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2023

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord

Parish Notes



Vulnerability



The Musings of an Intern Minister



Our March theme is “The Path of Vulnerability”. This month we will get to enjoy four very different sermons including one from our Senior Minister, Michael Leuchtenberger! Michael will preach on the first Sunday, sharing some of what sabbatical included for him.

In being vulnerable we must ask ourselves what this means. To some, being vulnerable means showing up in our most raw and tender self. But if we look deeper, being vulnerable requires us to be authentic with our values, personality, and our spirit. On our third Sunday Intern Minister Jeff Beland will share their own story of claiming his identity and how this proved to be a struggle in a culture that they did not see themselves shown elsewhere.

On our second Sunday Bevan Tulk will be sharing with us the vulnerability of transformation. And on the final Sunday we will enjoy a contemplative service led by Betsy Black and Jeanne Ann Whittington which will serve as the end of the ninth annual mindfulness retreat.

Although there may be obstacles to one's openness to being vulnerable, we hope that these services will and the other events throughout the month peak your curiosity. And that you will feel brave enough to be vulnerable enough to speak up and share even when your voice shakes.

In gratitude for the many blessings this community brings to our world,

Intern Minister Jeff Beland

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MARCH Worship Services

Live stream our worship services at concorduu.org/live

3/5/2023 “Sabbatical Musings” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Are you wondering what Michael experienced and learned on his sabbatical travels to Germany, Italy, Bali, Singapore, and across the United States? Are you wondering who Michael is, because you’ve never met him or heard him preach? Well, he’s baaaaack! Come hear his initial sharing about how the time away has impacted him.

Daylight Saving

3/12/2023 “O Beloved, Come, I Hear You“ Rev. Bevan C Tulk

Our Living Tradition draws from many sources beginning with direct experiences of that transcending mystery and wonder which moves us to renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life. Our spiritual journey causes us to reach out, let go, look outward but first inward. Spiritual growth and transformation always begins with vulnerability at its core. So Come, Come whoever you are - today let us explore this courageous path together.

3/12/2023 Taizé Service @ 7 pm | In-person & Live Stream

This spiritual practice that originated in France in a time of war, intended to bring peace to a troubled world. Experience its peaceful music and chanting.

[More info here.](#)

3/19/2023 “The Path of Finding My Identity” Jeff Beland, Intern Minister

Imagine growing up in a culture where you do not see romantic relationships like you long for, shown in the media. Imagine fearing judgment from others if you were to dare to utter your truth. The path to claiming my identity as gay was a rocky road as a teenager but one that has given me tremendous strength. Come listen and get to know how I got to be who I am.

3/26/2023 “Gathering Under the Shelter of Kindness” Jeanne Ann Whittington and Betsy Black

The Dalai Lama said, “Be kind whenever possible. And it is always possible.” In today’s world, it may seem that opening our hearts will make us vulnerable, but is it possible that kindness is actually a source of protection? In this service, which is the culmination of our 9th Annual Mindfulness Meditation Weekend Retreat, we’ll explore together the wisdom and power of bringing a warm and tender heart to all of our relationships: with ourselves, our friends and families, and our communities

APRIL's theme will be: Resistance

Please send us pictures for our new
MONTHLY SLIDE SHOW
that you feel represents this theme.

Send to diary@concorduu.org by March 29



Earth Centered Spirituality Group

Grove Opening Ritual | Sunday, April 2 | 11:45 am

As we approach the season of warmth and renewal, we invite you to join us in welcoming the season of spring by making offerings of thanks in our very own grove!

We will gather on April 2nd at 11:45am in the grove behind the Concord Unitarian Universalist Church.

We will welcome the Sun, the return of green growing things, all the animals awakening from winter slumber, and honor those who walked this path before us. Who knows, there might even be singing and dancing.

Full Moon Ritual & Divination Workshop | March 7 | 7 pm

Join us for an honoring of this transformative time of the Worm Moon. The worm is a vital part of the ecosystem, emerging from winter to aerate the soil and provide food for birds. As human beings we are members of this ecosystem. In this esbat we'll explore the multiple connections with ourselves and others that create the web of our lives.

We ask everyone to bring a candle and a crystal or special stone. You'll be utilizing these in the ritual and taking them back home.

Immediately after the ritual we will be hosting the first of our long-awaited divination workshops.

Have you been curious about divination, either from what you see in our rituals, in books or movies? If you'd like to know more for your own pleasure or your own practice, please join us for a series of workshops. We'll start with an overview of some common forms of divination and based on demand, we will host future sessions focusing on specific techniques like the Tarot, scrying, runes and ogham.

Room Usage Reminder List

As a sacred space that we all share, all building users are expected to clean up after themselves. We have put this list up by the light switches in each room as a reminder. Thank you.

Helpful Hint: *If rearranging the room for your event, please take a picture before, so you can return the room to its original setting.*

- Put furniture back the way it was upon arrival.
- Bring trash out to dumpster if you had food.
- Replace garbage can bin liner.
- Wipe down tables if you had food.
- Sweep or vacuum if you had food.
- Turn off computer if used.
- Turn off the air purifier.
- Turn off the lights.
- If one time event, please deposit key at office door in an envelope and clipped to door.

Location of the Cleaning Supplies

The cleaning cart is typically found in the old kitchenette (main hall just West of the Office). The cart has paper towels, microfiber cloths, trash bags and the vacuum cleaner. Cleaning supplies are located in the Fellowship Hall (FH) single door closet where you will find the cleaning tote on a shelf with cleaners and trash bags. The cleaning tote can be carried to where you need it or to the cleaning cart. Dry and wet mops are in the FH closet along with additional supplies. Please return supplies and items used to keep people safe and things tidy. The trash can be taken up to the dumpster in the back parking lot. Please see Robert or staff if you have questions. Thank you for helping us keep the facility clean and ready for the next use.

Newcomer Croissant Corner on March 5 in Fellowship Hall

If you're relatively new to our church, please stop by the Newcomer Corner after the worship service to chat with our Director of Membership (Lea Smith) and our Greeters. We'd love to hear what brought you here! We'll be in Fellowship Hall, so grab a cup of coffee and come chat with us. You can request more info on our programs, learn how to become a Member, sign up for our e-newsletter, request a permanent name tag, or pick up some literature to learn about us. The Newcomer Corner is offered on the first Sundays of every month. The Croissant Corner comes from an article on page 7 of the February issue of Parish Notes by Lea Smith ["Are We Donuts or Croissants? Creating Opportunities for Fellowship"](#)



The Saga of the UU White Pines

The very tall, spindly white pines on the hill behind the church have been a threat to our building for a long time. Some have been removed, leaving others to grow taller, and in time they have become more and more weak. A healthy pine would be about a third green; ours are as little as 10%.

This winter, during the winds of December 23rd, several snapped and fell over. A team of volunteers was called in to clean up the branches from a fallen tree and debris spread over the parking lot, for the Christmas Eve services. What remained was a tree that was uprooted but was leaning precariously over the parking lot on another tree.

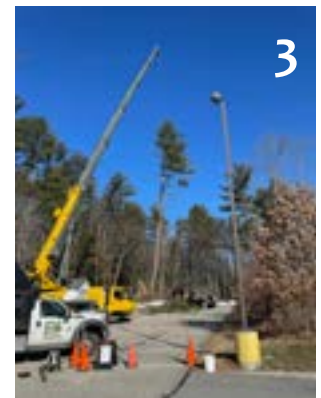
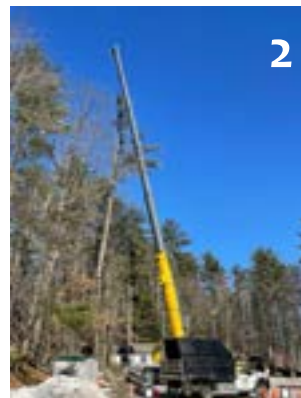
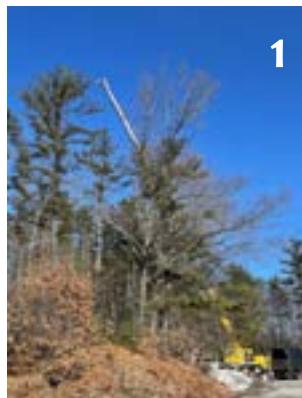
Subsequently, Bob Lyon evaluated the rest of the trees on the hill, marking those that could potentially do damage to the church or parked cars in the lot. They were divided into two phases according to urgency, the first of which included the leaning tree, the one holding it up and six others on the east side of the hill. Fourteen to the west of those were in the second phase. Four of the total stand in the Memorial Garden area.

Bids were accepted from three arborists, with Accurate Tree Service, LLC being chosen with bids of \$4500 and \$6500, respectively, for each phase. (They have done previous work for the church.) On February 18th, the first phase was completed with funding from the Grounds budget line, the Memorial Garden Fund (for one tree) and the rest reallocated from other unspent budget lines. The second phase remains to be done and has been submitted as a capital budget request, hopefully for the 2023-24 fiscal year, in order to clear our property of the most threatening of the trees.

Fran Philippe
Grounds Coordinator

Our trees - safer in the truck instead of on the church or on cars in the parking lot.

1. Plucking the leaning tree from its spot.
2. Carefully manipulating it through the standing trees.
3. Ready to lay it down for cutting.
4. Trees on the truck





ALL IN!! BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Your Stewardship Committee has been hard at work planning our yearly campaign. We will be celebrating the church community and what we have built in the past few very challenging years! WE are the church, and everyone is needed as we build a sustainable future.

We have grown MORE relevant and MORE inclusive with our multi platformed worship service (welcoming about 50 new members during the COVID era.) Let us sustain the outreach (livestreaming) and personnel that have made this possible. The Federal grants we qualified for during the pandemic were well used, but they have dried up. Now it is up to us to sustainably fund our growth. Your pledge expresses your values as it directly supports our mission and therefore our ability to work for social justice, inclusion and diversity.

We will be reaching out to you, YES YOU! as we contact every member and friend of our church, and ask all who are able, to increase their pledge.

We can do this if all can give their fair share and consider an increase of their pledge over last year.

Every gift is important and every gift matters. ALL IN! THANK YOU!!!!

Office Administrator Transition

Our beloved Office Administrator Heidi Page has given notice that she will be leaving her position effective March 24, 2023. She decided to accept an exciting, full-time position elsewhere. We are excited for the opportunity for her, and will be sad to see her go. She has brought joyful enthusiasm for our congregation's mission to her work that has endeared her to many.

Heidi will continue to be a valued member of the congregation. To support Heidi in making the transition from her staff role, please warmly welcome Heidi into a pew, or onto the meditation cushion, as "just a congregant." Heidi will not volunteer, help on committees, or serve in leadership roles for a period of time. In addition, we'll want to give the new Office Administrator time to grow into the position without their wonderful predecessor casting a shadow. After Heidi's resignation date (March 24), please direct all administrative questions to the new Office Administrator or to Lea Smith, even if you think Heidi might know the answer.

Best wishes, Heidi! We will miss you!



UU Friends of Refugees Update

UU Friends of Refugees (UUFOR) has been working with an additional New American family this year. The family of six currently lives in Concord and includes two elementary school students, a toddler, and an infant.

This new Afghan family is in addition to another that we continue to help. To do this, UUFOR has teamed with members of South Church (Congregational) and Temple Beth Jacob. The interfaith team has provided both families with some of the basics, and we continue to help with the complexities of education, medical transportation, immigration, finances, recreation – everything that comprises life in Concord.

Working together is satisfying, and it's a joy to see the difference we all are making. In this second family, the father is employed, he got his driver's license, and they recently acquired a car. With our help, the mother is learning English. After soccer in the fall, the older boys have had a lot of fun playing youth basketball. Not surprisingly, they also love sledding.

Additional volunteers are always needed and welcome! If you want to learn about another culture while sharing your own talents and life-experience, please contact Rev. Bevan Tulk (uurevbct1@gmail.com). Many of the tasks require very little time commitment.

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Accessibility Awareness & Sensitivity Training Workshop

Saturday, March 18 from 9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Please join us for a Church-wide Accessibility Awareness and Sensitivity Training Workshop on Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m. Throughout this information-packed day of resource sharing casual but facilitated conversations about many types of disability; a panel of persons with disabilities with personal stories to share; and two dynamic keynote addresses, one to inspire and kick off the event and another, focused on civil rights, over a simply catered lunch. This event is designed to help members of our Church, and neighbors from Concord's broader faith community, to ask questions and learn about a variety of disabilities. We are also, in addition to these activities listed here, imagining holding several concurrent workshops about disability-specific issues during the afternoon, followed by a closing ceremony. Participants will be able to leave with a variety of written community resource information in relation to various types of disabilities.

Please mark your calendars, and come prepared to learn about the rich community of persons with disabilities who are a part of this Congregation. Come prepared to make social mistakes, but ultimately to learn about basic disability etiquette and how to comfortably engage with your neighbors with both visible and invisible disabilities. Together, this time of educational and cultural exchange promises to help our Congregation realize greater degrees of comfort with one another and achieve a more inclusive environment. This should be both informative and fun!

Further logistics for this workshop, and an electronic registration form, will be circulated soon through our regular channels of outreach. For questions before additional details are made available about the day and its content, please contact Intern Minister, Dan Frye, at (410) 241-7006 (Mobile) or at Dan@ConcordUU.org.



9th Annual Mindfulness Retreat

Gathering Under the Shelter of Kindness

Leaders | *Jeanne Ann Whittington and Betsy Black*

March 24 (5:45 to 8:30 PM) March 25 (8:30 AM to 8:30 PM) March 26 (8:30 to 11:15 AM)

Come join with friends and fellow congregants for this weekend retreat at our Church (and online via Zoom). We'll explore together how kindness for ourselves and others is an intrinsic and accessible part of our nature, and can be a shelter and refuge. We'll look at what gets in the way of meeting ourselves and others with friendliness, and we'll experiment with various practices to cultivate the inner resource and insight that allows the heart to open in more and more of the circumstances in our lives.

All are invited: this retreat is suitable for those who are new to meditation as well as those with more experience. Covid precautions will be decided based on the recommendations of the Pandemic Policy Team's assessment of risk about a week before the retreat begins.

To register [click here](#).

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 Black, Retreat Manager, at betsy.black333@gmail.com



NEW! Contemplative Knitting Group

Do you knit or crochet? Do you want to learn? Join our new knitting group and work on your own project, or create a prayer shawl to be given to a congregant experiencing grief or serious illness as part of our pastoral ministry to one another. Use the repetitive, soothing act of knitting, crochet, or other needle work as a spiritual practice.

WELCOME BACK MICHAEL

Potluck | Dance Party | Games & Chocolate

Friday, March 3 from 6 — 10 pm

Fellowship Hall & Parlor

Seeing Conflict Resolution as Spiritual Work:

A Second Hour Discussion

Sunday, March 12 | 11:30 am during 2nd Hour

Submitted by Renee West

Even in a Beloved Community, such as what we're striving to create, we can experience conflict resulting from painful miscommunication, asymmetrical expectations, and/or harmful behavior patterns with others in our church. While, as we note in our [Covenant of Right Relations](#), "change and conflict are normal parts of life in Community," what is meaningful is the manner in which these difficulties are handled. Imagine if conflict resolution within our church not only resolves the issue at hand, but that further, the resolution process actually strengthens the bond between the parties as well as the church community that supported them through it. Imagine if we could hold conflict resolution in high value because it brought out the best in us and reflected and reaffirmed our core values as UUs.

In that vein, Concord UU has crafted and is in the process of adopting a new procedure that provides guidance to its congregants on how conflict is to be addressed, outlining steps that are to be taken and the sort of support that can be offered. While this procedure is important on its own merit, I would like to place conflict resolution in a spiritual setting because it is, as Lyn says, spiritual work, and it is just right that we give it that sort of attention. I would like to invite you to spend some time with Lorraine Ellis, myself, and others during a **Second Hour on Sunday, March 12**, to review not only the Procedure at hand, but to explore how working through these difficulties can serve as a gift.

What do I mean by that? Also, am I crazy? Conflict, for so many of us (myself included) is really scary! And yet, it's possible to view negotiating troublesome interpersonal issues as a blessing—as an enriching and deeply spiritual experience. Here's what I mean. Agreeing to engage in these uncomfortable discussions with another person suggests that you both value and respect each other, your relationship, and what your partnership accomplishes enough to embark on a potentially fraught journey. Such an undertaking also suggests that you have real trust in each other and the bond you've created to engage in, and come through, this process. To me, this feels like an honor; to know that someone would trust that I would be careful and honest with them, and trust that their concerns would be truly heard and their needs understood is deeply touching. My hope is that I can see this gift even in the middle of the emotional storm of conflict. Further, through this process, we can learn something that serves to not just salvage our relationships, but gain a deeper understanding of each other and our sensitivities, needs, and priorities so that our valued relationships are deepened and more fruitful.

I hope that during our Second Hour, we can get a good grasp of how our new Procedure can offer us a road map to addressing interpersonal issues, but that we can also explore how conflict resolution can be a healing and affirming process. I'd love to see you there!



Submitted by Craig Whitson

New friend of the Church and musician, Val Blachly, recently shared with Heidi and me her dream of organizing a fundraiser for humanitarian aid to Ukraine. With Val's enthusiasm and commitment we were both taken with the idea. Val's inspiration for action comes out of her relationship with Natalia Karaulova, a Ukrainian American who, as a result of having many family and friends in Ukraine, she is dedicating time and effort in support of humanitarian relief. The dream has grown into an event that we hope will fill our church to capacity and raise thousands of dollars for the people of this war-torn nation.

On **April 1 st** "Voices United for Ukraine" will begin at 5:30pm with a dinner of authentic Ukrainian food prepared and served in Fellowship Hall by a group of local Ukrainians who have kindly donated their culinary skills to support the event. During dinner there'll be accordion music played by a duo of teen Ukrainian brothers!

[Click Here](#) for Tickets to Dinner (Limited to 100 guests) and Concert

The concert, beginning at 7pm, will feature:

- **Northern Lights** - an all-woman acapella group under the direction of Peggo Hodes.
- **Ukrainian Folk Singer, Andriy Zharkov** - will perform and speak of his experience of emigrating in wartime.
- **The Wholly Rollers** – a quintet of “men in strange hats” who will play selections from their gospel, roots, and bluegrass songbook.
- **The Hot Skillet Club** - a trio including event originator, Val Blachly, will play their brand of swing tunes with tight harmonies.

Proceeds from the evening will be given to the grassroots non-profit, the [Sunflower Network](#), who will put the funds to immediate use for a specific project that will be identified at our event. To date Sunflower Network has delivered over \$1,500,000 in critical relief from generators and ambulances to field medical supplies and hygiene products. To see this coverage of a Sunflower Network fundraiser currently underway in Manhattan [click here](#).

I sure hope y'all will be able to join us for this fun evening of connecting and giving. Seats are limited so please sign-up early. **In the meantime, if you are willing to volunteer we need ticket takers, raffle sellers, ushers, sign makers, and helpers for set-up & clean-up.**

For more information please contact Craig Whitson at craiglistening@gmail.com.

March 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 into your Breeze profile or email it to heidi@concorduu.org.

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| 04 Ann West | 16 Bill Faulkner |
| 05 Dick Bennett | 16 Nancy Morse |
| 07 Kitty Hok | 18 Joe Sewell |
| 07 Erin Waters | 20 Bodhi Smith |
| 08 Barbara Lambert | 21 Deborah Bruss |
| 11 Sarah Fleischman | 21 Jack Wakelin |
| 11 Elliott Pollard | 23 Lorna Landry |
| 13 Alison Stuart | 29 Jennifer Star |
| 14 David Brown | 31 Loren Hill |
| 15 Marianne Fleischman | |

BYO to Lunch in Community

Our Community Luncheons on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every month are usually hosted by generous volunteers who make a simple, nourishing meal so we may break bread together. Sometimes, we have had a hard time finding volunteers. **When there is no host, please bring a bag lunch to feast with friends.** PB&J will be provided for anyone who can't bring their lunch or forgets. If you'd like to bring some snacks or dessert to share, even better! Those who attend will set up and clean up after themselves. Thanks to Deb Bruss for this wonderful suggestion and to Janet Kibbee for bringing the idea to us.

Watch your ebulletin each week to see if the lunch will be hosted or brown bag. As of publication time, March 12 & April 16 dates will be hosted luncheons (thanks to the 4th Sunday Covenant Group in March and the Stewardship Team in April). March 19 will be a brown bag event. If you'd like to host a lunch, email lea@concorduu.org. Our May dates are wide open for hosting.

December's Community Plate Offerings

Helping live out all 7 UU Principles through donations

Here are our Community Plate donations that we sent to the worthy organizations that you as a caring congregation supported. **Thank you for your generosity.**

\$627.97 12/4 Outreach Offerings for UU Action NH dues
\$668.83 12/18 Immigrant and Refugee Support Group
\$405.53 12/25/22 & 1/1/23 NH Food Bank

On Dec. 11 we took our once-a-year offering to support our own church so we can continue to be a source of care in the world. The collection in the Sanctuary that day, along with online gifts, totalled \$2466. Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNITY PLATE COMMITTEE NEWS

Submitted by Deborah Bruss

How I solved a major, personal problem:

Problem concerning consistent community plate donations:

- If I attend a service in person, I forget to bring cash or my checkbook.
- If I Zoom to church, I'm either too comfortable or I'm multi-tasking and my credit card isn't handy.
- If I don't attend church, I don't think about the plate.
- On Monday, I might remember, but now it's too late.
- The following Sunday - Repeat

Easy Solution:

- I signed into my Breeze account and set up a weekly donation to the community plate.
- If the plate's recipient grabs my heart, I can donate more (if I remember).

The above solution also solves the problem of inclement weather. If a church service is canceled, the plate cannot always be rescheduled.

So please, sign up to make a weekly donation to the Community Plate through your Breeze Account! And if you forget, there's always next week.

The Greater Concord Interfaith Council invites you to attend its 64th Lenten Luncheon series

This series offers an opportunity to share a meal, fellowship, and to hear a different speaker each week. Speakers share how faith has impacted their work, volunteer activities or other aspects of their lives.

Luncheon Dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **Time: 12:00 — 1:00pm**

Location: Except for March 9 (see below), the luncheons will be held at Christ the King Parish, 72 South Main St. in Concord in the Parish Activity Center adjacent to the church (enter the parking lot from Thorndike St.)

Ticket Price: \$7.00 per luncheon (proceeds will be donated to area nonprofit organizations)

March 2 | Mystery, Wonder and Awe: Seeing God in the Everyday

Presenter: Cynthia Tokos, MPA, Director of Parish Life at Christ the King Parish in Concord.

Cynthia's talk will be enhanced by photos and stories.

March 9 | The Living Donor Program*

Presenter: Maxine Petruccelli, a member of the First Congregational Church of Hopkinton.

Maxine, who was a kidney donor last September, will focus on the need for organ donations, the process to become a donor, surgery and recovery. There are currently 115,000 individuals in the U.S. waiting for kidney and other organ transplants. ***Location:** The luncheon will be hosted by Bow Mills United Methodist Church, 505 South St. in Bow (enter from the parking lot at the rear of the church)

March 16 | My Journey to Interfaith Ministry

Presenter: Suzanne Rude, an ordained interfaith/inter-spiritual minister, and a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Concord, NH.

Suzanne will reflect on her spiritual foundations and the path that brought her to interfaith study at One Spirit Learning Alliance in New York City.

March 23 | Hospice and Palliative Care

Presenter: Susan Garofalo, M.Div, Hospice and Palliative Spiritual Care Counselor with The Granite State Visiting Nurses Association and licensed pastor for The United Church of Winchester in Winchester, NH.

Susan's talk will highlight the differences between these two important types of care and the benefits to both care receivers and their loved ones.

March 30 | The Passover Seder

Presenter: Rabbi Robin Nafshi of Temple Beth Jacob in Concord, NH.

Rabbi Robin will teach about and present a Passover Seder as celebrated by Jews around the world. Participants will have a chance to read the story, eat the ceremonial foods and share lunch. No knowledge of Hebrew or Judaism is necessary to participate.



Church Office Hours

Regular Hours (Sept-Mid June)

Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Fri | 10 am - 3 pm

Before stopping by please check web calendar for other days we might be closed.

**Parish Notes Hard Deadline
Sunday, March 19**
Please send to ParishNotes@ConcordUU.org



A Message from St. Pauly Textile

We're excited to share with you the impact your clothing shed made over the last year.

- 24,302 lbs of clothing were donated
- Enough to clothe 4,477 people all over the world
- Your church received \$972.07

Thank you!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Let's get growing Spring 2023

The first day of spring is March 20th. On top of our yearly Plant & Yard Sale, this year you can support your church AND the Sycamore Community Garden by simply filling your pots, containers and window boxes with organic all purpose potting mix! Around April 1 we will bring in 1-cu-ft bags of Coast of Maine organic all purpose potting mix! They will cost \$12.50 ea. Proceeds will go to the general fund and the Sycamore Community Garden. We have committed to one pallet (80 bags) thus far. I'll start taking orders now and pick up & payment will be arranged after it lands at the church. Anything unsold will be available for sale up to and including the weekend of the Plant and Yard Sale. If enough pre orders are taken we can bring in more than the one pallet! So tell your friends and let's get growing!!! (Read about Sycamore Garden's educational garden space and their invitation to the UU Church of Concord, by [clicking here.](#))

To order a bag or bags, or have any questions answered, email me jdownie@tds.net or text at 978 -818-0138