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PARISH NOTES

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Why My Heart Is Here

This is the second in the series of 'Why My Heart is Here'. This series showcases how individual congregants' roles and activities at Concord UU help them find connection to and meaning in their lives at church. By spotlighting these individual stories, we hope to show how you might also find your heart's home here. We hope you enjoy getting a deeper insight into how the varying ways congregants offer service at church brings us meaning and joy, enmeshing us into the web of our church community and our community at large.

Contemplative Practices

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN CASEY

My husband and I moved to Concord in the Fall of 2020, smack dab in the middle of the pandemic. We were both retired now, so finding a way to connect with our new community seemed like a daunting task. In spring of 2021, while chatting with a neighbor, she suggested I check out Concord UU. She said that currently, in-person attendance might be limited but the Sunday Service was available via livestream through the Church's website. I explored the website and was delighted to see that a wide variety of Contemplative Practices were offered including YOGA! I had recently completed YTT (Yoga Teacher Training) before we moved, but was unsure where or when I would have an opportunity to teach. I approach Yoga as a practice for Wellness that incorporates Body, Mind and Spirit. I believe that EVERYONE should have the opportunity to experience the Joys of Yoga. "If you are breathing, you are doing Yoga"!

I soon started attending services in person and participated in a variety of the Contemplative Practices offered including Yoga. Knowing that I'd found "my peeps", I joined Concord UU in December 2022. Since becoming a member, I have been offered opportunities to serve the Church in a variety of capacities, but the Contemplative Practices hold a special place in my heart.

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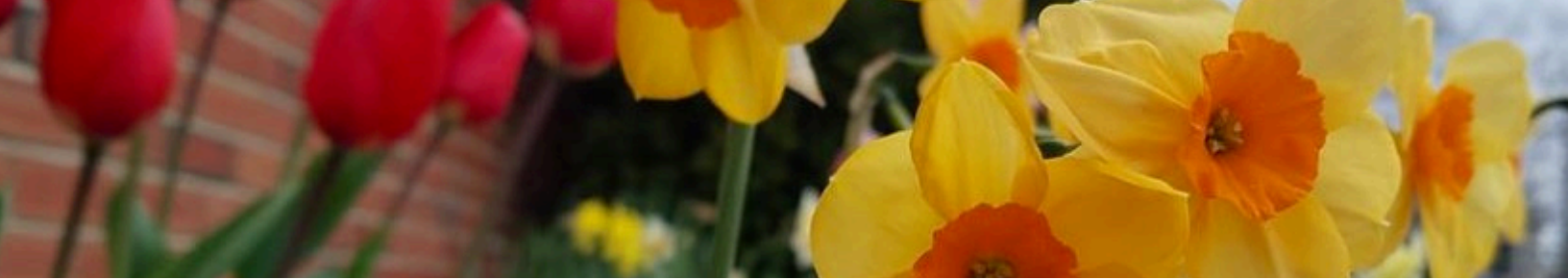
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Sunday Worship is at 10 am

IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM AT WWW.CONCORDUU.ORG/LIVE

4/6/2025 “Joy of Community” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

“When I first came in I did not expect to find such warm and inquiring minds, such open and honest share, laughter, oh laughter everywhere.” These choral lyrics will help welcome our largest cohort of new members in recorded history. While there may not be laughter everywhere, there is a joy being in community, belonging to a community, that is more than simple pleasure or temporary happiness. As is now reflected in our newly updated Ends (Goals): “Our thriving congregation is living into a culture of belonging, centered in love, compassion, curiosity, courage, and joy.” What might that look like at a time when many experience rather mixed emotions? What role can our community play in balancing the anguish, fear, frustration, and sorrow so prevalent in society at large? And don’t miss the Live Auction for some entertaining fun and prizes - immediately after the service - followed by a free lunch!

4/13/2025 “Joy as Bravery” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Deciding to have joy is an act of resistance. Embracing joy, especially in the face of adversity or authoritarian rule, is a forceful and defiant act, a way of reclaiming agency and challenging those in power. Joy contains the seeds of hope. Joy undermines those trying to control others through fear and intimidation. Yes, joy can be considered as bravery, for joy can take courage, as often expressed in the tradition of African American spirituals. “Yonder Come Day” and “I’m Gonna Sing!” are two new choir pieces that will remind us of the bravery and joy of celebrating your own culture and spirituality when surrounded by darkness. As Sojourner Truth said: “I will not allow the light of my life to be determined by the darkness around me.”

4/20/2025 “Opening to Joy” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

In times of devastating loss and disorienting transitions it often seems impossible to reconnect with contentment, much less joy. Love of self and others can be a stretch. The Easter story is one of resurrection of love incarnate, the reanimation of our soul as we begin to find hope, an invitation to open to joy after the turmoil of losing what’s dearest to our hearts. As the choir will tease us with a new Jason Shelton arrangement: “A new life is calling, come out from the shadows! Roll away the stone of your hesitant heart.”

4/27/2025 “In Harmony with the Earth” Margaret Fletcher

What does it mean to live in harmony with our precious Mother Earth? To bring our faith into action, we’re called to serve the most precious moral owner of this church: Mother Earth herself. One way our congregation does this is to align with the Unitarian Universalist Association’s Green Sanctuary movement. Under the guidance of this denominational initiative, the greater UU faith community is “called to engage in an ambitious environmental and climate justice movement that seeks to live fully our principles and achieve our vision of a sustainable and just world for all.”

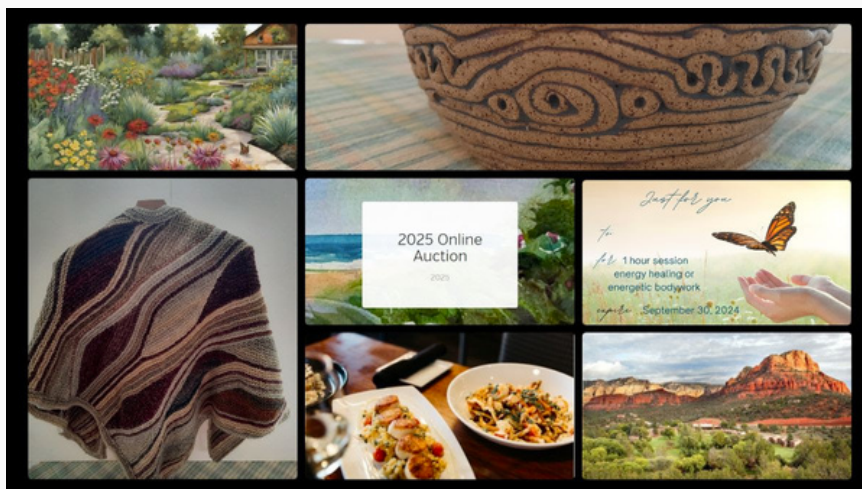
What inspires you, what moves you to caretake the globe’s human and more-than-human relatives at this time of climate crisis? Members of the Green Sanctuary working groups will share their stories and invite you to consider this church as a home for climate justice and active love for our one home planet. This Sunday Service will be followed by a Green Sanctuary Inspiration Fair in Fellowship Hall, where you can meet Green Sanctuary team members and tell us your vision for green faith in action at our church.



Live Auction April 6 | Online Auction NOW

The Silent Auction is open for bidding until 6:00 pm on April 6. Visit concorduu.betterworld.org/auctions/2025-online-auction to place your bids, or check out the display in the Parlor the next time you are at church.

Then on April 6, stay after worship for the Live Auction with even more items, featuring Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger as auctioneer. A Community Lunch will be offered after the auction.



Auction for Kids Too!

On April 6, kids ages 5 to 13 are invited to our first Young Explorers' Children's Mock Auction! While the adults are raising money for the church in their own auction, the Young Explorers will get a chance to participate in their own fundraiser. Children will bid on prizes including, books, craft supplies, toys, and games, and a special experience or two! Together we will raise money for some classroom updates. The money will be fake, but the experience will be very real!

Seder Supper | Saturday April 19 at 5:30 pm

Passover is the most commonly celebrated holiday among Jews, and lasts for eight days. This retelling of the "exodus story" (the Hebrews escaping from slavery in Egypt) is often interpreted as a promise of liberation for all who are oppressed. We will honor this tradition by sharing a Seder meal and the Passover story in a family-friendly setting. Watch your eBulletin for more info and the opportunity to sign up.





Why My Heart is Here

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While some may consider me an extrovert, I self-describe as an introverted extrovert, meaning I gain energy from social interaction but require opportunities for reflection and contemplation to recharge my internal battery.

I now have the privilege of team-teaching UU-Yoga with Craig Whitson. We take turns leading either a chair-assisted or mat-based practice at 6:30pm on the first and third Mondays each month, offered both in-person in the Sanctuary or on-line via Zoom. We'd love to have you join us!

If you are new to our church community and would like to learn more about our Contemplative Practice offerings, please reach out to me at susancasey4@gmail.com

Namaste,
Susan Casey



Service is joyful. It's an attitude, a belief, a way of looking at ourselves and our lives. Our very life is service. Our being is service. Service arises and springs naturally out of self-love. It arises from being who we are and from doing the things we want to do and are led to do. The things that bring us the most joy will bring the most service to the world.

Journey to the Heart
by Melody Beattie



Pancakes, Play, and Planting Peace April 12 at 9 am

It's Spring! This month at PPPP we are celebrating by planting vegetable seeds for our community garden! After starting our seeds, they will stay at the church so we can watch them grow each week. In a few months, when they are ready, we will transfer them to our community garden! Bring your children or grandchildren and join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month as we come together for a pancake breakfast and a service project for our community.



Easter Egg Hunt | Sunday, April 20 after worship

After our Sunday morning service on April 20th, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Eggs will be hidden outside around the courtyard for the young, and the young at heart, to seek and find! In the case of unpleasant weather, the indoor plans will be announced in the morning.

Easter Lunch with your Church Family

On Easter Sunday, April 20, we will enjoy an Easter Potluck Luncheon instead of the usual Community Luncheon. Bring something to share family-style if you can; if you can't, please come anyways. There will be plenty to share. Set up and clean up will also be shared among those who attend. No need to sign up, just show up and celebrate with food and friends.



Green Sanctuary Inspiration Fair

Sunday April 27 | Fellowship Hall during Social Time

SUBMITTED BY MARGARET FLETCHER

Come meet members of the Green Sanctuary working groups and learn about our current efforts. You can sign on to join one of our working groups, chat with us about your own green actions, or tell us what you'd like to see happening at our church to bring our faith into action for climate justice.

The church's current Green Sanctuary working groups include:

- WindowDressers: Our congregation and the Concord Lions are co-sponsoring a WindowDressers community build on October 23 through 28. This effort will build low- to no-cost window inserts for members of the greater Concord community, to help families reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, save money and keep their homes warm and cozy.
- ELM: Our Ecological Land Management group supports us to care for our land through work days, trainings and making resources available, to help us learn sustainable land management and gardening methods.
- GLAD: This winter we began the Green Legislative ADvocacy team, to advise us through email when ecology-related legislation is in process at the State House and encourage us to make our voices heard around these bills.
- Green Building 2.0: Having tabled the possibility of a geothermal system due to cost, we've now turned our attention to making energy-saving updates to our church building. This team has moved to the standing Building Maintenance committee for partnering.

These efforts are underway, and there are so many possibilities. Our question for you: what can we be doing as a faith community to heal and nurture this environment where all human and more-than-human relatives wish to thrive? Stop by and tell us your ideas! You can also be in touch with us at greensteering@concorduu.org.

UU Friends of Refugees Fun & Fellowship

Potluck Dinner | April 26 at 6 pm

Have you ever worked with refugees over the years? If so, we hope you will come to our second annual UUFOR past & present volunteer potluck dinner on Saturday, April 26, 2025 @ 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will share stories, reminisce, exchange ideas, while we have food and fun. And we will celebrate David Canfield's remarkable leadership of UUFOR and his tireless dedication to the refugee families he has befriended over the years.



Building Beloved Community Beyond the Binary

In collaboration with the Nashua UU church, our church will be a host site for "Building Beloved Community Beyond the Binary" (BBCBB) on Saturday, April 26, 2025. BBCBB is a collaborative, multi-site, justice-making event: a day of creating community with transgender, nonbinary folx, and our allies. This conference is an opportunity for LGBTQIA+ folx in our local communities to gather, laugh, create joy, and find partnerships in our local communities, AND for folks not in the LGBTQIA+ community to learn effective, appropriate allyship through a Unitarian Universalist lens.



*"A place to find community with transgender, nonbinary folx and our allies
A conference for us to gather, learn and grow."*

The keynote speaker, Spencer Bergstedt, is a consultant, public speaker, educator, and author specializing in LGBTQ workplace, health care, and educational inclusion issues. The keynote address will be streamed from Syracuse, NY at 1pm. Watch your eBulletin for more info, times, and how to participate.

Neurospicy Humans Group

Who's Neurodivergent?

@mysoulbalm

Autistics

Mentally Ill People

Alexithymics

Developmentally Disabled Folx

Dysgraphics

Those with ADD

Dyslexics

Those with ADHD

Dyspraxics

Epileptics

People with Sensory Processing Disorder

People who have Dyscalcula

Folx with Tourette's Syndrome

People Who have experienced Trauma

The Neurospicy Humans Group aspires to become a source of authentic connection for people who identify as neurodiverse, such as those with ADHD, autism, trauma experiences, or learning differences. All adults are welcome, and older teens are welcome too if they have a parent or guardian with them. This is not a support group, but rather a space to create community. For now the group is open to drop-ins; eventually maybe we will have enough committed folks that we might form a Covenant Group to gather monthly to explore our values, experiences, and questions as they relate to the church's monthly theme. The Neurospicy Humans Group meets on the third Saturday of each month. Please try us out on April 19 at 6pm.



We're on Our Way Your Pledge Support Can Help Us Get to the Goal!

Dear Members and Friends,

Thanks to your continued generosity and commitment, we've made some progress toward our pledge goal. I am grateful to everyone who has committed to a pledge so far. As of this writing, (March 23) we are \$25,000 short of matching last year's total, with an even bigger gap to make up, to reach a budget increase.

Our flourishing community is strong because of your support — your pledges make it possible to continue offering meaningful worship, impactful social justice initiatives, inspiring programming, and support for those in need. We know we can close this gap together!

If you haven't had a chance to pledge yet, or haven't managed to increase your contribution yet, now is the perfect time. Every dollar counts, and your support truly makes a difference.

Here are a few ways you can help:

1. Make or Increase Your Pledge: Pledge cards are available in the parlor.
2. One-Time Donations: A special gift of any amount helps us reach our goal.
3. Spread the Word: Encourage friends and fellow members to join in support.

Let's come together to ensure our congregation continues to flourish and grow. Thank you for being part of this beloved community and for all the ways you show up in love and support.

With gratitude,

Jim Curley, Stewardship Chair

Music Ministry Meeting Thursday April 24 at 5pm

If you're interested in any aspect of music ministry, from those that exist like Choir or Drum Circle, to new ideas, please come to this gathering. We'll reflect on existing offerings, imagine new opportunities, and identify leadership as needed. The meeting will be hybrid, in person and on Zoom. To join by Zoom, contact Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger for the link, michael@concorduu.org.

Art & Appetizers Friday April 11 at 6pm

Art and Appetizers is a friendly space to work on your arts or crafts projects in community. Whatever medium you use, whether it's watercolor painting, pencil sketches, fiber art, or any kind of craft, bring it along. Sometimes Jenn Star will provide supplies for everyone to try out a new project that she will teach. Bring some snacks to share if you can, and if you can't, you are most welcome anyways. Art and Appetizers happens on the 2nd Friday of every month.

Board of Trustees

Highlights from March Meeting

SUBMITTED BY ANNE MEYERS, BOARD SECRETARY

- The Board finalized our Mission and Ends.
- The Board discussed our financial structure model.
- Mud season continues to bring in new interest in our congregation.
- The Board celebrated the successful target appeal for the new stove.

Updated Ends (Goals)



Connecting in Love & Service

- Our thriving congregation is living into a culture of belonging, centered in love, compassion, curiosity, courage, and joy.
- Congregants give and receive care and support in times of joy, sorrow, and transition.
- We have the facilities and a broad circle of effective leaders with resources to further our mission.

Growing Spiritually

- Our congregation benefits from the exchange of wisdom across diverse life stages and experiences.
- Our rich and diverse worship and religious life nurtures, challenges and inspires us to daily practice of our values, lifelong learning, and transformation.
- We are grounded in our Unitarian Universalist faith tradition and pass those values to the next generation.

Transforming Ourselves & the World

- We focus our outreach ministries to make a noticeable impact in the larger community.
- We are full and active participants in the work of both the Greater Concord Faith Community and the larger Unitarian Universalist community
- We recognize, understand, and build bridges to dismantle systems of bias, oppression, and privilege within ourselves, our congregation, our community, and the larger world.
- We live in harmony with the Earth and act to care for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.



Try Being a Delegate to the UUA General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY DAN FRYE

We are asking, “Would you be interested in representing our church as a voting delegate in the 2025 Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) General Assembly (GA) in Baltimore, Maryland? You can attend virtually or in person, with thousands of Unitarian Universalists (UUs) from around the country. Unitarian Universalists will come together, en masse, for GA 2025, from Wednesday-Sunday, June 18-22, 2025, on the east coast--this time in Baltimore, Maryland. The 64th GA will be a multi-platform event, with the main stage hosted at the Baltimore Convention Center with hundreds more joining on the Whova virtual event experience app.

This is the annual gathering where the UUA conducts its denominational business in plenary sessions; holds spiritually-transcendent, engaging worship services; features multiple lecture series from distinguished guests, which have now become a part of our living tradition literature; hosts several critical workshops and lectures addressing matters of social justice within the context of our current societal challenges, reflecting how our UU values and ethics intersect with these cultural and political crises; and facilitates the reunion of UUs, bringing together long-term friends and introducing first-time relationships which promise to flourish.

For additional information about GA 2025, including details for registration, the tentative business agenda, housing arrangements, financial support, and children's programming, please visit www.uua.org/ga.

As a Delegate it would be your duty to attend all the general sessions in which you will be allowed to vote on behalf of our church as to how you believe we as a congregation stand on prominent issues affecting Unitarian Universalism worldwide. It is the collective view of voting delegates at General Assembly 2025 that will fashion the direction for our international faith community.

All we ask when you return is that you report back to us, your congregation, by writing about your experience for Parish Notes, perform a speaking part in a Sunday service, or maybe participate in a Second Hour discussion.

While in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, two summers ago for GA 2023 (since the UUA has determined that our annual gatherings will be entirely virtual every other year for environmental and other social-oriented reasons), I found the meeting to be an exhilarating, inspiring, and spiritually uplifting experience. The opportunity to participate in the democratic process to help shape the future direction of our faith was incredibly empowering. Walking through the Exhibit Hall, examining the newest publications from “In Spirit”, the UUA bookstore, and other sacred merchandise, such as items emblazoned with the “Side with Love” message was fun to both see and touch directly.

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Maundy Thursday | April 17 at 6 pm

Susi Nord and Rev. Jim Curley will lead a service commemorating the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples, when he asked them to remember him each time they broke bread and drank wine. He broke with convention by washing their feet before the meal, modeling the idea of being a servant leader. This service will include a ritual footwashing, Bible passages describing this event, and a communion of bread and grape juice, using the communion set donated to our church by [Ellen Tucker, first wife of Ralph Waldo Emerson](#). All are welcome.

Try Being a Delegate to the UUA General Assembly

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Finally, attending the several General Assemblies that I have been privileged to attend as a congregational delegate from our church has presented me with an opportunity to become better acquainted with UUs from around the United States and the world. This dynamic experience has supported me with my spiritual growth; understanding of UU history; and familiarity with UU polity, the important governance practices of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

If you have now been persuaded to inquire about being a delegate from our congregation, please reach out to me to express your interest and learn more. If selected, You will need to register for GA online through the UUA Website, the sooner the better, to receive a discount on your registration fee. The registration link at www.uua.org/ga/registration describes the various types of registration options for both virtual and in-person involvement, discounts for various groups, potential financial assistance from the UUA, and more.

Our congregation may have as many as six in-person or virtual delegates. This responsibility, however, requires that you acquaint yourself with the various policies and issues that our faith community is addressing. Further information on serving as a delegate may be found by reaching out to Dan Frye at (410) 241-7006 (Mobile) or via E-Mail correspondence at DBFrye0468@Gmail.com. The deadline for expressing your interest to serve as a delegate is April 30, 2025.

Last, if you would like to participate in GA 2025, without the responsibilities of being a Delegate, feel free to register for in-person or virtual participation as a non-voting member. All are welcome at GA 2025 in Baltimore, Maryland.



Grounds Clean-up | April 27 after worship

Come one - come all and let's have a ball . . . at our all-church, Grounds Clean-up on Sunday, April 27, after church. This is our one time to come together and spruce up our church grounds for the growing season. Bring your favorite tools, gloves and energy. A light lunch will be provided for workers.



A New Softball Season Is Upon Us Come Join the Fun!

Just to hit the ball, and touch 'em all, a moment in the sun; it's a gone and you can tell that one goodbye!

As spring approaches, so does SOFTBALL SEASON! Another season of fun and memories with each other, and the players from the other teams in the Concord Church league. This league puts a premium on fun and friendship, with less stress on the intensity of competition you find in some other leagues. While winning always makes it just a bit more fun, those of us who have been on the team for a number of years still enjoy getting out there and giving our all in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

What our team needs need an infusion of in the next couple of years is, in a word, "yoots" (if you ever saw "My Cousin Vinnie", you'll know what we mean). We need both younger players and women players to complement, and gradually replace, those of us who are getting just a bit long in the tooth (and light on some working body parts!) So, whatever your age and skill, if you've got any interest at all in playing for the Purple of UU this summer, please let us know! You can reach us by sending an email to bobbynord@gmail.com or calling 847-226-8777. Send us your name, phone number, and email address, and we will start working on putting together this year's team! There will also be a sign up sheet outside Fellowship hall shortly. Practices start in May at the state hospital grounds field on Pleasant Street.



April Showers Bring May Flowers!



SUBMITTED BY JIM DOWNIE

Once again this spring on Saturday May 17 the annual fun, frenzied, floriferous Plant & Yard Sale will take place. Featuring annuals, vegetable starts and perennials from area growers and your own gardens! Annuals in 4" pots and packs, hanging baskets, organic grown veggie starts in packs. Perennials in pots and dug clumps from YOU! the friends and congregants of our church. Watch your emerging perennial beds and decide what you can "Divide and Clump-er." Wanna help, need help, or have any questions, contact Jim Downie jdownie@tds.net.

Introducing our Accompanist Heather Maconaghy

Heather's earliest musical memories began in churches, forecasting what has become a lifelong passion of serving faith communities through music.

Born in Toronto and raised in Southern California, Heather graduated with a B.A. in Piano Performance from the California State University, Northridge, and finally landed in Southern New Hampshire in 2000. She plays for services and supports the choir at Temple Beth Jacob in Concord, and was thrilled to join the Concord UU community supporting the choir and offering music in 2025. Heather also has served as Music Director for community theatre productions in Southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

"Opposite" of the musical pursuits is Heather's work as an insurance administrator, a process wonk, for the company which provides benefits to New England Teamsters.

Heather lives in Manchester, NH, with her husband Larry. When not working at one thing or another, Heather enjoys baking, crochet, and a good puzzle: particularly (cheating at) the New York Times crossword, or making a mess of the dining room with a jigsaw puzzle.

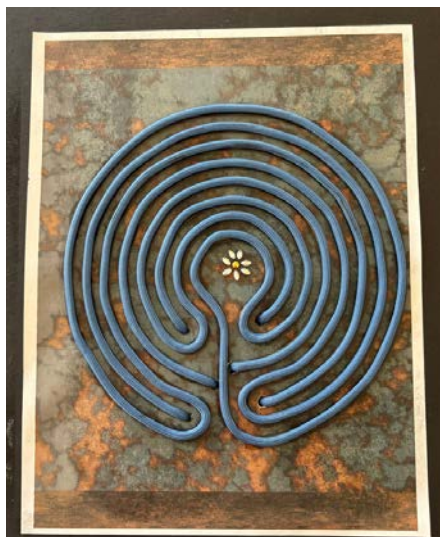




New Opportunities to experience the Labyrinth

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN CASEY

What is a Labyrinth? A labyrinth is a single winding path, usually a circular pattern, that leads in and out of a center. The labyrinth dates back to 4500 B.C. and maybe even earlier. It is used by many cultures, mystics, spiritual and religious traditions. The labyrinth may be described as "a metaphor for a journey to the center of our deepest self or symbolic of life's journey with its twists and turns, yet we always find our way."

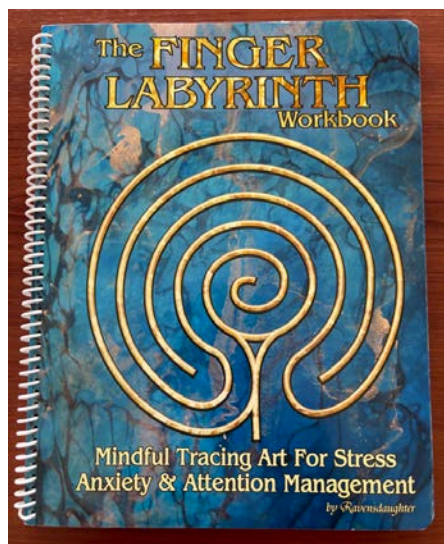


"Simply tracing the outline of a labyrinth on paper can be a soothing practice to counteract anxiety."

--Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health

We are pleased to offer new ways to experience the Labyrinth for those who may prefer to experience it from a seated position. We are offering a book with a variety of Labyrinths you can travel with your finger as well as a wooden labyrinth and hand-crafted labyrinths that allow you to travel with your finger(s) while keeping your eyes closed.

These "Hand-Held Labyrinths" will be available in Fellowship Hall for one hour before and one after the 7pm Taizé Service on April 6. Please come and experience the wonders of this Contemplative Practice.



Blue Moon Music House

a home for diverse music and art

Songs for
Mother Earth
(suggested theme)
Tues, April 8
7-9:30 pm

UU Church of Concord
in Fellowship Hall
274 Pleasant St, Concord, NH

Join us to share the love of music!
Fun supportive environment.
Sound board, mics, and keyboards set
up already for you.
Bring your instrument and plug in.
Bring some friends.

- **Sign up online/door** for 1-2 songs.
concorduu.org
- Enjoy a refreshment and snack.
- Suggested Donation \$5, if you can.
- For more info call Heidi at 603.660.8373

Thanks to our sponsor: UU Church of Concord

On March 12, members of the UU Art Lovers Group met in Manchester for lunch at the Bridge Café on Elm and then proceeded to the Currier Museum of Art for a tour. Special attention was given to the artists we studied during this winter's UU Art Talks from Home. UU Art Talks from Home will be offered again next winter beginning in January. Details will be published starting in November. All UU art lovers are enthusiastically welcomed to participate.





Octagon Dinners: Last One in the Series on May 10

The most recent round of Octagon Dinners took place, with five full octagons and much fun and conversation. Will you join us for this last one? If you would like to make connections with more people in our UU church; enjoy having conversations over a shared meal at the home of a friend; or expand your network of UU friends and acquaintances, then sign up to join the Octagon Dinner!

The next dinner will take place on May 10; the deadline to sign up is April 22. Again, all the names of those who want to attend are put in a hat, mixed up, and then the groups are formed. This way, you'll perhaps meet new people at the next dinner! Note: You don't have to sign up to host in order to participate.

- If you previously signed up to attend the May dinner, you don't need to do it again (check with Betsey or Ann if you're unsure)
- Meals are potluck
- Host gets to choose
 - what they will make, and will coordinate with others about contributions
 - the time of the dinner
- Conversation starters will be offered, but the group is free to decide how the conversation goes

Upon request, the church will try to offer two hours of childcare. Parents/guardians would drop their kids off at the church and then enjoy dinner at the host's home. Please sign up well ahead of the deadline so we can meet this need.

Questions? Contact Betsey Neville (betsey2003@tds.net) or Ann West (annjwest@gmail.com)
Ready to join? Sign up at uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/octagondinner





Senior Singles Social Group...

A wonderful way to connect and share good times together!

This new group is bursting with ideas for ways to share companionship, connection, and your favorite activities. Open to all 55 and older - we don't ask for birth certificates!

We now have an on line SSSG Activities Calendar where members can post activities they'd like to do with other members. Also we have added a member group email list for member communications. To join the group email list contact Becky Bosse at office@concorduu.org. As a member you will receive future notices and have access to the SSSG calendar to post activities and sign up to join in others' activities.

We are currently setting up another organizational meeting in April to be announced in the upcoming UU eBulletin. Stay tuned! We're a work in progress!

Celebrating our Long Term Members

Sunday, April 27 at 9 am

Thank you, Long Term Members! If you've been a member for 25 years or more, you are invited to our Long Term Member Breakfast on Sunday, April 27 at 9:00 am. You can even join us from afar via Zoom.

Our Long Term Members are the strong roots of this congregation and we'll be honoring you during our service. If you've been a member for 25+ years, you should have received a personal invitation from us in the mail. If you did not receive it, please let Lea Smith know so we can add you to our list. lea@concorduu.org or 224-0291 ext 3#.

Thank you to Janet Kelley-Vail for coordinating the breakfast!

Upcoming Special Events

Apr 1 to 6 | Silent Auction Online Bidding
Apr 2 | Wed | Exploring Membership Class #4
Apr 6 | Sun | New Member Covenanting
Young Explorers Auction
Goods & Service Auction @ 11:20 am
Community Luncheon @ 12:30 pm
Apr 8 | Tue | Blue Moon Music House @ 7 pm
Apr 10 | Thu | ELM Grounds Workday @ 10 am
Apr 12 | Sat | **SouperFest**
for the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness,
11 am to 1 pm at Concord Community Center
Apr 17 | Thu | Maundy Thursday Communion Svc @ 6 pm
Apr 19 | Sat | **Passover Seder Supper @ 5:30 pm**
Apr 20 | Sun | Easter Worship @ 10 am
Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:30 am
Easter Potluck Luncheon @ 12:30 pm
Stewardship Campaign Finale
Apr 26 | Sat | Beyond the Binary Conference
UU Friends of Refugees Potluck Dinner @ 6 pm
Apr 27 | Sun | Long-term Member Breakfast @ 9 am
All-Church Spring Grounds Clean-up @ 11:45 am
Apr 27 to May 4 | Family Promise Host Week

On our events lists on pages 18 and 19, **events that are in colored, bold print may be of special interest to kids and families.** At the request of several parents with young children, we're trying to make it easier to find the events that interest them. For other events, we may be able to offer childcare on request. Please request childcare at least two weeks in advance by emailing Dory LeCount, dory@concorduu.org.

Parish Notes Deadline

May issue: April 20
Submit to parishnotes@concorduu.org by 2 pm
on the day of the deadline.

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2024-25 Recurring Events

Special Worship Services

Taize at Concord UU - every 1st Sunday @ 7 pm, October through April

UU Worship at Havenwood - every 4th Thursday @ 1 pm, September through May

Earth Centered Spirituality Rituals - on or near solstices, equinoxes, and cross-quarter days

Faith Exploration Events

Sermon Dialogue - 1st Sundays at 11:45 am

Second Hour Adult Programs - 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 11:30 am

Young Explorers Program - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays at 10 am

Elder Circles of Healing & Wholeness- 2nd Fridays @ 10:30 am, October through May

Covenant Groups - monthly small group ministry (open enrollment in January)

Contemplative Events

Daily Silent Morning Meditation - Daily @ 7 am Zoom Only

Thursday Morning Meditation Group - Thursdays @ 7 am Zoom Only non-church link

Mindful Yoga - 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays @ 6:30 pm

Mindfulness Practice Group - 2nd and 4th Mondays @ 6 pm

Walking the Labyrinth - 1st Sundays starting @ 6 pm before and after Taize Service, October through April

Social, Family, & Fellowship Events

Youth Group - 2nd and 3rd Fridays @ 7 pm

Community Lunch - 2nd and 3rd Sundays @ 12:30 pm

Tuesday's Welcome Table - Tuesdays @ 6 pm

Games and Chocolate - 1st Fridays @ 6:30 pm

Art & Appetizers - 2nd Fridays @ 6 pm

Pancakes, Play & Planting Peace - 2nd Saturdays @ 9 am

Family Covenant Group - 3rd Fridays @ 6 pm (contact organizers before attending)

Neurospicy Humans Covenant Group - 3rd Saturdays @ 6 pm

Knitting Group - 2nd Saturdays @ 10 am

Musical Events

Choir Rehearsal - Thursdays, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

Choir Warm Up - Sundays when choir is singing @ 9 am

Drum Circle - 3rd Sundays @ 7 pm

Outreach Events

Friendly Kitchen prep and serve day - 1st Wednesdays @ 3 pm

Healing & Helping Events

Support Group for People with Parkinson's and their Care Partners - 1st Tuesdays @ 10 am

* PFLAG Support Group - 3rd Sundays @ 3 pm

* Renaissance New England Transgender Group - 2nd Saturdays @ 4 pm in September, November, January, March & May (contact organizers before attending)

* public support groups that meet at the church but are not church programs.

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