



THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MIDDLEBOROUGH

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March, 2020

Theme for the Year: A Purposeful Life

Sunday, March 1, at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Sarah K. Person preaching
If I Had It to Do All Over Again

It is human to have second thoughts about how we could have done more and done it better. Maybe it's even necessary to living a conscientious life. Let us be reminded of the love that can free us from fear of our imperfections and reconcile our hearts. The Chalice Choir will be singing.

Sunday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Sarah K. Person preaching
What Equality Might Look Like

Today is International Women's Day. Around the world, are there hopes and dreams that women, and those of us who express ourselves as women, have in common? Special music will be provided by Owen Kidd on trumpet.

Sunday, March 15, at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Danielle Di Bona preaching
Family Worship Service
Are You Okay?

In this exhausting, scary, worrisome time in our country and in our lives, I would like to ask you if you're okay. The Chalice Choir will be singing.

The Reverend 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, MA. Rev. Di Bona also serves on the Board of the Church of the Larger Fellowship. She is a Chaplain to the UUA Board of Trustees and Finding Our Way Home.

Sunday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m.
Matt Meyer leading
Lessons for Future Ancestors

"Let us measure success by how many of us can say: I am living a life I don't regret. A life that will resonate with my ancestors."

-Adrienne Maree Brown

Join us for a reflection of heavy suitcases, surprise turning points, and attending to the complexity of our times with love and resilience.

Matt is a musician and community organizer who has led hundreds of services for UU congregations across the country. He has a degree in hand drumming and has studied abroad in Cuba, Ghana and Central America. Matt serves as Director of Community Life for Sanctuary Boston and is a co-founder of the UU Songleaders Convergence.

Sunday, March 29, at 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Sarah K. Person preaching
Living in between Two Worlds

We are living in a transition – a slow and steady transition – between one culture to another as yet undefined. We as a people of faith promise to treat others with love and respect. It can be hard to understand that promise means different things to different people. Let's talk about navigating this multicultural world we now live in. The Chalice Choir will be singing.

MINISTER'S MEDITATION

Spring Forward

This winter has been so mild that I am missing that yearning, that aching desire to see the bright green of new growth, to smell mud and stand outside in wind-driven rain from far-off places. (A part of me hopes that we'll get a final cold snap just because I'm writing this.) Instead, the coming spring will just be a continuation, and there will have been little demarcation between seasons.

We've had mild winters before, but I never realized the significance of anticipating change. It was somehow comforting to be able to release myself from the doldrums and leap into something reliably new, like shedding a cold and grimy skin.

Still I will have to shed something in order to absorb spring's gifts:

Lose fatigue and welcome renewal.

Lose routine and welcome surprise.

Lose monotone and welcome color.

Lose regret and welcome reassurance.

May you and I be ready and willing for Spring,

Rev. Sarah



This is my 12th year as music director at First UU, living in New England, marveling and shivering at FOUR seasons, getting bored with hibernation, looking for indoor adventure and trying to turn this final month of winter into a welcomed challenge. There is introspection, waiting, preparation. I can feel a UU version of Lent.

Just under the calm surface of March, much is happening in the music world. Although you may see a quietly rolling sea, there is a cathedral down there, hard at work and rising to the surface. The waters are roiling, the bells are tolling, the organ is swelling. Look out – rebirth is around the corner.

We are aflutter with preparations for “Music Sunday” on April 26 and “Springtime Gala: Broadway” on May 16. The Chalice Choir is working hard on new anthems and showtunes. Soloists are honing their art and lining up for rehearsal times.

Happy March to us all!

Susan Hotchkiss, Director of Music

PLEDGE DRIVE 2020

In March, we'll be kicking off our Annual Pledge Drive. This is the time when we ask you to consider what you can do to support the Church, and in doing so, to think about what the Church means to you. What brought you to this Congregation? What keeps you coming back? What impact does being a part of the Church have on your life? What would your life be like if the Church was not a part of it?

As we enter this year's drive, the Parish Committee has hope and confidence in the strength and resolve of our Congregation. Our Church is a vibrant, important institution, offering comfort, sanctuary, and inspiration to many. It helps us discover what it means to be a UU – who we are, what we are, what we stand for, and what we strive for. This is our spiritual home. It brings us to our center and provides opportunities to deepen our spirituality by engaging in spiritual practices. This is a place of caring and fellowship where we make meaningful connections with one another. Our Church gives us a platform to help make a difference in the world, and challenges us to do so. And we have a lot of fun together!

We believe we can continue to grow and strengthen our Church. We'll do this by taking concrete steps to connect with the community beyond our walls, to build our Church family community, to deepen our sense of spirituality and religious identity, to live our faith through service to the community, and to grow a financially thriving Church. We have a dedicated and talented staff working diligently to provide quality programming. And we've had great success with new programs and groups in the last few years. Let's see what we can do to keep more great offerings coming.

It takes money to keep our Church alive and strong. If we want it to continue on, we have to support it. If we want to pay our staff a fair wage, we have to provide the means to do so. Our goal for pledges this year is \$172,000, which is about a \$21,000 increase over last year's total. We believe that by working together, we can ensure our present and future health and stability, and we believe we can keep our Church strong and vibrant for ourselves and for generations to come. We believe we are all owners, stakeholders, and stewards of this wonderful place that is such an important part of our lives, and we believe we can have the Church we want as long as we're willing to support it. We hope that you'll think about what the Church means to you and how you can help make sure it continues to thrive.

Bob Waterman
President, Parish Committee



Sustainability Sleuths

In February we worked with our Jewish and Christian sources and thought about our first and seventh principles. We continued working on our star charts, made bookmarks and treasure boxes, and planted herbs for our upcoming spaghetti dinner. In March we will continue to think about love in all its forms. We will consider our sources in nature and earth-based sources. We will have a Family Worship Service on March 15, when we will all be upstairs together.

Senior Youth

Did you know that our Senior Youth have been doing coffee hour for the church on a monthly basis during the traditional church year for over a year now? We have moved from having the entire group of eight doing it at the same time to having smaller groups of two do it, and we have learned about getting there at 10:00 to get started. Soon we will be starting to greet upstairs, so you will see us more and more! We have been very busy talking about gender-neutral bathrooms and are working with the Parish Committee on the next steps. A survey has been constructed.

The Senior Youth Group will meet on March 1 and March 15.

Junior Youth

The Junior Youth Group is managing their first coffee hour in March. They have been working diligently on their video for church. They will meet on March 8 and March 22. For one session they will continue their work on the video, and on the next session they will talk about abundance and scarcity.

RE Band

Starting March 1, the RE Band will start practicing together. On February 16 we had our first jam session and started planning next steps. Any youth interested in playing in the RE Band may attend our first meeting on March 1 from 4:00 to 5:00 in the Parish Hall.

Joint Junior and Senior Youth Sleepover

We had our church sleep over (really an awake over) on February 16 in the Parish Hall. Ten youth and three adults spent the evening together playing games, watching movies and jamming to music. We ate pizza, popcorn, Whoopie pies and many other treats. Breakfast was served up by Deb Corthell and JR Pucillo-Dunphy.

RE Committee

The RE Committee has been meeting on the second Sunday of the month from 11:45 to 12:45. Please join us if you are interested in being a part of the group. We are planning for the end of the year and thinking about what will be offered in the upcoming year.

Parent Coffee Hour

We had our first meetings in January and February. We will continue to meet on the fourth Sunday of the month, sharing coffee and fellowship. Please join us.

Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SERVICE AUCTION

Sunday, March 15, at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall

Planning a Year of Fun and Fellowship

On Sunday, March 15, at 12:00 noon, we will again be holding our largest fundraiser of the year, the People to People Service Auction, which helps us to raise funds we need and also gives us the opportunity to build community and important lasting relationships, not to mention all the fun it provides

The deadline for auction submissions is Tuesday, March 3. At that point we will establish a preliminary offering booklet, so it's important to submit by then.

So take some time to think how you can participate and help us by responding now and using the enclosed form. Any questions, contact Norm Grenier.

JOIN US AT THE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SERVICE AUCTION

Especially if you:

would enjoy a waterfront getaway

like to have dinner with friends

would enjoy a plane ride

like crafts

need a ride to the airport
would enjoy ukulele lessons

like to visit museums

like antique fairs

need help gardening

like picnics

need a DJ

would like a sailboat ride

like kayaking

need a handyman

like fondue

need a handmade quilt

like barbecues

need the use of a pickup truck

like corn bread

enjoy tours

like brownies

enjoy a restaurant lunch

like to make new friends

want to spend more time with the friends you have!



PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SERVICE AUCTION

Sunday, March 15, 2020, at 12:00 noon

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

I'll offer: _____

Date(s) of event (*If at all possible, please provide dates.*):

Maximum number of people who can attend (per event): _____

Please indicate if you are offering an event multiple times:

Yes _____ How many times? _____ No _____

Minimum bid I suggest: \$ _____

If you wish to establish a suggested maximum bid, please feel free to do so:

\$ _____

Need work done? For a donation to the church, volunteers will complete your wish list.

I need the following done for which I will donate \$ _____ to the church:

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS PARTICIPATION.

***PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE COLLECTION PLATE OR TO
NORM GRENIER BY MARCH 3, 2020, FOR THE PRELIMINARY LISTING.***

CUUPS

Monday, March 2
7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall



As members of CUUPS, we are an eclectic group who share a common love of Mother Earth and the natural world. We come together eight times a year to honor the “Sabbats” or the Wheel of the Year which follows the natural rhythm of the seasons. Most of us also follow our own personal traditions and may honor different deities or paths.

The invitation this night is to come together to share our own unique journeys into paganism ...what drew us in, what keeps us here and the ways in which we honor Spirit in our own chosen traditions. It should be a wonderful night of deepening our commitment to serving the Goddess in all her aspects.

All are welcome, pagans and non-pagans alike. Come to share or just to listen.....

At this time, we are all called to be defenders of our One Beautiful Earth. We pagans got this!

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**Monday, March 16**  
**7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**



The Wheel of the Year turns again as we welcome Ostara, the Vernal Equinox and one of the four great solar festivals. It represents sunrise, youth, the morning star, the element of Air and the direction of East.

The first lengthening rays of light begun at Imbolc have now grown in strength to a place of equality between day and night. From this point on, the sun will gain in strength as it climbs higher in the sky until it reaches its zenith at summer solstice.

Ostara is the goddess of dawn, a maiden goddess who oversees the budding of plants and the fertility of the earth. The virgin goddess has awakened from her winter sleep and meets the young horned god. They will meet again at Beltane to consummate their relationship; but for now, they are innocent and delight in the beauty of nature coming alive once again.

Please join us as we celebrate this beautiful time of year. All are welcome. A potluck feast will follow the ritual.



### *THE ELSIE GAUDETTE AWARD*

The Elsie Gaudette Award can be given this spring (the third Sunday in June) to a person who exemplifies the service and dedication to this church that Elsie did for many years. The Elsie Gaudette Award Committee will be meeting to review the nominations. Ask any award winner (listed on the plaque displayed in the Parlor) about it. If you know of a deserving person to nominate for this award, you must nominate her/him in writing, telling of this person’s contributions to the church over time and why this person deserves the honor. Send your signed letters to the Committee Chairperson, Linda E. Thompson.



## APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the April Newsletter may be sent to [office@uumiddleboro.org](mailto:office@uumiddleboro.org) by Sunday, March 15.



### LIVING IN THE QUESTIONS

with Dan Hotchkiss

Saturday, March 7

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

Question for March: "How can we know what is fair?"

Sign up for monthly emails at [www.danhotchkiss.com/Q](http://www.danhotchkiss.com/Q)

Many of the hardest issues we face boil down to fairness. How much child support should an ex-spouse pay? What is a fair wage for a fry cook, a minister, or a physician? Should a child's education depend on their parents' wealth? Should a vote for president in California count more or less than in Vermont? Who should be taxed, and how much? Should society pay reparations to people whose ancestors were enslaved? We won't address all these questions—or even try. But we will examine some ideas—and maybe play a game or two!—to help us clarify our own views.

Future topics:

4/4/2020. What does it mean to be free?

5/2/2020. [skipped]

6/6/2020. What does it mean to have faith?

**What is Living in the Questions?** One Saturday morning most months, Dan Hotchkiss hosts an opportunity to learn and talk about religious questions. Drawing insights from a variety of sources, including art, religious traditions, science, and philosophy, we support and challenge one another in group conversation.

You are welcome to attend when you can and skip when you must. If you're at all interested, please subscribe to the group mailing list. Each month, Dan will send some optional advance reading and a follow-up reflection. The list is open to everyone, even those who don't attend!

**Rev. Dan Hotchkiss** — author, workshop leader, coach, and consultant—is well known to leaders of churches and synagogues across North America. A member of the First UU Society of Middleboro, Dan majored in religious studies at Oberlin and graduated from Harvard Divinity School. Leading Living in the Questions is Dan's way of returning to some of the basic questions about life, faith, and history that have always fascinated him.



# DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!

Saturday night, March 7

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour  
Saturday night, March 7!



## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Monday, March 16

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Our book club continues to meet on the third Monday of each month, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

The title for March was chosen to represent the theme of Women's History Month. Our March 16 selection is nonfiction - *Triangle: The Fire That Changed America* by David von Drehle. At our March meeting, Carleen will also have copies available of the April 20 title: *Enrique's Journey* by Sonia Nazario.

For more information, contact Carleen Loper at [carleenml@aol.com](mailto:carleenml@aol.com).



## A SPRINGTIME GALA

(formerly Men Who Cook, Women Who Sing)

Saturday, May 16, 2020



Be sure to save the date for the re-envisioned Spring fundraiser! There will be a seated, buffet dinner served at 5:30 followed by the show at 7:00 and dessert to finish.

A limited number of dinner tickets will be available to ensure the comfort of those attending. The cost for an all-inclusive evening is \$30 per person. Show and dessert only tickets will be available at the rate of \$15 per person, family pricing of \$30 for show and dessert (not applicable to all inclusive dinner tickets).

Be on the lookout for more information on how and where to purchase your tickets.

*Stephen Larrett*

**MINUTES OF THE  
PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING - DRAFT  
February 19, 2020**

**Present:** Bob Waterman, Eileen Smith, Marc MacQueen, Katie Allen,  
Rev Sarah Person, Lois Aldrich

**Guests:** Steve Larrett, Alan Melchior, Kelly Lownds

We began with a presentation by Steve Larrett and Alan Melchior on the benefits of joining PayPal to accept credit/debit card payment for Church fundraising events. He explained that PayPal is easy to use and provides security and valuable tracking information. It costs 2.7% of the transaction plus 30 cents per card swipe.

**Reports:**

**Minister:** Please see Rev. Sarah's report. We will have two guest ministers next month. GA will be in Providence during the third week of June this year. Members may want to participate.

**RE:** Kelly Lownds reported on a successful youth overnight event. She is planning parent meetings, summer program, a wellness day fundraiser put on by youth, and curriculum for next year.

**Treasurer:** We had \$15,500 in income (good) and over budget expenses of \$5000 for repairs and \$5000 for UUA dues.

**Building and Grounds:** The ailing tree was removed before the windstorm happened.

**Membership:** Recent events were well attended. The committee is planning two events for spring - UU history and managing difficult conversations.

**Fundraisers:** Service Auction will be on March 15. The Savers drive is postponed

**Listening Circles:** The last group will meet on Saturday, February 22. Lois Aldrich and Marc MacQueen will be preparing feedback to the PC and the congregation.

**Pledge Drive:** We approved final revisions to the new brochure. It will be mailed out next week. We will have a preview of the pledge drive on Sunday, February 23, and the formal Launch on Sunday, March 1. We discussed goals for this year's drive, our vision statement, training for stewards, positive and specific messages and planning for next year's drive.

**Next meeting:** March 18.

## MARCH 2020

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| <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b><br/>Worship &amp; R.E.<br/><b>11:30 a.m.</b><br/>Service Auction<br/>Open Meeting,<br/>Sanctuary<br/><b>4:00 p.m.</b><br/>R.E. Band,<br/>Parish Hall<br/><b>5:00 p.m.</b><br/>Senior Youth,<br/>Parish Hall</p>                | <p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>CUUPs,<br/>Parish Hall</p>                                                                         | <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br/>Peaceful<br/>Quilters,<br/>Parish Hall<br/><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Chalice Choir<br/>Rehearsal,<br/>Parish Hall</p> <p><b>Service Auction<br/>Donation Slips<br/>Due</b></p>                            | <p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p><b>12:00 noon</b><br/>Order of Service<br/>Deadline</p>                                                                    | <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Spirituality<br/>Group,<br/>Minister's Office</p>                                                    | <p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br/>Meditation<br/>Sangha,<br/>Parish Hall</p>                                                                  | <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m.</b><br/>Living in the<br/>Questions,<br/>Parish Hall</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b><br/>Worship &amp; R.E.<br/><b>10:45 a.m.</b><br/>Junior Youth,<br/>Minister's Office<br/><b>11:30 a.m.</b><br/>On Topic, Parlor<br/><b>11:45 a.m.</b><br/>RE Committee,<br/>Minister's Office</p>                              | <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>                                                                                                                            | <p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br/>Peaceful<br/>Quilters,<br/>Parish Hall<br/><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Chalice Choir<br/>Rehearsal,<br/>Parish Hall</p>                                                                                    | <p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p><b>12:00 noon</b><br/>Order of Service<br/>Deadline</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Music<br/>Committee,<br/>Parish Hall</p>  | <p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Spirituality<br/>Group,<br/>Minister's Office</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Satsang,<br/>Off Site</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br/>Meditation<br/>Sangha,<br/>Parish Hall</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Knitting Group,<br/>J. Gould's Home</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b><br/>Family Worship<br/><b>11:30 a.m.</b><br/>Minister's Q&amp;A,<br/>Parlor<br/><b>12:00 noon</b><br/>Service Auction,<br/>Parish Hall<br/><b>5:00 p.m.</b><br/>Senior Youth,<br/>Parish Hall<br/><b>April Newsletter</b></p> | <p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p><b>5:30 p.m.</b><br/>Book Discussion<br/>Group,<br/>Parish Hall</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>CUUPs,<br/>Parish Hall</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>  <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br/>Peaceful<br/>Quilters,<br/>Parish Hall<br/><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Chalice Choir<br/>Rehearsal,<br/>Parish Hall</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p><b>12:00 noon</b><br/>Order of Service<br/>Deadline</p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b><br/>Parish<br/>Committee,<br/>Parish Hall</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Spirituality<br/>Group,<br/>Minister's Office</p>                                                   | <p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br/>Meditation<br/>Sangha,<br/>Parish Hall</p>                                                                 | <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b><br/>Worship &amp; R.E.<br/><b>10:45 a.m.</b><br/>Junior Youth<br/><b>11:30 a.m.</b><br/>On Topic, Parlor<br/><b>11:45 a.m.</b><br/>Parent Coffee<br/>Hour,<br/>Minister's Office</p>                                          | <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>                                                                                                                           | <p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br/>Peaceful<br/>Quilters,<br/>Parish Hall<br/><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Chalice Choir<br/>Rehearsal,<br/>Parish Hall</p>                                                                                    | <p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p><b>12:00 noon</b><br/>Order of Service<br/>Deadline</p>                                                                   | <p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Spirituality<br/>Group,<br/>Minister's Office</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Satsang,<br/>Off Site</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br/>Meditation<br/>Sangha,<br/>Parlor</p>                                                                      | <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b><br/>Worship &amp; R.E.<br/><b>11:30 a.m.</b><br/>On Topic,<br/>Parlor</p>                                                                                                                                                     | <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>                                                                                                                           | <p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br/>Peaceful<br/>Quilters,<br/>Parish Hall<br/><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br/>Chalice Choir,<br/>Parish Hall</p>                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



## **FAITHFUL RISKING: A PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**

**Saturday, April 4, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**North Parish of North Andover Unitarian Universalist Church | 190 Academy Road | North Andover, MA**

**Presented by Your New England Region Team**

Copy and paste the following link for more information:

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faithful-risking-a-practice-of-spiritual-leadership-april-4-north-andover-registration-85490804297>**

This program is designed for religious professionals and lay people to build collective practice for collective action. Spiritual leadership calls us to risk stretching beyond where we are comfortable, beyond what we think we are capable of in the name of love and justice. This kind of stretch is how our congregations reinvent themselves, adapt to new realities, advance mission, and renew our historic covenant. What risks are needed to pursue your mission, now? This workshop invites your team into a deeper awareness of the practice of faithful risking as part of Spiritual Leadership. Specifically, you will:

- Examine a theology of faithful risking as part of the faithful practice of Unitarian Universalism in congregations
- Explore some methods and tools for group discernment, and practice using at least one of them
- Reframe the discomfort that comes with stretching beyond our comfort zone as a positive sign of meaningful change
- Identify skills and tools for increasing our tolerance of discomfort, and practice using at least one of them
- Analyze case studies of UU congregations taking faithful risks.

Together we will consider how we can cultivate the courage to take the risks needed to truly live our congregational missions. **Registration ends on Monday, March 23, or maximum capacity.**

