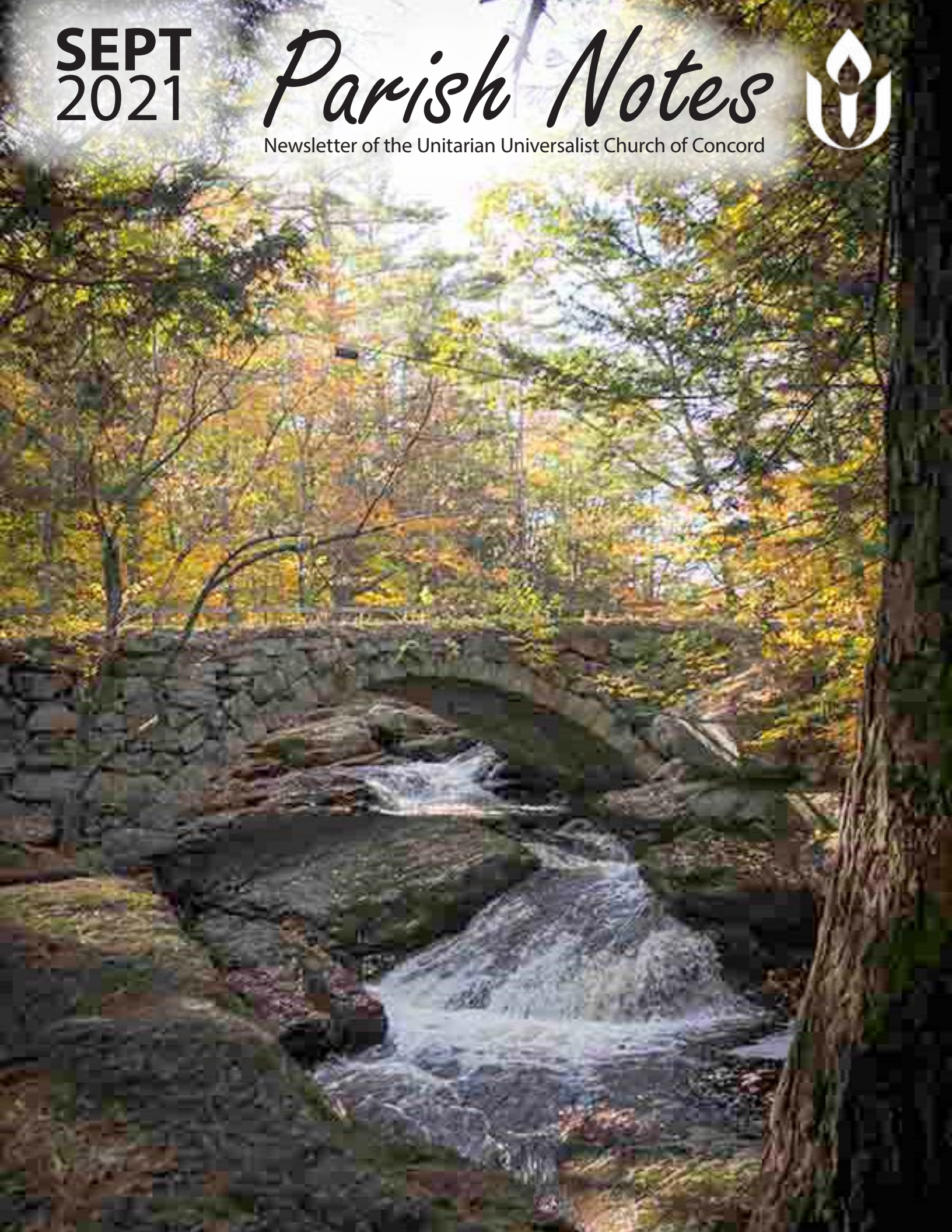


**SEPT
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Parish Notes

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord



CONSENT: MASK EDITION!

In a time of COVID-19 variants



Pandemic Rules Update

Many UU churches have decided to remain closed, or close again, due to the Delta variant and increasing spread. The Pandemic Policy Team does not want to go that far unless the healthcare system locally gets overwhelmed, but we are tightening our restrictions. Right now while COVID spread is "substantial" in Merrimack County, everyone attending worship must be vaccinated (honor system) if eligible for vaccine. (Kids who are too young to receive the vaccine are still welcome to attend.) Masks are required in the building at all times. The Pandemic Team recommends a surgical mask PLUS a cloth mask, or an N95/KN95. We offer surgical masks for free, and we have KN95s available for \$1 donation.

Ingathering Sunday, Pandemic Edition

We were so looking forward to a wonderful "Welcome Back" ingathering and picnic as was our pre-COVID tradition, with special post-COVID festivities. Unfortunately, the Delta variant and rapidly rising transmission in our area make that unsafe for our community.

We do plan to have our traditional Water Communion in person, open by pre-registration. After the service, we'll have social time and refreshments under a tent in the courtyard, though not the usual picnic spread. Please watch your email or cell phone for the easy link to register. Of course the service will also be live streamed for everyone.

Hybrid Worship Service is at 10 am on Sundays:

- in person
- live streamed at concorduu.org/live

A social hour follows - via Zoom if you watched the live stream or outside, if you are at the church. Starting September 12, pre-registration is required to attend in-person worship. Watch your email for the sign-up opportunity. This will continue until COVID starts to abate in our area.

Plans are still developing for after-service programs. Watch your eBulletin for updates.



Minister's Musings

We had been walking for about two hours, leaving the town of Dilijan behind, heading into the surrounding woods, when we saw the ancient stones marking the entrance. We were standing before the Matosavank monastery, built in 1247. “Let’s go inside,” I nudged Daniel, my son, who had brought me to this place.

It was dark as we stepped around the rough gravestones on the floor, a small window on one side, a tree growing out of an opening in the roof. Without trying I began to imagine life in this sacred space more than 750 years ago. Something touched my soul as I pictured the monks studying the wisdom found in the manuscripts taken from the book depository in the adjacent building.

Yes, I had read about the many monasteries you can find throughout Armenia thanks to its long history as a Christian country. Yet there is something very different being physically present in the very space where history played its tunes and carved its marks on the tree of life.

It had been the same earlier on our trip when we spent long hours in Dachau at the concentration camp just outside Munich. Being reminded of the unspeakable atrocities committed by the generation of my grandparents and their parents hit me particularly hard because I was right there, walking the grounds, standing in the very buildings that had been the scene of the suffering.

Each space carries its own energy, an amalgam of the events it has witnessed, present regardless of our awareness, yet made palpable by the stories we tell. Our sanctuary is one of those spaces where you can sense a history of powerful moments, of celebration and heartache, of nourishment and transformation, of ritual and much music.

Yes we can live stream a service, a performance or meeting. Yet there is a dimension that is missing. No wonder many of us feel a real loss at the thought of not being able to reclaim our sanctuary as fully as we had hoped this fall. May we all hold on to the knowledge that our sanctuary is patiently waiting for us, ready to receive us, ready to share its storied past, ready to host our future - just as soon as “that which shall not be named” can be tamed or retreats. :-)

With love and hope in my heart as we start our twelfth year together,

Michael

September Worship Services | Theme: Embracing Possibility

Live stream our worship services at concorduu.org/live

9/5/2021 “SHMILY: A Sermon on the Importance of Love” | Rev. Denise D. Tracy

Guest minister Denise Tracy will share stories and thoughts on the importance of showing our gratitude and appreciation for the people we love.

9/12/2021 “The Power of Water - A Water Communion Service” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

As we re-gather, still COVID-constrained, online and in person, we celebrate the flowing back together of the life of our community. Come be with us as we introduce our new intern ministers, Dan & Jeff, and welcome our new choir director, Marianne. May our hearts unfold as we reflect on the power of water - including the time honored tradition of our water communion ritual. Join us for stories of Friendship & Community, of Spiritual Growth & Learning, of Sorrow, Sacred Places, and Works of Justice.

9/19/2021 “The Lost Art of Breathing” | Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Paying attention to our breath is common to many spiritual practices. We get about 25,000 chances each day. It helps us be more mindful, calm, and focused. What is less remembered is how crucial the way we breathe is to our well-being. As James Nestor in his book *Breathe* writes: “No matter what we eat, how much we exercise, how resilient our genes are, how skinny or young or wise we are - none of it matters unless we’re breathing correctly.” Ancient wisdom combined with modern research can help us reconnect with the lost art of breathing - and halt snoring, asthma and other chronic health conditions along the way.

9/26/2021 “The Possibility of Belonging” Revs. Michael Leuchtenberger & Lyn Marshall

Each time we enter a new group, a new situation, a new community, we look for cues as to whether we are welcome, wanted, and safe. Welcoming words are a start, but we also notice the physical space, the visual messages, and the behavior of others in the community as we determine whether we, too, can truly belong. Last month, several congregants spoke about what helps them feel welcome and included, and what gets in the way. This Sunday, we will continue to explore how our congregation can work to become more accessible and inclusive over the coming year.





Embracing Possibility...

...is our theme for September, and I'm sure when the team at Soul Matters chose it, they were imagining congregations across the United States back together in person, COVID-19 receding, embracing all we learned during the pandemic to come back stronger, clearer about our priorities, and ready to build a new world better than the one we occupied in 2019.

Instead, the public health situation is still ominous, the political climate still deeply polarized, the actual climate ever more volatile, and we find ourselves in a time where possibility may feel a lot less appealing than stability, predictability, and clarity.

All is not lost, and I hope we can be for one another a community of care, compassion, and forgiveness as we try to feel our way to the next right step. I am so grateful for our Pandemic Policy Team as they grapple with the practical and the ethical dilemmas facing us as we decide how, when, where, and whether, it is safe to be together. At the time of this writing, I am planning for family ministry activities to begin at church, outdoors, so our children can participate once again in the life of their congregation. Because everything is such a moving target, I can only say, watch your eBulletin and your email for further details about the when, what, and where! And let's embrace the possibility of starting something wonderful.

May you be well, may you be safe, may you be peaceful. If you're having trouble feeling it, I suggest an ant meditation... go outside, find a small patch of ground, and spend five minutes watching what happens there. If your vision doesn't let you look, then sit outside and listen. At my house, there are birds, crickets, lawn mowers, an airplane, and cicadas all filling the air with sound. It can be good to be reminded that your life is part of a larger whole.

Lyn Marshall

Minister of Lifespan Faith Development

Minister's Musings



Grounds Gratitude . . .

to Bob Lyon

- for continued grounds work, cutting back bittersweet and weeding
- for mowing the lawn and edging all summer!

to Virginia Joslyn

- for adopting the planting along the stone wall in the courtyard
- and for weeding and edging it

to Bill Faulkner, Janet Kibbee and Faithe Miller Lacowicz

- for weeding the sidewalk in front of church on 9/22

to LeRoy Anderson

- for cleaning out the swale at the top of the parking lot
- for cutting the rogue bittersweet vine out of the exit lamp post
- for being available for brush removal

to Bill Faulkner

- for returning to church after the rain on the 29th to weed the bed in front of Fellowship Hall
- for finishing it up on the 30th
- for offering continued help

to Loren Hill

- for continued yellow striping along the edge of the courtyard
- for vacuuming the spaces between the cement in the courtyard

to David Canfield

- for cutting back bittersweet

to Fran Philippe

- for sweeping the weeded spaced in the courtyard
- for treating them with a vinegar mixture to retard weed growth
- for weeding the entrance off Pleasant St and the garden by the Fellowship Hall Entrance

to Lea Smith

- for trying to get the wasps to vacate their nest on the birch tree in the courtyard

to _____? in advance . . .

- for weeding the lilac garden

Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans | CUUPS

2nd Saturday Brainstorm & Fellowship

CUUPS is a national organization dedicated to networking Pagan-identified UUs, educating people about Paganism, promoting interfaith dialogue, developing Pagan liturgies and theologies, and supporting Pagan-identified UU religious professionals.

Join us online on the 2nd Saturdays of the month where we share highlights from the last ritual at home or with our CUUPS chapter, brainstorm ideas for planning the next ritual, and get to know each other better during fellowship time. We'll also be talking about gearing up for a new church year at the home congregation and how to write your mission statements for your CUUPS chapter application.

Come as you are or in summer time colors! Register at www.tinyurl.com/Sept2021CUUPsFellowship



It's CUUPS Annual Meeting Time!!

The Annual Meeting of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

8 pm eastern

[Register to attend here or contact the office for the link.](#)

All are welcome. Only Members of CUUPS may vote. Membership will be verified by the Secretary and Membership Liaison.

September BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy birthday to our Members, Friends, and their children, for whom we have birthdays in our church records. If you want to be included on future birthday lists, enter your birthday in your Breeze profile or email it to heidi@concorduu.org.

2 Judi Soule
4 Rachel Burlock
5 Henook Cooper
6 Chris Johnson
7 Warren Haslam
9 Becky McWilliams
12 Clayton Savoy
13 Jim Downie
13 Liz Whiting
13 Julia Kennard
14.... Ann Burnside
14.... Dima Soule
15 Richard Blood
15 Andy Duncan
23 ... Ugo Tosco
24 ... Bobbie Herron
28 ... Dick de Séve
29 ... Erin Stewart

Soul Matters Themes for the Year

Sept | Embracing Possibility

Oct | Cultivating Relationships

Nov | Holding History

Dec | Opening to Joy

Jan | Living with Intention

Feb | Widening the Circle

Mar | Renewing Faith

Apr | Awakening

May | Nurturing Beauty

June | Celebrating Blessings

Schedule Your Church Meetings | Contemplative Meditations | Covenant Groups

You now are invited to schedule your group meetings using Fellowship Hall (hybrid is easy training), the front courtyard, or back patio. Please follow the most up to date guidance from the Pandemic Policy Team when you enter the building. Please schedule your church meetings through Heidi@ConcordUU.org to assure space is available. Here's a letter from the 3rd Friday, Insight Contemplation group that meditated in August using our new Zoom / hybrid Fellowship area, on a nice new carpet.

“The Concord Insight Meditation Sangha (CIMS) held its first hybrid gathering last month in Fellowship Hall with Insight teacher Rae Houseman after more than a year of Zoom sits. It was a delight for the heart to be with new and old friends both in person and on Zoom! The new Fellowship Hall worked beautifully. Rae offered a guided sit, walking meditation and talk with Q&A. We will continue to meet on the third Friday monthly and plan to offer Zoom-only and occasional hybrid meditation practices. Please check the UU calendar for updates and contact information & join our open sangha when you can!”





Outdoor Game Night at Church, Sept. 3, 2021 6:30-8:00 pm

We will wheel the game cart outdoors, and perhaps add a couple of outdoor games to the mix as we experiment with a Covid-safer incarnation of Games & Chocolate. Please wear a mask - with a smile underneath to share as we learn to live in a community still altered by an ongoing pandemic. You may want bug spray as the sun goes down! In the event of rain, we will cancel.

WELCOME to Our New Choir Director Marianne Ciasulli

Marianne grew up singing in choirs in New Jersey, where she was born and raised. Some of her notable choral accomplishments before attending college were being selected to sing in the New Jersey All State Choir, summer studies at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ and performances at NJ Performing Arts Center, where she debuted in Puccini's *Tosca*, as a nun in the opera chorus.

Marianne's love for skiing and the outdoors motivated her decision to head west for her undergraduate studies. She earned a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance (*magna cum laude*) from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She was fortunate during that time to play leading roles in various operas, including *L'Enfant et les sortilège*, *Le Nozze di Figaro* and *Hansel und Gretel*, and also won various voice competitions with grant and scholarship prizes.

After four years in Colorado, Marianne moved back east to study in New York City. She earned two Master degrees: one in Vocal Performance from The Manhattan School of Music and the other in Music Education from Columbia University- Teachers College.

Following her studies, Marianne continued performing throughout New York City and also began teaching Music at a private school on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Marianne wrote and implemented a cohesive K-8 choral curriculum at the Mandell School, where she served as Director of Music. She also taught and conducted at the Brearley School and National Children's Chorus. During this time Marianne worked with adults and children of all ages teaching choir, voice and piano. She also participated in a community chorus and cantored masses at her local church.



Marianne continued developing her skills through additional studies in Kodály and Orff. She completed her Kodály certification at New York University in 2015 and Orff certification at the San Francisco International Orff Course in 2017- where she also met her husband. Marianne also traveled to Kezchemet, Hungary twice where she completed two summers of Kodály Courses at the Kodály Institute of the Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music in 2013 and 2015.

In September 2017, Marianne moved to Johannesburg, South Africa. She taught music at the Michael Mount Waldorf School and spent time volunteering at an inner-city arts program in Hillbrow.

In March 2021, at 35 weeks pregnant, Marianne, her husband and their 16 month old daughter moved from South Africa to the USA. She gave birth to a son in May and moved to NH in June.

Marianne is very excited about settling with her family in the area and working with the choir at UU Church of Concord, a position that allows time for, yet also a healthy escape from, mothering her 2 babies under the age of 2.



A Tale of Two Seasons

Submitted by Dick deSeve

The Concord UU Purple had a very interesting season in 2021. The first three games were a real learning experience, as we had a number of new players to work in with some of us older veterans. We went through some growing pains, learning from our mistakes as we developed. We lost our first 3 games, but certainly still had fun playing through the losses.

During the last four games, as they say, the light came on! We started playing much better defense, catching the ball, throwing where it should be thrown and generally showing that we now knew what we were doing, and who we were as a team.

A few younger, stronger players helped, too. Our hitting improved, too, and we started scoring more runs. The base running remained interesting, to say the least, but that's pretty normal in this league, anyway. Adds to the excitement! The result: we won our last 4 games and had the last game rained out. We want to say a special thank you to our fans for rooting us on through thick and thin, and to Sue Hale-de Seve for keeping score, and Jenn Star for bringing the white board with many colored pens to keep everybody batting in the right order and helping us look great in the field with new shirts. All in all, another fun season and great release from the pandemic (at least for now). Hope to see everybody back next season!

Everybody's Birthday!

Sunday, Sept 26 11:30 am

After the live stream worship on Sunday, Sept 26, we will have our Everybody's Birthday Party on Zoom! Mark your calendar, make sure you have a delicious birthday treat for yourself, and meet your birth month buddies in the congregation. What is your favorite birthday memory? What wish will you make as you blow out your candles this year? If you've already had a COVID world birthday, what was it like for you?

Gather and get to know people in a new way.



Community Plate Update for September 2021

As always, the Community Plate Committee (CPC) welcomes input from our congregation and staff concerning the upcoming community plates. Some of our plates are repeated every year, such as the one for Thanksgiving Baskets, while others are new requests, such as the NH Black Heritage Trail and the Interfaith Network on Mental Illness, which were taken in the summer.

We continue to meet on Zoom, usually monthly on Thursday afternoons. However, if you'd like to join the CPC (please do!), we will consider changing the meeting time to fit your needs.

Please contact me with your questions and plate suggestions. deborahbruss@mac.com

-**Deb Bruss**, Community Plate Chair

3rd Monday YogaMeds | 6 pm | Zoom

Instructor Craig Whitson

YogaMeds:

- Yoga as medication for the body
- Yoga as meditation for the mind and spirit

The practice consists of a series of stretches and gentle poses designed to counter all our sitting, slumping, bending and stressing (Slumpasana :-)

The focus will be on "opening up" poses, balancing poses, coupled with deep breathing throughout.

Each session will conclude with a meditation - either seated (hero pose) or prone (shavasana)

It would be good to have a yoga mat, zafu, strap, and blocks if available. But this practice can be done with no props too. The meditation could be done (hero pose, cross legged) or in a chair.

Appropriate for all skill levels.

If you are interested in joining any of our Zoom classes on Mondays, please contact the office at Office@ConcordUU.org

1st Monday Kripalu Yoga | 6 pm | Zoom

Instructor Marjorie Moulton

The word Kripalu means compassion and Swami Kripalu was a very loving teacher who taught that we should do yoga with compassion for our bodies. We should be present in our body and mindful of what we are feeling physically and emotionally.

This class will consist of gentle stretches combined with deep breathing and body awareness. It is designed to relax the body and quiet the mind and will conclude with a short meditation.

If you are interested in joining any of our Zoom classes on Mondays, please contact the office at Office@ConcordUU.org



The Wisdom of Playfulness: A Day of Movement and Meditation

Guest Teacher *Jaya Rudgard from the UK*

Saturday, September 18 | 9:30 am to 4 pm | Zoom

Registration Fee \$20

No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Please contact Jeanne Ann for a waiver at jawhittington3@gmail.com

On **Saturday, September 18**, the Contemplative Practices Group is delighted to host guest teacher Jaya Rudgard for an online retreat, **“The Wisdom of Playfulness: A Day of Movement and Meditation.”** The retreat, which will run from **9:30 AM to 4 PM on Zoom**, will include practices from the Insight Meditation tradition and the ancient art of Qigong to refresh the body, heart and mind. There may also be the option to join with others at the church for a hybrid experience (Jaya will be on Zoom, coming to us from England)—more on that later!

Jaya, who lives in the UK, has been meditating since 1984. For 8 years she was ordained as a nun in the Thai forest tradition, and she has subsequently trained as an Insight Meditation teacher at Spirit Rock in California and Insight Meditation Society in Massachusetts. She has extensive experience in teaching MBSR, MBCT and Mindful Self-Compassion, and leads retreats for teachers and teachers-in-training as well as for the general public. And she is a certified Qigong teacher! She is looking forward to sharing a day of fun, accessible and restorative practice with us.

Jaya is offering their services at no charge and there will be an opportunity to make an offering (dana) to help support her work.

This retreat is ideal for both beginners and experienced students—all are welcome.

**[Click here to register or go to
concorduu.org/lifespan-faith-development/contemplative-practices/.](https://concorduu.org/lifespan-faith-development/contemplative-practices/)**



They're Back!

If you've been hankering for a Wholly Roller fix, they're back from their covid coma and performing a free concert.

Sunday, September 19th, 4:00pm at Canterbury Shaker Village - 288 Shaker Road, Canterbury, NH. Bring a picnic and a chair - enjoy the spectacular views and the music while you sit on the historic Meetinghouse Green - a great finish to your weekend! If the weather is bad, check shakers.org for cancellations or change of venue.

If you wear your Wholly Roller shirt (available at bonfire.com/thewholly-rollers/), you may get a surprise at the concert!

Proceeds from the sale of these shirts goes to the Pastoral Support Fund.

Creating a Listening Community: Restorative Circles Facilitator Training

During our July 25 worship service, John Warner and Sarah-Elizabeth Anderson talked about how our church's listening and conflict resolution programs over the past decade have been "tools for actually carrying out this difficult commitment" to "acceptance of the worth and dignity of those who disagree with us." Sarah Elizabeth now teaches private classes in these methods, and is offering classes on Zoom this fall.

An invitation to Members and Friends to explore how listening for understanding allows us to become more empathetic in our relationships, to engage conflict, learn about ourselves and to experience the practice of reflective listening. Youth ages 12 and up are encouraged to join us!

Tuesday October 19 - November 23rd 6:00 - 8:30 PM EDT (Please sign up by Sunday, October 17th)

Fees on a Sliding scale \$77 - \$222 for the six weeks. First session is open to all who would like to be introduced to the Listening Aspects of Restorative Circles, suggested \$10 - \$30. Scholarships are available, please contact Sarah-Elizabeth directly for more information.

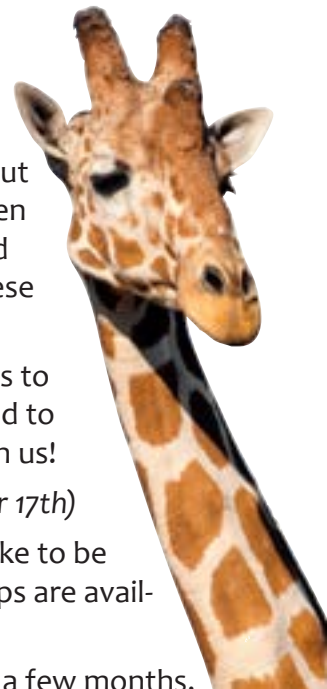
Too often, conflict arises and gets swept under the rug because of conflict aversion. After a few months, years, or sometimes a decade, a conflict that came up over coffee can burst out during a committee meeting or gathering of friends or co-workers. This creates challenges where the individuals in conflict have different opinions, which breaks down the decision making process, friendship or working relationships.

The Restorative Circle process is based on reflective listening, that is making sure whoever speaks is heard and understood. The facilitator meets with every person (Pre-Circle) prior to gathering the whole community for the conversation (Circle). In the Circle, the community co-creates a new path forward. At a future date, the community meets together (Post-Circle) to check in on how the plan is working. During the process the facilitator is supported by other experienced Restorative Circle facilitators.

Join Sarah-Elizabeth Anderson, Restorative Circles facilitator and trainer along with Wendy Weirick, of Chattanooga, TN for a journey exploring, listening, how we listen, what gets in the way of listening, practice listening for understanding and explore how we can learn by engaging conflict.

For more information email: sarah_elizabeth@me.com

Link to sign up: <https://mailchi.mp/cff1e8265c50/rcaug2021>



Grounds updates and thanks:

- Bob Lyon, David Canfield and I clipped back the bittersweet along our west boundary. Yes, there ARE rhododendrons there! And LOTS more bittersweet on the junipers by the building.
- LeRoy Anderson cleaned the debris dam off the drain by Pleasant St. and from the drainage ditch. Good for another five years or more, we hope.
- LeRoy is/has cleaned out the swale at the top of the parking lot to keep water from flowing down it and freezing in the winter.

MANY THANKS for all eight hands at work!

- Bob Lyon, Ruth Axelrod, David Canfield - and hopefully others - joined me to tidy up for our fall church season.. Be sure to thank them.
- The spot at the corner of fellowship hall is up for adoption again, mostly for maintenance - weeding and dead-heading. And the planting around our front sign needs some care. Contact me if you're interested in adopting.

Fran Philippe
Grounds Chair

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A Huge Thank You

Thanks to all the members, friends and visitors who helped move the pews out and back into the Sanctuary during July and August. The new carpet looks wonderful.

Before



After





Become a Pen Pal with the CLF Prison Ministry!

With no access to the web or UU Sunday services, Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) members who are incarcerated can only learn about Unitarian Universalism from the mailings sent by CLF, and the letters they exchange with CLF staff and other Unitarian Universalists like you. The Worthy Now Prison Network staff matches CLF members who are incarcerated with UUs who live in the free world. Currently, our wait-list for incarcerated members seeking a pen pal is about 10 months. Every UU who signs up to become a pen pal can help shorten that wait!

The CLF's Worthy Now Prison Network provides you an opportunity to live out our Unitarian Universalist values by connecting you with a pen pal. In turn, your heart may be renewed by witnessing the power of Unitarian Universalism present even in the most difficult of places.

Sign up at worthynow.org/pen-pals/ or feel free to contact Marin Smith at msmith@clfuu.org for more information.



Socially Responsible Investing September 9 Webinar on Julie Skye

Click for details: <https://uujec.org/Portals/o/PDFs/Julie.pdf>



Solidarity Walk for Immigrant Justice

HELP is NEEDED with 9/23 Lunch Preparation!

Each year activists for immigrant justice complete a 3-day walk to the ICE detention facility in Dover to bring awareness to the need for greater justice in our state system. The Epsom Democrats are hosting lunch on day-2 of this year's Solidarity Walk for Immigrant Justice. We'll offer bagged lunches on Thursday, September 23rd for 30-50 Immigrant Solidarity walkers. We hope to set up at the Epsom Library but are waiting for final confirmation of the location.

Volunteers are needed to donate funds to purchase food & paper goods, shop for supplies, and prepare lunch items. The lunches will include a choice of wraps and sandwiches, fruit, chips, cookies and canned/bottled beverages. Help is needed with advanced sandwich/wrap preparation and cookie baking, both of which can be done in your own home. There will also be a group prep event at the home of Kim Gillis in Epsom, on the morning of 9/23. Support for set-up and clean-up at the lunch are needed too!

Please contact **Kim Gillis** at kgillis@live.com or (603) 892-4271 for more information or to pitch-in on this worthy cause! All aspects of hosting the lunch offer fun opportunities to be of service in the community and support immigrant justice, so please join us in whatever way you can!



Solidarity Walk 2021 | Sept 23-25

The three-day walk will end at the Strafford County Jail in Dover, where ICE jails people slated for their deportation.

Each day participants will walk 8-10 miles and stop in towns along the way. In the evenings we will hold educational, prayerful or discussion-focused events open to the public. Will you join in this year's Immigrant Solidarity Walk? This three day event is a crucial witness for immigrant justice here in New Hampshire, and there are multiple opportunities to participate. Robust Covid precautions will be taken. Sign up at the link below, and be in touch with NH Council of Churches if you have any questions!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ca9af28a6fe3-walker>

SEPTEMBER

Special & Ongoing Events

Please see our calendar online for the most up-to-date listing of meetings, events, and happening:

Be sure to check out our NEW website calendar by [clicking here at concorduu.org/calendar!](http://concorduu.org/calendar)

Thank you Lorraine Ellis for all your testing & behind the scenes to make this happen!

All meetings & rehearsals are hybrid unless otherwise noted.
Links are available through private emails, through eBulletin, and Parish Notes.

Friday, Sept 3 @ 6:30 pm | Games & No Chocolates | Church front Courtyard

Saturday, Sept 11 @ 1 pm | Celebration of Life | Ward Stoops

Sunday, Sept 12 @ 11:15 am | Outdoor Social Hour w/ refreshments

Friday, Sept 17 @ 7 pm | First Youth Group Gathering of the Season

Saturday, Sept 18 @ 9:30 am - 4 pm | [The Wisdom of Playfulness Retreat](#) | Zoom

Tentative-Saturday, Sept 25 @ 7 pm (rain date 26) | Fall Equinox Ritual | Earth-Centered Spirituality Group

Sunday, Sept 26 | Mystery Match Sign-Up | Look for details in eBulletins

ONGOING EVENTS

Mondays @ 6 pm | Kripalu Yoga | Meditation | YogaMeds | **NOTE: Zoom**

Mondays @ 6 pm | LGBTQ+ AA mtg Come As You Are*

1st Tuesdays @ 7 pm | UU Friends of Refugees (UUFOR) Committee Mtg | **NOTE: Zoom**

2nd Tuesdays @ 1 pm | Chronic Pain Support Group* | **NOTE: Online**

1st Wednesdays @ 3 pm | Friendly Kitchen Prep & Serve Day

1st Thursdays @ 7 pm | Showing Up for Racial Justice | **NOTE: Online***

3rd Fridays @ 4 pm | Insight Meditation Sangha | **NOTE: Zoom**

2nd Saturdays @ 4 pm | Renaissance New England* | **NOTE: Off Site in Sept**

Sundays @ 5 pm | Augustine Fellowship*

4th Sundays @ 7 pm | Caring for Aging Loved Ones | **NOTE: Zoom**

**Support or special interest groups that meet at the UU, Zoom, or hybrid during COVID and who are not affiliated with the church, but open to anyone interested in attending.*

[Contemplative Retreat | Sept 18 | Zoom](#)



Tentative-Fall Equinox Ritual | Sept 25 | 7 pm | Grove



"If you can see your path laid out in front of you step by step, you know it's not your path. Your own path you make with every step you take. That's why it's your path."

-Joseph Campbell



Office Hours

Office staff are now fully vaccinated! Stop by (wearing a mask, please) and say, "HELLO"! We've missed seeing all of you!

Regular Hours (Sept-Mid June)

Tues, Weds, Thurs, and Fri. | 10 am - 3 pm

Interfaith Holidays/Rituals

Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year - 9/6 - 9/8/21

Yom Kippur - Jewish Day of Atonement - 9/15 - 9/16/21

Mabon/Autumn Equinox - Wiccan/Pagan - 9/22/21

Sukkot: Feast of Tabernacles (Jewish) - 9/20 - 9/27/21

Rumi's birthday - 9/30 (1207)

Al-Hijra/Muharram - Islamic New Year (day & month) - begins 8/9/21

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Ingathering/Water Communion Ritual - date varies by congregation

The first meeting of the Transcendentalist Club - Sept. 19 (1836) ([more here](#))

Universalism Day: John Murray preaches 1st sermon in US (1770) - Sept. 30 ([more here](#))

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