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Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist Church
of Concord

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...and more!

Annual Village Camp-In June 5 at 5:30 pm to June 6 at 9:30 am

Bring some dinner food to share, a tent, instruments to play, s'mores fixings, and participate in our annual Village Camp-In! This is an opportunity to enjoy the fun of camping with your church friends, with the conveniences of indoor plumbing, kitchen, and other amenities of church close at hand.

We play games, talk, sing, dance, and laugh together before snuggling in for a night in a tent (or inside the building, or... yes, you could go home and sleep in your own bed.) In the morning, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a pancake breakfast before we break camp and head to our respective weekend activities. Come for some or all, but come! It is a wonderful chance to get to spend time together, get to know new people and connect with old friends, in a relaxed family-friendly environment.

Youth age 13 and older may come without their parents if arrangements are made in advance so we can have appropriate chaperones assigned. Contact Michael, michael@concorduu.org, by May 22 if your youth would like to join the fun.





Sunday Worship is at 10 am

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

5/3/2026 “Awakening Our Natural Curiosity”

Ecological Land Management (ELM) Steering Committee

What does it mean to be spiritually connected to nature? What is your connection to nature and how does it fit in with your spiritual path? How can this spiritual foundation help guide our stewardship plan of the 18 acres of land we own.

5/10/2026 “Ice Cream is Good for You?”

Rev. Suzanne Rude

Beginning at the turn of this century, nutritional scientists have repeatedly and unexpectedly found that eating ice cream in moderation is good for us. The way in which scientists have responded to these unforeseen, unwelcome, yet undeniable findings, can teach us a lot about how to deal with uncertainty and curiosity; and more so, what to do when our own plans and expectations clash with the twists and turns life brings our way.

5/17/2026 “Civil Rights Up Close & Personal”

Youth Group

Come hear stories and insights from our Youth Group as they reflect on their experiences in Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham. Learn about the impact of visiting the Legacy Museum, the National Memorial for Peace & Justice, and walking across the Edmund Pettus bridge. How does a service at Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church compare to a UU service? And what’s the connection between the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site and the oldest living Unitarian Universalist?

5/24/2026 “Why Be Curious”

Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

There are seasons in our lives when curiosity feels natural - almost effortless. We ask questions. We lean in. We wonder. The world feels textured, alive, ready for exploration in the best possible way. And then there are other seasons - seasons when curiosity feels ... out of reach. What is the importance of curiosity in our lives? How do we rekindle a curious state of mind, a heart wide open? How does curiosity relate to our sense of hope?

5/31/2026 “Igniting the Spark”

Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

There is something remarkable about curiosity—something almost electric. You can feel it when it enters a room. It often begins quietly. One person leans in. One person asks a genuine question - not to debate, not to prove a point, but to understand. And suddenly, something shifts. Others begin to lean in, too. The energy changes. The room becomes more alive. Curiosity, it turns out, is contagious. It can ignite a spark within us, and spread with abundance to become a communal practice - a powerful antidote to the transmission of fear, outrage, and certainty, a pathway to hope in our hearts.



Why Our Hearts Are Here

SUBMITTED BY BEELER AND JONATHAN LILE-SEXTON

We met at a church. A church very different from Concord UU. The Sunday service was held in a small theater with 15 to 20 people in attendance. While the intimacy of such a church would be conducive of community, we felt like that was lacking. Fast forward three years, we were facing a big move across the country wondering how we would find community in a place foreign to us. In our searching, we came across Concord UU.

Our first involvement with the church was attending the Christmas Eve service virtually. From that service, we felt like finding home in Concord might not be as hard as we thought. The first Sunday we were in Concord, our moving truck hadn't even arrived yet, we made our way to Concord UU.

In the announcements that morning, Michael mentioned the Tuesday night open table dinners. As vegans, we instantly knew we were in the right place! A church that we can eat at? Sign us up! Those dinners gave us a weekly space to belong even in the early weeks and months of finding our place in our new town. It felt refreshing to show up authentically and vulnerably and know that others would reciprocate that sentiment.

In a newsletter a few months later, the UU softball team was asking for players. Jonathan grew up playing baseball, and I enjoyed watching, so Jonathan joined the team. He was met with people who wanted to build connections with teammates and share the UU spirit through competition. I joined the crowd, a strong group of partners and parents there to cheer on the team. In that group, I found community and opportunities just by sitting on a blanket next to fellow UU members. We anxiously await the next season so that more memories and stories can be shared.

Our time at Concord UU has been short, but in that time we've built a community we only dreamed of forming when we took our first steps into the building. We look forward to many more Tuesday night dinners, softball games, octagon dinners, and nights playing pickleball with our fellow UU community. We are grateful that our hearts are welcome here.

'Why My Heart is Here' showcases how congregants' roles and activities at Concord UU help them find connection and meaning in their lives at church. By spotlighting these stories, we hope to show how you might also find your heart's home here.





Mystery Match Reveal Party Saturday, May 9th, 9am to 11am

If you participated in Mystery Match join us for a family pancake breakfast and the chance to meet your match in person!! Alongside pancakes, coffee, and intergenerational fun, there will be friendship rock painting, games, and opportunities for conversation and laughter. Come together in fellowship and service as we continue to strengthen our village!



Pancakes, Play, and Planting Peace Saturday, May 9th, 9am to 11am

Join us for a family pancake breakfast and a service project for kids! This month we are combining the pancake breakfast with our Mystery Match Reveal Party! We will spend time getting to know our village and painting friendship rocks to leave around the church grounds to spread joy. All are welcome to this community breakfast.

We don't publish the personal contact info of our congregants in this newsletter, to protect them from scams. You can look them up in Breeze (our directory) or ask the office staff to connect you. To get access to Breeze, email breeze@concorduu.org.



Friends of Refugees Fun & Fellowship Potluck Dinner May 23 at 6pm

Submitted by Kath Butcher

UUFOR (Unitarian Universalist Friends of Refugees) invites past, current and interested volunteers to come together for a shared meal and conversation. We will meet Saturday May 23rd at 6pm. The meal will be pot luck. Please sign up with the number attending as well as what you can bring for food with Kath Butcher by looking her up in Breeze or through office@concorduu.org. If you are not able to bring food you are still welcome to attend. Thanks!



Above: UU FOR Circle 17 befriended a Venezuelan family as they settled in Concord. They enjoyed dinner together at Michael's house.

Concord UU Softball Team

Submitted by Bobby Nord



The Concord UU softball team starts practicing on Sundays at 4pm on May 17. Our games in the Concord Church League are on Monday nights and will start in June (exact dates TBD).

If you would like to have some outdoor fun in the summer please come out and play with us! Our team is coed and all ages (16+) can play. We have players at all skill levels - everyone is welcome to join us.

Please call or text Bobby Nord for more details. (Look him up in Breeze or ask the church office for his number.)



Annual Plant and Yard Sale

Saturday, May 16 | 9 am to 1 pm

From Betsy Kennedy, Yard Sale Leader:

The annual, massive, amazing, you-set-the-price fundraiser yard sale is upon us! Please share this date with everyone!

You can start dropping off donations at the church on May 10. No clothes, books, furniture or out-dated electronics.

If you would like to volunteer either before (set up), during (the sale) or after (take whatever is left to Good Will or its equivalent), reach out to Betsy Kennedy by looking her up in Breeze or through the church office.

From Jim Downie, Plant Sale Leader:

Looking for volunteers to help set up and take down both Friday and Saturday.

Please, please bring plant donations in for the sale. Any and all kinds, including house plants! Start bringing donations in the week leading up to the sale. Leave them on the crushed stone by the wall in the courtyard next to the hose. Pots are there for anyone that needs any. Please pot up and label all plants with kind and flower color if it blooms.

Once again we'll be offering a large selection of annuals, organic grown vegetable starts, hanging baskets and perennials! All grown at local greenhouses and nurseries. I will have a limited amount of Winant lilacs that originally came from the estate of Governor John Gilbert Winant, which was located on the land where our church now sits.





One More Octagon Dinner This Year - Sign Up by May 2

SUBMITTED BY ANN WEST

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

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? Then sign up to join the next, and last, Octagon Dinner this church year, 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 groups of eight people sign up to participate.

- 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 “hats” 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.

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 when you register, or you may reach out to Dory LeCount directly at dory@concorduu.org.

Questions? Contact Betsey Neville or Ann West.





Annual Meeting Warrant

June 7th, 2026

To all members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Church will be held on Sunday, June 7th, 2026 at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall and via the Zoom remote meeting platform to consider and act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 To receive a Board of Trustees presentation with no vote to be taken.

ARTICLE 2 To receive and accept the minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 3 To adopt an operating budget for 2026-27

ARTICLE 4 To adopt a capital budget for 2026-27

ARTICLE 5 To amend Articles V and VI of the Bylaws of the church to change the financial structure. The proposed amendments are published in the Annual Meeting Prep Packet.

A 2/3 majority vote of approval by the members present would be necessary to pass ARTICLE 5.

ARTICLE 6 To amend Article VIII Section 2 of Bylaws of the church. The proposed amendments are published in the Annual Meeting Prep Packet.

A 2/3 majority vote of approval by the members present would be necessary to pass ARTICLE 6.

ARTICLE 7 To receive and accept the Slate of Candidates.

ARTICLE 8 To receive and accept the Annual Reports published in the Annual Meeting Prep Packet.

ARTICLE 9 To act upon such additional business as may appropriately be brought before the meeting.

Craig Whitson

Board of Trustees Chair

All Articles require a simple majority to pass except for ARTICLES 5 and 6 which require a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority to pass.

Interested people are welcome to come to the meeting and may speak when properly recognized by the moderator, but may not vote unless their name is included on the list of members provided 15 days in advance of the meeting, pursuant to Article IV, Section 4 of the Church's Bylaws.



Engage in Our Church Democracy! Annual Meeting Approaching

All are invited to attend our **Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 7th at 11:30am**. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall. (A Zoom option is available for those unable to attend in person.) Your participation truly matters as we address important church business. A light lunch and childcare will be provided.

To help you prepare, a packet including proposed budgets, proposed bylaws changes, and more will be made available in mid-May. We look forward to seeing you there!

Budget & Bylaws Forum Sunday, May 31 at 11:45am

Our Voting Members have the privilege and responsibility to vote on our 2026-27 operating and capital budgets. At the Budget Forum, we'll share the proposed budgets, and the rationale for them. The proposed budgets are prepared by Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger and Director of Membership & Administration Lea Smith, in consultation with the Board of Trustees, Stewardship Team, Operations Leadership Team, Finance Committee, and all committee chairs.

The Board of Trustees will also explain the rationale for two proposed bylaws changes, both related to financial management and structure.

Bring all your questions! **If you have questions or plan to speak about these matters at the Annual Meeting, we kindly request you attend the Budget & Bylaws Forum first, so your vote will be informed and your comments will be accurate.** You can attend the Budget & Bylaws Forum in person or on Zoom.

Slate of Candidates to be Elected

Board members: 4 year term to end in 2030

- Anne Meyers (re-elect, plans to serve two years)
- Beeler Lile-Sexton
- Steve Elgert
- Anna Morrison

Custodian of Investments: one year term

- Jack Wakelin (re-elect)

Financial Secretaries [or Assistant Treasurers]: one year term

- Lorraine Ellis (re-elect)
- Ann West (re-elect)

Moderator: one year term

- John Tobin

Clerk: one year term

- Ann Hoey (re-elect)

Investments Committee Member: 4 year term

- Alice DonnaSelva (re-elect)



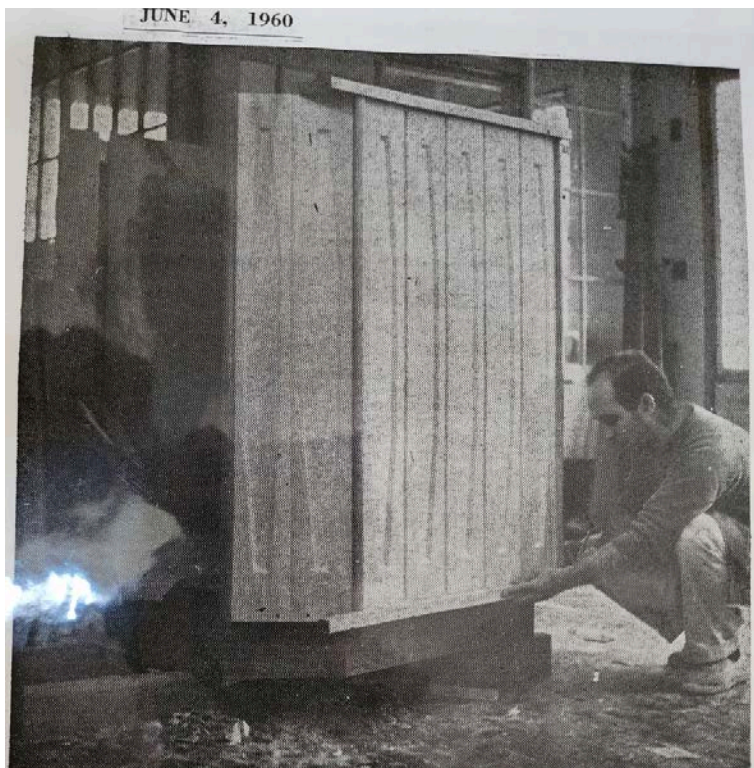
A Bit of Church History: Creation of the Sanctuary Furniture

Most of the Sanctuary furniture was created when the building was built in 1960, by a well-known cabinet-maker, Alejandro de la Cruz. According to his 1990 obituary in the Concord Monitor, de la Cruz was born in Spain in 1924. During the Spanish Civil War, he was seriously injured in the face by shrapnel at the age of 12, and his father was killed. He apprenticed as a cabinet-maker in Spain. He left Spain after deserting from the Spanish Army under the dictatorship of Francisco Franco. Eventually, de la Cruz came to the United States in 1945 with assistance from the Unitarian Service Committee. He settled and set up a woodworking shop in Canterbury, NH.

He crafted the pews, chancel chairs, and pulpit out of cherry, poplar, and oak. (The pulpit is currently in the Parlor.) Our church has copies of Concord Monitor articles that tell more about de la Cruz' fascinating life and his process of making the Sanctuary furniture. To read them, [click here](#) or ask in the church office.



SANCTUARY CHAIR FINISHED — Alejandro de la Cruz, Canterbury craftsman, puts finishing touches to towering chair for new Unitarian church. Chair, of fine cherry wood, will have cushion on seat and decorative tapestry drop from head-piece.



PULPIT FOR UNITARIAN CHURCH — Fine detail of panelling shows in photo of new pulpit for church nearing completion on Pleasant street. Alejandro de la Cruz, Canterbury artisan, measures solid cherry strip which will set off gleaming white of octagonal sides of pulpit.

Thank you to the Concord Monitor for permission to share these photos.



300 Years Later: Commemorative Service Honors Central New Hampshire's Religious Roots on May 15

Tucked at the corner of East Side Drive and West Sugarball Road stands a modest monument that many longtime residents have passed without notice. Yet this site marks a defining moment in the region's history: the first recorded religious service in central New Hampshire, held on May 15, 1726.

That early gathering laid the foundation for a vibrant and enduring faith community. Six Concord congregations trace their origins directly to that pioneering service: First Congregational Church—founded by those who led the original gathering—and five additional congregations established as the city grew: **The Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord (1827)**, West Congregational Church (1833), South Congregational Church (1837), East Congregational Church (1842), and Immanuel Community Church (1900).

The monument's location between the two campuses of Havenwood-Heritage Heights is especially fitting. Founded by members of these congregations and affiliated with the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ, Havenwood-Heritage Heights also shares in this historic lineage, connecting past and present through a common spiritual heritage.

On May 15 at 1:30 PM, members of Concord's faith community will gather at the monument for a brief commemorative service marking the 300th anniversary of that first worship gathering. The service will be led by Rev. Emilia Halstead of First Congregational Church, with music provided by the Memorial Bells of South Congregational Church.

All are welcome to attend.

Please note: the site is not handicapped accessible, and there is no on-site parking. Attendees should plan to park nearby and walk to the monument. Insect repellent is recommended.

For more information, contact:

First Congregational Church

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Website: <http://ConcordsFirstChurch.org>



Contemplative Practices Group Spring Meeting

SUBMITTED BY FRANCES HOPPER FOR THE CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES GROUP

This is an invitation to join the Contemplative Practices Group (CPG) of Concord UU church for our end-of-year wrap up and planning meeting. We'll be meeting at the church in Fellowship Hall from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2. All are welcome—those who have been part of the planning and offering of this year's programs, those who have participated in an event, and anyone who is curious and interested in getting involved.

Here's what's on the Agenda:

- Review of the programs we've offered this past year: check-ins from coordinators of various activities.
- Planning programs for next year, including a one-day retreat next fall, longer retreat/Spirit Week in April, 2027, Second Hour programs and/or series.
- Brainstorming about anything new and/or different we'd like to do in the 2026-2027 church year.

The CPG prides itself on only having 2 meetings a year—the spring wrap-up and planning meeting, and a fall gathering – so please don't miss this opportunity to gather, to connect, to bring your observations, suggestions and questions. If you have any questions now or anything you'd like to add to the Agenda, please reach out to Sharon Arey by looking her up in Breeze or through the church office, office@concorduu.org. RSVPs are appreciated.

Bring your ideas, suggestions, talents you are willing to share and join us for fellowship. If you're new to our program, we welcome new members and would love to introduce you to the CPG program and hear your ideas.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on June 2!



Mindfulness – It’s Easier Than You Think

A four-week course offered by Lee Leppanen

Have you ever been curious about mindfulness meditation and wondered whether it might be helpful in your life but thought it might be too difficult or a lot of work? Or maybe your mind is too busy dealing with everyday concerns, and you think you don’t have the time? Perhaps you’ve dipped your toes in the mindfulness waters and found it helpful and enjoyable but it was hard to make the practice a routine part of your life.

This course focuses on basic mindfulness concepts and tools for understanding and developing a mindfulness meditation practice. The course is appropriate for people with little or no experience as well as those who currently have a practice and would like to review fundamental practices and explore other practices they may wish to try.

Some of the topics include recognizing the mindful moments already occurring in one’s current life, practices focused on mindfulness of breath and body, exploring and understanding emotions and thoughts, using a meditation tool that inspires self-compassion and compassion for others, and creating for oneself a practice that feels natural and meaningful.

This mindfulness course is a four-week Contemplative Practices offering on these days after worship services:

- May 10 and 17 – 11:30 to 12:30
- May 24 and 31 – 11:45 to 12:45

The course will be offered in the UU Chapel, and online. It is a progressive course with each session building on previous sessions, but it will be presented in a way that a person can truly benefit from a single session.

About Lee Leppanen: Lee is a UU and a member of the Contemplative Practices Group. She is also a retired psychologist. She began practicing meditation in her early 20s and has continued this in various forms for most of her life. A lifelong learner, she has participated in numerous meditation courses and retreats. She would also like to thank Jeanne Ann Whittington and the Contemplative Practices Group for their support and guidance. Lee is currently enrolled in the two-year Mindfulness Meditation Teacher Certification Program created by Tarra Brach and Jack Kornfield.



Senior Singles Group

SUBMITTED BY MARTHA MAE EMERSON

The UU Senior Singles Group (SSG) is a fun-loving group of single UUs aged 55+ who enjoy sharing interests and a wide variety of activities, all in good company. Members are an active part of planning and organizing all that we do.

There are unique needs that are a part of being older and single. A goal of our group is to be supportive of each other in many ways. SSG is also a place where people who might feel lonely can find connection. Sometimes people ask if we are a dating group, and the answer is no.

If you would like more information 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 are a member you will receive the SSG Bi-Weekly Update on the first and third Sundays of each month. Here you will find information about our weekly Stay Active Wednesday activities (a new activity each week), as well as reminders of the monthly reoccurring meetings. Recurring SSG monthly meetings are posted on the UU calendar on the church website, as well as in Parish Notes.

MAY CALENDAR

Weekly Activities

Stay Active Wednesdays | every Wednesday 4 times a month

When: May 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Activities for May may include a movie matinee, a nature walk, Wisdom Circle (new activity!), a picnic. **Final activity selection, times, and dates will be set at the April Monthly Meeting and sent out in the Bi-Weekly Update.**

Recurrent Monthly Meetings

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

When: Friday | May 8 | 1:30 pm

Where: Teen Room (Abenaki), UU Church

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

When: Sunday | May 24 | 1:30 pm

Where: Teen Room (Abenaki), UU Church

DOOR PRIZE EVERY TIME!





Dungeons and Dragons

Submitted by Sabrina Stanwood

D&D 101

May 17 | 11:30 am to 12:25 pm

Interested in Dungeons and Dragons but don't know where to start? Come join us for D&D 101. In this 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

May 17 | 1 pm to 4 pm

One Shot Adventure for those who are already in our players group. If you are in our players group and need childcare please let Dory know. To help pay for childcare, please go to concorduu.org/child-care-payments/

Laughter Yoga

Submitted by Betsy Kennedy

As the world chaos continues, so does our Laughter! I am even more convinced that participating in the exercise of laughter is vital to our well-being. This is not making light of adversity. This is not pretending all is well. This is finding our strength, breath and energy to deal with what life gives us. This is taking charge of our health. Come exercise laughter with me on the first and third Tuesday of the month, May 5 and 19, at 5pm in the chapel.



Emerson's Woodland Playground

With spring comes fun on the church grounds, and the Woodland Playground that belongs to Emerson School! The Emerson School welcomes children to use their natural playground equipment, located behind the building, outside of school hours. Children are encouraged to use the space with safety and kindness in mind - to each other, equipment and materials. Adults are asked to supervise with the understanding that Emerson School set the space and equipment up intentionally for preschool size humans, but all are welcome to play. Please leave things as you find them, leaving all stumps, logs, etc. in their places. **Please do not use anything in the bins or cabinet.** Also **please do not put anything into the stream.** Although it can be fun to build dams, the depth of the stream impacts Emerson's ability to use the playspace per licensing. Thank you for your help so that our communities can continue to share space with care and respect.

Conversaciones en Espanol

SUBMITTED BY NANCY WOOD

A few of us (Susi Nord, Dania Jones, Nancy Wood) would like to start occasional 'Conversations in Spanish' at the church. If you would like to speak and hear Spanish, please join us. On Sunday May 17 one of the second hour offerings will be 'Conversations in Spanish' in the Abenaki room. We might even sing a UU hymn from 'Las Voces del Camino' songbook.

April Board Highlights

SUBMITTED BY ANNE MEYERS
BOARD SECRETARY

- We finalized the financial structure to be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.
- We approved the draft warrant for congregational consideration.
- We celebrated the successes of spring, including the Costa Rica trip!



Blue Moon Music House

A Home for Diverse Music and Art

Tuesday | May 12 | 7pm to 9pm

Watch for new sign up process coming in EBulletin.



Blue Moon Music House
a home for diverse music and art

2nd Tuesdays | 7-9 pm

Upcoming Special Events

May 2 | Sat

ELM Perennial Plant 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 Gratitude Potluck @ 2 pm

May 7 | Thu | Poetic Eddas Reading Group ECSG @ 6 pm

May 10 to 15 | Yard & Plant Sale donations accepted

May 10, 17, 24, 31 | Sun

Mindfulness: It's Easier than You Think @ 11:30 am

May 13 | Wed

ECSG Introduction to Plant-Based Medicine @ 7 pm

May 14 | Thu | Grounds and Forest Visionary Plan

Engagement Zoom Session @ 7 pm

May 16 | Sat | Yard & Plant Sale @ 9 am

Octagon Dinners @ 5 pm Off Church Grounds

May 17 | Sun | Youth Led Service

Rainbow Room Graduation

ELM Grounds Work Day @ 11:30 am

D & D 101 @ 11:30 am

May 23 | Sat | UU Friends of Refugees Potluck @ 6 pm

May 31 | Sun

Forum on Budget & Bylaws Changes @ 11:45 am

June 2 | Tue | Contemplative Practice Group Planning

Meeting @ 7:30 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.** 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

June issue: May 17

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

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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