



## Minister's Musings

Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

The Concord Emergency Winter Shelter will close its doors for the season on April 1st. There is increasing anxiety among those who have depended on the shelter for a safe space to spend the night. What's next? Where can they go given the prohibition to camp on public lands in the city?

Kevin is one of the shelter regulars and he is hoping to find a quiet, solitary place where neither police nor other persons experiencing homelessness will interfere with him. Kevin is friends with Warren, one of our congregants - and someone who has experienced homelessness himself. As you may recall, a few years ago Warren spent a number of months camping in our woods before finding a stable home.

Kevin inquired, via Warren, whether the church may be willing to let him camp in the same area where Warren used to stay. Kevin and I talked for a while in my office so I could get to know him better (until now I mostly knew Kevin from the Concord Monitor articles about his guitar playing on Main Street). Then I presented the request to the Operations Leadership Team (OLT) for discussion. As you can imagine, the idea generated a range of questions which we explored as best we could. Eventually, the conversation coalesced around the plan to experiment with welcoming Kevin for the first four weeks of April provided a number of conditions were met. Of those present, six were in favor and two abstained from voting.

The conditions include: Kevin must submit to a criminal background check; his son may not be present; a small group will check in with him, and our woods, weekly to assess how things are going; and he takes steps towards securing permanent housing and is open to letting us hold him accountable as he proceeds. We will review the situation at the next OLT meeting, with input from Kevin, congregants, staff, renters, and any other stakeholders who would like to contribute to the assessment of this experiment.

I imagine reading this update will generate your own set of thoughts, ideas, and emotions. I believe Kevin's request offers us a chance to reflect individually and as a community on how we see ourselves involved in "transforming the world." I don't think there is a clear answer, yet I see us presented with a gift to go deeper in our discernment. In other words, I welcome hearing your thoughts and anticipate that we will get together as a community to reflect on what this all means.

In the words of our mission: From a place of love and service as we grow spiritually and transform ourselves and the world.

Michael

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## **April Worship Services | Theme: Sacred Earth**

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

### **April 7, 2019 | 10 am | “Creator, Destroyer, Sustainer” | Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger**

Throughout human history, we have variously celebrated, feared and embraced the multiple, and often paradoxical, traits that characterize the one earth we all share as our home. The earth gives life and it takes life. The earth nourishes and withholds. The earth is beautiful and violent, peaceful and uncaring, fragile and resilient. And whether we like it or not, we are a part of this earth, in all its creative, destructive, and sustaining power. One more reason to find ways to honor the earth as the sacred place we depend on since before our beginning and through the end of our days. The service will include a ritual honoring our dead. All are invited to bring a photo or other object that reminds us of the loss(es) we mourn.

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

### **April 11, 2019 (Please note date change) | 2 pm | “The Wisdom of the Earth” UU Worship Service at Havenwood Heritage Heights, 33 Christian Ave, Concord | Rev. Lyn Marshall & Michael Leuchtenberger**

We can learn so much from what the earth is telling us day after day, year after year. Provided we listen. Provided we pay attention to the creative, sustaining, and destructive forces that constitute our home, the earth.

### **April 14, 2019 | 10 am | “Listen to Your Mother (Earth)” | Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger**

What if we thought of the Earth as a storyteller? What would she tell us? How can we prepare to listen? What lessons might we learn - as we strive to create healthy relationships with each other and with the earth? Which Earth-told stories have been important to you? Let Michael know. Today we also celebrate our New Member Covenanting Ceremony.

### **April 14, 2019 | 7 pm | “Taize @ Concord UU” | Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger**

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

### **April 18, 2019 | 6 pm Maundy Thursday Service | Rev. Lyn Marshall**

At this intimate, poignant service we remember Jesus gathering with his disciples for a final meal. We will read from Christian Scripture, Lyn will offer a ritual foot-washing, and communion will be shared. All ages welcome.

### **April 21, 2019 | 10 am “Flowers of Earth, Buds of Heaven” | Rev. Lyn Marshall**

When spring returns, when sap flows and bulbs poke their growing leaves above the dreary brown earth, it is easy to sing praises to the Source of All. The Christian story of Easter tells of a community facing a devastating loss of their teacher and leader - and how they discovered that the tomb had not taken Jesus away forever; that they could still see and feel his presence among them. This too was cause for astonishment and celebration. Bring your hopes and dreams for renewal and rebirth and let us sing praises together. This is a service for all ages. An Easter Egg hunt will follow worship.

### **April 28, 2019 | 10 am | “Gratitude to Mother Earth” | Pat Hoertdoerfer & Linda Williams**

How can we honor and show gratitude for the earth that sustains all life? What can the Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address teach us? What makes Robin Kimmerer’s book “Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants” such an inspiring account of the many lessons we can learn from the plants and animals on Mother Earth?

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## Growing Spiritually

**Rev. Lyn Marshall, Minister of Lifespan Faith Development**

Our mission statement says our congregation exists for three reasons: Connecting in love, growing spiritually, transforming ourselves and the world. As Spring begins to peek out from under the gritty, grimy remnants of snow, our worship theme for April will be Sacred Earth. I have heard from so many of you, and have experienced myself, the deep connection with something holy that can be felt in nature. A few days ago, way back in mid-March, I stepped out the church door to head home for the night, and I could smell Spring in the air - the smell of snowmelt and warming earth. Farmers have started seeds in anticipation of the outdoor growing season, sap is running, and birds are beginning to stake their claims in the treetops.

***Growth is everywhere around us, if we but pay attention.***

***How might spring support your own spiritual growth?***

***How well do you pay attention?***

Our younger children have already painted clay pots to receive soil and seeds in anticipation of the growing season. In his book, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Unitarian Universalist minister Robert Fulghum's 14th lesson was: "Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup? The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that." It's a great reminder, as we adults get caught up in the ordinary dramas of living, to be aware of wonder. To notice the growth around us and within us. As our community takes a deliberate look at our relationship to Sacred Earth, I encourage us to wonder together - to share our observations and our questions and our awe with the children and with one another. I have an extra chair in my office if you want to pop in and share with me!

**Happy Ostara, Happy Passover, Happy Easter, Happy Spring!**

*Lyn*



## SECOND HOUR

| LEARNING

| SERVICE

| PRACTICE

**Sunday, April 14 | 11:30 am-12:30 pm**

### Worship Theme TED Talk & Discussion

Watch a TED talk on the April worship theme of Sacred Earth, followed by a facilitated discussion led by Joanna Henderson.

### Spiritual Practice | Singing Bowl

Experience the power and beauty of sound in a singing bowl meditation with Linda Mai. Beginners welcome!

### Creating a Listening Community

**Sarah-Elizabeth Anderson and Lorraine Ellis**

What happens when we really listen to one another? How do we make others feel like they have been truly heard? How will our relationships be impacted - at home, with friends, co-workers, at church? Learn and/or practice effective ways of listening. Explore what gets in the way of listening well. Cultivate awareness of what it takes to be a part of a listening community. Whether you are new to this practice or have years of experience - all are encouraged to attend. In Michael's words: "The way we listen has transformed our community thanks to practice and intention."

### Ageing Journey Wisdom Circle

**Rev. Pat Hoertdoerfer & Linda Williams**

We explore personal perspectives on the art of ageing, collect wisdom for the road ahead, and

share our stories with humor and gratitude. Our theme this year is ANCESTORS. Our ancestors are the people gone before us – blood relations or family of mind and spirit- who guide, instruct and inspire us. Mentors, friends, heroes, teachers, ancestors of faith – all have a part in shaping who we are, and we carry all of them forward with us. As we reflect on our heritage of FAITH, you are invited to bring names of your ancestors of faith who impacted/influenced your life and faith today. Bring a photo or sacred item from your faith lineage to share with your heritage story.

### Sunday, April 21 | EASTER

Due to the Easter holiday. All are welcome to cheer on our children at the annual Easter Egg Hunt after worship!



### Vacation Movie Night!

**Wednesday, April 24, 2019 6:00 pm**

All are invited to Vacation Movie Night, where we will show a family-friendly movie whose title we cannot legally share here. Come at 6:00 with your picnic supper if you'd like to eat in community. Movie begins at 6:30. Free popcorn! Come in your jammies and bring your favorite stuffed animal if you'll be heading straight to bed after the movie. You do not need to bring a child to attend!



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## **Wanted: Sunday Summer Service Leaders**

The Worship Associates Team would like to extend a warm invitation to members of the Concord UU congregation to help us plan Sunday summer worship. Summer services are lay led and we encourage a wide range of people with varied life experiences and a diversity of beliefs to participate. Please contact us if you'd like to give a summer sermon or help organize a full service. We ask that you please submit a title and short description of your sermon/service idea. The Worship Associates team can assist you in putting together a simple Order of Service, in selecting music, and preparing the sanctuary, if you'd like. So... got an idea to share? When would you like to do your service? To sign up or for more info, contact Linda Williams at [lnilemud@msn.com](mailto:lnilemud@msn.com) or Vicki Wakelin at [jrwakelin@comcast.net](mailto:jrwakelin@comcast.net). If you are new to leading a service, there will be a Worship 101 class on May 11 at 9:30 a.m. We're looking forward to celebrating your gifts and talents! †



## **Seeking Donations for “Flower Power” Picnic and Auction**



As a fun, all-ages-inclusive experiment, our Annual Goods & Services Auction will be held in conjunction with our spring picnic on June 9. Get groovy with music by the Wholly Rollers, games and prizes!

Everyone can contribute! Would you be willing to donate and plant some daffodils or tulips? How about leading a local hike, identifying trees and animals? Do you have a seasonal home and would donate a long weekend or even a week? Other ideas: a couple car washes, a yard cleanup, some babysitting services, or the use of your kayak or canoe. Please say “yes” when someone calls to ask if you have something to offer. Better yet, fill out a Donation Form (available in the Parlor soon) and return it promptly! †

# Testimonials

## Happy to be Here

By Heather & Geoff Terragni

*(abridged version of their testimonies at the worship service on March 10th)*

(by Heather)

It takes a village. This, in part, is why I am happy to be able to incorporate my family into this diverse group of well-intentioned, opinionated, compassionate people... Having become members of the UU Church only months ago, getting involved has already helped foster growth in me; it has helped connect my family and me to a larger community... Having a busy household doesn't make me unique nor is it an excuse not to reciprocate (with) kindness and generosity... The UU Church not only helps us grow and heal as individuals, but it also is something to share as a family. For us, it brings to the forefront discussions and acknowledgement of individual and family values that we hadn't been necessarily taking the time to discuss before...

By participating in the drop-in and family covenants, when we are able to, we have learned that whatever problems we face, we are not in it alone... Simply by having an opportunity to share our joys and sorrows during the service gives us voice, an opportunity to be heard, and relief from carrying some of our burdens alone. I shared a sorrow for the first time not too long ago which forced me to be vulnerable with all of you for a brief moment and allowed me to cry for the first time about that situation; a release I needed. Additionally, I was immediately met with a hug from one of you and sympathies from others later at social hour...

Family Promise and the UU Movie Nights are something my family enjoys and looks forward to each month. These simple things make memories for our family and at the same time bring us together with our community... The common understanding that we all have the room for growth and the ability to improve ourselves and our society in large and small ways is appreciated... I am happy to be here and I am happy to have found my village.

(by Geoff)

We first started going to this church simply as a means to connect with a like-minded community. Since then we have found that coming here has provided us with an opportunity to make new traditions. We have enjoyed offerings such as the Christmas Eve service, movie nights with popcorn and hot chocolate, the spring camp-out in front of the church, and of course working with Wendy and Mandy on Family Promise. One tradition that I especially cherish is the message of positivity and acceptance that being here conveys on a weekly basis. There are times of course when it seems like my children aren't paying attention and are just going crazy, which is why we hide in the balcony every week. But then, once I heard my daughter tell me at dinner not to yuck her yum, I knew that something good was sinking in. †

## Some Thoughts About Fellowship

By Ken Ekkens

*(abridged version of his testimony at the worship service on March 24th)*

My father was a Presbyterian minister and Navy chaplain. My mother's father, my Grandpa Haslam, was a Free Methodist minister. Both family lines presented a potent brew of Christian fundamentalism and zeal. Big family reunions were an occasion for fine, impassioned prayers of thanksgiving... gospel music would rise as the chorus of our gathered voices filled the room... It was glorious. As a boy, this was what fellowship was about; always in the embrace of church and family.

Then, in the late 1960s I rejected all of it, cluelessly stumbled my way into the big bad world of reality, put three thousand miles between me and my past, and made a solo run at it from that point on. The profound sense of fellowship I had known growing up—loving, safe, shared, and deeply personal—had become little more than buried memories.

When I first entered the doors of this church in February last year, I was a man in search of a community. I had retired nine months earlier to the harsh reality that, after eighteen years living alone here in Concord, I had virtually no friends here, no social outlets, no community here... So, after nine months of seclusion in an exhaustive, tumultuous, exhilarating, illuminating, and what at times felt like an insane journey deep into my life, I awoke one day with a new sense of wholeness and light. That's when I knew I had to find a community of people with whom I could relate and, if I was courageous enough to allow it to happen, people who might even get to know me...

A little over a year ago, as I reflected back on... (a) brief experience (long ago) here, a place I remembered as feeling nonthreatening and oddly appealing... I decided that this is where my search for Community would begin... What I have found here is far more than I had anticipated. I found you, this community of extraordinary people who have made me feel, not just welcomed, but seen and respected, even loved. I am cultivating new and wonderful friendships, and to my unexpected joy, have been reunited with some old and cherished friends, the Bruss's.

Fellowship is something profoundly personal to me. I don't take it for granted. It's a lifeline. Fear and cynicism feed the heart of the lonely and isolated. I've looked them squarely in the face, and to them I say, No thank you. †

## Transformed by the Music

By Brackett Scheffy

*(abridged version of his testimony at the worship service on March 17th)*

At a time that I was feeling a great need to avail myself of our church's intellectual and spiritual offerings, I was drawn very much by the music – the piano from the beginning to the end, the hymns and other singing the congregation gives us, and the choir. I had a background in singing—roughly a half-century ago. The choir rekindled my love of that music and participating in it. It has been a marvelous experience.

Once I joined the choir, I was astonished by the number of really fine musicians that sing and play for the services in one capacity or another, including, of course, the choir members. We are truly lucky to have so many! It does not seem possible.

Music at the UU Church is in a different category from all of the other attributes of the church. The intellectual and spiritual aspects are compelling but, for me, and perhaps for others or even everyone, I feel that the music is part of the primary glue that promotes bonding among us and keeps us as a congregation and as a church vibrant and successful. †

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## **“Human Flow”**

by David Canfield

(abridged version of his testimony at the worship service on March 31st)

“Human Flow” is today’s global tragedy of human migration forced by war, violence, famine and climate change – the world’s greatest refugee crisis since WWII. “Human Flow” is also the title of a shocking film that brings to life the ordeal of refugees fleeing for their lives to find safety, shelter, a new home somewhere. I’m still haunted by the scene showing a throng of Afghan, Iraqi and Syrian refugees stuck at the barbed-wired border between Greece and Macedonia... stymied in that frigid spot with nowhere to turn.

That tragic scene in northern Greece conveys the trauma experienced by refugees around the world, including those who have become our neighbors here in Concord – our “brothers and sisters” as Martin Luther King would have called them.

About a decade ago, Patty Bass and some fellow Concord UU’s organized “UU Friends of Refugees,” aka UUFOR. They created what they called “Circles of Friends.” Each Circle, typically 4 to 8 church members or friends, focuses on helping 1 refugee family. To date, 8 UU Circles of Friends – well over 50 people in all – have reached out to 11 refugee families. I joined a UUFOR Circle four years ago for the Bhutanese family of Chandra Dargee... and then another Circle that has served four beautiful African families... My two Circles – 15 fellow UU’s and friends – have helped these families by, among other things, giving rides, finding jobs, reviewing mail and paying bills, teaching everyday skills essential for independence, or just having fun like celebrating children’s birthdays and going to the beach.

Nothing in my experience has brought more satisfaction than this effort to welcome and help total strangers from afar. If not for this church and UUFOR, where would I have experienced the satisfaction of befriending 29 Tutsis from equatorial Africa and 7 ethnic Nepalis from Bhutan, and watching them become, slowly but surely, self-sufficient and independent? How else could I truly have known the simple reality that differences in language and culture and education and pigmentation pale in comparison with what we share in common, our common humanity? And, where else would I have made the friends I’ve come to know in my UU Circle?

Each year, only a tiny portion of the millions of displaced people who comprise today’s global “human flow” actually make it beyond barbed wired national borders or UN camp boundaries. But those who do, like the families who land here in Concord, need a kind helping hand as they complete this final step in their long journey. Beyond the ones we’ve befriended already, there are more families here – more “brothers and sisters” – who need our support, right now. †

### **Thanks to All Who Have Pledged...**

### **Reminder to Those Who Haven’t**

Thanks to all of you who have updated your pledge. The deadline was **March 31st**, but we still hope to hear from the rest of you. Pledge cards are available in the Parlor. If we don’t hear from you, your pledge will continue for next year at its current level unless you revise it.

**-Stewardship Team**

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As I write this it's March 20th, the first day of spring. Please remember the **Annual Plant and Yard Sale May 18 and 19**. As you do your spring cleaning and transition from winter please think about and put aside those things you can donate to the yard sale. As you plan your garden and watch your perennials emerge look for those things that you can divide and donate to the plant sale! Lastly, think about how you can help. Thanks!

**Jim & Erika Downie**

Any questions email us! [Jdownie@tds.net](mailto:Jdownie@tds.net) & [ebdownie@tds](mailto:ebdownie@tds.net)

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## **Everyday Mindfulness**

**Saturday April 27 | 9 AM to Noon | Chapel  
Led by Jeanne Ann Whittington**

We typically learn mindfulness meditation in a class or retreat setting, and think of continuing by maintaining a daily formal practice, trusting that the effects will somehow trickle down into our daily lives. But WHETHER the practice finds its way into our lives and enriches them is really the whole reason for practicing, so it is important that we have some conscious strategies for making sure that this happens!

During this half day retreat/workshop, we'll explore how formal practice and contemplation lay the groundwork for the integration of mindfulness into the rest of our lives, and how we can actively continue that process in our time "off the cushion." We scheduled this retreat at this particular time—about a month following our weekend "Radical Inclusion" retreat—to support those of you who participated in the weekend retreat, but it is suitable for anyone who would like to explore this formal practice/life intersection with a group. All are welcome! To sign up or if you have questions, contact Jeanne Ann at [jawhittington3@gmail.com](mailto:jawhittington3@gmail.com)

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**April 28 (Note date change) | 7 pm | "Dances of Universal Peace" | Sarah-Elizabeth Anderson**

The Dances of Universal Peace are an embodied practice based in mantras from many world religions. Walking practice, prayer, sound current vibration, and gentle full body movement create an atmosphere of heart centered peace.

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## **Unitarian Benevolent Association Annual Meeting April 28, 2019**

The Unitarian Benevolent Association (UBA) was started in the 1830s as a local charitable organization to help women and children. Over the years the group has evolved to where we now donate money to local agencies who have these goals, instead of giving money directly to individuals.

**We WELCOME new members!!!!** The commitment is to come to our annual meeting, vote on where we will donate our money, and enjoy companionship and good food at our potluck luncheon.

The UBA's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday April 28, 2019 from 12:00 until 2:00 in the church parlor. After a short meeting, we will listen to a speaker from one of our charities and then enjoy lunch. If you are unable to bring something to share, please don't let this deter you from coming. We always have plenty of food. Please let me know if you will be coming so we can plan for enough seating.

**We hope to see some new faces.**

Beth Corcoran President 724-8740 [backwilt@yahoo.com](mailto:backwilt@yahoo.com)



## **Final Family Promise Week of Church Year 18-19**

The week of **April 28 - May 5** will be our last week of hosting Family Promise during this church year. This will be your final chance to volunteer in some capacity. Volunteering during this week gives a great opportunity to meet both the families and other people in our church who volunteer. It is a wonderful way to make connections and to make a difference. If it wasn't for all of the volunteers, Family Promise would not exist. There are people who can volunteer every week that we host and there are people who can only volunteer once in awhile. Everyone is needed. If you would like to volunteer to be either an evening host or an overnight night host please email Wendy Olson. ([wmoo8o8@comcast.net](mailto:wmoo8o8@comcast.net)). If you would like to provide a meal, snacks, juice, milk, etc please email Barbara Keshen. ([bkeshen@comcast.net](mailto:bkeshen@comcast.net)).

# There's No Denying the Holocaust

It is shocking to note that in 2019, just about 80 years since the start of World War II and the Holocaust, two-thirds of the world's population either has not heard of the Holocaust or denies that it happened (or denies that it happened to the magnitude that it did). According to a May 2014 article in the Atlantic Monthly:

“Only 54 percent of the world's population has heard of the Holocaust. 54 percent. This is the most staggering statistic in a new survey by the Anti-Defamation League of more than 53,000 people in over 100 countries, conducted by First International Resources. But that figure speaks to only those who have heard of it: Only a third of the world's population believe the genocide has been accurately described in historical accounts. Some said they thought the number of people who died has been exaggerated; others said they believe it's a myth. Thirty percent of respondents said it's probably true that 'Jews still talk too much about what happened to them in the Holocaust.'”

Holocaust denial and distortion has existed for decades. According to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, “Holocaust denial, distortion, and misuse are strategies to reduce perceived public sympathy to Jews, to undermine the legitimacy of the State of Israel – which some believe was created as compensation for Jewish suffering during the Holocaust – to plant seeds of doubt about Jews and the Holocaust, and to draw attention to particular issues or viewpoints. Key denials are that the murder of approximately six million Jews never occurred, that the Nazis had no official policy or intention of exterminating the Jews, and that the gas chambers in Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp never existed. Common distortions include, assertions that the figure of

six million Jewish deaths is an exaggeration and that the diary of Anne Frank is a forgery.”

Since the rise of extremism, especially in the Middle East, and on the far right in Europe and the United States, Holocaust denial has been on the increase. To learn more about this painful phenomenon, this year's Greater Concord Interfaith Council's Holocaust Remembrance film and service will focus on two different expressions of Holocaust Denial.

- **Sunday, April 14, 6:00 pm**, location TBD, the film, *Denial*. Based on the acclaimed book, *Denial: Holocaust History on Trial*, Denial recounts Professor

**“Denial (movie) is anchored by strong acting and even stronger subject matter: The importance of protecting truth and history. And it does so while staying relatively clean.”**

Deborah Lipstadt's legal battle for historical truth against British “historian” David Irving, who accused her of libel when she declared him a Holocaust

denier. In the English legal system, in cases of libel, the burden of proof is on the defendant; therefore it was up to Lipstadt and her legal team to prove the essential truth that the Holocaust occurred. One reviewer wrote, “Denial is anchored by strong acting and even stronger subject matter: The importance of protecting truth and history. And it does so while staying relatively clean.”

- **Monday, April 15, 5:30 pm**, Temple Beth Jacob, Holocaust Remembrance Service and staging the play, *Denial*. Our annual service will feature readings, prayers, and music in memory of the six million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust. Immediately following the service, we will view a staged production of Peter Sagal's *Denial*, presented by the Winnepesaukee Playhouse, which is using community locations to present their annual Holocaust-themed production. **Please join us for one or both.**

*L'shalom (with peace), Rabbi Robin Natshi*

This year's **Greater Concord Interfaith Council's Holocaust Remembrance** film and religious service will focus on these two different expressions of Holocaust Denial, listed above. Please contact Suzanne Rude [realvermonter@comcast.net](mailto:realvermonter@comcast.net) or Linda Williams [Inilemud@msn.com](mailto:Inilemud@msn.com) for more information or questions.



## **Circle of Life: Thomas & Joan McNamara**

With great sadness we announce the passing of our beloved church members, Thomas & Joan McNamara. Tom & Joan met while singing in our church choir in 1962, where they both continued to sing until just last year. They were married in our church in June of 1963.

Tom McNamara died on February 9, 2019. Tom joined our church in 1962. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 23 at Havenwood Retirement Home.

Joan Prince McNamara died on March 15, 2019. She was among the members who have been with our church the longest, having joined 62 years ago in 1956. A memorial service will be held in our Sanctuary on **June 1 at 2pm.**

Joan and Tom leave three sons: Alan Soule of Tilton, Christopher Soule and his wife Linda Ashford of Bow and Brian Soule of Penacook.



## **Wedding Celebration & Best Wishes**

Congratulations to our beloved member Anne Zinkin, who was married to Jonathan Lax on March 15. Rabbi Robin Nafshi officiated the wedding at Temple Beth Jacob. Our best wishes to Anne, Jonathan, and their children, Gabe Zinkin, Hannah Lax, and Oscar Lax.



## UU Friends of Refugees (UUFOR) Gearing Up to Support More Families

This spring, in partnership with Overcomers Support Services, UUFOR will expand its outreach to refugee families in Concord. If you would like to team up with a few fellow UUs to help a family resettle here, contact David Canfield at [dwcandfield1@gmail.com](mailto:dwcandfield1@gmail.com).

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## Benevolent Society News for Easter

Last Christmas the Society gave flowers to shut ins and also let the congregation see the bouquets before they were delivered. Comments were made that it was nice to see those flowers in church. We are again giving bouquets this Easter and need your assistance. If you have a couple small vases that you could donate, that would be appreciated. We will be putting the bouquets together on Sat. April 13 at 2PM and placing them on the chancel for Sunday service on the 14th. Anyone who enjoys creating bouquets is welcome to help with this task. Please let me know if you can help.

**Thank you, in advance.**

Cathie Creed. 456-3575 or email at [cathiecreed4@gmail.com](mailto:cathiecreed4@gmail.com)



## Annual UU Passover Seder:

**Saturday, April 13th at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

What is a Passover Seder? It is good food, good conversation and celebration UU-style of a Jewish tradition which tells the ancient story of the struggle for freedom. Children are welcome - in fact, they are encouraged to be part of the Seder! Dinner includes several courses from soup to desserts. More information and the opportunity to purchase tickets will be available after services on Sundays.

**Tickets are \$15/adult and \$5/child.**

You may contact CJ Landsman at (603)228-3684 or email [ckcland@comcast.net](mailto:ckcland@comcast.net) for details or to reserve tickets and pay the night of the Seder.

Plan now to come and be a part of this church tradition!

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## April Special Events

- Fri, April 5 @ 6:30 - 9 pm **Games & Chocolate**
- Fri, April 5 @ 7 pm **Reggie Harris Concert**
- Sat, April 6 @ 8 am to 4 pm  
**NNED Conference & Annual Meeting**
- Sun, April 7 @ 11:45 am  
**Exploring Membership Class #3**
- Wed, April 10 @ 4 pm  
**Shrub & Tree Pruning Workshop**
- Thu, April 11 @ 2 pm **UU Worship at Havenwood**  
**Note changed this month.**
- Sat, April 13 @ 5:30 pm **Passover Seder Supper**
- Sun, April 14 @ 10 am **New Member Covenanting**
- Sun, April 14 @ 7 pm **Taize @ Concord UU**  
**Note last Taize for this church year.**
- Thurs, April 18 @ 6 pm  
**Maundy Thursday Communion Service**
- Thurs, April 18 @ 7 pm  
**NEW Showing Up for Racial Justice**
- Sat, April 20 @ 8:30 am **Satipatthana Retreat**
- Wed, April 24 @ 6 pm **Vacation Movie Night**
- Sat, April 27 @ 9 am **Half-Day Meditation Retreat**
- Sat, April 28 @ 12 pm **Spring Grounds Cleanup**
- Sat, April 28 @ 12 pm  
**Unitarian Benevolent Association**
- Sun, April 28 @ 7 - 9 pm **Dances of Universal Peace**  
**Note changed this month.**

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



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## Ongoing Events

- Worship Service** | Sundays at 10 am
- Sunday School for Children**  
1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays at 11:30 am
- "Second Hour" Adult Learning, Service & Practice**  
2nd & 3rd Sundays at 11:30 am (**None Easter, 4/21**)
- Community Lunch** | 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 12:30 pm
- Social Hour Coffee, Cookies & Conversation**  
1st, 4th, 5th Sundays at 11:15 am
- Drop-in Covenant Group** | 1st Sundays at 11:30 am
- \*Dances of Universal Peace** | 3rd Sunday at 7 pm
- Taize at Concord UU** | 2nd Sunday at 7 pm  
**October thru April**
- UU Worship at Havenwood** | 1st Thursday at 2 pm
- Choir Rehearsal** | most Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm
- Choir Warmup** | most Sundays, 9:15 am
- Visiting Voices** | 2nd Saturdays - 9 am off-site  
warmup, 10am at Merrimack Valley Nursing Home
- Noah Project on Sustainability** | Sunday at 9 am
- Youth Group** - most Fridays at 7 pm
- Games and Chocolate** | 1st Fridays at 6:30 pm
- Friendly Kitchen prep & serve day** | 1st Wed at 3 pm
- UU Book Group** | 4th Wednesday at 4 pm
- NEW Showing Up for Racial Justice** | 3rd Th at 7 pm
- Aging Journey Wisdom Circle**  
2nd Sundays at 11:30 am
- Caring for Aging Loved Ones Support Group**  
4th Sundays at 7 pm
- Come As You Are LGBTQ+ AA** | Mondays 6-7 pm
- Memory Loss Support** | 2nd, 4th Tuesdays at 10 am
- Chronic Pain Support Group** | 2nd Tues. 1-2:30 pm
- Meditation in Motion** | 1st, 3rd Mon. at 6 pm
- Mindfulness Practice Group** | 2nd, 4th Mon. at 7 pm
- Meditation** | Tuesdays at 7 pm
- Insight Meditation** | 3rd Friday at 4 pm
- Board of Trustees** | 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 pm

## 2nd Sunday Transportation to Church

If you are looking for transportation to church on 2nd Sundays of the month, please let the Linda Williams (Inilemud@msn.com) or the office know. One of our volunteer transportation associates will come and pick you up and bring you to church in time for the 10 am service. In the future we hope to offer this service more than once a month. For now, we are committed to providing transportation associates on April 14, May 12, and June 9. If you are able to serve as a transportation associate on any of those dates, please let Linda Williams (Inilemud@msn.com) or the office know.

## New Office Roles

### Heidi Page

#### Office Administrator

- Maintains the church master calendar
- Accepts room reservations for church events
- Arranges room rentals (excluding long-term leases)
- Shares creation of the weekly eBulletin with Lorraine Ellis (submit to [ebulletin@concorduu.org](mailto:ebulletin@concorduu.org))
- Produces Parish Notes (submit to [parishnotes@concorduu.org](mailto:parishnotes@concorduu.org))
- Helps Michael (or other pulpit guest) to create the weekly order of service

### Lea Smith

#### Director of Membership and Administration

- Maintains the church's financial records; answers your budget questions
- Processes accounts payable and reimbursement checks (include your receipt with pink reimbursement form)
- Responds to building emergencies (with the Facility Manager and Building Maintenance Committee)
- Negotiates long term leases and serves as liaison with lessees
- Manages the church membership database and directory updates
- Welcomes newcomers and helps them get connected

## Staff

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Heidi Page, Office Administrator  
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Kathie Martin, Facility Manager  
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## Officers

Anne Zinkin, Moderator  
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Karen Mayo, Treasurer  
Jack Wakelin, Custodian of Trust Funds  
Beth Corcoran & Lorraine Ellis,  
Assistant Treasurers

## Board of Trustees

Dick Bennett, Chair  
Anne Drewniak, Vice-Chair  
Ann Hoey, Secretary  
Gary Schroeder  
Kelly Mahony  
Tom Fredenburg

## Upcoming Parish Notes NEW Deadline

May 2019 issue: Wed, April 24 at noon

Email submissions in the body of an email (not as an attachment) to [parishnotes@concorduu.org](mailto:parishnotes@concorduu.org)

Submissions are accepted for church-related items that have been approved by a committee, church-affiliated group or staff person. The editor may edit for clarity or to fit available space.

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