



THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MIDDLEBOROUGH

25 South Main Street, Middleborough, MA 02346

www.uumiddleboro.org

508-947-1935

October, 2019

Sunday, October 6, at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Sarah K. Person preaching

The Deep End of the Pool

How is a congregation different from other relationships? We offer the opportunity and the choice to share our deepest truths. It is this choice that gives us the strength to meet the demands of everyday life with integrity and hope. Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday with cranberry juice and cornbread. Our service is grounded in the meaning of communion – an act of sharing that invokes the promise of community. Join us for uplifting ritual and affirmation of the ways in which we are all a part of the whole. The Chalice Choir and Children will be singing. *This morning is Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. All are welcome to invite family, friends and neighbors.*

Sunday, October 13, at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Danielle Di Bona preaching

Unitarian Universalism has a saving faith that we are blessed to be a part of. And, we know that others would be blessed by our faith as well. So, let's throw open the doors and invite them in. Special music will be provided by a vocal ensemble.

The Rev. Danielle Di Bona has served Unitarian Universalism for 30 years and is the 2018 recipient of the Award for Distinguished Service to the Cause of Unitarian Universalism. In her retirement, Rev. Di Bona serves as the Palliative Care chaplain at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. She was a member of this church in the early 2000s.

Sunday, October 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Sarah K. Person preaching

The Calling

Let's explore the necessary qualities of leadership. This has never been more debatable than it is today. Join the interactive conversation as we learn something about the roles and the responsibilities we take on, or cheer on. The Chalice Choir will be singing.

Sunday, October 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Viola Fairweather preaching

Prioritizing Peace

As we approach Halloween, many of us are drawn to thinking about death and, as a result, using our energy to engage with life in a more meaningful way. With technology, we are instantly made aware of the complications of our times; and we can wonder if there are things we could do to energize our capacity to have a peaceful impact on life. At our core we want to connect - to have a sense of belonging and peace. Today Vi will attempt to give us techniques prepared by Barbara Moore for clearing, containing and cultivating our energy so that we are personally more at peace. Special music will be provided by Patty and Barry Simon.

Viola Fairweather first came to this church in 1969 when she came to Middleboro to teach. Over the years she has been on most committees. She was on staff as an interim DRE and led many workshops and groups. She has done the Hospice Training, worked with dying patients and studied with Bernie Siegel. She is currently co-leading the course, *Building Your Own Theology*.

Minister's Meditation

Anniversary

Today is September 26 and my grandfather Ben Person's birthday. Tomorrow is the birthday of my father, Bob.

Ben was the most comfortable of all of my family to be around. Literally. He was perfectly shaped to nestle on top of for an afternoon nap on the sofa. He always wore a suit and a vest to dinner, and always smelled of cigars. The only time he'd remove his suit jacket was for a game of poker with his brothers and my dad.

He didn't talk as much as everyone else, so it was always a surprise when he started to tell a story. Of coming to America with his brothers. Of growing up with boys who ended up becoming Jewish mobsters. Of knowing the best places to fish. Of driving a cab. Of knowing all of New York City but losing all sense of direction when crossing its borders.

He was a Navy man during World War I. Apart from that, the only time he left the East Coast was when he brought his dying daughter Lorraine to Arizona, hoping for a cure. He wrote beautiful, spare and loving letters home – words I never heard him utter out loud. I sat with him on his deathbed, but he wasn't with me. He was fishing with his friends, and I truly understood the meaning of blessing.

Rev. Sarah



MUSIC MUSINGS



Several years back, I attended a piano concert in Miami that opened my eyes to all kinds of possibility. The artist was a young genius who brought sensitivity to every single note and phrase—reaching deep, transcending the here and now. In his encore, he whipped up a fury of virtuosity and landed—Ka-Bong!—on the wrong final chord. There was dead silence in the hall. The young artist stood up, gave a smile and shrug, and took a bow. And of course the audience went wild.

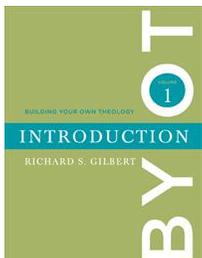
Music is like that. It can carry you to places of wonder and awe. And—especially in live performance—it is so very human.

Here at First UU, we are practicing, practicing, practicing—honing our craft, hoping for a touch of transcendence. The Vocal Workshop led by Debra Perry in August was a great way to start off the choral singing year, and we'll have at least one more vocal workshop later in the year. Even the most experienced among us can find a valuable take-home from a good teacher.

Once a month or so, we hope to have instrumental music for a Musical Offering. Kudos to Rob Dragunas for playing a lively Beethoven sonatina on mandolin in September, and to Patty and Barry Simon who will share their magical sounds of hammered dulcimer and flute in October.

October also brings a combined choir with adults and kids, the first of several this year. The children will learn the song and join the Chalice Choir for rehearsal at 9:45 on October 6. We have one high school singer in choir this year and would welcome more. We're also looking forward to having youth join the song leaders for hymns. Please let me know if you are interested!

Susan Hotchkiss, Music Director music@uumiddleboro.org



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

On October 2 we will begin the class *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. Because the book 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. Beacon Press has copies of the book if you need one. Contact Vi Fairweather if the cost of the book 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



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.

3 rd Principle and the World of Wonder	September 15 to October 20
2 nd Principle and Life Cycles	October 27 to November 17
Holiday Pageant Prep and Gifts for Pets	December 1 to December 29
4 th Principle and Joy in Nature	January 5 to January 26
1 st Principle and Working Together	February 4 to February 23
5 th Principle and Finding your Voice	March 1 to March 29
7 th Principle and Giving Back	April 5 to April 26
6 th Principle and Love and Gratitude	May 3 to May 31

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. Each child will receive their reusable bag in September to bring home and start using. They started learning about the web of life and nature's partnerships and will continue their learning in October with a new item for their bags!

Youth Group

We will have a Junior Youth Group (5th - 8th grades) and a Senior Youth Group (9th grade and up) this year. The Senior Youth Group will meet two Sunday evenings per month, October 13 and 27, from 5:00 to 7:00 and will continue to give back to the church and the community. The Junior Youth Group will meet on Sunday mornings starting October 6 during the service from 10:45 to 11:45 and will also have planned outings and activities together.

An Opportunity to Volunteer with Religious Exploration

I am looking for volunteers!! I can provide a teacher orientation for anyone interested. We will continue to sign up our children up for RE throughout the year. 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

MEDITATION SANGHA

Fridays

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall



We continue to welcome new members to our Meditation Sangha. Now in our 4th year, we meet most every Friday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 in the Parish Hall. We are supporting one another on a path rooted in Buddhist Insight and Zen traditions, with liberal doses of laughter and wonder.

Join us.

Tom Tanguay



LAKEVILLE ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 5

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Lakeville Arts Festival is almost here! Thank you to the many volunteers who have answered the call for donations of food and supplies, staffing, cooking, funding support.... and so much more. The adage of “Many hands make light work” is happening!

There are still some opportunities left to help out. Contact Co-chairs Juli, Nancy or Eileen for details.

Food Prep – Baking – Shopping – Donating Paper Goods
Booth Set-Up and Breakdown – Staffing the Day of the Festival – Clean-Up

Co-chairs can answer any questions you may have about the Festival details:

Juli Gould: juligould19@gmail.com

Nancy Backus: madmare1@veizon.net

Eileen Smith: esmith@plymouthgrating.com



Reminder:

· Food and supply donation drop off: **at the Church, Friday, October 4, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.** We'll be there to meet you.

· Special soup committee details below

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.)

Thank you!

CUUPS

Monday, October 7

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Why is it so hard to admit to growing old? Well, maybe it has to do with the way society and the media have depicted older members of society. The term CRONE is envisioned as a wrinkled, toothless, mean old woman who is to be shunned and pitied. That is very far from the truth. Growing older and becoming a Crone should be embraced and looked upon as entering a stage in life that is full of wisdom and joy. In Paganism, as with most religions, elders are seen as leaders who impart their knowledge gained from the many years of experience and are considered an asset to the community. Crones are revered and respected as wise women, healers and teachers.



On October 7, CUUPS will be celebrating this Rite of Passage as **Nikki Andrews** reaches the major milestone of Croneship. Come join us in this joyful ritual which will be followed by a pot luck feast.



Monday, October 28

7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

On Monday, October 28, CUUPS will celebrate SAMHAIN, the most sacred Sabbat for Pagans.

The final harvest, it is also a time when the veil between the worlds is said to be at its thinnest, and communication is possible between the living and our beloved dead and ancestors. It is a time to give final thanks for the abundance of harvest, to honor and remember those who came before and to begin to consider what seeds we wish to plant for the coming year as we prepare to go within as the days grow cold and dark.



Come join us in this important ritual and share in the bounty of our pot luck feast. It promises to be a Bewitching evening.....





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.



Question for November:

“Who was Clara Cook Helvie, Middleboro’s first woman minister?”

Saturday, November 2

9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

For November’s Living in the Questions session, I’ve set myself the task of learning all I can about the Reverend Clara Cook Helvie, who served as minister of the First Unitarian Society of Middleborough from 1930 to 1936. I hope to recapture some of the atmosphere of our church during those years, and the social and religious issues that most interested Ms. Helvie, so that we can explore together our own thoughts and feelings about our pioneering foremother.



FOOD HANDLER’S EXAM

Expiration Date: December 31, 2020

The new Food Handler’s Exam for the Town of Middleboro is available. All people involved in food service at FUUSM should take this exam in order to receive certification, which may also be used in venues other than the church.

The exam is FREE and is administered by Susan Hotchkiss. It takes less than an hour, and the certification is good through December 2020. We have two dates in October: Sunday, October 13, at 12:15 in the Minister’s Office OR Wednesday, October 30, at 7:00 in the Parish Hall.

Please sign up for one of the two dates with Susan Hotchkiss (music@uumiddleboro.org) or Valarie Ortelt (church administrator at 508-947-1935 or office@uumiddleboro.org).

Sunday, October 13, 12:15, Minister’s Office

Wednesday, October 30, 7:00, Parish Hall



HEALING CIRCLE

Monday, October 14

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

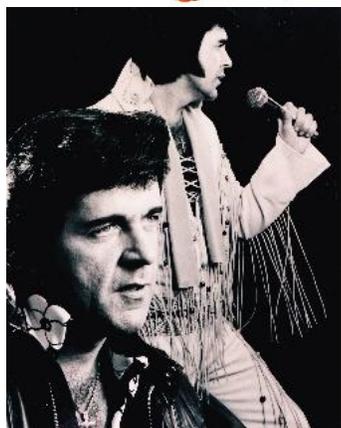
We live in challenging times and are often busier than we wish to be.

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.



ELVIS SHOW

with

JOHNNY KING

Saturday, October 19

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

at the

Middleboro Town Hall

10 Nickerson Avenue

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Open to the Public

Tickets are \$20



Johnny King will do a one-night Elvis Show. Johnny King got his Elvis chops in the California/Las Vegas area and now lives in the northeast. Johnny's show will bring us down memory lane by singing Elvis songs starting in the 50's, then the 60's, and finally the 70's. In addition, he will share some songs from oldie idols like Ricky Nelson, Bobby Rydell, and Paul Anka. Johnny will be assisted by his wife, Kelly, for additional tunes.

There will be a cash bar provided by The Bartending Service of New England, and light snacks will be served. There will also be a raffle with donated gifts. Ample parking is available behind the Middleboro Town Hall.

Contact the church office at (508) 947-1935 or office@uumiddleboro.org to reserve your tickets. Payment for reserved tickets will be made at the door. Only 150 tickets are available, so please pre-purchase, as limited tickets will be available at the door.

So put on your dancing shoes, and bring your friends!

A First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro fundraiser to support the mission of the church.

ALL ABOUT UUS

Sunday, October 20

11:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall

If you would like to **learn** more about the workings of UU Middleboro –

If you would like to find a way to **get to know more people** here –

If you are looking for **your “spot”** -

If you would like to **offer service** to your UU Community -

then plan to join us on Sunday, October 20, for the *All About UUs Fair* in the Parish Hall following the worship service. This will be an opportunity to speak to committee chairs and leaders and to let them know what your interests are.

We also want to hear about your ideas for how we can better **meet your needs and interests**. Whether you are a newcomer, a longtime member or somewhere in between, please take a look around at the opportunities that await you.



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting your articles for the October Newsletter is **Sunday, October 20**. You may send your information to office@uumiddleboro.org.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, October 21

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The book club meets on the third Monday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Carleen provides up to 12 copies of each selection from May to November.

The October selection is *There There* by Tommy Orange, winner of the American Book Award and named a Best Book of the Year by the Washington Post, NPR, Time, Oprah, GQ, The Boston Globe, and many others. If you have any questions, please contact Carleen Loper at carleenml@aol.com.



FINALE FRIDAY INTERGENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT!

Friday, October 25

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

We will be starting Finale Friday Game Night again on October 25 (the last Friday of the month) with Laura and Greg Stevens. This is a UUSM intergenerational game night complete with pizza for dinner. Please email them (gstevens43@gmail.com, lstevens508@yahoo.com) to RSVP so we know how much food to order. Join us for a fun evening!



MINUTES OF PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING (draft)

September 18, 2019

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

Visitor: Gil Cote

The Minutes of the June 16, 2019, meeting were approved.

Elvis Show: Gil Cote presented plans for the Elvis show fundraiser. The committee discussed risks and benefits of having a licensed and bonded bartending service and a raffle. Risks will be mitigated by adhering to church policies and state regulations. The committee approved plans going forward with the event as planned.

Minister's Report: Steve Page had surgery today. He will be unable to lift things during his recovery. He plans to supervise his son who will perform sexton's duties.

Treasurer's Report: Marc MacQueen presented reports to include activity on check book and on debit card. The report was accepted.

Membership Committee: We will be adding a "Becoming a Member" packet as a next stage to the "Welcoming Packet." The committee is working to simplify the process of becoming a welcoming host.

PR/Outreach Committee: This committee will meet tomorrow. Included in its agenda will be publicity for the Elvis event.

Social Action: Working groups include Climate Justice and Words Matter. Members of 4-5 of the town's churches will join together to participate in Friday's climate rally in Boston.

Building & Grounds: Work on painting church has begun. Jeff Stevens has led an effort to utilize CPA funding for this project to help preserve our church building.

Cash in the Plate: We received nearly \$450 from summer services that will go to Habitat for Humanity. September cash will go to the Minister's Discretionary Fund. October will go to Hurricane Relief for Barbados via the UUSC. November's cash will go to the food pantry, and December's will go to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Fundraising: Elvis show plans were approved. Lakeville Arts Festival planning is well underway. We discussed possible dates for the Saver's Drive, hopefully October 26, with October 19 and November 2 as alternatives.

Music Committee: The September concert at the Methodist Church has been cancelled. Josh McKiernan discussed simplifying the licensing for streaming musical performances.

Planning for the Year: We discussed having a visioning statement prepared by the end of the calendar year. We will have engagement activities (listening circles) in January and begin the pledge drive in February. This will facilitate budget input and planning to happen well in advance of our June annual meeting. We discussed plans to incorporate a church covenant into our services. The committee will address an overall view of fundraising.

Strategic Planning: Plans for the current year have been reviewed. Bob Waterman asked for input for three- and five-year plans. At some point our music director may want to retire. We may want to expand our church building.

Next meeting will be October 16, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

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.

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		<p>10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall</p>	<p>12:00 noon Order of Service Deadline</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Building Your Own Theology, Parish Hall</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Spirituality Group, Minister's Office</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. Musikgarten, Parish Hall</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Lakeville Arts Set-Up, All Downstairs</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Meditation Sangha, Parlor (Recycle Week)</p>	<p>Lakeville Arts & Music Festival</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>9:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service and RE</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Junior Youth, Minister's Office</p> <p>Bring a Friend Sunday</p> <p>11:30 a.m. On Topic, Parlor</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. CUUPs, Parish Hall</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall</p>	 <p>12:00 noon Order of Service Deadline</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Music Committee, Parish Hall</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Spirituality Group, Minister's Office</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Satsang, Off Site</p>	<p>10:30 a.m. Musikgarten, Parish Hall</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Meditation Sangha, Parish Hall</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Living in the Questions, Parish Hall</p>
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NEW ENGLAND REGION WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS & TRAININGS

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

***Steps Toward Decentering Whiteness* Saturday, October 5 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Winchester Unitarian Society, 478 Main St, Winchester, MA 01890**

Co-led by Meck Groot, New England Region UUA; Patty Shepard, Winchester Unitarian Society; and Susan Shepherd, First Parish Cambridge

In this workshop we will **1.** explore the systemic issues that were at play in the search for a Lead for the Southern Region as outlined in the UUA Commission on Institutional Change's "Findings Related to the Southern Regional Lead Hiring Decision, Spring 2017" [tinyurl.com/COIC-April2018]; **2.** apply the Commission's findings and recommendations to realities at the congregational level; and **3.** identify possible steps congregations can take to decenter whiteness and to center individuals and communities with marginalized identities and experience.

***Claiming Your Spiritual Leadership ~ Intro into the Practices* Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester, 90 Holden St, Worcester, MA 01606**

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. Also offered in Montpelier, VT, on November 16.

