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Parish Notes

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord



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

Help Us Tell Our Story: \$5,000 Match

A year ago, our lives suddenly pivoted, in ways large and small, with many details so personal. Our Church did this too, immediately due to the livestreaming that was already underway. Surely there is grief in not being together, and yet our UU congregation in its on-line version is vital, relevant and growing: 18 new members in the last few months! So many people have stretched and worked to make this happen, just to keep usual operations going as well as taking on new pandemic projects.

The ongoing financial support of our church truly is us supporting us. For many, the church is a lifeline, providing a sense of belonging, a place of spiritual growth and emotional connection. Our church has stretched to be a steady presence this year and we are asking you to stretch in return. Thanks in part to CARES Act funding, our 2020-21 budget allowed us to expand our education and communication, to share our story. We hope to continue these investments with increased pledge support since the CARES Act money was a one-time grant.

Please be as generous as you can in celebration of our amazing congregation and our successful riding of the 'corona-coaster' as we take steps into the future.

To inspire your giving, there is an exciting match for all new and any increased portion of existing pledges, up to \$5,000. Can you help with a new or increased pledge?

And we would like to request that EVERYONE consider switching to automated giving via Breeze using your bank account. This simplified and steady income creates a firm financial foundation for the church to navigate any year. For each person/household that makes this change, a \$10 thank-you gift will be made to the church by an anonymous donor.

Please use our [online pledge form here](#) if you are changing anything about your current pledge (amount, method, or frequency of payment) or if you are making a brand new pledge. If we don't hear from you, we will assume your pledge will continue as before. If you are unable to pledge online, call Lea to pledge by phone, 224-0291 4#.

With gratitude,

Your Stewardship Team

(Lisa Eberhart, Lorraine Ellis, BJ Entwisle, Michael Leuchtenberger, Cathy Menard, Heidi Page, Lea Smith)

Giving Reference Points:

Average giving per person: \$1,033

Average giving per couple: \$2,048

Range: <\$100 to \$15,000 per year

The cost of running the church is about \$1,734 annually per member.

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:45am | Pre-Worship Ingathering on [Zoom Link](#)

Once the service starts we will close the Zoom room for the duration of the service.

10:00am | Worship Service [Live Stream Link](#)

To connect with others during the service you can:

- use the "chat" feature that's to the right of the livestream window,
- choose a fullscreen option at the lower right of the live stream window to hide the chat if you find it distracting.

Service end time until 11:30 | Informal Social Hour on [Zoom Link](#)

11:30am to 12:30pm | One or two programs on Zoom

- One program will be in the same Zoom room that Ingathering and Social Hour happened. [Main Zoom Link](#)
- On second and third Sundays each month, there will be a Spiritual Practice in our "Zoom Meditation Hall." Guided meditation or movement practices such as yoga will be offered. [Second Zoom Link](#)
- The Second Hour program Zoom links are available at <https://concorduu.org/after-service-offerings/> by Sunday morning. They are usually also in your eBulletin.

Are you having trouble viewing the Sunday Live Stream?

Here are some tips.

- Every Sunday we begin our livestream at 9:45 with our "COVID Diary" slideshow, and some music. The service itself begins at 10:00 sharp.
- If you tune in after 9:45 and click the "play" button, the stream will play from the beginning. This means you will get 15 minutes of slideshow before the service begins.
- To catch up to the live moment, hover on the toolbar at the bottom of the livestream window, and click the red "Live" link.
- If you are still having trouble, try refreshing your browser window. You may need to do it more than once.
- And finally, there are lots of experts monitoring the chat window! Ask your questions in the live chat for quick help.

April Worship Services

Live stream our worship services at concorduu.org/live

4/4/2021 “Becoming Ordinary,” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

On this Easter Sunday we will look at the Easter story as a doorway into appreciating the value of the ordinary as lovable, as healthy, as real, as enough. Salvation is not necessarily a function of extraordinary events but the alignment of who we are with how we live and what life is asking us to do with the gifts we have received. We are each unique yet we don't have to be extraordinary to live a full life worth living. As the pandemic is reminding us daily, finding our way back to ordinary may indeed be a key element of our salvation and resurrection.

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

4/11/2021 “Becoming Post-COVID,” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

We all have lists of things we will be glad to let go as soon as the pandemic allows. This service will explore the other list, the list of gifts this past year has inadvertently dropped on us in the way we interact with each other, with ourselves, and with the environment. What habits, skills, or priorities do you see on your list? What do you hope we will hold onto as in-person activities resume? Let Michael know, along with your thoughts on uniting the two congregations that have formed this past year - one connected around the shared experience of online church and the other more focused on pre-COVID bonds. Becoming post-COVID will require all of us. And don't miss the choir sing Omnia Sol.

4/18/2021 “Fake it ‘Till You Make It,” Michael Leuchtenberger

In the words of Albert Schweitzer: “The path of awakening is not about becoming who you are. Rather it is about unbecoming who you are not.” Faking it until you make it can be a valuable tool in unbecoming the person you were forced to be by those around you or circumstances. It can work but only if we truly see ourselves changing as a result. If all we want to do is impress others, the approach is likely to backfire. The same holds true at the communal level. We may not be as inclusive and anti-racist as we aspire to be, so we may need to fake it until we make it, but only if we are serious about our willingness to change.

4/25/2021 “LGBTQ: Let's Celebrate,” Rev. Lyn Marshall & Betsy Black

In this service we will celebrate the progress we have made in becoming a Welcoming Congregation and a more welcoming society for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer. Much of this transformation has happened in our lifetimes, and in some cases because of our efforts. Learn about the history of this movement and hear from congregants who identify as LGBTQ+ about moments of personal celebration. Let's pause to celebrate the successes and harness that energy for the work that remains to be done.

Becoming



[Watch and listen to Lyn's Reflections here.](#)



Throughout our lives, we are changing, learning, growing - we may feel we are pretty much the same person we were yesterday, and we may expect that we will wake up tomorrow as pretty much the same person we are now, yet in truth we are always in a process of becoming. This is true for each of us as individuals, and it is true for the communities and institutions to which we belong.

The embrace of the evolving, emerging future is a characteristic of liberal religion. The people who we see as our religious ancestors in Unitarian Universalism were often (though not always) those visionaries who questioned, who challenged the status quo, and who believed in the possibility and desirability of change.

We have come through a year of so much change - much of it unsought, unwelcome, and stressful, as a pandemic drastically changed our daily patterns of interaction almost overnight. The development of a vaccine offers us hope for another round of big changes, but as we live into the opening up of social interactions, who do we want to become? Do we want to go back to things the way they were? Could we, even if we wanted to? What have we learned that is worth continuing as we become a post-Covid world? Nation? State? Congregation? What did we stop doing that we DON'T want to resume as before?

I'm looking forward to exploring this topic with all of you in worship, covenant groups, and Second Hour conversations this month.

Lyn

Rev. Lyn Marshall, Minister of Lifespan Faith Development

Did You Know We are Not Alone?

The Concord UU Church has a deep commitment to meditation and contemplative practices demonstrated by a variety of weekly gatherings, occasional longer retreats, and Second Hour offerings. Our church is not alone in this commitment. We are part of a network called the UU Buddhist Fellowship Sangha which serves as a resource for UUs looking to find places for Buddhist practice, and to explore the connection between UUism and Buddhism. Resources include Buddhist-themed sermons and discussions of how Buddhism and UUism relate.

For more information, please see <https://uubf.org/wp/>

Some of the Concord UU Church offerings are listed here along with 41 other states and two Canadian provinces.

Cheers,

Betsy Black

Half-day Meditation Retreat

April 24, 2021 | 9 am - Noon

More information coming! Keep an eye out in eBulletin and Contemplative Practices News emails. If you would like to get onto our Contemplative Practices email for announcements please email Heidi and let her know at Heidi@ConcordUU.org.

Centering Saturdays are beginning in April

April 17 | 8-10 am

Saturday, April 17 please join Betsy Black & Janet Kelley-Vail to start your weekend off just right, "Centered". More details coming soon! Watch in your eBulletin or check the calendar.

Centering Saturdays Runs April-August | 8-10 am

Led by our many teachers | No Registration Fee (Free)

Come start your Saturday morning off with a mini-retreat led by meditation instructors.

All levels welcome. Great way to begin your mindfulness journey.

No cost, but registration is required to get the Zoom link.

[Register by clicking here.](#)

Introducing Our Custodian | Agnes Sesay



Agnes Sesay was hired as our temporary custodian in November of 2020 to clean twice a week during our building closure. We quickly realized what a gem we had when she tackled some organizing projects we handed her. You will see cupboards organized, closets neatly ordered, and things are really sparkling and there is counter space to use in our kitchen, to get down to some good cooking when we can.

As the staff already know, Agnes is such a joy to get to know. We would like to introduce her, and her beautiful smile to you a little bit here.

Agnes came to the United States fourteen years ago by way of her fiancé (at the time), now husband. Peter. They were from the same town in Sierra Leone in West Africa. He came to Concord, NH and established work and living arrangements so that he could apply to have Agnes join him. He then went back home and proposed, came back, and ran into snags to get her here. It took a few years, but she finally

was able to fly to him in the middle of Winter. You can imagine how surprised she was, never seeing snow, and dressed in her non-winter clothing and open shoes! She promptly took his jacket and off they went together into the cold.

You'd think a couple from West Africa would move south but since that day she and Peter have stayed in Concord because this is where they have made friends, have support, and started their family of four children: Ballay (13), Felleh (10), Konson (8), and Therenna (4).

Agnes also works part-time at Saint Paul's in the kitchen, and she enjoys seeing and talking with all the students who attend the school. This year has been tough juggling children being at home for school and working. It is tough to schedule vacation times that are mutual. But when she and her husband are not working and have some time together alone, they like to dream about the future and just enjoy each other.

When asked about if she likes Winter now that she has spent 14 years in Concord, Agnes laughs and says that she enjoys watching the pretty snow from inside but not being out in it.



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ZOOM Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 1, 2021 6:00-6:45 pm

At this intimate, poignant service we remember Jesus gathering with his disciples for a final meal. We will read from Christian Scripture and communion will be shared. Participants should have some form of bread and wine available to partake. All ages welcome. Join us by [clicking here](#).

Easter Egg Hunt!

Sunday, April 4 11:30 am [Rain Date: Saturday, April 10 11:30 am]

Families are invited to come to church for a COVID-adapted Easter Egg Hunt in the Grove! You will be given a number as you arrive, then park in the upper section of the parking lot to await your opportunity to seek and find Easter eggs hidden in the Grove. So wash your favorite masks on Saturday night, and we'll see you at church!

Just so we can get a basic headcount could you [fill out this form](#) as to how many may attend? **Thank you.**

A banner with the text "Anxiety Peer Support Group" written in a cursive, handwritten style. The text is dark blue and set against a light blue, wavy background that resembles water or a textured surface.

Anxiety Peer Support Group

Anxiety Peer Support Group

Wednesdays, April 7 & 21 | 7:00-8:30 pm | Zoom | 1st & 3rd Wed

This is a place to share your challenges, your coping strategies, and resources that have been helpful for you. It grew out of church members sharing informally and wanting to connect with others; it does not replace professional therapy and appropriate medical care.

To participate, [please click here](#) to receive more information and a Zoom link for our meetings.



Library Updates *submitted by Loren Hill*

The library has received two donated copies of the UUA 'Common Read' for 2021: "Breathe: a letter to my sons", by Imani Perry, . . . "explores the terror, grace, and beauty of coming of age as a Black person in contemporary America and what it means to parent our children in a persistently unjust world." Other Black Lives Matter themed books in the library include: White Fragility, The Fire This Time, and my own favorite, "When They Call You A Terrorist", by Patrice Khan-Cullors & Asha Bandele. Khan-Cullors is one of the founders of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Another new title, in the Ecoharmony section, is "Sand Talk", How Indigenous Thinking Can Save the World, by Tyson Yunkaporta. One reviewer states ". . . If you care about yourself, the world around you, and where you come from, you'd better read it."

Contact librarian Loren Hill for any church library book at lohill@tds.net

On a different note, there are LOTS of church library books checked out. Please try to find & return any you are done reading so that others can have a chance. Some folks have a DOZEN library books out. Please, please, do your best to keep the books we have in circulation.

Unitarian Benevolent Association (UBA) Annual Meeting

The Unitarian Benevolent Association (UBA) was started in 1837 by a group of Unitarian women from Concord. The group was formed to provide financial support for women and children. Initially, the Association gave money directly to women and children, however, now we donate money to local groups and organizations that support women and children.

Our annual meeting is on **Sunday, April 25th** during the Second Hour after the church service. It will start at 11:30 AM via Zoom. The board met in March and has a proposed list of agencies that we will give monetary assistance to this year.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we will have to forgo our delicious luncheon! We will meet virtually to listen to a speaker from one of our proposed agencies, discuss our proposals, and complete other business.

Anyone from the church is welcome to attend. We welcome new members...male and female. Perhaps you might like to check us out during the Second Hour offerings to see if this is a group that you'd like to join. The commitment is to come to a lovely luncheon once a year and vote on how to give away money!

Please feel free to call me if you have questions or email me at backwilt@yahoo.com

Beth Corcoran

Transforming Our World



Targeted Appeal Update

Audiovisual Tools to Build Beloved Community

Thank you to 47 households who collectively donated over \$6,200 towards our February Targeted Appeal to help with audiovisual expenses. Their generosity helps to cover the extraordinary costs associated with virtual worship and programs, and will help us increase our inclusivity and accessibility going forward.

We'll walk you through it. Give it a try.

Jackbox.TV & Boggle Game



This month we are going to try our hand at Boggle online.

Saturday, April 3 @ 6-8 PM

Join us anytime from 6-8 pm for a new experience playing different games online together. Our Office Administrator Heidi Page's son Christian will host and help explain how it works. Up to 8 players will be playing a game and others can watch and cheer on the players. We will be playing while in a Zoom room to make it more fun by interacting.

Video: [How to play Jackbox Games](#)

Join the Zoom Room by [clicking here!](#)

Connect to the games on your phone or tablet at: [Jackbox.tv](#)



SPRING PLANT SALE

Submitted by Jim Downie

Do you like gardening?

Do you like supporting your church?

Do you like supporting local small businesses?

Do you like buying organic?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions then the church plant sale is for you!

Over 60 varieties of vegetables and herbs, strawberries too!

Don't need 4 of one thing?

Get together with some friends and put together a group order that you can divvy up yourselves.

Deadline to order is April 19 | Payment due at pick-up.

Pick-up will be Fri, May 14 & Sat, May 15

Send orders and questions to me, Jim Downie, at jdownie@tds.net (I can email order forms as well) or text questions to (978) 818-0138. I'll confirm receipt and keep you abreast of any issues and confirm the pick up times.

All proceeds go to the church.

[Click here for order form](#)



April

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.

03 . Lois Brown

06 . Steve Del Deo

06 . Jean Reynolds

08 . Katie Ripel

09 . Nancy Johnson

09 . Genny Mahon

10 .. Michael Cobb

11... Hazel Curren

11... Ember Morgan

13 .. Tom McWilliams

15 .. Samuel Orzechowski

15 .. Lizzie Stewart-Fetter

16 .. Robert Fleischman

17 .. Florence Roff

18 .. Jeanne Ann Whittington

20.. Josh Humphrey-Sewell

21 .. Bea Dickinson

22.. Kits Tunney

22.. Marjorie Waters

25.. Bella Messenger

26.. Caleb Knowlton

29.. Chris Rueggeberg

30 . Nancy Wood

Board of Trustee March Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Zoe Picard

- Reviewed Quarterly Financial Reports including the Executive Limitations Monitoring Report
- Conducted evaluation of Executive with regard to Ends Statements 1 through 3



Pandemic Policy Team Update: COVID CAMPUS - USE POLICY

Version 1.2

Since our last update in the February Parish Notes the Pandemic Policy Team (PPT) has been fine tuning our Campus Use Policy. Even though things are changing fast, we are able to pivot and make necessary adjustments that are very reassuring to us as we move forward. We appreciate your patience as we balance the desire to experience church activities face-to-face with the need to keep our congregants and the community at large as safe as possible. The following list is some of the areas we enhanced in our policy in March. There are exciting things happening within our community to give us all hope to be able to gather in person sometime soon.

- *Because so many congregants are getting their vaccines and hopefully to encourage others to vaccinate when they can, the PPT agreed to this update that will allow gatherings sooner:*

VACCINATION STATUS

If everyone attending an event is vaccinated, that event will be treated as if we are one Transmission Phase better. For example, if we are in Phase 4 [Substantial Transmission], an event where 100% of attendees are vaccinated will be treated as if we were in Phase 3 [Moderate Transmission.]

- *In order to be inclusive of congregants who may not be physically or emotionally able to join us as we open back up, a hybrid approach will be a new normal for us. The addition states:*

Hybrid Participation

We prioritize inclusion of people who can not or prefer not to attend in-person gatherings due to COVID. Therefore, a virtual option will be provided for any gathering upon request of one or more person(s).

- *We established when the building will reopen for non-church activities/rentals:*

Rentals

With the exception of long-term leaseholders, renters are not permitted during Phases 4, 5, and 6. When we are in Phase 3, we will reopen for recurring support groups, but not for new rentals. New rentals will not resume until Phase 1. Renters (excepting leaseholders) must abide by all provisions of this policy.

Links to our work: [Campus Use Policy](#), [Transmission Phases](#), and [webpage](#).

WARM WEATHER BRINGS OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET OUTSIDE

As the Pandemic Policy Team recognizes, there are safe ways we can gather as the weather improves. So don't forget to contact Heidi, by filling out the request form, if you would like to plan an outdoor meeting at the church in our grove, back patio (off of the Parlor), or the front courtyard (grass in front of Parlor). Don't forget to request A/V equipment to make it easier to connect with those at home and also to hear each other as we are spread out in the yard.

CHURCH GROUP AREA REQUEST FORM

Outdoor meetings permitted according to our COVID precautions found in our [Policies on Outside Meetings during Pandemic](#)

- masks are required, except as noted "no masks" for some outdoor singing events.
- no food or drink is only allowed outside with 8 foot distancing
- each household stands/sits together
- children must stay close to their family/household (may not wander or sit with friends)
- a minimum of 6 feet between households is required, except as noted 8 feet for some outdoor singing events.

It is recommended that the person reserving the space will be the COVID safety monitor. COVID safety monitors will be responsible for screening and attendance. All this will be gone over when you book your space.

Just look at some of the things you can plan:

	Minimal Risk Activity NOW, even during Substantial transmission	Lower Risk Activity When transmission declines to Moderate, or NOW with special approval by the PPT
Parking Lot or Trails	hike up to 25 household; max 50 people	hike up to 25 households, max 50 people Silent meditation up to 50 households, max 100 people Choir rehearsal: Up to 10 people, not masked, 8 feet apart
Grove	bonfire or ritual with up to 10 households, max 20 people (no singing/chanting/yelling)	bonfire or ritual up to 25 households, max 35 people (only 26 in a circle) - no singing Choir rehearsal: Up to 10 people, not masked, 8+ feet apart
Front Courtyard	meeting with up to 10 households, max 20 people	meeting or worship up to 25 households, max 35 people choir rehearsal: Up to 10 people, not masked, 8+ feet apart
Back Patio	meeting with up to 10 households, max 20 people	meeting or worship up to 25 households, max 35 people choir rehearsal: Up to 10 people, not masked, 8+ feet apart

Taizé Service

Second Sundays @ 7 pm

(October to April)

April 11 join our last Taizé of the season

ConcordUU.org/live



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!



A LEGACY GIFT FROM ELAINE PINKHAM

The Church has received a generous bequest from the estate of beloved longtime member Elaine Pinkham.

The letter accompanying her gift, from one of her nieces, captured the essence of who Elaine was, and her love for this “community that nourished, appreciated and welcomed her... Your community was very important to her for the better part of four decades. She spoke often of her covenant group and we had many conversations about possible topics when it was her turn to lead the service during the summer... (such as) "The Importance of ‘Good Morning’ " (something that Elaine practiced assiduously).

“Lainey had so many admirable qualities, including a determination never to be undone by unpleasant circumstances and an unbounded enthusiasm for Christmas. Christmas will

never be the same without her opening an ordinary gift only to convince the giver that it was the most beautiful thing she ever received.”

Elaine’s legacy gift has been placed in the Endowment Fund, which sustains the church with perpetual income and helps ensure that it will thrive for future generations.

Unitarian Universalists, Thank you!!

We would like to thank the members Unitarian Universalist Church for their recent donation to The Friendly Kitchen from their Community Plate Funds. The Community Plate is a weekly offering collected for non-profit groups and individual needs. Together they raised \$871.86 in just one week!

Thank you all for this generous donation, we appreciate this and your monthly service!

So proud!!! -Fran Philippe, our church's liaison to the Friendly Kitchen

Latest General Assembly Poll Results

Why haven't you registered for GA yet?

46% I'm already registered, 14% I haven't had the time, 10% Not interested this year, 15% I don't have the funds, 14% I'm waiting for more info.



REGISTER NOW for General Assembly

June 23-27 | 100% Virtual

For all the latest information & to register, [click here](#).

If you haven't registered for Virtual GA 2021 already, there is no better time than right now! Registered attendees are among the first to hear program announcements, such as the Ware Lecturer and featured speakers, and only registered attendees will have access to the NEW! GA app. So, register early to join online discussions, familiarize yourself with the GA schedule, and find your place in our community of communities.

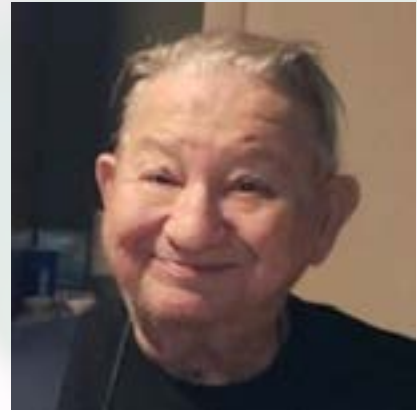


Circle of Life | Dr. Myron (Doc) Weiner

With sadness we announce the death of our beloved member Dr. Myron T. Weiner, affectionately known as "Doc", who died on February 22, 2021 at the age of 91. Doc had been a member of our church for 33 years, since 1987.

A memorial service is not announced at this time.

[Click here to view Doc's obituary.](#)



Circle of Life | Joyce Wright

With sadness we announce the death of our beloved member Joyce R. (Barnes) Wright. She died suddenly on March 2 at the age of 75. She had been a member of our church since 2016.

There will be a celebration of life planned this summer.

[Click here to view her obituary.](#)

UUA Common Read Book Discussion

Part 1 | Sunday, April 11
11:30 am-1:00 pm

Part 2 | Tuesday, April 13
6:30-8:00 pm

Part 3 | Saturday, April 17
10-11:30 am

We encourage you to commit to attending all three sessions. Look for the Zoom link in the eBulletin the week before and on Sunday, April 11 Second Hour Offering or [click here](#).



IMANI PERRY



 [Watch and listen to Lyn's exercise here.](#)

Becoming: A Spiritual Exercise From the Soul Matters Small Group packet

As we age, our understanding of becoming shifts; it's a bit less about where we're headed and more about where we've been. Our concern with our "emerging self" lessens and is replaced with thoughts about our "whole self." We don't simply picture ourselves as who we are and who we hope to be, but instead as all of who we've been. So this month get in touch with the wholeness of who you are by finding 5 pictures of who you have been!

Here's some guidance: Don't just find any old 5 pictures. Instead find five pictures that capture five key stages/chapters of your life, five chapters that are key to who you are. For instance, a picture of you as the catcher on your pee wee baseball team, you at college graduation, you during your college gap year, your marriage, you and your first kid, you during your struggle with illness, when you learned guitar at 50, you at the funeral of your mother or best friend, you walking in your favorite part of the woods. The goal is not only to capture pieces of you, but to pull them together in one space. (For you creative folks, consider using them to create a collage!)

When you are done, spend some time with all of them. What do you see in the wholeness of the pictures that you may not have noticed before when looking at them all by themselves? How do they tell the story of who you are? Where's the through line? Where's the bend in the road that says so much about you? How does each picture still live in you? What message or invitation do they have for the "emerging you"?

Bonus Task: Find one more picture, one that represents that "emerging you" - the you that is just now joining the story.

To deepen this exercise, share your pictures and stories with someone else!

Humanities To Go Online

April 2nd @ 5:00pm



The Hot Drinks Revolution



Concord UU member Dr. Whitney Howarth

Join the NH Humanities, Human Ties on Friday, April 2 at 5 pm when Dr. Whitney Howarth (Plymouth State University) will explore the nexus between violence, empire, and the hot drinks revolution. In this interactive talk we will discuss the Atlantic slave-sugar trade, the Islamic origins of alchemy, café culture in colonial days, indigenous resistance to tea plantations, and the seductive tale of the coffee bean in Latin America.

Register by [clicking here](#).



Please Join Us May 1, 2021 | 7:00-8:00 pm

at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage in Concord NH

Watch the Talent Show Live or Live Streamed on ConcordTV Public Access Channel 22 for free

(The Talent Show will follow all necessary COVID protocols)

Be dazzled by the performances of six local acts that have made it through the elimination rounds and will be ready to captivate the audience at the Concord

Coalition to End Homelessness's (CCEH) Talent Show.

Tickets are general admission and \$35 each, if purchased by mail. If you buy your tickets online or by phone, there is an extra fee per ticket. To buy your ticket online, [click here](#).

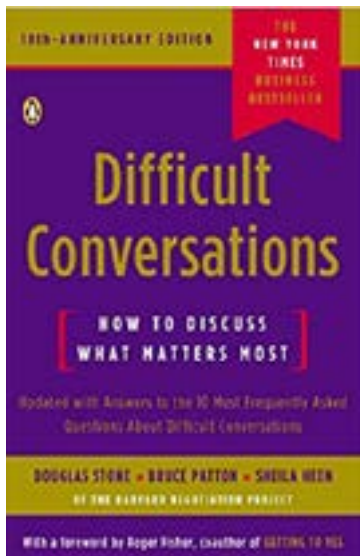
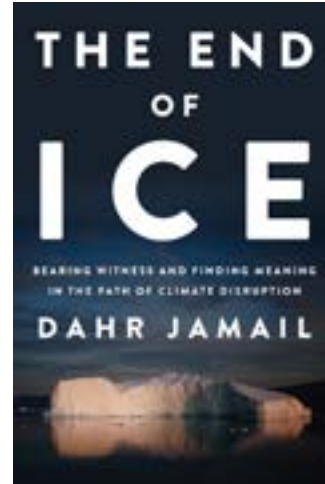
UU For a Just Economic Community The End of Ice by Dahr Jamail Book Discussion Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 8 PM Eastern

[Click here](#) to join the webinar on Facebook

For the Zoom link, [sign up here](#).

The Earth is now experiencing human-caused climate disruption at an ever-accelerating pace. At present, even the best case mitigation strategies will not stave off catastrophic changes that are already heated into the biosphere. How, then, shall we Live? The talk will give a brief overview of how far along we are with climate disruption, then shift into spending the majority of time addressing how we find meaning, and purpose, during such a time.

Read more and about other webinars [click here](#).



NH Council of Churches

White Supremacy in New Hampshire

Thank you all for your participation in our excellent faith-based conversation about White Supremacy in New Hampshire on March 18! We had over 100 people on the Zoom program and nearly 200 people registered! This is an amazing turnout and the strongest turnout in our series so far.

Please Save the Date for **Wednesday, April 21 at 6:00pm!** This will be our next in this series and we will send a Zoom registration link to you all soon when the last details are planned. We hope to introduce you to the book **"Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most"** by Douglas Stone, Bruce Patton and Sheila Heen.

The skills they introduce will help us all to have important but difficult conversations about race in our families, faith communities, workplaces and more. I am excited for this next step and I hope you all come back to join us.

Thank you all for being part of these important yet difficult conversations. I believe that we as members of faith communities can be leaders in showing our state how to talk about "what matters most" when it comes to race and to move us all forward together.

Please look for event posting on our Facebook page by [clicking here](#).

Yours in faith,

Rev. Jason Wells

Executive Director of NH Council of Churches

IN PERSON Egg Hunt | April 4 | Grove



APRIL Special & Ongoing Events

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

www.concorduu.org/calendar

Remember to keep your eBulletin for private Zoom links

All meetings & rehearsals are through Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Links are available through private emails, through eBulletin, and Parish Notes.

Thursday, April 1 @ 6 pm | **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 1 @ 7 pm | **Showing Up for Racial Justice***

Saturday, April 3 @ 6 pm | **Boggle & JackBox.TV Game Night**

Sunday, April 4 | **Passover ends**

Sunday, April 4 | **Easter**

Sunday, April 4 @ 11:30 am | **IN PERSON Egg Hunt!!** (Rain Date Saturday, April 10 @11:30 am)

Sunday, April 4 @ 8:30 pm | **POP Parents of Preschoolers**

Tuesday, April 6 @ 7 pm | **UU Friends of Refugees- NEW MEETING TIME**

Sunday, April 11 @ 7 pm | **Taizé Service (LAST ONE of the season)**

April 11-18 Family Promise Week | Offsite

UUA Common Read Part 1 | Sat, April 11 @ 11:30 am-1:00 pm

UUA Common Read Part 2 | Tuesday, April 13 @ 6:30-8:00 pm

UUA Common Read Part 3 | Saturday, April 17 @ 10-11:30 am

Saturday, April 17 @ 8 am | **Centering Saturday w/ Betsy Black & Janet Kelley-Vail**

Thursday, April 22 | **Earth Day**

Saturday, April 24 @ 9 am-12:00 pm | **Half Day Meditation**

Mondays @ 6 pm | **Yoga/Meditation**

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

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

1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ 7 pm | **Anxiety Peer Support Group**

Thursdays @ 7 pm | **Choir**

Fridays @ 7 pm | **Youth Group**

3rd Fridays @ 4 pm | **Insight Meditation Sangha**

2nd Saturdays @ 4 pm | **Renaissance New England***

Sundays @ 5 pm | **Augustine Fellowship***

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

**Support or special interest groups that meet at the UU (due to COVID meeting on ZOOM) who are not affiliated with the church, but open to anyone interested in attending.*

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Office Currently Closed

Merrimack County is currently in the red for COVID cases. Due to higher transmission our office is closed to appointments. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help you in any way, we can be reached my email or phone at (lea@concorduu.org or 603-224-0291 ext 4#) or Heidi at (heidi@concorduu.org or 603-224-0291 ext 2#).

We miss you all very much and hope that we can gather again in the not too distant furture.

Parish Notes Deadline Schedule:

ISSUE	DUE
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Please email articles and images by end of day to ParishNotes@ConcordUU.org

eBulletin

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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Congratulations Jeanne Ann & Jim on your wedding day - Saturday, April 3!



Image taken from Riga, Latvia—on the Chorale tour to St. Petersburg and the Baltics in the summer of 2018.

This was a traveling outdoor sculpture exhibition, artists from dozens and dozens of nations decorated bears to represent their countries—this is Jeanne Ann and Jim posing by the USA bear.