

PARISH NOTES

Newsletter of the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord

Outreach Phone-a-thon Happens in November!

In 2019, we tried something new, and it stuck. The experiment was to have Pastoral Care Associates, Board members, Operation Leadership Team members, and staff, reach out to congregants by phone (or maybe a hallway visit or email) at least once a year - with absolutely no agenda for the call. Not to ask for your help. Not to ask for your opinion on church. Not to ask for your opinion on the state of the world. Most certainly not to ask for money.

Just to ask some heart-felt questions, maybe: "How are you, right now? What's on your mind these days? What's been weighing on your heart recently? What's been bringing you joy?" Just to listen to whatever is in your heart. Just to be in community with you. Just to connect with an old friend, or make a new one.

This year the phone-a-thon happens on November 19 and 20, though some of the callers might call on other days. When you see an unknown number on your caller ID or you get an unexpected email, please open your heart to a connection that can be so hard to find in our divided and isolating world.

If you'd like to read the article written by Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger when we launched the phone-a-thons in 2019, go to concorduu.org/staying-in-touch

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Sunday Worship is at 10 am

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

11/2/2025 “Gratitude as a Choice” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Making gratitude a way of life is less about a single moment of feeling thankful and more about developing a habit of noticing what’s already here. It’s about training our hearts and minds to keep returning, again and again, to wonder and appreciation. It’s about the rituals we create that move gratitude from an occasional feeling to a daily rhythm. It’s about learning to be grateful for the small kindnesses, the bits of beauty, the quiet resilience that exist alongside hardship. Gratitude is a choice we’d do well to make.

11/9/2025 “Welcoming Gratitude” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Gratitude, though deeply meaningful, isn’t always simple. It lives both as a genuine inner posture and as a cultural expectation—and those expectations can uplift or burden, connect or silence, depending on how they’re held. Gratitude can be a social glue, cultivating warmth, reinforcing respect, and guiding us to look beyond ourselves. And gratitude can be used to silence, pressure, or control. How can we find the balance between genuine gratitude and performative thankfulness? How can we welcome gratitude with authenticity and sincerity?

11/16/2025 “Look for the Helpers” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Fred Rogers once said that when scary or tragic things happen, his mother would tell him: “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” When we “look for the helpers,” we are not denying that something hard or frightening is happening. We are shifting our gaze — if only slightly — to notice what is also true: that even in darkness, there are lights. Healing is more than gratitude, but it often begins there. Gratitude can reclaim attention from despair. To look for the helpers is to look for the living pulse of human kindness.

11/23/2025 “My Theology of Gratitude” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

A theology of gratitude offers a way to approach ultimate reality not through fear, submission, or entitlement, but through awe, humility, interconnection, and reverence. In a Unitarian Universalist frame, where belief is not bound to a single creed but to shared values and a free search for truth, gratitude can serve as a spiritual foundation and a lens through which we understand both divinity and our relationship to the universe.

11/30/2025 “The Practice of Gratitude Walks Us Over Many Bridges Toward Hope, Even Joy” Rev. Bevan Tulk

The Practice of Gratitude helps us notice what sustains us, even in times of Uncertainty. It invites us to walk with intention across life’s many bridges: from sorrow to healing, from isolation to connection, from fear to courage. In today’s worship, we’ll explore how gratitude can be cultivated in daily life, how it opens the way toward hope, and how—sometimes quietly, sometimes radiantly—it leads us to joy. Whether you arrive with questions, weariness, or wonder, there is space here for your journey. Let us walk together, guided by gratitude, toward what is life-giving and true.

Church Family Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 22
Social Hour at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm



Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving gathering amongst chosen family. Delicious roast turkey and gravy will be provided which, along with your delicious sides/desserts and sparkling conversational style, will create a lovely and welcoming repast for all.

We are asking for a ticket price of \$10.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child to cover food costs and to help support our youth group who will be assisting throughout. It's most important that everyone who wants to attend can do so, so please don't let the ticket price be a barrier to your attendance—if it would be helpful, please ask for free tickets for yourself and your family.

Mary (Elm) Sheys and Renee West will have tickets and signup sheets available on Sundays, starting November 2. Tickets will also be available in the office during regular hours. You can also sign up to attend or help at uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/Thanksgiving2025

SPECIAL REQUEST: We need help with the star of the show: the turkeys! If you could make a turkey or two and come early to help carve them up so that the gravy can be made, please contact Renee ASAP!

Please contact Renee with any questions via email (details in Breeze). If needed, please write office@concorduu.org to get contact details.

Everybody's Birthday!

**Sunday, November 2nd
after the service
in Fellowship Hall**



Please join us to wish you, and everyone else, a Happy Birthday! Fellowship Hall will be set up with 12 tables, each representing one month of the year. You will be invited to sit with others who share the same birthday month as you to mingle and enjoy decorating and eating cupcakes together. Cupcakes will be graciously donated by the Senior Singles Social Group.

For an extra special birthday treat, this year each table will get to compete in our very first Trivia Competition. Celebrate your birthday and test your knowledge with new friends. We will have prizes for the first and last place teams!

BONUS: everyone gets cupcakes!

Come be celebrated, and celebrate one another.

Bring your favorite cake topping to share!

Kimball Jenkins Holiday Open Mic

Saturday | Dec 13 | 7 pm to 9 pm



Kimball Jenkins
ESTATE

KJ Holiday Open Mic
presented by the Unitarian Universalist
Church of Concord
Saturday, December 13 | 7-9pm

Bring your acoustic instruments and love of the season, and join us for an evening of seasonal songs, poetry, and other live performances!

Advanced sign up info & more details coming soon!

Kimball Jenkins | 266 N. Main Street, Concord | 603-225-3932 | info@kimballjenkins.com

Kimball Jenkins is hosting a series of free community events around the holidays, and Blue Moon Music House has been asked to host a family-friendly holiday Open Mic on Saturday, December 13, with Rev. Michael as MC.

Sign-up at the door beginning at 6:30-7:00pm, and the holiday-themed Open Mic will be from 7-9 pm. This is a non-denominational holiday Open Mic, so we're open to all ages and any kind of holiday-themed song or performance for this event.

Feedback & Ideas Forum

Tuesday | Nov 18 | 6pm

Each year we set aside at least one focused opportunity for you to share your feedback, ideas, hopes, suggestions, kudos, or concerns with the minister and staff. Again, this year we're combining it with Tuesday's Welcome Table on November 18. Come for the weekly vegan meal at 6pm, and bring your thoughts to share.





NEWS from the COMMUNITY PLATE TEAM

SUBMITTED BY CATHY MENARD
COMMUNITY PLATE CHAIR

After a rousing game of UU pickleball during the recent glorious weather, Member Craig Whitson thoughtfully mentioned that he has a bowl created by Jean Reynolds, a beloved former church member, after our church adopted the practice of giving away the weekly plate to worthy nonprofit organizations. Check out the names of committee members in 2007.

Member Barbara Keshen explained that the idea of giving away the plate was to create a culture of gratitude. In the early days, there was some concern about the financial impact on our church; however, it has turned out that members and friends are MORE generous with their pledges, inspired with a renewed spirit of gratitude.



We are especially grateful for Deb Bruss (photo at left) who had “a lot of fun!” leading the Community Plate Committee for a remarkable 12+ years. We already miss her effortless writing skills and her inimitable grace, wisdom and humor.

Thanks also to Faithe Miller-Lakowicz for her valuable insights on community needs due to her work as a Concord public librarian, and her fearless command of community plate data.



Community Plate News

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Attempting to carry on in their footsteps, the Community Plate team was down to Cathy Menard (Chair) and Larry Davis. Fortunately, we are thrilled to welcome talented new members: Beeler Lile-Sexton, Charles Hillen, Jason Mahon and Susan Roman.

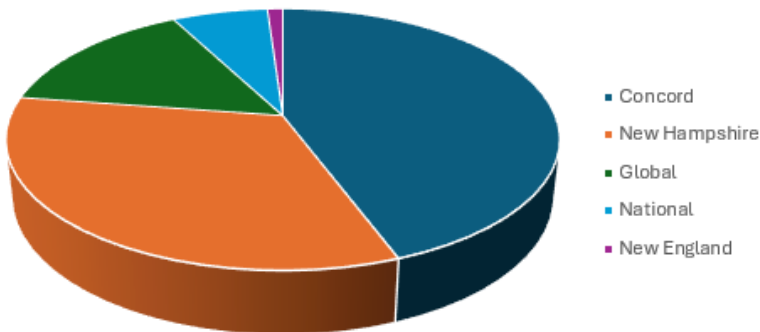
Speaking of community plate data, here are two reports of our contributions for the last 3 years, fiscal years 2023 through 2025.

The first chart shows the scope of the organizations we are supporting.

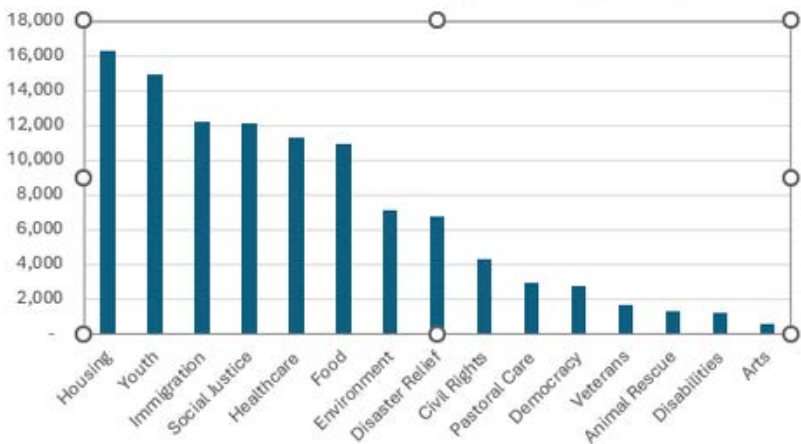
The second chart shows the total dollars, by cause, that our community plates supported. Community plate contributions totaled \$106,553 for the 3-year period.

If you know and love a local nonprofit that you would like to propose for a community plate, please let us know! To apply, contact Cathy Menard (look her up in Breeze or email office@concorduu.org for Cathy’s info.

What is the scope of organizations we're supporting?



What causes are community plates supporting?



SENIORS

Elder Circles of Healing and Wholeness



Monthly gatherings on Second Fridays | 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Circle conversations in the parlor followed by a light lunch

Let's gather to share stories from our years of life experience, dwell in questions essential to life, harvest wisdom from our ancestors, and explore ways to live more fully our UU values.

Our Circles of Healing and Wholeness are always open!

You are invited to come HOME to your true self in a monthly Unitarian Universalist community of healing & wholeness.

Senior Singles Social Group

SUBMITTED BY MARTHA MAE EMERSON

What's up with SSSG in November? Lots of good energy and momentum! We're moving ahead with our monthly **Cooking Club**. We're exploring possibilities for a **movie night**. Our **Stay Active weekly activities** will vary now that the fallen leaves make climbing on woodsy trails too slippery. We'll be walking along the Sewall's Falls Merrimack River trail and the Contoocook River trails. We're trying out a new activity "**Poetry and Pie**", modeled on the Kimball Jenkins event. Our monthly Social Hour will meet at Brenda Wilbert's home and art studio this month where we will be dazzled with her colorful art work and enjoy her hospitality. Thanks, Brenda, for hosting us! At the Monthly Planning Meeting we'll be finalizing plans for our **holiday Yankee Swap**, Dec, 3, hosted by Ugo at his home in Bow. Thank you, Ugo!

If you are interested in learning more about us, please join us at one of our meetings or activities and decide if the SSSG is right for you. No need to preregister - just show up and you will be welcome! If you are shy about jumping in both feet at once, ask the church office (office@concorduu.org) to put you in contact with one of our members for a one-on-one conversation about our group. **All single UUs aged 55+ are welcome.**

Recurring monthly events are posted at www.concorduu.org/calendar, and in the UU eBulletin. Non-recurring opportunities are shared through our SSSG Bi-Weekly Update sent out every other Sunday night. **To become a member and receive regular communications about our activities, email office@concorduu.org and request your name be added to our email list.**

Check out our November events on the next page!

SENIORS

Senior Singles Social Group November Calendar

Weekly Stay Active Group

When: every Wednesday, times may vary.

Nov. 5 | 2 pm | Poetry and Pie

Bring a poem or two, yours or others, and a pie (pie is optional). Martha Mae's house. Let her know if you can bring a pie and if you need directions.*

Nov. 12 | 3pm | Walk the Contoocook River Trail

Total 2 miles, flat, easy, beautiful walk. Meet at Janet's house in Penacook. Need directions, contact Janet.*
Need a ride, use our "Provide a Ride" list.

Nov 19 and 26 | Watch the SSSG Bi-Weekly Updates for info. Suggestions always welcome!

SSSG Monthly Social Hour

2nd Friday each month at 1:30

When: Friday | Nov. 14 | 1:30

Where: Brenda Wilbert's House in Concord. Please RSVP to Brenda.*

SSSG Monthly Meeting

4th Sunday every month at 1:30

EXCEPT this month's meeting is on the 5th Sunday

When: Sunday | Nov. 30 | 1:30 PM

Where: UU Church, Abenaki Room

Connect with other members, share ideas and interests and help to plan future activities that meet your goals for the group.
DOOR PRIZE EVERY TIME!!

* look in Breeze or the church directory for contact info, or email office@concorduu.org



Mystery Match Reveal Party Saturday, Nov 8 | 9am

If you are matched with a mystery friend as part of our 2025 Mystery Match, remember to join us on Saturday, November 8th during Pancakes, Play, and Planting Peace for the Mystery Match Reveal Party!!! Matches will be revealed and invited to eat pancakes and participate in the PPPP service project together while getting to know one another a bit more! After the event, we hope your new connection will evolve organically over time!

Pancakes, Play & Planting Peace Saturday, Nov 8 | 9 to 11 am

Join us on the 2nd Saturday of the month for a Pancake Breakfast and a service project! This year, each month we are learning about a different way our congregation serves the community. In October we learned about the work of the Pastoral Care Associates. In November we are learning about the Family Promise program. After a breakfast of delicious pancakes cooked by our dedicated volunteers, Mike and Scott, the young and the young at heart will participate in a service project to bring our learning full circle. Bring your children and grandchildren, or just bring yourself. All are welcome!



Welcome to Amir Robertson

Amir Robertson joined our staff this fall as a Program Lead in our Young Explorers program on Sundays, and as Youth Group Assistant on Friday evenings.

Amir grew up in New Hampshire with deep roots in Unitarian Universalism. Dedicated as a baby in a UU church where his grandparents were longtime members, he is grateful to now be sharing those same values with the next generation through our Young Explorers program.



Amir earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology and Women's & Gender Studies from the University of New Hampshire, where his work centered on research and community involvement, particularly within the queer community. With support from a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, he designed and completed an original study exploring how gender identity and expression shape the ways people perceive emotions, creating one of the first gender-diverse stimulus sets of facial emotion expressions. He has also worked with NH Outright's queer youth group, supporting LGBTQ+ young people in New Hampshire.

When he's not at church, Amir is an artist who loves to spend time riding his motorcycle, skiing, or hanging out with his dog, Polly. He is especially passionate about creating spaces where people feel included, accepted, and celebrated for exactly who they are.



Dungeons & Dragons 101 Friday Dec 5 | 6 to 8:30 pm

SUBMITTED BY SABRINA STANWOOD

Learn about playing the game Dungeons and Dragons, different aspects about it and discuss building a character. Feel free to bring D&D game playing die if you have them. **Childcare will be available.**

Contact Sabrina Stanwood or Leah Powers if you have questions; you can find them in the Breeze directory or through office@concorduu.org.



Our Whole Lives 2026 cohort begins January 4th

“Honest, accurate information about sexuality changes lives. It dismantles stereotypes and assumptions, builds self-acceptance and self-esteem, fosters healthy relationships, improves decision making, and has the potential to save lives. For these reasons and more, we are proud to offer Our Whole Lives (OWL), a comprehensive, lifespan sexuality education curricula for use in both secular settings and faith communities.” So reads UUA.org, the official website of the Unitarian Universalist Association, in reference to the 25 year strong OWL program.

Here at Concord UU, we are indeed proud to continue the legacy and work of the UUA's Our Whole Lives comprehensive sexuality education program by offering this incredible and important program for 7th-9th graders in our community.

OWL is offered every other year at Concord UU, and will not run again until 2028! This upcoming cohort will begin on Sunday, January 4th, 2026 and run each Sunday* for 13 sessions, with breaks for Easter Sunday and school vacation weeks.

If you know of a 7th, 8th or 9th grader who would benefit from open, honest, progressive, and factual information about sex, identity, relationships, media literacy, consent, and more, please register your student at [this link](#) or email Dory for more information. Pre registration is required. Registration ends December 14th.

*There will be one Friday/Saturday double session and sleepover at the church. Contact Dory for a full schedule breakdown.

Office Offerings

We need your help to make sure members and visitors know when and where they can participate in all our vibrant offerings! And we need your help to ensure that spaces are ready and clean for various building users. This requires advance planning and good communication.

Please PLAN AHEAD and try not to change your events multiple times! If you do make changes to time, date, or location, please email becky@concorduu.org. All events should be scheduled with Becky no later than the third Sunday of the previous month so we can publicize them here in Parish Notes. After you schedule your event, then please send announcements to Parish Notes and eBulletin!

Submission addresses and guidelines for our publications are:

eBulletin (weekly eblast) | ebulletin@concorduu.org | articles should be short and for things happening in the next two weeks | deadline 5pm on Sundays

Parish Notes (monthly print and PDF) | parishnotes@concorduu.org | articles can be longer, and on any church-related topic

EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Samhain Ritual November 1 at 7pm

Join us for Samhain, the final harvest of the year, a time for gathering, remembering, and shifting. During this sacred time, the veil between the worlds is thin, allowing us to honor our ancestors, connect with the abundant support of the season, and explore our inner spirit.



We'll be honoring our ancestors of various forms and taking a meditative journey to work with them. Please bring a silver coin (a dime or quarter will do) for the gatekeeper. We invite you to bring a memento of a dearly departed for the ancestors' altar (you will be taking it back). We will make a blessing and offer healing for us and our ancestors.

We will be collecting donations for local food bank, either non-perishable items or cash.

☆ And as requested, we will be doing a magical swap table. ☆ If you have a small item (or a few) that are no longer serving you and would be useful to someone else, you can bring them and be able to pick up an item in exchange (if you want). You can offer just about anything: card decks, wands, journals, stones, coins, pendulums, jewelry, books, figurines, pentacles, etc. So long as you give it away freely and it is still usable.

To Parents: This can be a rather intense service, dealing with the departed and journeying to the underworld, and is one of the few that children may not be able to handle well.

Help us create this year's Yule Celebration

Autumn is upon us, the leaves have fallen, the nights are getting longer, there's a chill in the air. We're at the end of harvest season and soon we will welcome winter. That will culminate with the Winter Solstice.

Every year the Earth Centered Spirituality Group hosts the Yule service, this year on Sunday, December 21. We're asking the Concord UU community to join and help us make our biggest service of the year a success. We have openings for everything: ushers/greeters, setup/breakdown, lighting, fire tending, dancing, musicians, even speaking parts. If you have participated in a past Yule service, this year will follow a similar pattern and we would welcome your experience. We are especially looking for more musicians and singers and dancers. There will be rehearsals on December 7th and 14th. If you are able to help please use this signup link: uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/2025YuleSignup

[Click here to follow the Earth Centered Spirituality Group on Facebook for our latest news and events.](#)

If you have any questions you can send an email to paganways@uuecsg.org. You can also talk with us at one of our upcoming events like Samhain on November 1st.

Support the UU Grounds and Forest Vision

Imagine for a moment that our church was set in a concrete jungle! How would your experience be different?

Fortunately our Concord UU community is blessed to have abundant grounds and forest to steward. This is an excellent time for us to develop a long-range plan with congregational input and the expertise of an ecological forester who focuses on the health of the forest and connecting people to the land. We will develop a collaborative vision to create a sustainable land management plan focused on a healthy ecosystem with native plants, for us and for future generations.

If you'd like to support a healthy ecosystem at Concord UU, please consider making a donation at concorduu.org/targeted-appeal or send in a check with "targeted appeal" in the memo line. Help us reach our \$2200 goal in November!

Give to Concord UU | Save on Your Taxes

Once you reach the age of 70.5, the IRS allows you to donate up to \$108,000 per year, tax-free, directly from your IRA to charitable organizations. You could support our Targeted Appeal for Grounds and Forest Vision, pay your pledge, make a special holiday gift, or make a generous Community Plate donation to the recipient of your choice.

Benefits:

- avoid counting the distribution as income
- satisfy your required minimum distribution
- support Unitarian Universalism and our work in the world

How to do it:

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to start the distribution process.
- Tell them to make the check out to Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord, 274 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301. Our Tax ID is 02-0262076.
- Ask them to put "targeted appeal," "holiday gift," "pledge" or other purpose on the memo line of the check.

NO ONE
HAS EVER
BECOME
POOR FROM
GIVING.

ANNE FRANK



Trash and Recycling Re-vamp: Another Step Towards Sustainability

SUBMITTED BY REV. MICHAEL LEUCHTENBERGER

We have standardized all our recycling and trash containers throughout the church building:

Black Bins: Trash

Blue Bins (with Recycling Logo): Recycling

All bins are labeled by location: e.g., Trash - Rainbow Room. If you notice a bin in the "wrong" location, please return it to the proper room. Each room now has a trash bin AND a recycling bin.

- Trash bins should always have a bag.
- Recycling bins should not have bags.

If you ever empty a trash can by removing the bag liner, please reline it with a new bag (there should be additional bags at the bottom of the trash can).

Please note that a **blue container for cardboard recycling** is now located in Fellowship Hall (next to the custodial closet). Please do not leave cardboard in the far corner of the kitchen (as has been the custom for a while). We are trying to keep the kitchen uncluttered.

Looking to Use your Conversational American Sign Language Skills?

If you do, then consider meeting with us on Sunday mornings at 8:30. There are a few of us who would like to practice using our skills. If you can carry on even a simple conversation in ASL, please join us!* We'll start at 8:30 each Sunday, location TBD, starting on November 2. Even if you can stay for only 1/2 hour, even if you can't come every Sunday, join us! We'll continue until it's time for services as long as we have two people left.

Questions? Contact Ann West at annjwest@gmail.com

*These meetings are suitable for those with some basic knowledge. If you're interested in learning, send me an email, and I can recommend a couple of places to learn ASL online.



Reorganized Kitchen!

SUBMITTED BY REV. MICHAEL LEUCHTENBERGER

We have **reorganized our kitchen** to **align storage locations with where items are most likely to be used**. For example, "spatulas" are in a drawer below the new induction stove, "kitchen towels" are now in a bin close to the dishwasher, or everything "tea & coffee" related is now in one area.

Just about everything is **labeled**, so it would be wonderful if everyone could model putting items back where "they belong" and encourage others to do likewise, e.g., return "metal bowls" to where it says "metal bowls," or "peelers" into the drawer labeled for "peelers."

The goal is to keep our **countertops** as uncluttered as possible, so please help **put things away before you leave the building**. This includes any dishes you wash by hand and may temporarily leave in the drying rack. ***Please don't leave any dishes for others to put away.***

If people leave behind **dishes that don't belong to the church**, they can be found on the counter closest to the entrance. A sign now reminds us that they will be discarded or repurposed after **three weeks**.

Lastly, there is a new **motion-sensitive light** that will turn on as you enter the kitchen - supplementing the regular kitchen lights (that still require use of the light switches near the doors). **It will automatically turn off 5 minutes after motion is last detected.**

Thanks in advance for helping to keep our kitchen clean and functional. We know it will take some extra time to get used to the new system, but we are hopeful that it will pay off in the long run.



Intercongregational Financial Review is Underway

By Craig Whitson (On behalf of the Concord inter-congregational review team)

Partnering for Financial Health

A key priority for the Board this year is to update and improve our Church's financial operations and organization. To that end we have partnered with the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington, Vermont to co-create a peer-to-peer review of our respective financial structures. This cooperative approach allows us to gain objective insights and share best practices with a fellow UU congregation.

Our Teams Are Active and Engaged

Teams of 3 to 5 reviewers from both Churches have been assembled. Burlington's team members have strong finance and accounting backgrounds and have thus far shown much initiative and creativity. The Concord team is also well staffed including two CPAs! **A huge thank you to Karen Mayo, Arthoen Wolf, and Tom Ketteridge for committing their time and expertise to this challenging project.**

Progress Milestones

We have moved steadily and have already achieved several critical milestones:

- **Process Agreed:** We have established the review format, including a comprehensive list of documents needed to familiarize ourselves with both organizations.
- **Documents Submitted:** Lea and Burlington's lead administrator, Christina, have submitted most of the documents necessary for us to begin our internal review.
- **Review Commenced:** Both teams have now officially begun the desk review process.

Driving Towards an In-person Encounter

Once the document review is complete, the teams plan to meet for two days in November at our respective church sites. This time will be used for in-person verification and detailed discussions.

Following these visits, the teams will prepare a final report with findings and recommendations, which will be presented at a readout meeting with each Church's Board (and selected staff).

Our goal is to **complete the entire process in the first calendar quarter of 2026.** This timeline is designed to give our Board adequate time to assimilate the findings and prepare any necessary Bylaws change recommendations for the **May 2026 Annual Meeting.**

If you have any questions about this important project, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of our team members.

Loren Hill

With sadness we share that our beloved member Loren Hill passed away on Sunday October 19, 2025, at 12:38 pm at Concord Hospital. He joined the church in 1985. He was our church historian, librarian, handyman, sometimes Santa, and the recipient of our 2024 Lifetime Volunteer Award.

A memorial will be held at a later date.



Games and Chocolate in Memory of Loren Friday, Nov. 7 | 6:30 pm

Join us for board games and sweet treats on November 7. Always on the first Friday, at this month's gathering we will remember our dear friend Loren and his love of fun, games, and all things chocolate.

All ages! Bring a treat to share!

Meg Bower

We sadly share that Martha (Meg) Bower, age 90, passed away in her sleep on Saturday, September 27th at the Bellamy Falls Facility in Dover, NH. Meg joined the church in 2010. She was active in the Choir and in her Covenant Group until her health declined in the past couple of years. You can read her [obituary here.](#)

A memorial will be held in the spring.



Karen Landsman Memorial on Saturday, Nov. 8 | 2pm

We previously shared our sadness at the passing of our beloved member Karen Landsman, who died on August 17, 2025.

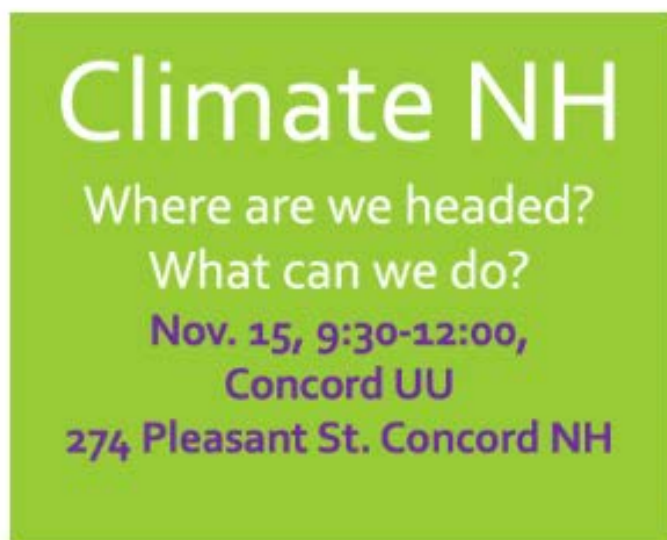
On Saturday, November 8 at 2pm, a Memorial Service to celebrate Karen's life will be held in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow. Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger will officiate.

You can read [Karen's obituary here.](#)



Concord UU Hosts UU Action NH Climate Conference Saturday, Nov 15 | 9:30 am to noon

Climate NH: Where are we headed? What can we do? For more info or to register, go to www.uuactionnh.org/news-updates



Get prepared to step up for the future of
New Hampshire's climate.

Suggested Donation, \$10

This event is a fundraiser for UU Action NH. We are a 501(c)(3) public charity, supported by congregations and donors. Together, we work to build a more just and equitable New Hampshire for all.

Learn more about us at www.uuactionnh.org

- **Get inspired** by the Left Leaning Chorus
- **Panel of Representatives:** Rep. Will Darby, *champion of responsible energy policies*, Rep. Wendy Thomas, a *"Water Warrior" focused on PFAS*, and Rep. Kat McGhee, *Science, Tech, and Energy Committee*
- **Climate Data** from the Mt. Washington Observatory



**Unitarian Universalist
Action New Hampshire**



November Special Events

Nov 1 | Sat | Samhain Ritual @ 7 pm - Earth Centered Spirituality Group

Nov 2 | Sun | Haunted House @ 10:15 am

Everybody's Birthday Social Hour @ 11:15 am

All-Church Fall Grounds Clean-up (Rain Date Nov 9)

Nov 8 | Sat | Mystery Match Reveal Party & Pancakes Play and Planting Peace @ 9 am

Nov 18 | Tues | Feedback & Ideas Forum during Tuesday's Welcome Table @ 6 pm

Nov 19 | Wed | Power of Myth Viewing & Discussion @ 6:30 pm

Nov 19 & 20 | Wed & Th | Outreach Phone-a-Thon

Nov 22 | Sat | Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6:30 pm (Social Hour at 5:30 pm)

Nov 23 | Sun | Exploring Membership Class #3 @ 1 pm

Nov 27 & 28 | Th & Fri | Office is Closed for Thanksgiving

Board of Trustees | October Meeting Highlights

SUBMITTED BY ANNE MEYERS

- The Intercongregational Review is well under way!
- We continued our on-going policy monitoring process.
- We worked on an updated survey to measure the response to our revised Ends.
- We planned for the upcoming Board Auction Dinner "A Vegan-Friendly Harvest Feast."

2025-26 Recurring Events

Interested in any of these events? Check out our [Who Do I Contact List](#) to find out who to ask for more info, or email office@concorduu.org.

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

Recurring Faith Exploration Events

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

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

Young Explorers Program - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays @ 10am, September 14 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 at 6:30pm, October through March

Recurring 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

Recurring Social, Family, & Fellowship Events

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

Tuesday's Welcome Table - Tuesdays @ 6pm, Sept 9 through June 9

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 (please contact organizers before attending)

Neurospicy Humans Group - 3rd Saturdays @ 6pm

Recurring Musical Events

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

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

Drum Circle - 3rd Sundays @ 7pm

Blue Moon Music House - 2nd Tuesdays @ 7pm

Recurring Outreach Events

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

Recurring Healing & Helping Events

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

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

* PFLAG Support Group - 3rd Sundays @ 3pm

* Renaissance New England Transgender Group - 2nd Saturdays @ 3pm in September, November, January, March & May (please contact organizers before attending)

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



Parish Notes Deadline

Dec. issue: November 16

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

Do you create art, poetry, or prose that says something about our church or your faith? Send it to parishnotes@concorduu.org.

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