Lyn, Aliemma, and the kids in the Children’s Village to share something that you’re passionate about, please let Lyn know. The kids are eager to learn!

## Transparency Project: Updated Financial Statements

Karen Mayo and Cathy Menard have been working diligently to update our financial statements to reflect all the church’s assets and liabilities on them. These new statements will be used to present background information for our next Annual Meeting. There will be a Forum on **March 1st at Noon** for those interested in reviewing our new statements to become familiar with them. There will also be another Forum covering the new statements on **May 3rd**.



## It's March Again...Time to Think About Our UU Pledge

by Cathy Menard, Stewardship Committee



Our lively faith community is only possible through the generous support of the congregation. All church members and friends will receive this year's pledge mailing shortly after March 1st. The drive is scheduled to close at the end of March. This year's stewardship goal is **\$296,000**, a \$16,000 (5.5%) increase to cover normal cost inflation to run the church and a modest investment in "telling our story" through various communications media and education. (See Michael's cover article.)

We are all asked to consider increasing our pledges as we are able, and to complete a new pledge card accordingly. If you do not plan to increase or change your current pledge, a new card is not required, and your current pledge will be assumed to continue as is. Unless otherwise stipulated by the donor, pledges are considered ongoing (not annual), and remain in effect until they are changed or terminated.

### **How Much Do People Pledge?**

Some Unitarian Universalist churches invite a "5% tithe." Ours, like many others, invites pledging 2-10% of annual net household income – recognizing widely varying personal means and depth of commitment that tends to increase over the years. Pledging to our church now ranges from \$15,000 per year at the high end to less than \$100.

The average household pledge here is now about \$1,400 per year. Our pledges cover about 60% of the cost of running our church, which is about \$1,500 annually per congregant. Facility rentals, endowment income, and fundraising events cover the remaining 40%.

### **How Do We Pay Our Pledge?**

Some pay their pledge fully at the beginning of the church year (August 1). Most of us, however, cannot do that and so we pay over time. To assure consistent income flow, and to minimize the effort and cost of processing pledge payments, the church asks everyone who pays over time to set up an automatic monthly payment plan – which you can arrange with your own bank's bill payment service. You can also set up a secure recurring payment online at [www.concorduu.org/donate](http://www.concorduu.org/donate).

**Thank you for keeping our church vital and strong with your pledge!**



## SECOND HOUR

| LEARNING

| SERVICE

| PRACTICE

### Second Hour Adult Faith Development

There will be others available, but at Parish Notes press time, we have confirmed the following offerings for March:

**March 8 | 11:30-12:30 pm Choose from:**

**TED Talk & Discussion** | TED Talk & Discussion - Watch a video related to our theme of Judaism and participate in a facilitated conversation.

**Spiritual Practice | Resting in the Heart of Silence**

Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger will be leading a guided meditation and giving a preview of our upcoming Weekend Retreat.

Additional offerings in the works! Watch the e-Bulletin for updates.

**March 15 | 11:30-12:30 pm**

**TED Talk & Discussion** | Watch a video related to our theme of Judaism and participate in a facilitated conversation.

**Spiritual Practice** | Join in a guided meditation practice for all levels of experience. Led by Margaret Fletcher.

**Spring Needle Felting** | Jennifer Roff will lead another round of needle felting for all levels. Come do some satisfying stabbing and leave with a cute, fuzzy little something!

**Faith Friction with Family & Friends** | When theological differences with those in your inner circle cause conflict, consternation, or confusion, what do you do? Join Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger for a conversation about negotiating religious differences with those closest to you, in the relationships that matter.



## Trash disposal at UU Church

Our Operations Leadership Team recently approved a new Chemical Use policy in keeping with our congregation-wide efforts to make choices that are most preferable for human and environmental health. Accordingly, we want to limit the use of toxic pesticides as much as possible.

To do this, we need your help with TRASH DISPOSAL! When trash or unclean recyclables are left behind, it attracts ants and mice, leading to the use of pesticides.

### **If you are at a church event where food or drink is served:**

1. Ensure that trash is removed from the building before you leave. There is a blue trash can behind Room 8/9 where you can put trash. Or, if the office is open, you can ask for a key to the dumpster and take it there. Replace the trash can liner in the trash can.
2. Rinse all recyclables before putting them in the proper containers. Better yet, take the recycling home with you to put out at your curb. The church does not have curbside recycling nor a recycling dumpster, so we rely on volunteers to take it away.

If you have questions about our new Chemical Use policy, please talk to any Operations Leadership Team member: Wendy Olson, Jack Wakelin, Belinda Nerl, Cathy Menard, Rik Yeames, and Betsy Black.

*Thank you so much for helping us to respect the interdependent web!*

## **Board of Trustees | February Meeting Take Away**

Discussed how we might hold one another accountable to our board covenant. Engaged in conversation about the sources of our authority and accountability (moral owners). Planned focus group event in March.

Regards, Zoe Picard



## UU Leaders Council

The second UU Leaders Council meeting of this church year will be on **Sunday, March 22nd from 11:45 to 1:15 in the parlor**. All church leaders are invited to attend. The purpose is to share information and learn about what is happening across all areas of the church.

It will also provide the opportunity to synergize our efforts to increase our impact. All church committees and teams should be represented. A light lunch will be provided.

## NEW! COMMITTEE/TEAM CORNER

At the fall leadership council meeting, a suggestion was made to feature the many committee and team efforts at the church during Social Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

If you head up a committee, team or project and want to share what you are doing with fellow church members and friends, the Committee/Team Corner is for you! On the 1st, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month, one committee/ team/project will have a display in Fellowship Hall. This is an opportunity for church leaders to promote what their group is doing as a way to educate the congregation and to invite participation.

**Questions**, please contact Betsy Black, Operations Leadership Team [betsy.black333@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.black333@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Committee | Team | Project Corner

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| March 1  | <b>2nd Hour Community Lunch Hosts</b>   Franz Vail   |
| March 22 | <b>Stewardship Team</b>   Cathy Menard   |
| March 29 | <b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b>   Paula van de Werken   |
| April 5  | <b>UUs Striving for Sustainability</b>   Jane Brown & Zoe Picard   |
| April 26 | <b>Plant &amp; Yard Sale</b>   Jim & Erika Downie<br><b>Noah Project on Sustainability</b>   Peter Flora |
| May 3    | <b>Community Plate Committee</b>   Deb Bruss   |
| May 24   | <b>UU Friends of Refugees</b>   David Canfield<br><b>Hospitality Team</b>   Franz Vail                   |



## Resting in the Heart of Silence

### *Sixth annual Weekend Mindfulness Meditation Retreat*

**Friday, March 27, 5-8:30 pm**

**Saturday, March 28, 8:30 am to 8:30 pm**

**Sunday, March 29, 8:30 am to noon**

Our theme this year is “Resting in the Heart of Silence.” Together we will explore the power of silence. At the center of each human life there is the potential for direct knowing, for whole-hearted being, and for the arising of wisdom. Engaging with the simplest intention—to be aware and open, offers the opportunity for each of us to rest in that center.

So much of our lives are given over to accomplishing, achieving, planning, thinking and doing. On retreat, we set such activity aside and discover we can rest in the simplicity of being. We can rest our weary hearts in the heart of silence. In this retreat, we will bring this simple wish to life through formal meditation practice. Giving ourselves over to silence, for a time, in this way, we learn to access and live from a heart that can fully rest in the midst of life’s movements.

**Location** | Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord, 274 Pleasant St., Concord NH

**Led by** | Margaret Fletcher, Jeanne Ann Whittington and the Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

This retreat is appropriate for both beginners and experienced meditators. All church members, friends of the church and community members from near and far are welcome to attend!

**To register by check**, click here <https://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/www.ConcordUU.org78>

**To register by credit card**, click here <https://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/www.ConcordUU.org>

This retreat is offered by the Contemplative Practices Group of the Concord UU Church. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact retreat co-organizer Kim Gillis at [kgillis@live.com](mailto:kgillis@live.com).

Great Activity for the  
UU Community Board

## Souperfest 2020 Volunteers needed!

**March 28th at Rundlett Middle School**

Support the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness.

We are looking for volunteers the day before, the day of and the Monday after. If you would like to know more or volunteer, please contact Chris Moore [fliprollflop@gmail.com](mailto:fliprollflop@gmail.com)



Interested in getting involved in Family Promise and helping to support families experiencing homelessness? **Our next hosting week is March 15th – 22nd.** Volunteer support is flexible and does not have to be a huge commitment. Every bit helps! Please reach out to Heather at [hterragni@yahoo.com](mailto:hterragni@yahoo.com) to learn more about the program.

## 2nd Annual UMOJA Gala

**Saturday, March 14, from 6 to 10:00 pm**  
**Grapone Conference Center**  
**70 Constitution Ave, Concord, NH**

Hosted by Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success

### “UMOJA” is the Swahili word for “UNITY”

Now that New American Africans (NAA) has joined the Organization for Refugees, they are thrilled to have the opportunity to host the 2nd Annual Umoja Gala and celebrate the Unity of their organizations, their missions, and their collective communities!

Please join them for a special evening to celebrate the many cultures of the people they serve, and learn more about the mission and work of ORIS.

Enjoy delicious foods from various regions of Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East, entertainment by local performers and artists, themed raffle items and more!

ORIS’s mission is to aid in the resettlement of refugees and immigrants in New Hampshire by providing assistance, training, resources, and opportunities that promote self-sufficiency.

As ORIS continues to grow and engage new stakeholders, they will continue to increase our statewide potency to amplify a united voice for new Americans.

Funds raised from the Umoja Gala will go toward increasing our capacity to administer the important services and programs that foster independence and leadership within the new American communities of NH.

The UU Church of Concord is a sponsor of this event.



Car pool with others on  
UU Community Board



## Represent Our Church at national and regional meetings!

by *Betsy Black*

Would you like to be a delegate at the UUA General Assembly from June 24-28 in Providence, RI or the Northern New England District Annual Meeting from Friday, April 24 through Saturday, April 25, in Nashua, NH?

If you have you been a voting member of this congregation for at least two years, you are eligible to be a delegate to either meeting! (Also, please see further requirements below). Since the UUA General Assembly is nearby this year -- in Providence, RI, we expect that a number of our congregants will want to attend as delegates. In anticipation of the expected level of interest, the Operations Leadership Team has adopted a system for choosing the six delegates our church is allotted. (Note: Michael and Lyn are already granted delegate status as our ministers.)

**To learn more** about what these meetings are all about, for the UUA General Assembly, see: <https://www.uua.org/ga>

General Assembly will include worship, learning, business of the UUA, and activism including an ongoing focus on anti-racism.

### **For the District, see:**

<https://www.uua.org/new-england/districts/northern-new-england-district>

This is a critical meeting for the District as there will be a vote whether to dissolve the District. This is an historic, important vote so we want to encourage participation by a full slate of delegates. See this link for a summary about how this vote came to be, and the details and implications regarding dissolution.

[https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/information\\_concerning\\_the\\_nned\\_board\\_proposal\\_to\\_dissolve\\_the\\_district-11.15.2019.pdf](https://www.uua.org/sites/live-new.uua.org/files/information_concerning_the_nned_board_proposal_to_dissolve_the_district-11.15.2019.pdf)

### **Here is the adopted method/priority order for choosing delegates from our church:**

1. Chair of the Board of Trustees.
2. Three Leaders (Board of Trustees, Officers, Operations Leadership Team) (if more than 3 apply, pull names from hat. If not selected, name does NOT go into the Members at Large hat, unless there are fewer than 2 Members at Large applying.)
3. Two Members at Large (if more than 2 apply, pull names from hat)

### **Further Requirements:**

- For District annual meeting, must attend in person (Nashua.)
- For General Assembly, may attend on-site or off-site but on-site attendance is highly encouraged if finances and abilities permit.
- For General Assembly, must make attendance at General Sessions (business meetings) a priority.
- Review materials provided by District or UUA in advance of meeting to be informed on issues for vote.
- Vote in line with your conscience, but get input from congregation and fellow Concord UU delegates.
- Delegates are expected to report back to the congregation in any format they prefer: Parish Notes, a segment at worship, informal chat, etc. Deadline for report is: Oct 15 for GA, last worship service of church year for District Meeting

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**Deadlines to apply to be a delegate from our congregation:**

**For District meeting: March 7, 2020**

**For General Assembly: May 6, 2020**

If you are interested, please submit your name, email address, and phone number to Betsy Black -- [betsy.black333@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.black333@gmail.com), representing the Operations Leadership Team. Please indicate which meeting you would like to be a delegate for (can be both!). Thank you for your interest!



## Looking for Chalice Lighters!

Do you know a child (7-13-ish) that would want to light the Chalice during a Sunday service? We're looking to add to our current Chalice Lighter crew. We have some older youth that would be willing to assist any new lighters their first few times until they're comfortable. There is no long term commitment. Please reach out to Heather if you know of an interested child at (603) 630-2787 or [hterragni@yahoo.com](mailto:hterragni@yahoo.com).



Dear friends,

Thank you for making our shoe drive at South Church a big success. We collected 3,000 pairs of shoes! The shoes headed to developing countries, where individuals there will sell them to support their families. Funds2Org, the shoe drive organizers, will also provide those folks start-up business training for free.

We could not have done it without you. Let us know when we can return the favor and support you.

Sincerely,

Annmarie Timmins

# Meet Our Newest Members

Joined December 9, 2019 | Part 1 (more featured next month)



## Emily Brisson

I am originally from Lancaster, New Hampshire, way north of the notch! I currently live in Concord with my fiancée. We are excited to be planning our wedding for later this year.

My spirituality has always been special to me. I was raised Catholic, and was very involved in our church through lecturing and volunteering for community events. I was not able to keep attending when

I moved to go to college. I graduated from Franklin Pierce with a degree in Social Work and Counseling and a minor in Criminal Justice. While attending Franklin Pierce, I had a chance to walk the Camino de Santiago. I backpacked 620 miles through Southern France and across Northern Spain. It was my favorite trip thus far, and provided me with so much insight to myself and my values.

I am excited to have found a church here in Concord that makes me feel so at home. †



## Larry Davis

I was born in Auburn, Maine and grew up outside of Boston. I have a younger sister and brother, a niece and nephew, and a great-nephew. I hold AB and AM degrees in Earth Sciences from Washington University in St. Louis, the first UU affiliated university west (just) of the Mississippi River. I have a PhD in Geological Sciences from the University of Rochester. I am fortunate that my hobby and my work coincide. In my free time, I do more geologizing! I also play the flute, love to cook, am a political junkie, and love working with the children

and nature movement. I retired from the University of New Haven, where I was Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences in August 2018, after 45 years of teaching (27 there). I still work summers (last year was my 50th) at Camp Pemigewasset in Wentworth, NH where I am Director Emeritus of Nature Programs. Quirky? I was an intercollegiate soccer official for almost 20 years. I came to the church because I moved to Concord, have been a lifelong UU and was looking for a community in my new home. I will work with youth, do some music, cook, I hope, contribute to the wonderful conversation that takes place at the Church and beyond. †



## Jean Lightfoot

Our family started coming from Contoocook to the old Unitarian church on North State Street when I was 10 in 1956. My brothers and sister and I grew up in this church and all remember when we moved up to the current building. I left the area for college and came back and left a number of times for work. Finally, I have returned and decided to rejoin in 2019. Both of my parents' memorial services were held here and there is a plaque for each of them in the memorial wall

outside the parlor. I enjoy the services the most because I really enjoy the music and I like thinking about something else for an hour or so each week.

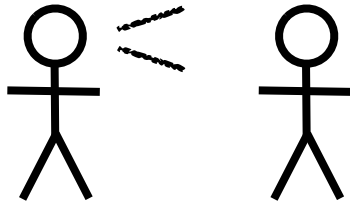
I live in Contoocook and am a retired Federal employee. I am a volunteer with the Hopkinton Historical Society and Open Democracy/NH Rebellion. In addition, I am a Supervisor of the Checklist in Hopkinton. All of these keep me pretty busy.

It's good to be back meeting new people and reconnecting with some old friends in what I have always considered to be my home church. †

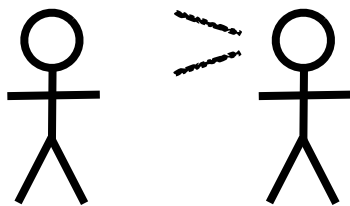
# Talking Across Differences: Restorative Circles Facilitator Training

## How We Listen for Meaning

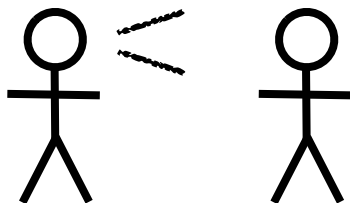
What do you want known and by whom?



What did you hear?



Is that what you wanted understood?



### Location:

Unitarian Universalist Church  
of Concord, NH  
274 Pleasant Street  
Concord, NH 03301

How can we talk with people across the political divide? Come experience how to listen, when listening is challenging. Join us for the Introduction OR continue with the full 6 week training and find out! **Register today!**

Introduction to Listening  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
7-9:30 PM

\$10 - 20 suggested donation

We will begin with an experience of what happens when we listen to someone who thinks differently than we do. Then we will experience what it feels like to actually be heard by another person. As we pause to really listen for the meaning the other person is speaking about, the walls between us drop, empathy becomes possible. We may not agree, yet we understand.

Facilitator Training Continues:  
Tuesdays, March 17 - April 14,  
2020

\$75 - 150 (sliding scale) for the 6 week  
program, which includes the Introduction on  
March 10th

Partial Scholarships available, please ask.

This training will run six weeks on Tuesday evenings March 10 - April 14, 2020. We encourage full participation, experiences will build from week to week. Following this training experience we will set up an ongoing monthly gathering to practice and consider how we might support our Greater Concord community in listening and understanding one another.

## Please Register Online Today!

<https://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/620b2a28>

### Registrar:

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heidi@concorduu.org

Trainer: Sarah-Elizabeth Anderon, MA, LMT  
(603) 365-0852  
[sarah\\_elizabeth@me.com](mailto:sarah_elizabeth@me.com)

## March Special Events

Sun, March 1 & 8 **Mystery Match Sign-ups**

Sun, March 1 @ Noon

**Financial Transparency Project Forum**

**Thu, March 5 @ 2 pm UU Worship at Havenwood**

Fri, March 6 @ 6:30 pm **Games and Chocolate**

**Sun, March 8 @ 7 pm Taize Service**

**Sun, March 22 @ 7 pm Ostara Equinox Ritual**

Sun, March 22 @ 11:45 **Leadership Council Meeting**

Tues, March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 & 14 @ 7-9:30 pm  
**Restorative Circles Training**

Sun, March 15 & 22 **Mystery Match Notes**

Sun, March 15-22 **Family Promise Week**

Sun, March 27-29 **Resting in the Heart of Silence**  
**6th Annual Weekend Meditation Retreat**

Sun, March 29 @ 11:45 **Feedback & Ideas Forum**

*See our calendar online for up-to-date listing:*  
[www.concorduu.org/calendar](http://www.concorduu.org/calendar)

# Taizé Service

**Second Sundays @ 7 pm**

(October to April)

**Unitarian Universalist Church**

274 Pleasant St, Concord, NH  
(603) 224-0291 • [www.concorduu.org](http://www.concorduu.org)



Join us for an hour of

## Meditative Singing

with instruments,  
a brief reading, silence, and candlelight.

*"A time of beauty and peace for body & spirit."*

A contemplative and spiritual experience  
for people of any faith tradition or none. All are welcome!

## Ongoing Events

**Worship Service** | Sundays at 10 am

**Sunday School for Children**

1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays at 11:30 am

**"Second Hour" Adult Learning, Service & Practice**

2nd & 3rd Sundays at 11:30 am

**Community Lunch** | 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 12:30 pm

**Social Hour Coffee, Cookies & Conversation**

1st, 4th, 5th Sundays at 11:15 am

**Drop-in Covenant Group** | 1st Sundays at 11:45 am

**Newcomers Corner** | 1st Sundays at 11:15 am

**Taize at Concord UU** | 2nd Sundays at 7 pm

**October thru April**

**UU Worship at Havenwood** | 1st Thursdays at 2 pm

**Choir Rehearsal** | most Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm

**Choir Warm-up** | most Sundays, 9 am

**Noah Project on Sustainability** | Sundays at 9 am

**UUs Striving for Sustainability** | 4th Sundays at 11:45 am

**Youth Group** | most Fridays at 7 pm

**Games and Chocolate** | 1st Fridays at 6:30 pm

**Friendly Kitchen prep & serve day** | 1st Wed at 3 pm

**UU Book Group** | 4th Wednesdays at 4 pm

**Showing Up for Racial Justice** | 1st Thurs at 7 pm

**Ageing Journey Wisdom Circle**

1st Sundays at 11:45 am

**Caring for Aging Loved Ones Support Group**

4th Sundays at 7 pm

**Come As You Are LGBTQ+ AA** | Mondays 6-7 pm

**Chronic Pain Support Group** | 2nd Tuesdays 1-2:30 pm

**Meditation in Motion** | 1st, 3rd Mondays at 6 pm

**Mindfulness Practice Group** | 2nd, 4th Mondays at 7 pm

**Plain & Simple Buddhism** | Tuesdays at 7 pm

**Insight Meditation** | 3rd Fridays at 4 pm

**Board of Trustees** | 2nd Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



## Check out our Livestream

If you are traveling or sick, or want to share our service with friends from afar, check out our livestream every Sunday at <https://concorduu.org/live/>. You can even post comments during or after the service that are visible to others, helping to build our “virtual community.”

We appreciate your patience and feedback as we work out technical glitches with our livestream. If you experience trouble that you think is on the church end, please post the trouble in the comments on the livestream page - an office volunteer (usually Jack Wakelin) or staff person will keep an eye on the comments and if they see trouble, they will try to resolve the issue, often with assistance from our livestream expert Skylar.

*(Thanks, Jack, Skylar!)*

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### Parish Note Deadline Schedule:

ISSUE	DUE
April	Wed. March 18
May	Mon. April 20

Please email articles and images by end of day to [ParishNotes@ConcordUU.org](mailto:ParishNotes@ConcordUU.org)

### eBulletins

Information for the upcoming week's events, happenings, and announcements are due at 6 pm on Wednesdays of each week.

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10:00 am Worship Service | **Judaism** Theme

11:30 am Sunday School for Children | Soul Matters | **Wisdom** Theme  
(1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays)

11:30 am Second Hour Adult Learning, Service and Practice  
(2nd & 3rd Sundays)

