FEB 2022 Parish Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord





Vaccination is required

Our Pandemic Policy Team wants to put in a strong word for all eligible persons to be vaccinated and boosted. Right now while transmission is so high and hospitals are strained, we require adults and children to be fully vaccination (including boosters if eligible) to attend worship (20 people max by preregistration) or meetings at the church.

Don't hesitate to talk to any member of the Pandemic Policy Team if you have questions or concerns:

Jeff Fetter, Belinda Nerl, Jim Schlosser, BJ Entwisle, Heidi Page, Lea Smith, Rev. Lyn Marshall, and Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger.

Fellowship on Sunday Mornings

The name tag rack is now located in the rear of the sanctuary for easy access no matter which entrance you use. After the service, please keep your name tag on for social time. Then, drop it in one of three baskets conveniently located: 1) outside the front Sanctuary entrance, 2) in Fellowship Hall, or 3) inside the east entrance. Someone will return them to the rack before next Sunday.

Until COVID subsides, we won't be offering refreshments during social time. If you tend to be parched after the worship service, please bring along a beverage to enjoy outdoors.



Pastoral Corner

Our Pastoral Care Associates are available to listen as you discern your journey – whether you are wrestling with transitions, spiritual questions, other issues, or would just like to share your story. Call or email, or look for the green "Pastoral Care Associate" ribbon on their name tags on a Sunday, to begin a conversation. Pastoral Care Associates are volunteers who receive training from and meet regularly with our professional staff.

Pastoral Care Associates are ready to listen to you, visit you, talk to you on the phone or just be present with you at home, in the hospital, or here at church.

Contact our Pastoral Care Associate by emailing michael@concorduu.org or lyn@concorduu.org.

Cover photo taken by Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger at his home during the Third Circle group. He has journeyed with this Iraqi family since their arrival in the US in January of 2011.

Uinister's Musing

When she died in November of 2010, Harriette Anderson had been a member of our church for 82 years! She officially joined in 1928 at age 17 and was a fountain of stories and church history. She loved to recall how the whole city of Concord closed up for the Unitarian May Day party and the May Pole dances, with people celebrating from ten in the morning to eleven at night. She, of

course, was one of the dancers. This was before the church had moved from its downtown location to our current campus on Pleasant Street.

The story reminds me of the role we have played over the years in staffing and supporting Concord's Multicultural Festival or SouperFest, the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness fundraiser our own David Canfield turned into a major city event.

And then there is Harriette's story, as remembered by Loren Hill, of our church playing a crucial role in providing temporary shelter during the Great Depression. Our church building was located near the train depot where homeless and frequently penniless migrants ('hobos') would stay for a short time while roaming the country for any job they could find.

Apparently our building was left unlocked intentionally, so the 'hobos' could come in at night, get some sleep, and be safe from the elements. In the morning, church members often provided food and other essentials, and our church soon had a reputation for being the place to go during these hard times of the depression.

I love this story. I love the fact that our building was open and welcoming to those in need, not in some symbolic way on Sunday mornings, but all the time - a real sanctuary, practicing radical hospitality. I understand the inclination to lock our buildings, to secure our sanctuary, to make sure no stranger roams our campus without our permission.

Yet, I wish we had at least some space that was always open, always accessible, always a sanctuary for those looking for a safe and sacred place to be. Some of the old churches in Europe have chapels that never close - a gift I have gratefully accepted during my own travels over the years. What might such a space look like on our campus? What fears would we need to overcome? What values would we need to prioritize? What impact might we have on our community? What stories might others tell 82 years from now?

With love and a curious heart.

Michael

FEBRUARY Worship Services | Theme: Widening the Circle

Live stream our worship services at concorduu.org/live

2/6/2022 "Stretching the Circle" Betsy Black

Our theme for the month, "Widening the Circle" calls us to welcome newcomers into our congregation, to embrace all among us now, and to create a world that celebrates all people. This noble aspiration of heralding the worth and dignity of every person is embedded in our UU principles. Sounds clear and easy. Is not always so. We will call upon the wisdom of Viktor Frankl, the psychiatrist and neurologist, and spiritual leaders His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu to help guide and inspire us, as we consider our congregational life, our individual inner journeys, and how we individually and collectively act in the world, especially as we engage with those that perhaps we see as outside our circle. What does it mean to widen the circle? When have we stretched enough, but not too far –, to land in the Goldilocks Zone? The service will include a concrete call to action. Come join in!

Our First Sunday drop-in covenant group will focus on our monthly theme of "Widening the Circle." All are invited to participate. Revs. Lyn Marshall & Michael Leuchtenberger will facilitate on Zoom and in person.

2/13/2022: "Widening our Circle of Concern" Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger with Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees recently voted to adopt a new ends statement (what impact we want to have and on whom) to make an explicit commitment to "work to recognize, understand, and dismantle systems of bias, oppression, and privilege within ourselves, our congregation, our community, and the larger world." Trustees will share the journey and the motivation that brought them individually and as a board to embrace this new ends statement.

2/13/2022 Taizé Service visit concorduu.org/worship/taize-services/.

2/20/2022 "Overlapping Circles" Rev. Lyn Marshall

When you toss a pebble into water, it creates a series of ever-widening concentric waves. When you toss in a second pebble, a new series of ripples spreads and interacts with the first series. We all belong to multiple circles of concern and as circles meet, there may be beautiful patterns created, or apparent chaos. In this service we will take a closer look at where circles overlap.

2/27/2022 "Will They Let Me?" Intern Minister, Dan Frye

My professional background has revolved around broadening circles of opportunity for aspiring blind and vision impaired people through the administration of Vocational Rehabilitation programs and via advocating for the basic Civil Rights of this same community as a writer, champion of groundbreaking legislative campaigns, and promotion of public education about the ability of this population. As I contemplate transitioning from my first career, I stand at the threshold of a new career as a Unitarian Universalist (UU) minister. The gnawing question then-- in the face of rhetoric about commitment to being an inclusive and welcoming faith--is will I be welcome to stand among the increasingly diverse tapestry of ministers graduating from seminary and be encouraged to contribute to the support of our UU mission? This same question may be applied more universally to others, generally marginalized, who wonder if they will be truly welcomed at the table of social participation or whether they will have to assert themselves and cede power in order to realize full and meaningful inclusion. Join us to examine this question.

WE'VE GOT SO MANY GAMES

Games (Indoors) & Chocolates (Outdoors)

Friday, Feb 4, 2022 6:30-8:30 pm Fellowship Hall & Front Courtyard

Bring your family & friends (who are vaccinated). Also, please bring a snack to share outside. But "whoever you are, wherever you are, come, let us" share the fun together! KN-95 or N-95 masks required indoors. We have some if you don't. If more than 10 arrive we will be spreading out into different rooms for safety.



We Need Your Creativity

New Design for General Assembly Flag to represent our church

If you aren't a designer, do you sew?

Unfortunately, our lovely flag that we bring to GA each year has faded and is not as vibrant as it once was. We'd love to get a group together to brainstorm and come up with a new design. If you are interested in this adventure please email the office@concorduu.org





Smiles (with masks) & Rides

Do you need a ride to one of the services? Please let the office know. There are funds available for taxi rides, and possibly members who live close to you who are coming to a service that might be able to pick you up or drop you off. Email office@concorduu.org

Have you joined our private Facebook group Concord UU Connects yet?

If you are not already part of our FaceBook group, Concord UU Connects, please look us up and ask to join. This group is open to all active members and friends of the church to share ideas, concerns, and fun in a safe place.

Go to https://www.facebook.com/groups/concorduuconnects





UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MULTIPLATFORM / PORTLAND • 2022

June 22-26, 2022

Register Now for In-Person GA 2022!

Registration is now open for in-person attendance. Full-time registration is \$475 for adults, and \$250 for high school youth, emerging adults, and retired and candidate ministers. Financial support for registration, lodging credit within the GA housing block, as well as a payment plan are available. In-person registration rates will increase on March 1 and again on May 1.

Registration for virtual participation will open March 1.

Safety and Wellness in Portland

In compliance with UUA and Oregon Convention Center guidelines, entry to General Assembly 2022 in Portland, OR is open to people who are fully vaccinated. Additionally, the OCC's requirement of vaccination extends to all contracted service providers working in the facility.

Oregon Convention Center COVID-19 Safety Measures

In addition, masking is required and physically distanced seating options will be reserved in our meeting spaces.

The General Assembly Housing Reservation System is Now Open!

The GA Housing Reservation System offers premium amenities, discounted rates, and the best networking opportunities for in-person GA attendees. By booking in our hotel block, you assist the UUA in effectively controlling meeting space, attrition and penalty fees; all of which directly benefit you and future General Assemblies. Additionally, the UUA is able to negotiate on behalf of our block of attendees for sustainability and accessibilities requirements. Get a head start on your travel plans and book your housing today on the GA Housing Reservation Page at https://book.passkey.com/event/50275393/owner/14227/home

Dormitory housing at Portland State University and information about home hospitality, if available, will be published in March 2022.

NOTE to our PRINT READERS: If you are receiving this Parish Notes in print and would like these links, please email a request to Heidi at heidi@concorduu.org and she will mail them to you.



Minister's Musing

Sabbatical Time

While Michael's sabbatical doesn't start until August, I'm excited to be starting a mini-sabbatical of my own on Feb. 21, 2022. I will be away until April 4, taking time to rest and replenish my physical, mental, and spiritual stores. I have worked with Michael and the rest of the staff to cover the work I would normally do, and I trust our team to function splendidly without me for a few weeks.

What will I do? I will start by disabling the smart functions of my phone and putting my other electronics away. No Facebook, no late night scrolling instead of sleeping. I will be painting my upstairs bedrooms and bathroom with help from my sister and my son, a project that I meant to undertake when I first moved in to my home in Concord over five years ago. I will spend a few days on retreat. I will visit a dear friend and colleague in Texas. I will make an effort to get to know some of my neighbors, the people who live alongside me, most of whom I do not even know by name. I will read and meditate and play.

I am grateful to Michael and all of you for this opportunity - I have not taken more than three or four days off since the end of 2019 and while I love my work, I believe this break will see me return as a refreshed, reenergized minister ready to face the future with creativity and commitment. While I'm off, I will be fully off, and will not be receiving email, texts, or phone calls. Michael and our awesome staff team will be there to address any questions that come up between February 21 and April 4.

With love,

Lyn

Family Covenant Group & Parents of Teens Covenant Group

The Family Covenant Group/Parents of Teens Covenant Group are having a modified meeting the third Friday of the month. Currently we cannot provide a babysitter or meal but those who can get out still meet and check in and discuss the topic sheet of the month. If Covid numbers improve we will move back to Kelly Mahony's house and include snacks (but still no babysitter). Someday when food and drink are allowed back at the church we will be there on a regular basis.

For more information about our covenant group please contact Rev. Lyn Marshall at Lyn@ConcordUU.org or Kelly Mahony via Office@ConcordUU.org



It's time for Mystery Mail!

Twice a year, we invite people of all ages to sign up to exchange postcards with a mystery mail partner. <u>Click here</u> to sign up to exchange mail with your mystery pen pal!

https://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/26353d65682659

The church will supply three stamped, pre-addressed postcards to each participant, which can be picked up from our "exchanges" box outside Fellowship Hall. We ask each participant to commit to sending all three postcards to their match during this time frame.

Our Mystery Mail Meet-Up Celebration will be on **Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 11:30 am**.

Questions? Email heidi@concorduu.org or call Heidi at (603) 224-0291.

January Board of Trustees Highlights

Submitted by Jim Schlosser, Secretary

- Explored ideas about communicating the new 10th Ends Statement to the congregation.
- Created subgroup to draft 10th Ends Statement questions for Ends Survey Tool.
- Discussed upcoming Senior Minister Sabbatical.
- Reviewed key Operations results, including the development of <u>COVID Policy Version 2.3</u> (new policy for kids programming and food/beverage consumption once we are back in Phase 4 or below).

Making sure your donations land in the right place



We are delighted to introduce **Ann West as our new Assistant Treasurer!** When paying by check, please help her out by ALWAYS putting on the memo line the purpose of your contribution, and the year if it's a pledge. **Some examples are:**

Pledge 2021-22 [that's this church year]

Pledge 2020-21

Holiday Gift

Operating Gift [if it's not part of an ongoing pledge]

Community Plate 1/9/22 for Such-and-Such Organization

Great Organizations Wanted

The Community Plate Committee (CPC) needs your help in helping to choose the non-profits that our church supports. Currently, we are running at 1.5 pp (people power). I'd be happy to do the work by myself, but feel that the CPC needs more input. What could be easier than meeting for 1-2 hours per month on Zoom? We can be very flexible with meeting times.

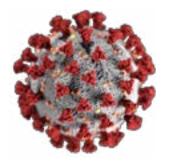
If you are new to our church, it's an enjoyable way to get to know more about our UU community, our passions and our outreach efforts. If you've been a member for a while, it's a good way to stay involved, even from a distance. If it were not for the CPC, I'd feel adrift during these unsettling times. I need more than a Zoom church service to tether myself to our church.

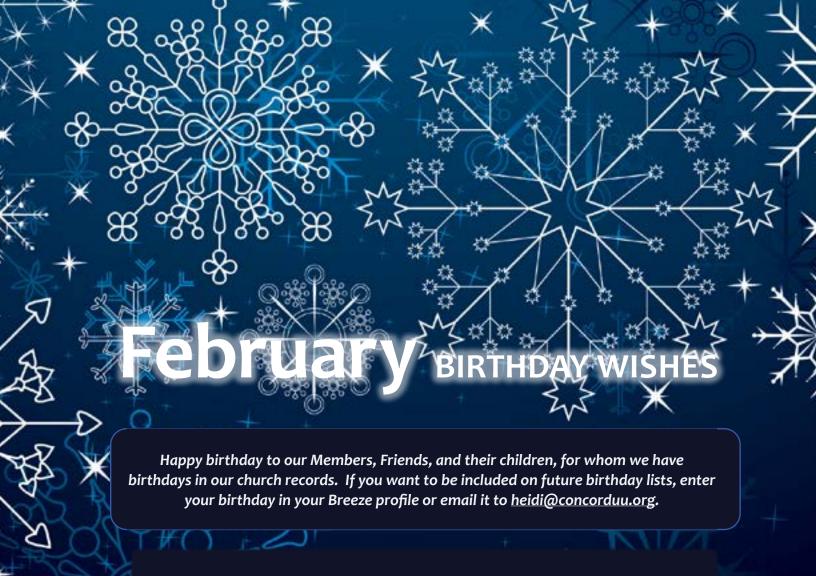
If you can't join the CPC, we'd still love to hear from you about a non-profit that tugs at your heart-strings and needs a financial boost. For more info, contact me deborahbruss@mac.com.

Pandemic Policy Update

Your Pandemic Policy Team meets at least monthly to update our policies as the COVID situation changes. On January 12, the PPT:

- affirmed that local hospitals are still strained so we need to stay at limited capacity in-person worship, but we expect that will change in a few weeks.
- developed guidance for offering programs for vaccinated children. Please get your kids vaccinated as we hope to start offering programs as soon as the hospital situation improves!
- updated our "return to church" policy in keeping with CDC guidance: if you have COVID, please do not attend church events for a minimum of 5 days. You may take an antigen test on Day 6, and may return if that test is negative, you are 24 hours fever-free, and symptoms are improving. Our latest COVID policies are always available at concorduu.org/about-us/pandemic-updates/





- 01 Sue Posluszny
- 01 Henry Stewart-Fetter
- 03 Janet Kibbee
- 05 Jesse Clough
- o6 William Ahlgren
- o8 Karen Mayo
- 09 Brenda Wilbert
- 09 Linda Williams
- 11 Kimm Phillips
- 14 Cole Pollard
- 15 Jan Roberts

- 16 Cory Pierson
- 17 Nancy Normand
- 19 Dawn Yeames
- 19 Alexander Duncan
- 21 Mandy Nason
- 25 Jeff Abbe
- 25 Kay Read
- 25 Skylar Star
- **26 Connie Scheffy**
- 27 Olive Terragni
- 28 Jane Brown

Soul Matters Themes Coming Up



Feb | Widening the Circle

Mar | Renewing Faith

Apr | Awakening

May | Nurturing Beauty

June | Celebrating Blessings





Families & Friends Ministry Meet-up Living with Intention

Sunday, February 6, 2022 from 2:00-3:00 pm

Families and friends are invited for activities related to our February theme of Widening the Circle. There will be take-home activities for children and packets for parents/guardians to explore the monthly theme in daily family life throughout the month.

Join Minister of Lifespan Faith Development Lyn Marshall for fun and connection with other families. (Although you do not have kids to join us - All are welcome!)

Images from past walks/ hikes, and history tour.



Free Worldwide Sit w/ Guest Performer Dave Nugent



Thursday, Feb 10, 2022 from 12:10-12:50 pm

Thursday, February 10, 2022 from 12:10 - 12:50 pm, we have a special event with a performance from David Nugent, who is a multi-instrumentalist and a lover of many genres of music. He has built and restored a variety of instruments, including making period replicas to use in performance. He has performed with the Goodmorrow Consort (an Elizabethan theatre music ensemble), Odd Men Out (an Irish pub group), and the Himalayan Heritage Performing Arts Group with his Nepali teachers Prem Khatiwada and Harimaya Adhikari.

Dave will speak briefly to the meditative aspects of learning and mastering the didgeridoo and will offer a sound meditation accompanied by his dear friend in life and music, Bill Fletcher.

We welcome you to the live performance at the UU Church of Concord, or you can join us through East Coast Mindfulness' Zoom gathering by registering in advance at https://zoom.us/meeting/register/d7a8f4108bb152f266858a512be5123a

We are grateful for the co-sponsorship of East Coast Mindfulness for this event.

East Coast Mindfulness offers Worldwide Online Sit—a weekly gathering offered free of charge to all who have completed an MBSR or MBCT course, or who already have an established mindfulness practice. The sessions are held every Thursday, 12:10 - 12:50 PM US

Resting in the Nature of Mind

A live, online meditation retreat with Rae Houseman

Friday, 2/25 | 6 to 8:30 PM & Saturday 2/26 | 9 AM to 6 PM

Registration: \$25 payable to UU Church of Concord

Scholarships available on registration page. There will also be an opportunity to offer dana to the teacher.

The ultimate aim of meditation is to experience the true nature of the mind. While it can be beneficial to practice focusing the mind or cultivating various qualities of mind, the true nature of the mind is always available to us. It is simple to experience. The practice of awareness, or resting in the knowing quality of mind, invites us to relax our compulsions to 'do' or to manipulate our experience.

Please join Rae Houseman and the Concord Insight Sangha for an evening and a day of mindful self-care on our Self-Compassion Retreat. We will spend this retreat resting in the nature of mind and developing a continuity of awareness. There will be guided practice, periods of silence, movement opportunities, and time for discussion. Participants may choose to attend both days (preferable) or only Friday or Saturday.

Rae Houseman has practiced extensively in both the Insight Meditation tradition and the Vajrayana tradition, and has found these two styles of practice to be complementary in the development of a deeply intuitive and embodied practice. Rae is a graduate of the Spirit Rock Community Dharma Leadership program and Anam Thubten Rinpoche's Dharma Leadership Program. Rae holds a Masters degree in Somatic Psychology and is a certified Somatic Experiencing Practitioner. Rae was involved with the creation of the Ten Percent Happier app, and absolutely loves discussing the practice and sharing practice space with others.

TO REGISTER CLICK HERE or go to www.ConcordUU.org



The Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord supports and offers an array of contemplative practices which includes meditation from several traditions and other offerings such as yoga. Church members and people from the wider community are welcome and encouraged to attend any special programs or ongoing groups.

The mission of the Contemplative Practice Group of the UU Church is to align the peace, love and compassion we aspire to find in the outer world with the peace, love, and compassion within each of us by offering a broad array of contemplative practices to the UU and wider communities.

All are Welcomed to the

Eighth Annual Weekend Mindfulness Meditation Retreat

Wisdom, Now!

Offered by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord, NH

Each of us yearns to live a life that is good, true and right. These days, we live in a changing, challenging, seemingly fractured world. It is essential that we have a way to steady ourselves and touch into kindness, clarity, and strength within, in order to act wisely for this deserving, hurting world. Now is the time to recognize and bring forth the brilliance and unique intelligence that each one of us possesses. We can do this, if we're willing to make space and listen for wisdom's voice to come through.

To create such a space, silent awareness will be the foundation of this contemplative practice retreat. Over the weekend participants will be guided in meditation and mindfulness practices, including movement and sitting, designed to help us each hear and follow the wisdom of our bodies, minds and hearts. We'll draw inspiration from teaching stories, from the very intelligences we carry within, and from the power of engaging in silence, together. In this way, we can express the innate wisdom of our tender, resilient human hearts and prepare to carry this wisdom forward into our lives and the world.

Led by Betsy Black, Margaret Fletcher and Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

*For beginners, optional meditation instruction will be available immediately before the start of the retreat on Friday, from 6 to 6:30 pm.

Friday, 3/19 | Retreat from 6:30 pm (6 pm for instruction*) to 9 pm

Saturday, 3/20 | 8:30 am to 8:30 pm

Sunday, 3/21 | 8:30 am to Noon

In-person & Online Zoom | Register Here or at UUChurch.org

The church can welcome 20 in-person participants for this retreat and many more online. In-person participants will sleep at home or in local accommodations of their choosing.

Everyone is encouraged to attend without obligation to pay.

Suggested Registration is \$50 - \$0 (more if you can, less if you can't. No fee is required to attend.)

All proceeds will benefit Contemplative Practice activities at the church.

Questions, please contact Betsy at betsy.black333@gmail.com



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Re-introducing Robert Baker as Director of Facilities and Technology

We are excited to share that Robert Baker has been promoted to Director of Facilities and Technology. Robert joined our staff in September as Sexton, and it quickly became apparent he had an aptitude for finding technological solutions to fulfill our mission. The primary impetus for this change is the increasing demands of our information technology infrastructure, including audiovisual equipment, hybrid meetings, and more. Most of this has been overseen by Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger to date. Keeping up with this on top of his ministerial duties is not sustainable. In consultation with the Board of Trustees and Operation Leadership Team, we heard support for devoting more staff resources to maintenance of our "digital campus" through the pandemic, through Michael's sabbatical next year, and beyond.



Welcome back, Agnes! We're also delighted to welcome back Agnes Sesay, who previously worked for us as temporary custodian, for cleaning duties six hours per week. This will allow Robert to continue to work 28 hours per week both maintaining the facility, as he has as Sexton, with some hours devoted to technology for networking and live stream support. Agnes will report to Robert, and Robert will report to Michael.

You can reach Robert at robert@concorduu.org

More support for the Afghan family

We have partnered with Temple Beth Jacob to form a Neighborhood Support Team for a Afghan family that is newly arrived in Concord.

Thank you to those who have already offered musical instrument and soccer support. A not-too-old laptop PC computer is needed by the dad. If you have one that is no longer used at your home, it would be welcome in their home.

Let Fran know at franphilippe38@gmail.com



Brave Love Blessing

Keep alert;
Stand firm in your faith;
Be courageous and strong;
Let all that you do be done in love.

—from the Tapestry of Faith program, Windows and Mirrors

Taking Risks for Love



Juliette Hampton Morgan grew up in Montgomery, Alabama's elite social class, with opportunities that in her time and place were "Whites Only" by custom and by law. After college, Juliette went to work at a bookstore. She rode the Montgomery city bus. Day after day, she witnessed unfairness toward black passengers who were sent

back outside to use the rear door and seats after boarding the bus to pay their fare like everyone else.

Juliette was a person of love, not hate. When one bus driver drove away, leaving behind a black woman who had paid, that did it. Juliette pulled the

emergency "stop" cord on the bus to protest, while other white passengers sat silent, horrified by her action. She wrote letters to the local newspaper, too, and was immediately fired from her job.

What does it take to stand up, speak out, and show Brave Love, on the spot?

She wrote that Alabama showed "very bad behavior in the eyes of the nation and the world." She said white people in the state lacked "good will, and most especially... moral courage to express it." White friends, colleagues, and even family members shunned her. Strangers sent hate mail and made threatening phone calls.

Why did Juliette Morgan speak out?

Was she brave? Do you think she weighed the risk before she took action?

Have you ever been out and about in your community and seen someone treating someone else unfairly, perhaps in a store, a restaurant, or a public park? How is witnessing an injustice in person different from seeing a video or reading about it?



ow much more love do you imagine the world can hold? Experiment by making Brave Love a daily practice. The UUA's Standing on the Side of Love website offers dozens of ideas, like:

- Choose someone who could use a friendly smile. Commit to saying "hello" to that person every day for a week.
- Think of someone you know who works to make the world a better place. Make them a thank-you card.
- Listening to someone's story is a way to show love. Talk to someone with whom you ordinarily might not talk. Ask them to tell you something about their life. Thank them for sharing their experiences with you.

How to Stop a Bully with Love

If you're a bystander when bullying is going on, you are actually showing support for the bully. Be ready to show Brave Love, instead. What can you do, without putting yourself in danger?

- **Walk away.** Refuse to be the audience for a bully.
- Interrupt the situation. Help the person being bullied to get away. Or, create a distraction to focus everyone's attention on something else.
- Tell a trusted adult about the situation. The more adults you involve, the better.
- **Be a friend to the person being bullied.** Just be nice to them at another time. That is a loving way to let the person know they are not alone.

These tips come from www.stopbullying.gov.



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2022 Elinor Williams Hooker Tea Talk Series



Courageous Conversations: Leaning in for Change

All events are free & open to the public. Registration is required In-person seating is limited to 50 people. COVID restrictions apply. In case of inclement weather, event will be virtual only. visit https://blackheritagetrailnh.org/tea-talks-2022/



Sunday, February 6 | 2:00 PM | Stokel Commons, Portsmouth Middle School | Virtual & In-Person "Divisive Concepts:" A Chilling Effect on Teaching History

This panel will explore the effect of "Divisive Concepts" law and its effects on teaching history in the classrooms. Panels will also discuss the drastic decline in teaching social studies in the state.

Presenters: Nikita Stewart, Elizabeth Dubrulle, Erin Bakkom & David Watters



Sunday, February 13 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person
Absented Presence: "They All Died Off" & Other Myths About Native Americans

Panelists will discuss various issues in New Hampshire's Native American community including, inadequate representation, invisibility, access to education and tribal non-recognition.

Presenters: Paul & Denise Pouliot, Kathleen Blake, James Edgell Jr, Anne Jennison & Svetlana Peshkova



Sunday, February 20 | 2:00 PM | Stokel Commons, Portsmouth Middle School | Virtual & In-Person The Myth of the Model Minority

This panel will address the "Model Minority" stereotyping and how this concept has been used to drive a wedge between groups and to allow the ravages of racism and racist policies to continue. Presenters: Pawn Nitichan, Samuel Hyun, Sandeep Bikram Shah & Delia Konzett



Sunday, February 27 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person The Lingual Divide: ¿Y Tu Abuela Donde Esta?

Panelists will discuss the issues of colorism within this vast group of ethnicities that although joined together by a common language and culture, experience racism outside and within their own groups. Presenters: Andres Mejia, Shantel Palacio, Pedro Altagracia & Larissa Baia



Sunday, March 6 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person Conflicted by Race: Family Structures & Racial Ambiguities

This panel will address issues facing transracial adoptees and mixed-race Americans and how their stories help us understand the social construction of race and the development of cultural identities. Presenters: Gene Martin, Elizabeth Lahey, Sharon Tarleton & Anthony Poore



Sunday, March 13 | 2:00 PM | Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library | Virtual & In-Person Shades of Blackness: Connected by Color, Culture & Community

For this panel, Black Americans from diverse backgrounds will share their stories on what it means to live in and love their own skin.

Presenters: Deo Mwano, Selina Choate, Dottie Morris & Nadine Petty

Our Justice Notes section includes social action programs from outside our congregation. In keeping with February's theme of Widening the Circle, we're highlighting programs related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Aging in Place: Black Perspectives
February 8th, 2022, 3:30 to 5 PM

Aging in Place: Black Perspectives

UNH Center for the Humanities 2021-22 Sidore Lecture Series

Tuesday, February 8 | 3:30-5 PM University of New Hampshire Virtual

Aging in place refers to the ability to live in one's own home and community safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level. The series explores the inequity inherent in structures and systems intended to support aging people, their caregivers, and families. This session centers the perspectives of senior citizens of African descent in their own words.

Read more here at https://cola.unh.edu/center-humanities/events-programs/sidore-lecture-series
Register here at https://unh.az1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV bBp6rKrnjpFdTAW



RACIAL UNITY TEAM Fireside Chat

co-sponsored by Oyster River Equity & Justice

Fireside Chat: Divisive Concepts Law

Wednesday, February 9 | 6:30 PM | Racial Unity Team | Virtual

Are you confused by some of the recent state legislation that aims to control what is taught in NH's public schools? Find out more—and how to push back against it—during the Racial Unity Team's latest Fireside Chat event, co-sponsored by Oyster River Equity & Justice. Teachers, administrators, parents, and ACLU panelists will join moderator Tanisha Johnson for an informative discussion. Find more information click here https://racialunityteam.com/projects

Register here at https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkcOGorDoiGN1MSSAwPmRNSrLe-xSnyL11

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!

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

Fri, Feb 4 @ 6:30 pm | Games & Chocolates

Thurs, Feb 10 @ 12:10-12:50 pm | Free Worldwide Sit w/ Guest Performer Dave Nugent

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK Sun, Feb 13-Sun, Feb 20

Sun, Feb 13 @ 1 pm | Exploring Membership Group #3

Sun, Feb 13 @ 7 pm | Taizé Service

Sun, Feb 20 MYSTERY MATCH SIGN-UP

Fri, Feb 25 @ 6 - 8:30 pm | Insight Meditation Retreat Weekend on Zoom

Sat, Feb 26 @ 9 am - 6 pm | Insight Meditation Retreat Weekend on Zoom

Mystery Match Postcard #1 Mail between Feb 28 and March 4

1st & 3rd Mondays @ 6 pm | Kripalu Yoga & YogaMeds | Meditation | NOTE: Will resume March 7

2nd & 4th Mondays @ 6 pm | Meditation | NOTE: Zoom

Mondays @ 6 pm | LGBTQ+ AA mtg Come As You Are* | NOTE: Fellowship Hall

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

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

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

Thursdays @ 7 pm | Choir | NOTE: Zoom & In-person

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

Fridays @ 7 pm | Youth Group | NOTE: Zoom & In-person

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

2nd Saturdays @ 4 pm | Renaissance New England* | NOTE: Zoom

Sundays @ 5 pm | Augustine Fellowship* | NOTE: Zoom

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.

Parish Notes | UU Church of Concord | February 2022

ONGOING EVENTS



Office Hours

Regular Hours (Sept-Mid June)
Tues, Weds, Thurs, and Fri | 10 am - 3 pm

Parish Notes Hard Deadline Sunday, February 20

Please send to parishnotes@concorduu.org

Interfaith Holidays/Rituals

Click on each name to learn more about:

Nirvana Day/Parinirvana Day -Buddha's entry into Nirvana (Buddhist) - celebrated on Feb. 8 by some but by most on the 15 February.

Unitarian Universalist History

Fannie Barrier Williams' birthday - Feb. 12 (1855)

Susan B. Anthony's birthday - Feb. 15 (1820) (more here; On her complex relationship to racism: here, here and here.)

Thirty Days of Love - Side with Love Campaign - Jan.15 - Feb.14

The Edict of Torda is issued - Feb. 18 (1568)

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