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PARISH NOTES

Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Concord

Where Will YoUU Worship?

SUBMITTED BY DORY LECOUNT
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Beginning in April our congregation will be experimenting with what it feels like, and looks like, to invite children and adults to gather together for after service offerings and activities. Our new “Where Will YoUU Worship” Board is located outside of the Lifespan Faith Exploration Office, for children and families to use together to make a selection on where children will spend their after service time.

Children are always invited to stay in the Rainbow Room or in the Young Explorers program, as they have become accustomed to. In addition, children 7 years old and up are formally invited to participate in contemplative practice, sermon dialogues, grounds clean up, and other events and activities which occur after the service has ended!

Before entering the Sanctuary on Sundays, children (alongside their caregivers) will thoughtfully consider the different offerings of the day, the skills necessary to successfully participate in each offering (using the YoUU Will Skills Key), and the needs of their family unit as a whole for that day. Then, they will place their name badge on the activity they would like to attend. Children 7-11 are expected to have an adult present with them in all offerings where there are no dedicated caregivers. Children 12+ may attend programming without an adult present. All caregivers will be expected to, and supported in, making the supervisory decision which works best for their unique family makeup and individual child.

This spring we will learn what it means to worship together, how we excel in community, and what our village needs to bloom and thrive. Please reach out to Dory with any and all of your questions.

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Sunday Worship is at 10 am

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

4/5/2026 “Village People”

Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Easter reminds us that life finds a way back. That something in us - in our communities - can rise again, longs to rise again and it does so in relationship. In that sense, a village is one of the primary places where resurrection happens, and we each play a role in the creation of that good news. What are those roles for us, the village people, and how do we connect those roles to another truth, expressed in our choir anthem, that “until all of us are free, we are none of us free”? Freedom, in a village, is not something we achieve alone. It is something we create together. And then join us for our newly imagined all ages Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt.

4/12/2026 “So, Are We Doing This?”

Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

On this New Member Covenanting Sunday, we ask: So, are we doing this? Can we walk the talk of creating the kind of village culture we have discussed in recent weeks? What will it take to get concrete? What are some ideas to get us going? What are YOUR ideas to make “a thing a thing?” Stay for 2nd Hour to have your voice heard as we build an even more thriving village.

4/19/2026 “Who Do We Say We Are: Promises & Prospects”

Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

For a village to function there needs to be a shared understanding of how we intend to be with each other. What are reasonable expectations of behavior when people from diverse stages of life and experiences mingle and interact? What are we willing to promise each other? And what is the legacy we hope to pass on?

4/26/2026 “Village Voices”

Village Team

A village is its people and the stories they tell about what the village means to them, how the village has supported them, and the spiritual and emotional path that has led them to find our village. Come hear village voices young and not quite as young, new and seasoned, while Michael and the youth group are on their civil rights tour in Alabama. We will also celebrate our long-term members with a pre-service breakfast and an acknowledgement of their role as pillars of our community.



Egg Hunt EGGstravaganza for ALL AGES! Sunday, April 5 @ 11:30am

Are you ready for an extra special egg hunt this year!? This year we are inviting children and adults alike to join in the egg hunting together! Adults and children will work together not only to search for eggs in the courtyard, but to also decode a series of clues that will lead egg hunters to different areas of our church and grounds to find MORE EGGS, MORE CANDY, and MORE FUN! Adults are encouraged to join in the searching along-side children this year. May we look to our children to remind us just how wonderful it is to be alive.

Youth Culture Seminar Friday, April 10 at 7pm

Do your grandkids seem to live in a universe apart, accessed by the screen on their phones? Do you sometimes struggle to understand text messages from your kids? Do you look at teenager fashion and think to yourself, "Kids these days..."? Or maybe you wonder what it's like to be at the high school when there's a lockdown - drill, or for real, or how peer pressure around drugs and alcohol is similar to, or different from, what you experienced. Come hear from our Youth Group about what holds their attention, what they mean by some of their cryptic sayings, what's cool and what's not, and how they feel about some of the issues of our times.

Proceeds will help defray the costs of the Youth Civil Rights Tour in Alabama. Suggested donation of \$15-20 (or whatever you can afford - more is definitely welcome, and no one will be turned away!) Light refreshments will be available.

Seder Supper | Saturday, April 11 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.





Family Promise Happenings

SUBMITTED BY PAM MOSCA

April 26 to May 3, 2026 will be our fourth and final week of this church year hosting families in the greater Concord community experiencing homelessness. We hosted 3 families for one week in October, December and January.

If you would like to learn about volunteer opportunities for this innovative program, please reach out to the church office to be put in touch with our UU Family Promise coordinators.

Mark your calendars: **Family Promise Volunteer Gratitude Potluck Celebration** at our UU church: Sunday, May 3 at 2pm.

“Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it.”

- Howard Thurman



FAMILY PROMISE GUESTS
PLAY WITH THE CHILD OF
ONE OF OUR HOSTS!





Pancakes, Play, and Planting Peace Saturday, April 11 @ 9 am

Join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month for a Pancake Breakfast and a service project! This month will be special, as this year's cohort of our 7-9th grade OWL participants and their parents have been invited to join for pancakes and fellowship as part of their final celebrations! Our service project this month will be making Thank You Cards for members of our community who we recognize have served us in one or many ways. We can't wait to see you there! All configurations of families welcome! Bring your grandchildren, your neighbors, your niblings, your parents and your friends!

Rainbow Room Nursery Every Sunday 9:50 to 12:30

Children 6 weeks - 4 years old are invited to join Bayshay and Riley for play and fellowship in the Rainbow Room Nursery. The Nursery is a space for our youngest UUs to experience the love and care of our village in a safe and age appropriate environment.

Children 0-4 can be dropped off and picked up any Sunday between 9:50 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Children 5-13 are welcome on 4th and 5th Sundays after service. Children 10 and up who would like to volunteer as helpers in the Rainbow Room are welcome with advance notice.

Young Explorers 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays 10:15-12:45pm

Children 5-13 are invited to join Amir for playful exploration of our monthly sermon topics and fellowship outside on our grounds. Children begin in the Armenia White Room with a circle gathering, a chalice lighting, and an introduction to the weekly topic. Then play moves outdoors, where children stay together exploring their budding friendships and faith through play in the Grove, on the Playspace, and among the trees on the trails.





Building Beloved Community Beyond the Binary

Folks from UU Nashua, UU Manchester and UU Concord have been working hard to put together a robust satellite site for the **Building Beloved Community Beyond the Binary Conference**, **Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 to 3:30**, at the **UU Church of Nashua**.

In addition to the online programming, we've got some great in-person workshops coming together, a closing panel about Being Trans/Nonbinary in NH, and some good networking with NH LGBTQ+ orgs coming to table during lunch. We're also working on some youth specific programming, and planning a Beyond the Binary Kids Camp for kids 2-12.



A place to find community with transgender & nonbinary folx, their families, and allies. A conference for us to gather, learn, and grow.

Saturday, April 18, 2026
8:30am-3:30pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua, NH
58 Lowell Street, Nashua, NH

More info & registration 

Celebrating our Long Term Members Sunday, April 26 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 26 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!



Stewardship Update: A Village with Love at the Center

Dear Friends,

We are two weeks into our pledge campaign, “A Village with Love at the Center,” and there is wonderful news to share: as of this writing, March 22nd, we are more than halfway to our goal!

This is something to celebrate. It reflects the care, commitment, and generosity that already live at the heart of this congregation. Each pledge is a sign that this village matters—that what we create together, grounded in Love, truly makes a difference.

And, we still have important work ahead.

Reaching our full goal will allow us to sustain and grow the ministries that connect us—our worship, our care for our staff, our ability to work together, justice work, and the expanding ways we gather both in person and in our virtual village.

If you have already pledged, thank you. You are helping build this village in real and meaningful ways. If you are still considering your pledge, we invite you to join us. Every gift, of every size, brings us closer to the village we are called to be. To make or change your pledge, go to uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/pledgeform or use the blue pledge card you can find in the Parlor.

As stated before, your pledge is not simply a line in a budget. It is a declaration that this village matters. It is an act of trust in our shared future. It is Love made visible.

Together, we are not just meeting a budget - we are shaping a community with Love at the center.

With gratitude and hope,
Your Stewardship Team



Grounds & Forest Survey Results and Next Steps

By Andy Duncan & Laurel Horne

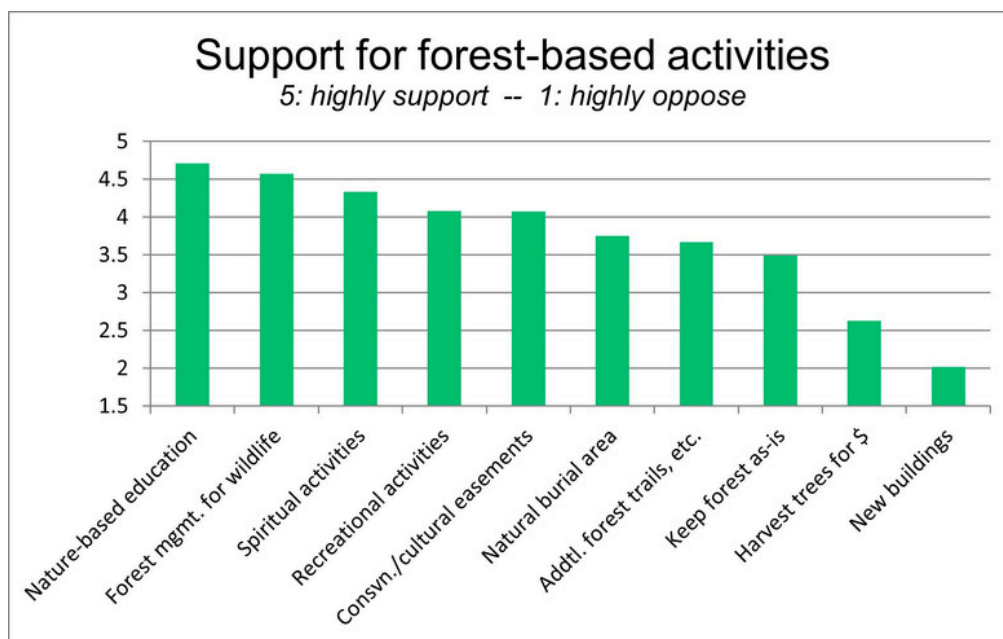
Thank you to the 147 respondents to our “**Grounds and Forest Visionary Plan Survey.**” Your responses and comments are very helpful as the Ecological Land Management (ELM) Steering Committee sets up this master plan for the 18 acres of church land beyond our building. We aim to have the Plan complete by the end of calendar year 2026. Your responses confirmed some of our hunches and gave us new insights. We strongly encourage all who are interested to **join us in person after the Church service on May 3 and/or via Zoom on May 14** to discuss goals and potential activities for our beloved grounds and forest.

Synopsis of Survey Results

A lot of the respondents don't regularly visit the grounds, Memorial Garden, or forest beyond the grounds. That was good for us to know and plan for - both to engage with church members of all ages with activities outside, and to recognize that some church members may not be able to get outside easily.

There was **very high support for nature-based education for both youth and adults.** Many of the current or potential grounds activities received support, such as **native plantings**, as well as **food and demonstration gardens.** Both **spiritual and recreational grounds-based activities** received strong support. There was less support for non-native plantings, in sync with ELM group's native plantings emphasis to benefit biodiversity and ecosystem health.

As shown on the chart below, there was more variation in support for forest activities. Most respondents were against harvesting trees or erecting new buildings in the forest, but they supported **forest management for wildlife and ecological health.** The church has applied to USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Services for a grant to help pay for the forest management plan aspect of the overall plan, and NRCS also has cost-share grants for wildlife and ecological enhancements.



Grounds & Forest Survey Results and Next Steps

Spiritual activities in the forest were also widely supported, with a preference for peaceful, nature-based spiritual activities. Respondents were also interested in **group-based spiritual activities and organized hikes into the woods**. There was some interest in a natural burial area, but respondents want to know more about the particulars of this and other potential activities.

If you asked in the survey to be contacted directly, we will be reaching out in April.

You can learn more about potential activities and provide your perspective about church's land management vision and goals at two upcoming input sessions:

- **Sunday, May 3, in-person after the service.** Matthias Nevins, the forester who is mapping and evaluating the forest land will be joining us and will have some maps of the property.
- **Virtually via Zoom on Thursday, May 14 at 7 pm.** You will need to request the Zoom link by contacting Becky in the church office, or emailing Andy or Laurel.

If you do want to get outside and help out, the **all-church Spring Clean-up Day is Sunday, April 26** after church.

ELM also has a **work day focused on invasive plant removal on Sunday, April 19** after church. Families are welcome and encouraged to participate in both events.





Why My Heart Is Here

SUBMITTED BY KAREN THOMAS

I am here because I belong here. I feel seen and I feel heard.

My husband, Craig, and I joined UU Concord in the fall of 2023, though my journey with Unitarian Universalism began about a decade ago.

I was raised Catholic, but while going through a divorce, I began to re-evaluate my relationship with God and my core beliefs. I realized the Catholic Church was no longer the right place for me. Craig, on the other hand, grew up in the UU faith. Together, we went “church shopping,” exploring different denominations before landing at the UU Church in Nashua—the same church where Craig was raised. We have three children. While our older two wanted nothing to do with any church, our youngest, Asher, joined us willingly and regularly. Asher became deeply involved in the OWL (Our Whole Lives) program, built strong connections with other youth, and eventually worked as a childcare provider during services. As Asher grew roots, so did I. I joined the Community Dinner program, the Membership Team, and various Covenant Groups. During our time in Nashua, Asher learned the importance of becoming one's authentic self and eventually came out as transgender. I have learned so much from this kid! Throughout that journey, we felt nothing but love and support from the UU community.

In 2020, life shifted. Asher graduated from high school and was headed to college in Portland, Oregon. With Craig working remotely, we began to wonder what our lives as empty nesters might look like. We eventually found our retirement home: a small house in Belmont, NH, on Lake Winnisquam.

While the pandemic allowed us to stay connected to Nashua virtually, I knew I eventually needed to find a UU community closer to home for in-person worship. We went “church shopping” again, visiting congregations in Laconia and Franklin, but neither felt quite right. Finally, at the encouragement of our UU Nashua friends, we checked out UU Concord.

It immediately felt like home. The people were welcoming and engaging, and the programming—especially the music—was amazing. I loved the choir and wondered if I could join, but having no experience, I felt well outside my comfort zone. Then, during a service, Michael announced that the choir was open to everyone, regardless of experience. I felt like he was speaking directly to me. I took a leap of faith and attended a rehearsal. From that first moment, I felt I truly belonged. Since then, I've joined the Worship Associates, where we meet monthly to brainstorm themes and come up with "pithy" service titles. I've even helped facilitate summer services.

I keep coming back because of the connections and friendships I've made through the choir, the Worship Associates, and most recently, pickleball!



Growing Vegetables: From Seed to Garden

Friday, April 10, 2026 • 5:00 PM

SUBMITTED BY LEAH POWERS



Join us for a hands-on conversation about how to grow your own vegetable garden—from choosing seeds to transplanting young plants into the garden. Whether you're brand new to gardening or already have a green thumb, this informal gathering is open to all ages.

We'll talk about:

- Preparing your garden for planting
- Starting vegetables indoors from seed
- Choosing seed varieties that thrive in our area
- Factors that affect germination
- Proper watering and seedling care
- Handling, transplanting, and hardening off young plants

Late arrivals are welcome, so feel free to join whenever you can.

Seeds and potting soil will be provided. Feel free to bring your own seed varieties if you'd like to start something special.

We'll also be reusing materials for planting—please bring clean plastic recyclables (such as yogurt cups or small containers) that can be used as seed-starting pots.

After the event, you may leave your seedlings at the church under the grow lights or take them home, whichever works best for you. Seedlings left at the church will be placed under grow lights and displayed in the hallway near the parlor, where you can stop by and watch them sprout and grow.

The event will take place in the courtyard or the fellowship hall, depending on the weather. Come plant some seeds, learn a few new gardening tricks, and enjoy fellowship with other green thumbs!



Spirit Week | April 12th to 19th

At Concord UU, it is common to be asked the question: How Is Your Spirit?

Last year in March we held our first Spirit Week where that question reverberated throughout our church gatherings. We have decided to once again explore this multifaceted question in our beloved community.

Spirit Week is an invitation to make intentional space for reflection on what matters most, on what brings us alive, on the energy that animates us and connects us to the universe in all its mystery. Spirit Week encourages us to “take a breath” as we go about our personal and congregational routines, adding a layer of awareness and consciousness to whatever it is we are doing. Spirit Week invites us to open our hearts and minds to holy inspiration.

Spirit Week invites you to explore your spirit by participating in offerings at the Church or at home.

- Look for daily missives in your email starting April 12, inviting you to daily activities at the church, as well as some inspirational words and a spiritual practice for you to try at home
- Saturday, April 18, 2026, 9 am to 4 pm in the Sanctuary (and on Zoom): an all-day meditation retreat led by John Bell, ordained Buddhist Dharma Teacher in the Plum Village tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh.)
- Experience singing bowls or meditate at noon in the sanctuary or in the Daily Sit (a daily on-line silent meditation via Zoom), yoga, mindfulness meditation, a communal meal, a special coffee house, guided walks in our beautiful woods behind the church, and more.

From the Spirit Week Planning Team:

Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger, Margaret Fletcher, Janet Kelley-Vail, Jeanne Ann Whittington, Ann West, Heidi Page, and Betsy Black

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Blue Moon Music House | April 14

SUBMITTED BY HEIDI PAGE

We are celebrating Spirit Week with Contemplative & Heartfelt Songs. We will be in the Sanctuary. There will be our tables and chairs set up along with some cushions for those wanting to meditate with the music, poems, chanting...

Please join us after the Welcome Table meal or stop in from 7 to 9 on Tuesday, April 14. \$5 donation (if you can).

Please sign up early if you are interested in performing at <https://forms.gle/j9PGrgAh8N7j9hNp9>



Financial Reports for Quarter 2 of 2025-26 are available on our church Google Drive. Church Members and Friends may request the link from Lea Smith, lea@concorduu.org.



On Wednesday, March 11, members of the UU Art Lovers Group traveled to the Addison Gallery of American Art in Andover, Massachusetts, to view many of the artists we studied during the winter series, including John Leslie Breck, Robert Henri and the Ashcan School painters, and modernists Carmen Herrera and Leon Polk Smith. We made a coffee stop on the way down to the Addison; spent the morning touring the galleries; and enjoyed lunch together on our return trip back to Concord.



More Dungeons and Dragons!

SUBMITTED BY SABRINA STANWOOD

D&D 101

April 12 | 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Have you ever been interested in Dungeons and Dragons but didn't know where to start? Come join us for D&D 101. In this 1-hour session you'll get:

- An overview of what D&D is and how it's played
- Guidance for building a character

After you attend D&D 101, you'll be added to our players group, and invited to play in a future adventure. Due to the time needed to familiarize yourself with a new character and for the Dungeon Master to prepare, we ask that new players wait until the next scheduled adventure session to play.

D&D One Shot Adventure

April 12 starting at 12:45 pm

This Adventure is for those who are already in our players group. If you aren't already in our players group, attend D&D 101 so you can join in next time! Childcare provided. If your kids will be attending and you'd like to help pay for childcare, go to concorduu.org/child-care-payments

More Laughter!

SUBMITTED BY BETSY KENNEDY

You can laugh for no reason!

Is this an April Fool's joke? NO! Many of you can now attest that this is true. Unless of course you say you are laughing for your health, which is very true. That's a good reason. Our next **first and third Tuesdays for Laughter Yoga will be April 7 and 21 at 5 pm** in the chapel. No mat needed, just your lungs and mouth, and whatever is attached to them. Remember to be laughter, it's contagious, but in a good way.

Here is a real award I got. I am a seasonal worker at LLBean.





Plant & Yard Sale | Saturday, May 16

SUBMITTED BY JIM DOWNIE

As we transition to greener landscapes and warmer temperatures, it's also time to remind everyone of the Concord area's most coveted and exciting springtime event, the UU Church Plant & Yard sale!!!! Comin' at ya Saturday, May 16.

It's time to take a good look at some things you have, yet haven't been using. It was a good idea at the time, but let's face it, you really don't need it. Someone else could really use it. And now is the perfect time to put aside to donate to our annual Plant and Yard Sale! Your items will find a new home and the proceeds will help our church village.

We will be accepting donations at the church during the week leading up to the sale.

Note: no books, clothing, furniture nor large electronics or outdated tech.

Once again we'll be offering a wide selection of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and organically grown vegetable starts. So please start a few extra seeds, root some houseplant cuttings and very much please peruse your perennial beds to see what plants or ground covers you can dig up to donate!! There are no unwanted plants!!

For clarity, questions, or an interest in volunteering for this one of a kind event, contact one of our most affable co-chairs, Betsy Kennedy (yard sale) or Jim Downie (plant sale). Find us in the church directory, ask the church office how to reach us, or seek us out after Sunday services.

Board of Trustees | March Meeting

SUBMITTED BY ANNE MEYERS, BOARD SECRETARY

- As a Board, we deeply considered financial structure and the various implications of change.
- We reflected on the learning that resulted from the Burlington inter-congregational financial review.
- We began our preparation for the annual meeting and warrant.





Octagon Dinners: Last One in the Series on May 16

Are you looking to make connections with more people in our UU church? Do you enjoy having conversations over a shared meal at the home of a friend? Are you new and looking to get to know more people at our church? Would you like to expand your network of UU friends and acquaintances? Then sign up to join the Octagon Dinners!

The next, and last, dinner will take place on May 16. Names of those who want to attend are chosen randomly to join in a group of eight people for dinner. The number of “octagons” depends on how many people sign up to participate.

Details:

- Meals are potluck.
- Host gets to choose:
 - what they will make (they don't have to make the main dish) 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.
- Names go into a “hat” and names are drawn until there's a total of 8 for dinner, including the host(s).
- You can sign up with a buddy; let us know if you'd like us to put you together at a dinner.
- The dinner is scheduled for May 16. However, once the groups are set up, that group is free to change the date of their dinner.
- Deadline to sign up is May 2.
- 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. You may sign up for this on the link below, or you may reach out to Dory LeCount directly at dory@concorduu.org.

Questions? Contact Betsey Neville or Ann West by looking them up in the directory, or asking the church office to put you in touch.

Ready to join? Sign up at uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/octagondinner2026





Senior Singles Group celebrates a year of good times

March was the Senior Singles Group one year anniversary and we celebrated in SSG style - fun, food, and as always feelings of connection and companionship! We are looking forward to a second year of this lively, spirited group!

Sometimes people ask if we are a dating group and the answer is no. We are a group of single UUs aged 55+ who enjoy sharing interests and activities together. If you sometimes find living alone seems lonely and are perhaps wishing for more social connection, the UU Senior Singles Group is an opportunity to enjoy good company. We are a fun-loving group offering a wide variety of activities. Members are an active part of planning and organizing what we do.

If you are interested in the Senior Singles Group just contact Becky at the UU office (becky@concorduu.org). She will then connect you with one of our members to chat about our group and answer any questions you may have. If you decide you would like to join the group, Becky can add you to our group email list of members and you will then receive our regular emails and updates.

SSG APRIL CALENDAR

Weekly Activities

Stay Active Wednesdays

When: April 1, 8, 15, 22

For specific times and places please check our Bi-Weekly Update emailed to all members on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Fifth Wednesdays occur in some months. These are “free” activity days and members can connect with each other and arrange any activities.

Activities for April may include a movie night, an outdoor walk in East Concord, the Bookish Club, a pot luck dinner, and maybe a visit to a member’s sauna and hot tub (ooo la la!). Final activity selection and dates are set at the March Monthly Meeting and sent out in the Bi-Weekly Update.

Recurring Monthly Meetings

SSG Monthly Social Hour, 2nd Friday each month at 1:30

When: Fri., April 10, 1:30

Where: Teen Room (Abenaki), UU Church

SSG Monthly Meeting, 4th Sunday every month at 1:30

When: Sun., April 26, 1:30

Where: Teen Room (Abenaki), UU Church

DOOR PRIZE EVERY TIME!

Upcoming Special Events

Apr 2 Thu Poetic Eddas Reading Group (ECSG) @ 6 pm
Apr 5 Sun **Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt @ 11:30 am**
Apr 5 to May 9 **Mystery Match Swapping**
Apr 10 Fri **Growing Vegetables @ 5 pm**
Youth Culture Seminar @ 7 pm
Apr 11 Sat **Spring Grove Opening @ 11:30 am**
Passover Seder Supper @ 5:30 pm
Apr 12 Sun New Member Covenanting
D & D 101 @ 11:30 am
D & D One Shot Adventure @ 12:45 pm
Apr 12-19 Contemplative Practice Spirit Week
Apr 18 Sat
Living Into Unbroken Wholeness Retreat 9 am - 4 pm
**Building Beloved Community Beyond the Binary
at UU Church of Nashua 8:30 am - 3:30 pm**
Apr 25 Sat UU Action NH Annual Meeting 9 am to 3 pm
Apr 25 to May 2 Youth Group Southern Civil Rights Tour
Apr 26 Sun Long-Term Member Breakfast @ 9 am
All-Church Spring Grounds Clean-up @ 11:45 am
Apr 26-May 3 Family Promise Host Week
May 2 Sat ELM Perennial Splitting Workshop @ 10 am
Beltane Ritual | Earth Centered Spirituality @ 3 pm
May 3 Sun Grounds and Forest Visionary Plan
Engagement Session @ 11:45 am
Family Promise Volunteer Potluck Celebration @ 2 pm

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.** 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 19
Submit to parishnotes@concorduu.org by 2 pm
on the day of the deadline.

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2025-26 Recurring Events

Special Worship Services

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

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

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

Faith Exploration Events

Sermon Dialogue - 1st, 4th & 5th Sundays @ 11:45am

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

Young Explorers Program - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays @ 10am through May

Youth Group - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Fridays @ 7pm (new youth contact Michael before attending)

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

Covenant Groups - monthly small group ministry open enrollment in January

Power of Myth Viewing and Discussion - 3rd Wednesdays @ 6:30pm, through May

Contemplative Events

Daily Silent Morning Meditation - Daily @ 7am Zoom Only

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

UU Yoga - 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays @ 6:30pm, Sept through May

Mindfulness Practice Group - 2nd and 4th Mondays @ 6:30pm, Sept through May

Social, Family, & Fellowship Events

Community Lunch - 2nd and 3rd Sundays @ 12:30pm, September through May

Tuesday's Welcome Table - Tuesdays @ 6pm (cancelled on April 28)

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

Art & Appetizers - 2nd Fridays @ 6pm

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

Knitting Group - 2nd Saturdays @ 10am

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

Neurospicy Humans Group - 3rd Saturdays @ 6pm

Musical Events

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

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

Drum Circle - 3rd Sundays @ 7pm

Blue Moon Music House - 2nd Tuesdays @ 7pm

Outreach Events

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

Healing & Helping Events

American Sign Language Practice Group - Sundays @ 8:30am

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

Laughter Yoga - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 5pm

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