



*THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
OF MIDDLEBOROUGH*

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September, 2019

Sunday, September 1, at 9:00 a.m.
with Sarah Person & Susan Hotchkiss
Hymn Sing

Join us for a good old-fashioned hymn sing with a focus on gospel traditions.

Sunday, September 8
COME TO THE
INGATHERING BREAKFAST AT 9:00!
See details on the next page.

Theme for the Year: A Purposeful Life

Sunday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Sarah K. Person preaching
Ingathering - A New Day

Our Living Tradition is rooted in the conviction, among others, that revelation is not sealed. This includes self-revelation. The way we think of our identities and our values can and must be re-examined in the light of every new day. We'll also welcome you with the uniquely Unitarian Universalist ceremony of the Water Communion. **We invite you to bring a small sample of water that represents a place that is special to you.** This service is family friendly. The Chalice Choir will be singing.

Sunday, September 15, at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Sarah K. Person preaching
A House on Fire

Greta Thunberg, young climate activist, doesn't want adults to give their children hope; she wants them to panic. Changing the way we go through life is as much a matter of spirit as it is a matter of will. How is it with your spirit? Join us for the first of a two-part homily on activating our imperative for change. Special music will be provided by Rob Dragunas, playing Beethoven on mandolin.

Sunday, September 22, at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Sarah K. Person preaching
A Sense of Place

It is tremendously moving to be in the land of the Bible, in the actual places of stories passed down for millennia. Something remains when humans cast their grief and their joy into the arms of all that is compassion and justice. If all of us made this earth a holy place, as many do now, it might help anchor our resolve to the transformative work ahead of us. The Chalice Choir will be singing.

Sunday, September 29, at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Sarah K. Person preaching
Bound to Hurt, Bound to Heal

The Jewish Holy Day of Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown and offers us valuable lessons. To thrive together, we must create the time and space to sit with the pain we cause, and we must create the time and space to heal. Special music will be provided by a vocal ensemble.

MINISTER'S MEDITATION

You may have noticed a change in the flag we fly in front of the church. This new design by Daniel Quasar is a "Rainbow Flag Reboot" which features blue and pink for transgender individuals as well as sending our anti-racist message to black and brown members of the gay community. The flag was a gift to us from Renee Feeley on the occasion of her daughter Andi's memorial.

These days and for all our days to come, sending a powerful message of radical welcome is more important than ever before. This is a profoundly spiritual and courageous responsibility. I invite you to join with me this year in which we will explore our commitment to A Purposeful Life. Together we will bring our values and our voices into the wider world.

Welcome

Welcome back

Welcome home

Blessings,

Rev. Sarah

Join Us

INGATHERING BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 8, at 9:00 a.m.



There will be an Ingathering Breakfast again this year on the first Sunday of the church year. You will have a choice of eggs, bacon, sausages, pancakes, fruit salad, cornbread, and the usual beverages. Food should be ready at 9:00 a.m. and will be served until 9:45 a.m. Cost for this all-you-can-eat breakfast is \$6 for adults; kids eat free! So come eat, register for Religious Exploration, socialize and find out what your friends have been up to.

RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

Parents will have time to register their children for Religious Exploration during the breakfast. Registration is \$15 per child with a maximum of \$35 per family.



CALLING ALL SUSTAINABILITY SUPER SLEUTHS!

This year we will be exploring our seven principles. We will spend time engaging in the mystery and wonder of nature and think about what we can do to save the earth. For the beginning of the year, we will be Sustainability Super Sleuths! We will explore our principles, and each month we will explore a different part of nature.

1st Principle: We believe that each person is important.

2nd Principle: We believe that all people should be treated fairly and kindly.

3rd Principle: We believe that we should accept one another and keep learning together.

4th Principle: We believe that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.

5th Principle: We believe that all persons should have a vote about the things that concern them.

6th Principle: We believe in working for a peaceful, fair and free world.

7th Principle: We believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things.

Throughout the year, the children will be bringing their learnings home and to the congregation. We will look for clues to decrease our impact on the environment and explore our planet Earth. We will earn buttons throughout the year to place on our reusable bags.

UU Spaces

We will continue with our UU Spaces model this year. We will meet together in one space for the first fifteen minutes of class, sharing a story told by our Story Teller. Afterwards, each child can choose where they would like to further explore the topic of the day.

Youth Group

We will have a Junior Youth Group (5th - 8th grades) and a Senior Youth Group (9th grade and up) again this year. The Senior Youth Group will meet two Sunday evenings per month starting September 15 and will continue to give back to church and the community. The Junior Youth Group will meet on Sunday mornings starting October 6 during the service and will also have planned outings and activities together.

An Opportunity to Volunteer with Religious Exploration

I am looking for volunteers!! I will be providing a teacher orientation on September 8 right after church, and we will be signing our children up for RE. I will be reaching out to many of you to consider volunteering in the Sunday morning program. I will start with people who have helped in the past and who have active CORIs to be with the children. Don't be surprised if I reach out to you! Please let me know if you have an interest in spending quality time with the children and youth guiding them as they seek clues to fulfill their goals. You will be helping them with art projects and exploring the answers to questions together. Please email me at dre@uumiddleboro.org.

Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration



MUSIC MUSINGS



As we kick off the new Church Year, my mind is full of ideas, lists, dates, and excitement to get back into the twirl of activity. It has been a great summer, but I'm rarin' to go, and I hope you are, too! The first choir rehearsal included an open workshop featuring Debra Perry, founder and director of The Vocal Development Studio in New Bedford, and all were invited.

The Chalice Choir will be singing at Ingathering on September 8 and alternate Sundays thereafter. On "non-choir" Sundays, we will have various music solos and ensembles, both guests and in-house. In November we will once again participate in the Middleboro Music Guild Thanksgiving Concert, as well as caroling during the holidays. The Solstice Singers will present their winter show on January 4, and we will have other concerts during the year.

We had some good fun over the summer, starting with a sing-along with Anita Cole, longtime chorister who now lives in Plymouth. A small band of folks took a field trip to Haverhill to visit and tour the Mason & Hamlin Piano Factory. We'll be partying on Tispaquin Pond soon, grabbing some unstructured social time before getting down to music business at the first choir rehearsal.

If you are interested in being a part of our music program, please do not hesitate to let me know. I am always looking for singers and instrumentalists who would like to share their musical gifts. Please remember that perfection is not the goal—just passion and excellence at whatever stage you may be. We offer this to one another.

Here we go again: old tunes, new tunes, great congregational singing, and the type of connection that only music can make!

Susan Hotchkiss, Music Director
music@uumiddleboro.org



MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS

I approached the Memorial Garden Saturday morning (8/17) tools in hand and trepidation in my heart, for I feared it would be a mess after my last efforts a month ago. To my delight, others have been at work (Patty? Jeff? Gnomes?) deadheading and weeding, and my spare hour was all that was needed, but more deadheading will be needed as August winds down. Gardeners just don't work well on a schedule, but the Memorial Garden, which has been beautiful some weeks and pathetic others this season, needs a better guarantee of care than a "do it when I can approach".

A meeting will be scheduled later in the Fall to review the nature of the garden and do some long-term planning. Also, sometime in October, there will be a day for clean-up. Last year we elected to leave the leaves in the garden as a mulch which appears to have been a good plan. The perennials will, however, need to be cut down, and the compost area is in serious need of cleaning up. There is a set of wire compost bins available to help keep it organized in the future.

Please let me know your willingness to help, either working on your own or with a group. If you can't garden, but have opinions or suggestions, they are welcome.



Mike Schroeder
mwschroeder379@gmail.com

LAKEVILLE ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 5
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For many years, we have run a food booth at the Festival. It has always been a good fundraiser for the church, and we are well-known for our delicious food.



Squash Soup - Kale Soup – Meatball Subs – Chicken Salad – Breads & Baked Goods

There are many ways for volunteers to help make this fundraiser successful:

Food Prep – Baking – Shopping – Donating Paper Goods – Booth Set-Up and Breakdown
Staffing the Day of the Festival – and last but not least, Clean-Up!

For our famous squash soup, we need donations of 6 more squashes already baked (pureed if possible) delivered to Sue Sherman's house (11 East Grove St. Middleboro - next to the DQ), between Tuesday, October 1, and Thursday afternoon, October 3. Or you can bring it to the church kitchen in a freezer bag labeled "FOR SQUASH SOUP" on any Sunday before then and put it in the freezer part of the fridge. Call Susie (508) 946-2289 so she knows to pick up the squash at church. (Susie has a recipe to bake butternut squash. You can email her at 42sues@gmail.com for the recipe, if needed.)

So please say “yes” when you are contacted to help, or let Rev. Sarah (minister@uumiddleboro.org) know your ideas for ways to help out. Thank you!



HEALING CIRCLE

Monday, September 9

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

We live in challenging times and are often busier than we wish to be. As young people, we are pressured and begin to worry at an early age. As adults, we juggle careers, kids, often the needs of aging parents and a myriad of other things. As seniors, many of us worry that we will not have enough resources to see us through to the end of life.

The media keeps us in a constant state of fear and anxiety. Although we may feel powerless to change the current trends in American life, we *can* learn to slow down and give ourselves a much-needed time out. To that end, the Healing Circle is offered as a way to take a step back from the chaos of life and do something just for ourselves. We invite you to take some time to retreat, relax and just “be”.

The Healing Circle is safe, sacred space. Following a brief guided meditation, practitioners will offer a variety of modalities, including Reiki and Healing Touch, either hands on or off. Personal boundaries are always respected. Folks are also invited to place their intentions and prayers into the Healing Basket.

The Circle is offered by donation in the Spirit of Love.



OCTOBER
NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting your articles for the October Newsletter is **Sunday, September 15**. You may send your information to office@uumiddleboro.org.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

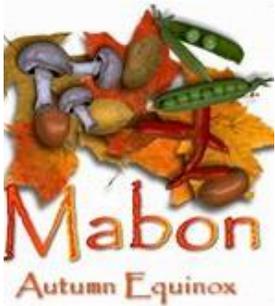
Monday, September 16

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall



The book group continues to meet on the third Monday of each month in the Parish Hall, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Our August meeting was a special summer get-together with food and conversation at Carleen's home. The September 16 selection is Christopher Moore's *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal*. Booklist said: "Although many will find something offensive in this novel, which pokes fun at every major religious tradition that existed in the first century, they will find it simply impossible not to laugh."

For more information please contact Carleen Loper at carleenml@aol.com.



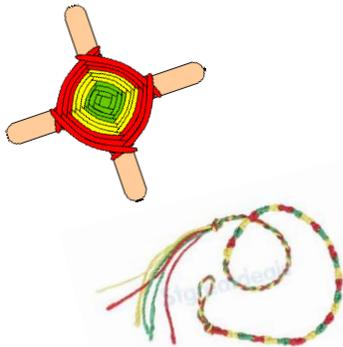
CUUPS MABON RITUAL

Monday, September 16

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

We will gather tonite to celebrate the second harvest known as Mabon. It marks a time of balance between darkness and light as the Wheel turns once again toward the season of Winter. Summer's unbridled growth has turned into the fullness of Autumn as the fruits of the fields and vines put forth their last breath in a kaleidoscope of brilliant color. Just as Mother Earth is completing her yearly cycle of rebirth, fertility and death, we too mark these same passages in our own lives. Mabon is a time to enjoy the fruits of our labors and to be grateful for their bounty but also to reflect upon our own spiritual harvest and to take stock before the cold winds drive us within.

Join us as we celebrate this time in gratitude and reflection. We will share in a potluck feast following the ritual. All are welcome.



First Parish UU Taunton

BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, September 22

After Church

76 Church Green, Taunton

\$5 Suggested Donation for Adults



Join us at the First Parish Taunton Block Party starting at noon, a fantastic opportunity to get UU congregations involved with a communal project while meeting other UUs in the area. FUUSM will be hosting two activities; making friendship bracelets and god's eyes. Rev. Sarah will also be collecting the names of lay people who lead membership development, social action, board activities and more.

Bring the family - there will be a bouncy house and fun things for kids.



NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 29

12:00 noon in the Parlor

All newcomers to our Church who have not already attended one of our luncheons are invited to join us. We'll get to know each other better and talk about what you're looking for in a church community as well as how we function as a welcoming and affirming congregation. Please RSVP to Dorine Levasseur at dmlevasseur925@gmail.com.



COMING SOON!

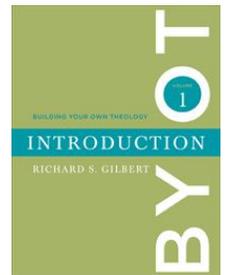
BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY

Vi Fairweather and Bob Waterman, Leaders

Wednesdays: October 2 & 23, November 6 & 13, and December 4

6:30 – 8:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Last fall a number of people enjoyed attending the first half of the course, *Building Your Own Theology*. It was built on the assumption that everyone is their own theologian. This classic UU adult education course invites participants to develop their own personal credo and the fundamental religious beliefs, values and convictions that inform and direct their lives. Gilbert poses five developmental tasks in order to come to terms with human nature, ultimate reality, history, ethics and religious meaning. We are now going to complete the course. Because the text contains all the lessons, you can join us for the second half regardless of whether you did its beginning last year. You can catch up with us on your own.



The textbook costs \$16. Valarie is willing to order them from the UUA, but there will be an additional \$2 for shipping. Please give Vi or Val (in the church office) a check for \$18 made payable to the church but labeled for BYOT **by September 13** so that she can order them as soon as possible. Speak to Rev. Sarah or Vi if the cost of the textbook is a hardship.

Session 6: History – An Honest Backward Look

Session 7: Ethics As Unenforceable Obligations – The Importance of Being Good for Nothing

Session 8: We Are Meaning Makers

Session 9: So What? Imperatives of My Theology

Session 10: Wrapping It Up – A Credo

The class will include a fifteen-minute break unless the enrollees would prefer ending earlier without a break.

Viola Fairweather, vifairweather@verizon.net



LIVING IN THE QUESTIONS

with Dan Hotchkiss

Question for October: “What do we mean when we say ‘God’?”

Saturday, October 12

9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Sign up for monthly emails at www.danhotchkiss.com/Q

Of all religious words, none carries a more potent punch than “God.” Many people, if you ask about their religion, say they believe (or don't believe) in God. But this begs the question: what do we mean when we say “God”? I hope we will explore a variety of God-concepts, so that whether we emerge as theists, atheists, or something else, we'll feel a bit more deeply the full resonance of our culture's most widely-used religious word.



**MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING
June 19, 2019**

PC meeting summary from May: Accepted

Finances: Reviewed status.

Cash in the Plate: Summer – Habitat for Humanity; September – Minister’s Discretionary Fund

Fundraisers: Planning meeting scheduled for 6/23; BeSpoke Concert – went well, raised \$142; will consider something for Krazy Days; Tony Winters on 8/17; Lakeville Arts Festival – hope to do if we can get someone willing to lead; Oct/Nov – Raise the Rafters.

Restrooms Project – Youth will be working on this.

Pledge Drive – Reviewed updated figures.

Rental Fee Schedule: Rates raised; won’t raise existing long-term renters.

Church Sign: Will work with Mike McCarthy on a simpler design.

Nasal Narcan: Considering having available; will offer training.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator): Will research having one.

Debrief of the Year: Reviewed accomplishments and ways of working.



**MINUTES OF THE
PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING
July 17, 2019**

Present: Bob Waterman, Rev. Sarah Person, Eileen Smith, Marc MacQueen, Joshua McKiernan,
Jim Bonnar

Music: There will be a concert by Tony Winters on August 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer: Marc MacQueen presented a June report with a year-end summary.

Building: Exterior painting will begin soon. The estimate was less than expected. We will have new signage in front of the church.

Fundraising: Nothing is currently planned for Krazy Days. We discussed the possibility of providing a Cool Café at that time. We also discussed the possibility of a yard sale/Savers drive later on.

The Lakeville Arts Festival has requested we provide a planned menu by the end of August. There is currently no one chairing this event.

Training: Joshua McKiernan will offer trainings in the use of Narcan, First Aid and CPR, including use of AED.

Bathroom Project: The Youth Group has been delegated to lead the Restroom Reconfiguration" project.

P.C.: We reviewed the calendar for P.C. driven activities for the coming year.

Next meeting will be a Parish Committee retreat in late August.



Parish Care

Parish Care help is available to assist with meals, transportation, emergency babysitting, and hospital visits during illnesses or other family emergencies.

We are a diverse, active and caring community; and we welcome your questions and your participation. You are always invited to call or visit our minister to discuss any matter of concern to you.

Parish Care:	Susan Curtiss
Meals:	Dody Adkins-Perry
Rides:	Marc MacQueen
Cards:	
Caring Choir:	Valerie Fontaine
Prayer Shawls & Blankets:	Juli Gould

Our Broadcasts

Our worship services are videotaped and broadcast over local cable television in Middleboro and in Lakeville. You can watch the service any time online at

<http://71.126.251.154/CablecastPublicSite/>.

Worship Services

Everyone is welcome. Members and friends are invited to help with Coffee Hour or serve as a Greeter on a Sunday morning. Child care for the littlest children begins at 10:15 a.m. in the Nursery Room.

We are handicapped accessible with an elevator serving both levels of the church. We also have hearing assistive devices and large print hymnals available.

Food Pantry

Our congregation supports the Sacred Heart Food Pantry in Middleboro.

Among items most needed are:

peanut butter and jam; canned tuna, salmon and mackerel; cold cereal - bran flakes, Cheerios, Kix, etc.; powdered milk; dry hot cereal mixes - oatmeal, farina, cream of wheat, etc.; granola bars; whole wheat and graham crackers; dried fruit; boxed pasta and noodle mixes; canned beans; vegetables and fruit; ketchup; mayonnaise; vegetable oil; honey; microwavable meals; canned meats; staple meal items; and toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant and baby wipes.

No expired items, please. Place your donations in the baskets located in the parlor. Thank you.

Parish Committee

President:	Bob Waterman
Vice President:	Joshua McKiernan
Treasurer:	Marc MacQueen
Assistant Treasurer:	Eileen Smith
Parish Clerk:	Jim Bonnar
Members At Large:	Lois Aldrich Katie Allen

Church Calendar

We would like to keep the church calendar up-to-date. Please check the online calendar by visiting <http://uumiddleboro.org/>, click on About Us, and scroll down to Calendar to confirm that your meeting or event is scheduled. Contact the church office (office@uumiddleboro.org) with any changes or additions.

Mission Statement

We seek to provide a sanctuary where people can come together as a community to foster spiritual and personal growth through education and open discussion, to offer the opportunity for meditation and worship, and to serve as a liberal religious voice.

In our interactions with one another, we seek to build a strong community, great with acceptance, appreciation, caring love, respect, tolerance, trust, and forgiveness; to listen to one another and resolve our conflicts peacefully; to sympathize with and show compassion to one another; to express our creativity together; and to delight in fun and friendship.

As a religious community, we strive to help one another in our individual journeys to discover our spiritual selves; to find purpose, self-worth, and peace; to explore moral and ethical questions together; and to inspire, challenge, and to stimulate one another intellectually - with open-mindedness and without judgment.

As individuals and in the larger community, we will speak against injustice and cruelty. We seek to model tolerance and diversity; confront the fear of difference; and thoughtfully address the many difficult problems of our world.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship Service, Parish Hall</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Welcome Back BBQ Rev. Sarah's Home</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>12:00 noon Order of Service Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Spirituality Group, Minister's Office</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Musikgarten, Parish Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Sangha Meditation Group, Parish Hall (Recycle Week)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Ingathering Breakfast, Parish Hall</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Ingathering Worship Service</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Teacher Orientation, Minister's Office</p> <p>11:30 a.m. On Topic, Parlor</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Parish Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Membership Development, Minister's Office</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>12:00 noon Order of Service Deadline</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Music Committee, Parish Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Spirituality Group, Minister's Office</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Satsang, Off Site</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Musikgarten, Parish Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Sangha Meditation Group, Parish Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Craft Class, Parish Hall</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service and RE</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Welcoming Team, Parlor</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Senior Youth, Parish Hall</p> <p>Oct. Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Book Discussion Group, Parish Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. CUUPs, Parish Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>12:00 noon Order of Service Deadline</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Parish Committee, Parish Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>6:00 p.m. PR Committee, Minister's Office</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Spirituality Group, Minister's Office</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Musikgarten, Parish Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Sangha Meditation Group, Parish Hall (Recycle Week)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service and RE</p> <p>12:00 noon Newcomers Luncheon, Parlor</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Senior Youth, Parish Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> 					



New England
Region

NEW ENGLAND REGION WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS & TRAININGS

<https://www.uua.org/new-england/workshops-webinars>

Youth Ministry Reboot in Boston and Online Saturday, September 14, 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., UUA Headquarters in the Chapel, 24 Farnsworth St., Boston, MA

A workshop designed for teams of youth directors, DREs, and lay youth advisors.

Presenters: Rev. Evin Carvill-Ziemer and Karen Bellavance-Grace

Youth ministry is continually evolving, and the pace of change is *fast*. Are you and your team prepared to meet the social, spiritual, and developmental needs of your congregation's youth today? Join us for a practical overview of healthy contemporary youth ministry.

Claiming Your Spiritual Leadership ~ Intro into the Practices Saturday, September 28, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., UU Community Church, 69 Winthrop St., Augusta, ME

Presenters: Your New England Region UUA Staff Team

This program is designed for religious professionals and lay people to build collective practice for collective action. People of faith who are interested in a transformed world are called to step into their Spiritual Leadership. Our souls need it. Our congregations need it. Our world needs it. Spiritual Leadership is an orientation and practice by which individuals and congregations create, sustain, and restore Beloved Community in which everyone experiences belonging, wholeness, greater equity, and an increased willingness to risk on behalf of our values.

