

# PARISH NOTES

Newsletter of the  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord



## Changing the World Begins Inside

submitted by Jeanne Ann Whittington

Consider this truth: We live in the world not as it is, but as we see it. As human beings with limited perceptual capability and urgent emotional needs, the moment we are born we begin to make sense

of things, developing a working model of how the world is: Friendly, unfriendly or indifferent? Supportive of our uniqueness, or rewarding conformity? A place where we belong and our contribution makes a difference, or where it doesn't really matter whether we are able to spread our wings and offer our unique gifts? A place where we can offer our friendship to others, or where we must retreat to protect our own sense of vulnerability and helplessness?

We relate to the world as we understand it. And while we don't have a choice about using a model of the world to help us navigate—there's way too much information to process without some strategic shortcuts—we DO have a choice about what map we use. And the map, or "view" that we use makes all the difference in what we see (and don't see), what seems possible, and as a result, in how our life unfolds.

On Saturday, September 28, the Contemplative Practice Group is offering a day-long (9 AM to 4 PM) retreat entitled "Revising the World We Make: Meditation for Inner Transformation and Meaningful Engagement." You are warmly invited to join us! We'll spend the day together exploring a suite of four meditation practices known as the Brahma Viharas, or "Heavenly Abodes."

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...and so much more!

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship is at 10 am

IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM AT [WWW.CONCORDUU.ORG/LIVE](http://WWW.CONCORDUU.ORG/LIVE)

## 9/1/2024 “Wait, I’m a Longshore Worker Now?” Susi Nord

What happens when organizers organize themselves? How can it be so hard and complicated? And what does being in a union even mean anymore? Come celebrate workers, Labor Day, and solidarity with a proud new member of ILWU Local 5.

## 9/8/2024 “The River of Life: A Water Communion Service” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

As the varied rivers of life bring us back together in our beautiful sanctuary for our annual water communion service, may we experience a sense of renewal and welcome with hearts opened by music and ritual, invited by friendly faces and a caring community. Our water communion honors the diverse stories that join us together - again and again, or for the first time. Share your story of Friendship & Community, of Spiritual Growth & Learning, of Sorrow, Sacred Places, or Works of Justice. Bring some water that has blessed you this summer, directly or symbolically. Spare water will be available for all.

## 9/15/2024 “Inviting the Sacred, Inviting God” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Religion is an experience, an experience connecting us to what is sacred, what we hold as sacred. Religion creates a container for the emotions that accompany the experience of the sacred - wonder, awe, gratitude, anxiety, joy, grief, reverence, empowerment, compassion, outrage, hope, humility, trust. Whether theist or non-theist, Buddhist, Humanist, Christian, Pagan or Jew, the sacred shapes our aspirations and longings. We all do well to note them and honor them. Our image of God is a reflection of how we encounter the sacred. Time to invite the sacred. Time to invite God.

## 9/22/2024 “Inviting Love for All” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

This June thousands of delegates to our General Assembly voted to amend the bylaws of our denomination to include core religious language acknowledging that love is at the center of who we aspire to be. This multi-year process was a reminder that it matters how we describe our values and beliefs and that we expect to review them on a regular basis. Yet this is just the beginning. Living into a love-centered life remains to be realized by each of us individually and collectively. How do we transform the disdain and contempt in our hearts for those who disagree with us, especially politically, into love and compassion? What role can we each play as we center love for all?

## 9/29/2023 “Beyond The Extractive Age” Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

Across the country, UU congregations will reimagine what our collective journey from an extractive age to a new era might look like. This “Climate Justice Revival” is an opportunity to renew our Unitarian Universalist commitment to living in (greater) harmony with the earth. All are invited to arrive with an open heart ready to stretch the love for our planet in ways that make for good stories to share with those yet to be born, yet depending on our willingness to act now. All are invited to arrive at church as climate neutral as feasible (walk, bike, ride-share) and then stay for Climate Justice 101 with 350NH.org after the service.





## We Love Sunday Mornings at Concord UU

Our new church year launches on September 8! This is the general pattern September through June, but it is a little different in September due to the mid-month launch. As always, see our online calendar for the latest updates at [www.concorduu.org/calendar](http://www.concorduu.org/calendar).

### 1st Sundays

9am to 9:45am: Choir Warmup

10am to 11:15am: Worship Service

- Nursery care in the Rainbow Room for ages 0-4.
- Older children start in the Sanctuary, then may go to Children's Village after the Time for All Ages.

11:15am to 12:45pm: Young Explorers for kids ages 5-13

11:15am to 11:45am: Social Time Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation

11:45am to 12:45pm: Sermon Dialogue or other adult program

### 2nd & 3rd Sundays

9am to 9:45am: Choir Warmup

10am to 11:15am: Worship Service

- Nursery care in the Rainbow Room for ages 0-4.
- Older children start in the Sanctuary, then may go to Children's Village after the Time for All Ages.

11:15am to 12:30pm: Young Explorers for kids ages 5-13

11:30am to 12:30pm: "Second Hour" Adult Learning, Service & Practice  
(Sermon Dialogue, Contemplative Practice, & other activities)

12:30pm to 1:30pm: Community Lunch

### 4th & 5th Sundays

9am to 9:45am: Choir Warmup

10am to 11:15am: Worship Service

- Nursery care in the Rainbow Room for ages 0-4.
- Older children attend worship with their families.

11:15am to 11:45am: Social Time  
Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation

Due to lack of participation, we are no longer offering a Social Time on Zoom. If you would like to see this brought back, please email Lea Smith, [lea@concorduu.org](mailto:lea@concorduu.org).

Check the banner in the Parlor on Sundays to see what's happening that day!

HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY			
<b>Social Time</b> After Service	<b>Children's Faith Exploration</b> 11:30-12:30	<b>2nd Hour Adult Programs</b> 11:30-12:30	<b>Community Luncheon</b> 12:30
			



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These practices help us identify and get familiar with four innate and beneficial mind states/views that allow us to meet any situation in our lives with kindness, clarity, and sensitivity.

Why do this? As we practice viewing ourselves and others wisely, as worthy of love, compassion, and encouragement, over time a transformation takes place. Not only do we find ourselves naturally meeting ourselves and the world with kindness, but in this atmosphere of acceptance and forgiveness, new options for engagement and self-expression present themselves. Healing our own hearts brings new energy for exploration, and a greater resilience that allows us to take greater risks in becoming ourselves most fully. The world with all its challenges is not only more welcoming than we'd imagined, but we are also more empowered to meet it with creativity and heart, and more tolerant of the inevitable setbacks that occur in a life of fuller engagement.

This retreat will be led by Jeanne Ann Whittington, with support from Craig Whitson and Lee Leppanen. All are welcome; no experience is required. The day can serve as an introduction for beginners, and a review and opportunity to deepen these practice for those with some experience.

There is no charge for this retreat, but a \$25 donation to support the church is suggested. Advance registration is requested to help us plan for the event. To register, go to [uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/September282024retreat](https://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/September282024retreat).



*We Come Home Again*

As summer winds down, we gather in from the many paths we've traveled, carrying the richness of our journeys. As we reconnect, we embrace the new congregational year and all of its potential, ready to refresh our spirits and reaffirm the values that unite us as a UU community.

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# Don't be Absentee for Our Fall Family Potluck Picnic! Sunday, September 8

SUBMITTED BY RENEE WEST

It's election season, and whether you're rooting for candidate Ham Burger (D)ijon, Hot Dog (R)elish, or Vegan Patty (G)reens, you can cast your vote on Sunday, September 8th after service! As in previous years, we can fill our ballot boxes with all the usual (humanely-raised/plant-based) grilled items, chips, and drinks, and if you've got the initiative, YOUR own delicious side or dessert as well!

Suggested donations are from \$6-\$9, but kids eat free and can convene in the bouncy house along with any adventuresome adult delegates.

As always, I'm petitioning folks to sign up to donate a dish or your time by visiting [uconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/picnic](http://uconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/picnic) or via a signup sheet at church. I also have a proposal that a few of us caucus in the kitchen on the Friday (approx 3 to 6 pm) and Saturday (1 to 3pm) before the picnic to prepare for this big day, and would love to hear from you at [yolandor@icloud.com](mailto:yolandor@icloud.com) if you can help—or just if you have any questions.

**Picnic Food-Prep  
Shindig  
Sept 7 at 1:00 pm**

In an effort to ensure that we have plenty of picnic food, let's build community and have fun while we provide for each other's lunch. Gather at church for two hours to prepare some hearty side dishes.





## Young Explorers ages 5-13

We are delighted to welcome our new Young Explorer Guides, Sosa Machaba and Jana Flynn-Padick, who will plan and implement children's programs that will:

- engage children with their whole hearts, minds, and spirits;
- support children & families in exploring our Unitarian Universalist values and being of service in the world; and
- help children and families create and experience authentic connection with one another, with the wider congregation, and with the natural world.

The Young Explorers program is for kids ages 5 and up, and will launch on September 15. It will occur on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays of each month, including a Children's Village during the worship service plus fun faith exploration after the service while parents/guardians participate in adult programs.

## Rainbow Room Nursery ages 0-4

This church year our Lead Childcare Provider, Patrick Yehle, is joined by a new Childcare Helper, Khloe Ashford. Patrick and Khloe will welcome children ages 6 weeks through 4 years old to our Rainbow Room for loving care and playtime. The nursery is open every Sunday from 9:50 am through the end of worship, and through any adult programming offered after the service. Parents will be notified if a child is crying inconsolably; we want our very youngest congregants to feel safe and secure as they have their first experiences in our community.

To sign up for Young Explorers or Rainbow Room go to [uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/2024-25childrensregistrationform](https://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/2024-25childrensregistrationform) or scan the QR code below.

Scan to register!





## Introducing our Young Explorers Guides

### Jana Flynn-Padick

Jana began attending our church in 2023. After living in Colorado for more than 2 decades, she moved to Concord in 2018, where she lives with her partner, Russel, and their daughter, Riley.

Jana has a General Studies degree, Advanced Early Childhood Education Certification, and is a state-credentialed level II Educator. While continuing her education at NHTI to complete her degree in Early Childhood Education, she is also working as a teacher at the Emerson School for Preschoolers.

Jana is passionate about animals, the environment, and plant-based living. She enjoys traveling, hiking, kayaking, and visiting nature centers with her family.

Jana's start date is August 28.



### Solethu Machaba

Solethu, also known as Sosa, is an abstract artist born and raised in South Africa. With a passion for painting and an affinity for experimenting with various mediums, Sosa finds joy in expressing her creativity through art.

Sosa earned a bachelor's degree in Human Services from Lesley University. She first came to the US as an au pair. She has taught English as a Second Language (ESL) for Catholic Charities, fostering connections and empowering individuals through language. Driven by her love for art and community, she further honed her skills through an enriching internship at a local after-school program at a Community Art Center. Sosa has a deep passion for working with children and being a professional helper.

Sosa's start date has not been confirmed as of publication date.



# Youth Group for high-schoolers

## 2nd and 3rd Fridays of each month at 7 pm



**Youth Group**

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Fridays 7 pm  
(Sept-May)

Someone posed an interesting question to us on Facebook recently:

*Is it like youth group at a regular church or is it just one where teens can get together who are not religious and don't want to be?*

There's lots of good answers to that question, but here's how we responded:

*A lot of people would say that the UU Church is not like a "regular church." We welcome diversity of lifestyles and religious beliefs. Our Youth Group is for teens who want to explore questions of ethics together in a safe space, to serve others, and to have fun! We don't have a particular creed or dogma about god/goddess, but we hold love at the center of all we do.*

How would YOU answer that question? Send your answer to [parishnotes@concorduu.org](mailto:parishnotes@concorduu.org) and maybe we'll feature it in a future issue!

Sign up for Youth Group at  
[concorduu.org/lifespan-faith-development/youth-group](https://concorduu.org/lifespan-faith-development/youth-group)  
or use the QR code to the right.

Scan for more info and to sign up!





## Pancake Breakfast and Child Safety Training

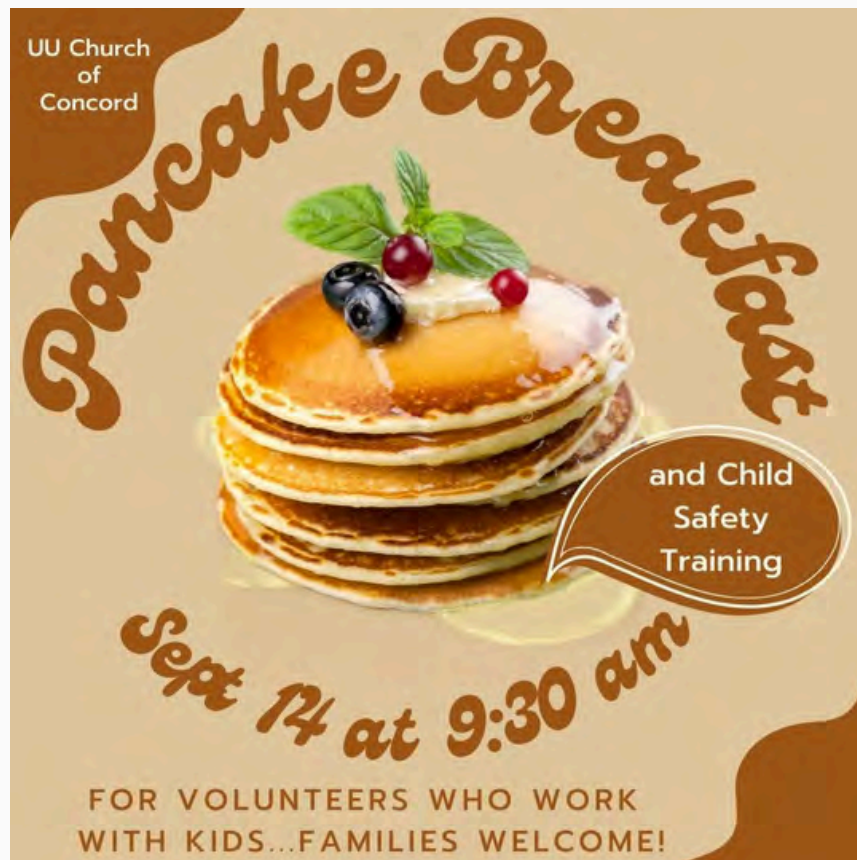
Saturday, September 14 | 9:30 to 11:30 am

Submitted by Lea Smith, Director of Membership and Administration

All our wonderful volunteers who work with children are invited to a Pancake Breakfast (featuring gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, and low-carb options upon request.) The breakfast will include time for our training in Child and Youth Protection, along with our emergency procedures. Both are required by our [Child Protection Policy](#) for all staff and volunteers who work with children. This includes our children's Faith Exploration classes, nursery, Friends of Refugees, or anytime you are working and playing with kids where their parents aren't present.

Children and families are welcome. We hope this will become a new annual tradition as a way to show our gratitude and broaden support for our children!

Please let us know you are coming (and make special food requests) at [uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/sept14pancakes](http://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/sept14pancakes).





If you are ready to explore church membership, we're ready to take that journey with you.

Our next Exploring Membership Group begins on Sunday, September 15 at 1:00 pm.

There are 4 sessions in all. Each will run about two hours.

September 15

September 22

October 27

November 24

Formal membership is a public commitment that this community is important to you and your spiritual development. Membership becomes formal upon signing the membership book. Most prospective members require some time before making that commitment, attending Sunday services for at least a few months and going through a new-member program called "Exploring Membership."

Exploring Membership groups are offered twice a year and consist of 2 hours in each of four sessions. Except for extenuating circumstances, which may be discussed with [Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger](#), you must attend all four sessions in order to become a member. After completing the four sessions, those who decide to join the church will sign the book on Dec. 8.

Sign up for Exploring Membership at [uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/exploring-membership-fall-2024](https://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/exploring-membership-fall-2024) or use the QR code to the right.





## Bring-a-Friend Sunday and Membership Fair: October 6 after the worship service



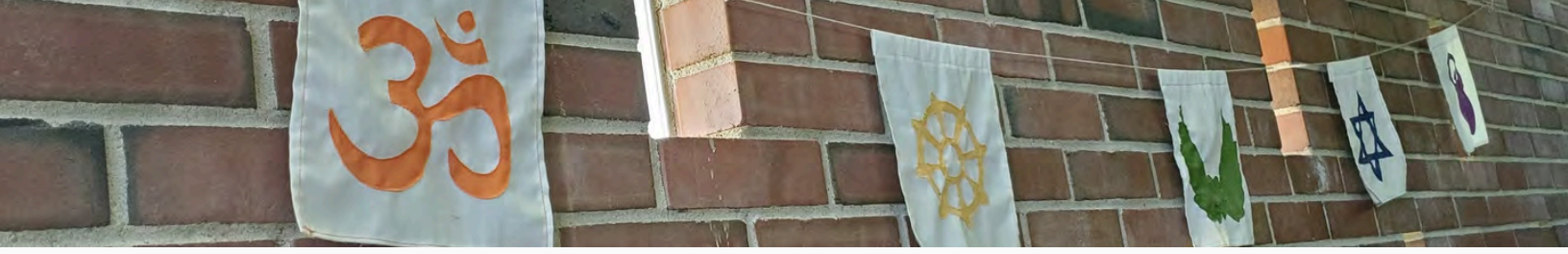
Do you have a friend that might appreciate our welcoming community? Most UUs don't want to proselytize, so it can be hard to find the right way to invite them. How about, "You seem like you might enjoy a community of people who celebrate diversity. My church is having a special day called Bring-a-Friend Sunday. Would you like to join me?"

On Bring-a-Friend Sunday, our Membership Fair will offer a glimpse into the many opportunities the church offers for learning, service, alternative worship, and more. Learn about "Second Hour" programs for adults, and what curricula are offered for children. Find out about family friendly programs like Games & Chocolate. Consider if a Covenant Group or Choir might be just the thing to help you connect more deeply with the congregation. Learn how to use our fabulous electronic directory and get your photo taken for it. Explore the meditation and mindfulness groups and retreats we offer. And more!

## You BELONG Here

- *Learn about groups,*
- *Find a group to belong to,*
- *Share your skills & interests,*
- *Be the change, and*
- *Make new friends.*

Displays will be set up in the Courtyard after the service, or indoors if the weather calls for that. If you lead any church program, you are invited to have a display. Please let Lea Smith ([lea@concorduu.org](mailto:lea@concorduu.org)) know if you would like to have some table space to share your church activity or project.



# UU Yoga

submitted by Craig Whitson and Susan Casey

Are you looking to bring more stretching, strengthening, and mindful movement into your life? Then you might like to give “UU Yoga” a try!

In this series of 6 one-hour classes, beginning September 16th, Susan Casey and Craig Whitson will lead two styles of mindful/hatha yoga practice in one class: chair-assisted and mat-based yoga. You can choose which style to follow or do a combination of the two. It’s “Yogi’s Choice”! We will endeavor to make each class suitable for all levels of yoga experience - including beginners.

So, why’s it called UUYoga? We will combine yoga asana with mindful contemplation of our monthly Church theme as we practice together. It's going to be an interesting experiment, we think, and we’d love to have you with us either online or in person!

For more details, go to the registration page at [uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/2024-2025MindfulYogaRegistration](https://uuconcordnh.breezechms.com/form/2024-2025MindfulYogaRegistration). And feel free to contact Craig [craig.listening@gmail.com](mailto:craig.listening@gmail.com) or Susan [susancasey4@gmail.com](mailto:susancasey4@gmail.com) with any questions.





## Quick Green Tip

BROUGHT TO YOU MONTHLY BY THE UU PLASTICS TEAM

### **Like an easy way to reduce your use of plastics?**

Say no to plastic bags for produce, or least re-use them! The only downside of this that I've found is that sometimes oranges and onions can get away from you on the conveyor belt when you're checking out. It's a risk worth taking!

On a completely different note, here is food for thought...

"Every device we plug in or charge up uses electricity. Much of that power comes from burning fuels that add greenhouse gases to the air. As a result, each of our devices leaves a trail of climate-warming gases, usually carbon dioxide, or CO<sub>2</sub>. We won't see those gases...every text, email, download, scroll or chat will result in a bit more pollution. As millions of other people around the world use their screens every day, too, those little impacts really start to add up."

--Sara Wells, Science News Explores, Dec. 7, 2023

Link: [www.snexplores.org/article/green-online-life-digital-carbon-footprint](http://www.snexplores.org/article/green-online-life-digital-carbon-footprint)

P.S. Like to act on this information? Different devices and programs use varying amounts of energy. For example, streaming is very energy intensive -- 13 times more than email -- so decreasing this would be a step. Another step may be to educate yourself about the energy you and your family use with devices and be mindful and aware and perhaps reduce your usage.

## ELM/Grounds Work Day

### September 15 after the worship service

ELM stands for Ecological Land Management, which is how we aim to steward our property. We'd love to see you there! All ages and abilities welcome.



## Community Plate Committee

SUBMITTED BY DEB BRUSS, CPC CHAIR

The Community Plate Committee has decided to add our support to another great cause - getting out the vote! I bet our church community agrees that getting people to participate in the democratic process is important, especially this year. In order for our church to maintain its non-profit status, we cannot raise funds for any political party or individual but we can support voting rights and educate the public about the issues.

We took a plate on August 11th for "Nonprofit VOTE," which equips our country's nonprofits with nonpartisan tools and resources to help the communities they serve participate in voting and democracy.

The CPC is planning to take another plate for this cause - UU the Vote - in September. We are open to suggestions for another similar nonprofit, whether at a state or national level. We have to do this at least a month before the election so that the funds will be received in time.

Send suggestions for a Sunday plate, whatever your interest, to Deb Bruss at [deborahbruss@mac.com](mailto:deborahbruss@mac.com).



# Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord

## 2024-2025 Calendar of Events

All events are open to all, unless otherwise indicated.

### 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 Sundays at 11:45am

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

*Young Explorers Program* - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays at 11:15am

*Elder Circles of Healing & Wholeness* - 2nd Fridays @ 11 am, October through May

*Covenant Groups* - monthly small group ministry (contact Becky Bosse to join)

### Recurring Contemplative Events

*Daily Silent Morning Meditation* - Daily @ 7am Zoom Only

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

*Mindfulness Practice Group* - 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays @ 6pm

*Mindful Yoga* - 1st and 3rd Mondays @ 6pm, Sept through May

*Contemplative Knitting Circle* - 2nd Saturdays @ 10:00am

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

### Recurring Social, Family, & Fellowship Events

*Youth Group* - 2nd and 3rd Fridays @ 7pm, starting Sept 13

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

*Tuesday's Welcome Table* - Tuesdays @ 6pm, Sept 10 through June 3

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

*Art & Appetizers* - 2nd Fridays @ 6pm

*Pancakes, Play & Planting Peace* - 1st Saturdays @ 9am, October through May

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

*Parents of Emerging Adults Covenant Group* - 3rd Saturdays @ 6pm (please contact organizers before attending)

*Softball Team* - June through August, Games are Mondays @ 6pm, Mid-June through August

### Recurring Musical Events

*Choir Rehearsal* - Thursdays, 7pm to 8:30pm, starting Sept 5

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

*Drum Circle* - 3rd Sundays @ 7pm

### Recurring Outreach Events

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

### Recurring Healing & Helping Events

\* *PFLAG Support Group* - 3rd Sundays @ 3pm

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

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

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord

## 2024-25 Calendar of Church-wide Events

(This listing is for non-recurring events only - see separate list for recurring events)

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Sept. 1	Sun	Last Summer Service @ 10 am
Sept. 6	Fri	Picnic Food Prep Party 3pm to 6pm
Sept. 7	Sat	Choir Springboard Rehearsal & Potluck 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Picnic Food Prep Shindig 1 pm to 3 pm
Sept. 8	Sun	Water Communion Service @ 10 am Fall Picnic @ 11:15 am
Sept. 14	Sat	Pancake Breakfast and Training for Child Safety and Emergency Procedures - 9:30 to 11:30 am
Sept. 15	Sun	Exploring Membership Class #1 @ 1pm
Sept. 21	Sat	CROP Hunger Walk (for Church World Service) @ 9am
Sept. 22	Sun	Costa Rica Trip - Info Session @ 11:45 am Exploring Membership Class #2 @ 1 pm Concord Multicultural Festival 11 am to 5 pm at Keach Park
Sept. 26	Thurs	Blues, Brews & BBQ - CCEH Fundraiser at the Barn at Bull Meadow 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Sept. 28	Sat	Day Long Meditation Retreat 9 am to 4 pm
Sept. 29	Sun	Climate Justice 101 with 350NH @ 11:45 am

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Oct. 2	Wed	Walk a Mile in Their Shoes (for the Crisis Center of Central NH) @ 4:30 pm
Oct. 6	Sun	Bring-a-Friend Sunday @ 10 am Membership Fair @ 11:15 am
Oct. 6-13		Family Promise Host Week
Oct. 25	Fri	Youth Group Overnight
Oct. 26	Sat	UU Action NH Annual Meeting 9 am to 2 pm
Oct. 27	Sun	Everybody's Birthday Social Hour @ 11:15 am Exploring Membership Class #3 @ 1 pm (lunch provided at 12:30 pm)

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Nov. TBD		Samhain Ritual @ 7 pm - Earth Centered Spirituality Group
Nov. 3	Sun	All-Church Fall Grounds Clean-up (Rain Date Nov 10)
Nov. 12	Tues	Feedback & Ideas Forum during Tuesday's Welcome Table @ 6 pm
Nov. 13 & 14	Wed & Thurs	Holiday Phone-a-Thon by Operations Leadership Team, Board, and Pastoral Care Associates
Nov. 23	Sat	Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6:30 pm (Social Hour at 5:30 pm)
Nov. 24	Sun	Exploring Membership Class #4 @ 1 pm (lunch provided at 12:30 pm)
Nov. 28 & 29	Th & Fri	Office is Closed for Thanksgiving

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Dec. 1	Sun	Deck the Halls Party @ 11:15 am
Dec. 8	Sun	New Member Covenanting
Dec. 8-15		Family Promise Host Week
Dec. 20	Fri	Caroling with the Homeless @ 6:30 pm
Dec. 21	Sat	Winter Solstice/Yule Ritual @ 7 pm - Earth Centered Spirituality Group
Dec. 24	Tues	Christmas Eve Worship Services @ 5 pm and 9 pm Christmas Eve Community Dinner @ 6:30 pm
Dec. 25 to Jan 1		Office Closed for Holiday Week

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Jan. 1-19		Covenant Group Open Enrollment
Jan. 1	Wed	New Year's Day Games and Chocolate @ 1 pm
Jan. 4	Sat	New Year's Self-Directed Retreat 9 am to 3 pm
Jan. 5	Sun	Sample Covenant Group @ 11:45 am
Jan. 8	Wed	UU Art Talks from Home @ 10 am on Zoom
Jan. 19-26		Family Promise Host Week
Jan. 22	Wed	UU Art Talks from Home @ 10 am on Zoom Exploring Membership Class #1 @ 6 pm
Jan. 26	Sun	Leaders Symposium @ 11:45 am
Jan. 29	Wed	Exploring Membership Class #2 @ 6 pm

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Feb. 1	Sat	Fire & Ice: An Imbolc Family Formal @ 7 pm (Snow Date Feb. 8th)
Feb. 5	Wed	UU Art Talks from Home @ 10 am on Zoom
Feb. 7	Fri	Youth Group Annual Cupcake Bake-Off @ 7 pm
Feb. 19	Wed	UU Art Talks from Home @ 10 am on Zoom
Feb. 22	Sat	Day-Long Mindfulness Retreat with Rae Houseman
Feb. 22 to Mar. 1		Costa Rica Service & Learning Trip (dates tentative)
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Mar. TBD		Spring Equinox Ritual @ 7 pm - Earth Centered Spirituality Group
Mar. TBD		SouperFest for the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness
Mar. 2	Sun	2025-2026 Stewardship Campaign Kickoff
Mar. 5	Wed	UU Art Talks from Home @ 10 am on Zoom
Mar. 7	Fri	Mud Season Potluck & Dance Party @ 6 pm
Mar. 12	Wed	UU Art Talks from Home - Lunch and Tour at the Currier Museum of Art
Mar. 23	Sun	Silent Auction begins
Mar. 23-Apr. 6		Silent Auction
Mar. 26	Wed	Exploring Membership Class #3 @ 6 pm
Mar. 28-30	Fri-Sun	11th Annual Mindfulness Retreat
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Apr. 2	Wed	Exploring Membership Class #4 @ 6 pm
Apr. 6	Sun	New Member Covenanting Auction @ 11:30am Luncheon @ 12:30 pm
Apr. 17	Thu	Maundy Thursday Communion Service @ 6 pm
Apr. 19	Sat	Passover Seder Supper @ 5:30 pm
Apr. 20	Sun	Easter Worship @ 10 am & Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:30 am Stewardship Campaign Finale
Apr. 26	Sat	UU Friends of Refugees Fun & Fellowship Potluck Dinner @ 6 pm
Apr. 27	Sun	Long-term Member Breakfast @ 9 am All-Church Spring Grounds Clean-up (Rain Date May 4)
Apr. 27-May 4		Family Promise Host Week
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May TBD		Beltane Ritual @ 7 pm - Earth Centered Spirituality Group
May 11 -16		Yard & Plant Sale donations accepted
May 17	Sat	Yard & Plant Sale @ 9 am
May 22	Thu	Budget Forum @ 5:30 pm
May 25	Sun	Budget Forum @ 11:45 am
May 30-31	Fri-Sat	UU Village Camp-in @ 5:30 pm
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June TBD		Summer Solstice - Midsummer/Litha Ritual @ 7 pm - Earth Centered Spirituality Group
June 1	Sun	Music Sunday Annual Meeting @ 11:30 am
June 8	Sun	Flower Communion Service @ 10 am Spring Picnic @ 11:15 am
June 15	Sun	Beginning of Summer Services
June 18-22	Wed-Sun	General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association Baltimore MD

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## Staff Transitions | Who does what for whom?

With several transitions among staff and volunteers in the past couple years, there is a lot of confusion about who does what! Here's a quick summary of our office staff's duties.

### Lea Smith, Director of Membership and Administration

- Financial reports; operating and capital budgets
- Accounts payable - reimbursements to you or payments to vendors
- Personnel and payroll
- Member database and directory updates
- Newcomer connections
- Coordinates volunteers in the areas of membership and engagement
- Print and electronic publications:
  - Parish Notes (submit articles monthly to [parishnotes@concorduu.org](mailto:parishnotes@concorduu.org))
  - Facebook and NEW! Instagram
  - Yearbook
  - eBulletin (shared with Lorraine Ellis - submit short articles by Wednesdays at 5pm to [eBulletin@concorduu.org](mailto:eBulletin@concorduu.org))



### Becky Bosse, Church Administrator

- Church calendar
- Building reservations and rentals
- Logistics for memorial services and weddings
- Oversight of routine building maintenance and emergency troubleshooting
- Administrative support for the Lifespan Faith Exploration Program, such as registration, attendance, permission slips, supplies, and budget
- New Breeze forms for contemplative practices
- Livestream software setup (OBS)
- Photo diary before and after worship (submit photos to [diary@concorduu.org](mailto:diary@concorduu.org))
- Administrative support for Covenant Groups (distributing topic sheets, maintaining groups lists and attendance, finding a group for newcomers)





## Parish Notes Deadline

Oct issue: September 22  
Submit to [parishnotes@concorduu.org](mailto: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](mailto:parishnotes@concorduu.org).*

## Officers

Custodian of Investments | Jack Wakelin  
Assistant Treasurers | Lorraine Ellis, Ann West  
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Clerk | Ann Hoey

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Chair | Craig Whitson  
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**Accompanist** | Vacant

**Young Explorers Guides**  
Jana Flynn-Padick  
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**Childcare Providers**  
Patrick Yehle & Khloe Ashford

**Custodian** | Agnes Sesay

**Sexton** | Vacant

## Church Office Hours Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 2 pm

Starting Tuesday Sept. 3, church office hours are Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 2 pm. Becky Bosse staffs the office during these hours. Lea Smith has varied hours so please make an appointment if you don't want to miss her. On Sundays the church staff are preparing for worship and creating a welcoming atmosphere for visitors. If you can, please do your "church business" during the week so we can give you our full attention.

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