



THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MIDDLEBOROUGH

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***We are offering both in-person and virtual worship services at 10:30 a.m.
The link to each service will be posted on our website every week.
For in-person attendance, please see the guidelines posted on the next page.***

Sunday, April 3

Rev. Sarah Person preaching

The Gift of Presence

A few of you have asked about our Lay Pastoral Ministry practice of “deep listening.” Deep listening is a life skill that will enhance your relationships with family, friends, co-workers and church fellowship. We are all capable of increasing our natural abilities to care for others and be cared for ourselves; not by problem-solving or fixing things but simply by being companions to one another through tough times. Special music is provided by the Chalice Choir singing “Healing Waters” by Clif Hardin.

Sunday, April 10

Rev. Sarah Person preaching

The Question of Fate

Many of us have spent some time during the pandemic looking back over our lives and asking important questions. There were so many unknowns at the beginning, and there continue to be to this day. Today is Palm Sunday, one of the events in the final days of Jesus Christ. In the gospels, Jesus knew what was going to happen long before his disciples. His foreknowledge is a major part of the story, and of Christian theology. Humans, however, live with uncertainty. What gives us the strength to cope with hardship, and still live as good a life as we can? Special music is provided by Bet Giddings singing a spiritual, *Were You There*.

Sunday, April 17 - Easter Sunday

Rev. Sarah Person preaching

Emergence

We are re-entering the world from our homes, our rooms, our cyberspaces. We are leaving behind wells of isolation and leaning toward living in communion with others. Join us for Easter Sunday Unitarian Universalist-style and imagine all the possibilities together. Special music provided by the Chalice Choir singing Mozart’s *Alleluia* PLUS Tony Soares singing *Amazing Grace*.

Sunday, April 24

**Led by the Local Chapter of the
Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans**

Love Letters to Mother Earth

In honor of Earth Day, the members of CUUPS will be presenting *Love Letters to Mother Earth*. We shall honor this beautiful blue and green being who provides us a home, nourishment, beauty and life itself with a joyous celebration of music, poetry, ritual and deep reflection on our shared journey with Her and on our responsibility as humans to caretake the Web of Life that also calls her home. Special music provided by singers from the Chalice Choir.

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

*The details in this Newsletter are up-to-date as of the publication, but there may be changes/updates, so be sure to check the weekly “UU Updates” for any updated information. If you are not subscribed to receive the “UU Updates,” send an email to [office@uumiddleboro.org](mailto:office@uumiddleboro.org), and we will add you to the mailing list.*

## Minister's Meditation

*We affirm that...*

*Some time ago, our congregation voted to display a Black Lives Matter banner on the front of the church. Knowing that there were reasons both for and against doing so, the Social Justice Core Team and the Parish Committee wanted to approach this decision with care. We spent months in preparation. Although it was current events that propelled us into the decision, a representative group of us spent the better part of a year in learning and deep reflection on our country's history of violent oppression, and our own, inescapable racialization. These have left an indelible imprint on all our lives. In the process, the group expressed gratitude for our local police and for their training and demonstration of de-escalation responses to crises.*

*FUUSM voted to display the banner. In addition, we clarified that it was not representing any particular organization in doing so, but was meant to make a statement of our values and our principles. So, we added the words "Our UU Faith Calls Us to Affirm That" to the words "Black Lives Matter."*

*Some of you have expressed concerns about (a) how we shall regularly review our commitment to continue displaying the banner, (b) that the banner still implies we are supporting the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, and (c) whether and how we might display our concerns about other critical human rights issues facing our country. I think these are valid questions and merit discussion. We cannot become blasé about our declarations. Cornel West said, "Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public." If we are to be a church that puts love at the heart of everything we do, then we need to be a church that puts that love out for all to see.*

Rev. Sarah



### **SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY**

All those who are fully vaccinated are welcome to attend our Sunday services in person. We're doing all we can to ensure the safety of those who attend:

- Masks are required in the church building, except for those who are speaking from the platform.
- All are expected to observe proper distancing of at least three feet.
- Windows will be kept open slightly to enhance ventilation.
- Entry will be by the front door and the downstairs parish hall door only. The Nickerson Street door will be kept closed.

With these precautions, we hope to enjoy one other's presence in experiencing worship together. We will continue to watch the trends carefully and adjust our guidelines as needed.



### **SAVE THE DATE FOR SARAH'S SHINDIG!**

After nine years of ministry with us, Rev. Sarah is retiring. We're planning a farewell event to celebrate her ministry on **Saturday, June 11, at 2:00 at the church.** We hope you'll join in the festivities! More details to follow.



WELCOME TO APRIL

“Over my head, I hear music in the air...There must be a God somewhere.” This African American spiritual is one of my favorites, dating back somewhere between 1750 and 1875. It is set as a five verse “zipper” song in hymn #30 in our grey hymnal, Singing the Living Tradition. The verses tell the story: I hear music; I hear singing; I see trouble; I feel gladness; I see angels.

Indeed, music is happening in the air these days with plenty of birdsong coming from the sky and bushes. I listen to the dialogues of our feathered friends, and the cries are full of singing, trouble, gladness, and angels. The birds themselves fly and sing like angels. So many musicians and composers have tried to capture birdsong, from the plaintive solo of a Native American flute to the complex texture of a symphony by Olivier Messiaen.

I often think about nature as the muse for the music of springtime awakening. How does the month of April call to you?

Susan Hotchkiss, Director of Music



**COME JOIN IN THE FUN!**

**SNACK & PLAY FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, April 2 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Church Lawn**



The Burt Wood School of Performing Arts is hosting a *Sip & Stroll* event on Saturday, April 2, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the Middleboro Town Hall Lawn. There will be more than 80 vendors selling goods and goodies, as well as several food trucks offering delectable delights.

Our Church will be having a "Snack & Play" area on our lawn. We'll be offering popcorn, coffee, and bottled water for purchase, an area for kids (of all ages) with games and crafts, and a rest area with tables and chairs for folks to take a break from all the sipping and strolling. It's a chance for us to be visible to the community and raise a little cash for our Church.

Please plan to come by and hang out and have some fun. It's a great chance for us to make ourselves known to the community!



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday, April 10, at 12:00 noon**

Those who are members of The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough as of March 11, 2022, are requested to meet at the church or virtually via Zoom (link to follow) on Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 12:00 noon for a Congregational Meeting to transact the following business:

Article I: To approve a budget amount for compensation for an interim minister for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Article II: To address any other actions necessary for the business of the Society.



**Classes:** *An Amazing Journey, On the Road Again*

We are on a pilgrimage of faith, exploring how Unitarian Universalism translates into life choices and everyday action. Has your child completed any activity that aligns with our seven principles? Please be sure to come downstairs in the Parish Hall and add the activity to our path. We meet weekly on a virtual platform at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

**Snack and Play:** On April 2, volunteers are welcome to help RE work on crafts on the lawn. We will be present from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will offer a peace pinwheel craft, a peace necklace and some coloring pages.

**Craft Club:** As part of our RE program, we have started a Craft Club. The Club will be meeting in April on April 10 at 12:00 p.m. and will work on various crafts for both our Faithful Footprints program as well as sharing some international snacks and games.

**Field Trip:** We are postponing our field trip from 4/18 to 4/30. We are hoping to go to Buttonwood Park together with any RE children interested. More information to follow.

**RE Parent Meeting:** We meet the second Sunday each month at 11:45 a.m. virtually. The link goes out via email and will be in the UU Updates each month. In April the group is meeting on April 10. We welcome all parents to our group.

**Youth Group:** Greg Stevens, Kelly Lownds and Barbara Bancroft are working with the Youth Groups. Greg and I run the group the second Sunday, and Barbara and I run the group the fourth Sunday. On the fourth Sunday, we will be having group from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Coming of Age:** We will be having our retreat from April 8 through April 9 in the Parish Hall starting at 6:00 p.m. We will be together with our mentors that evening for dinner and conversation, and then we will complete some workshops and have some fun. We are hoping to share a potluck dinner on Friday evening. We are very excited to share time with our mentors and continue to work on our credos.

**Volunteer Efforts:** Thank you to everyone who has painted pots and taken marigolds to grow. If you are interested in receiving some pots, please email [dre@uumiddleboro.org](mailto:dre@uumiddleboro.org).

*Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration*

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

### [First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro](#)

Thank you to Dan Hotchkiss for all the work he has done in creating a new website for our church. It looks great!



***THANK YOU!***

Thanks to Tanya T. for offering a Felting Workshop through the Service Auction. These were our creations and inspiration.

*Andrea Priest*



VIRTUAL  
JUST THIS SANGHA

**Fridays: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
**6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**



*Just This Sangha* meets virtually (via Zoom) nearly every Friday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 for silent meditation and sharing of our practice experience. From a Buddhist, particularly Zen, perspective, we focus on bringing practice to daily life; exploring letting go of our usual habitual reactivity and opening to our selves and others as we actually are.

Not a drop-in group, we do welcome potentially new members to join us for a few sessions to see if the group is a good fit. Contact Tom Tanguay at [Thisjustthis@gmail.com](mailto:Thisjustthis@gmail.com) for more information.



VIRTUAL  
NEW MOON MEDITATION

**with Natalie Johnson**  
**Saturday, April 2**  
**6:00 - 6:45 p.m.**



This New Moon falls in Aries, the first sign of the zodiac and the sign known best for initiation, action, fiery determination and fearlessly forging ahead. Those born under this sign tend to be the movers and the shakers, the innovators, the ones who wait for no one but instead have the vision and self-determination to follow their own blazing star and make a new path forward.

While not all of us can be this daring and sure of ourselves, we can still learn from this sign and perhaps find more subtle ways to set forth on our own path. We live in a chaotic and rapidly changing world, and what it is to become depends on each of us envisioning a better way for all and then finding the courage to forge a way forward according to our own unique gifts and talents. What matters is that we follow the path of heart. It is indeed the only one worth taking.

Join us this night as we ponder what our own path might look like. It has been said that when what brings you the most joy meets the world's greatest need, that is your work and your path forward.....the one that only you can walk...the one the world needs.

All are welcome. The link for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.



VIRTUAL  
COFFEE WITH THE MINISTER

**Tuesdays: April 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Meet with Rev. Sarah over Zoom. Links for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.

VIRTUAL  
LET'S DO LUNCH

Thursdays: April 7, 14, 21, 18  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.



Meet with Rev. Sarah over Zoom. Links for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.



INVESTING DURING RETIREMENT

**Saturday, April 9**  
**9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
in the  
**Church Parlor**



Those in retirement must frequently handle investing their own money, especially now that many of us don't receive pensions. Few have much interest in investing other than to ensure that our money provides income we need to meet living expenses. With that in mind, this session will offer three ways to handle your investments effectively with minimum time, fuss, or expense and explore the strengths and downsides of each.

Hopefully, there will also be time to discuss other investing questions that participants have.

This event will be virtual and in person.

*Bill Howe*



JUSTICE, EQUALITY & PEACE VIGILS

(weather permitting)

**Saturdays: April 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

We will continue scheduling weekly ½ hour vigils on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. In addition, we will be offering training to help us respond to folks with strong opinions.



If you are interested in standing with us but would like the training first, please add your name, but put an X in the first column. All are invited to join in.

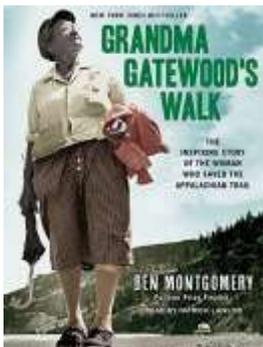
Sign up for training and/or the vigil by visiting [Vigil Sign-Ups](#).



CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

The first work-party of Spring will be **Thursday, April 14, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Come join the fun! The focus will be on the Memorial Garden and walkways. Please bring gloves, hand clippers, and rakes.





## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Monday, April 18**

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

**in the**

**Parish Hall**

The Book Club continues to meet on the third Monday of each month, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Our April 18 book is *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* by Ben Montgomery.

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



## VIRTUAL

## FULL MOON MEDITATION

**with Natalie Johnson**

**Monday, April 18**

**6:00 - 6:45 pm**

This Full Moon falls in the sign of Libra, the sign that encourages us to find balance in our lives.....balance between right and wrong, lack and abundance, light and dark, masculine and feminine, activity and reflection, sacred and secular. It is when we live in balance that we are the most happy, productive and connected to the flow of life.



Our world is severely out of balance at the present time, and what we see on the outside.....climate chaos, war, destruction, unchecked greed and extraction.....is in many ways a reflection of our lack of balance on the inside. As above, so below. As without, so within.

We are reminded on this day of the One who came to show humankind a better way. Let each of us also be reminded of our own inherent divinity and of the power we all have to make the changes we wish to see in the world, the changes that have waited more than 2000 years for us to step into our power and bring about. Together in love, we too can perform miracles. It is time.

All are welcome.

The link for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.



## VIRTUAL

## PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

**Wednesday, April 20**

**6:30 p.m.**

All members and friends are invited to attend the Parish Committee meeting.



The link for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.

VIRTUAL  
NEW MOON MEDITATION

with Natalie Johnson  
Saturday, April 30  
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.



This second New Moon of April falls in the sign of Taurus, the quintessential earth sign as we ground into the earth, feet firmly planted in the warming soil and feel fully grounded in the body of Mother Earth.

It is also the eve of Beltane, the great pagan fire festival that celebrates the full blossoming of the earth in renewal, bonfires ablaze on the hilltops, young people celebrating new love with song and dance, some jumping the broom. It is a time of vibrant colors, scents, lush abundance and high magick as Nature sends forth new life in all its forms, and we welcome the coming warmth and ease of Summer. Everything is new and lovely, everything holds promise, it seems like anything is possible and indeed.... it is.

Join us this night as we celebrate and revel in the beauty of the garden as we settle into this time of gratitude and joy at all our beautiful Goddess Gaia has gifted us with.

All are welcome. The link for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.



WRITING IN A JOURNAL OF SELF DISCOVERY

Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26

5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

in the Parish Hall

Sue St. Germain is happy to share meaningful experiences in a journal writing class. Please consider joining the experience led by Sue St. Germain and Sue Curtiss.

A small group will meet in May for 4 Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 6:45. The sessions will be limited to 10 in-church participants following safety protocols and Zoom participation. You will be guided into reflections about your childhood, influential people who made a difference in your life, friendships, and capturing memories and reflections in 3 covered boxes: past, future, and the present. One of Sue's favorite prompts was to write a letter to your 100-year-old-self. What would you say?

Please register so planning can proceed. All you need to bring to the experience is a journal or little notebook and a pen. **Contact Sue St. Germain at [rssaint@comcast.net](mailto:rssaint@comcast.net), or give her a call by April 20.** You can leave a message with Valarie Ortelt the prior week, and Sue will check. Indicate whether you will attend in the church or on Zoom.



SAVE THE DATE!

LGBTQ RAINBOW COFFEE SOCIAL

Friday, May 13, at 2:00 p.m.

Middleborough Council on Aging

558 Plymouth Street



The Middleborough COA is hosting an LGBTQ Coffee Social on Friday, May 13, for the LGBTQ community. This event may be offered monthly. There is no charge. Please call Maureen at 508-946-2490 if you are interested in joining the group. All are invited.

# MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

**March 16, 2022**

Present: Bob Waterman, Rev. Sarah Person, Lois Aldrich, Jim Bonnar, Marc MacQueen, Katie Allen, Nicole Sykes

Guest: Kelly Lownds

## **Minister's Report**

Rev. Sarah forwarded the Minister's Report to the PC.

- In-person Church attendance has been lower than expected but is in line with attendance at other local UUs. Other Churches continue to require masks and offer virtual worship services.
- Rev. Sarah reported that Pastoral Care and Parish Care volunteers (Sue Curtiss, Mal Marvill, Dave Kraemer, and Sue St. Germain) continue to do excellent work for our Church community. Increase in folks undergoing surgery is noted. Will need to plan for clerical coverage as well as the mechanics of offering pastoral care and demand for discretionary funds during ministerial transition period.
- Rev. Sarah reported that the Church has received most of its new lighting equipment. Rev. Sarah expressed concern with the size of some of the lighting and demonstrated one such unit to the PC. Concern is that some portion may be visible to congregants and may impact vision. Lights are LED and adjustable. Rev. Sarah to follow up with Steve Larrett regarding concerns.
- Demand for fuel assistance from the Discretionary Fund has been lower than expected. This could be due to continued availability of state funds.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Marc MacQueen reported that income from pledges is about \$14,000 less than it should be for this time of year, and expenses appear to be where they should be for this time of year.

Jim Bonnar reminded the PC that the quarterly financial report is due at the end of March, and the budget report to the congregation should occur in April. The PC needs to make a recommendation to the congregation on how we will fund new/interim minister (part time or full time?). A Warrant will be needed, as the congregation will need to vote on this matter. The proposed date to make the recommendation and present it at the congregation meeting is **April 10**. The Warrant will need to be issued by **March 27**. Bob will assist Jim in writing up the Warrant.

## **Pledge Drive**

Marc reported that we will be losing a number of pledges this year due to changes in circumstances for some long-standing members. Currently there are 20 pledges outstanding, though there are still 2 weeks left for the Pledge Drive. So far, there have been no major increases in pledges this year. Jim stated that we need to know what we have in pledges by the end of this month in order to plan for the minister transition.

## **Music Committee**

Katie Allen forwarded the Music Director's Report to the PC.

- There continue to be 13-14 singers in rehearsals, and it is anticipated this number will increase as weather improves.
- Susan Hotchkiss has been keeping a watch on COVID guideline updates from the University of Colorado Performing Arts Aerosol Studies. Masks are still recommended for choirs, distancing of 3 feet is now recommended, and good ventilation is important.
- WORSHIPcast License has been renewed, which allows Church to stream and post online.
- Report on committee's expenses are included in the Director's Report and are lower than usual.

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## **Religious Exploration**

Kelly Lownds provided a report on RE activities.

- Coming of Age program continues with the junior youth group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, and the senior and junior youth groups are meeting in person on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. An overnight is planned in April. Coming of Age Parent Group meets 1 time a month. Parent Coffee Hour is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.
- RE gathered and donated children's clothing to Middleboro schools.
- February outdoor activity included a walk in Massasoit State Park. Trip to the zoo is planned for April.
- RE planning to have monthly craft club for younger children.
- RE will be planting 160 marigolds in painted pots in celebration of spring.
- RE may participate at April 2 Sip and Stroll.
- Staff continue to look at ways to outreach to more families.
- Kelly gave a presentation on Secondary Traumatic Stress at the March meeting of MAAC, which was very well received.

## **Social Justice Team**

Natalie Johnson provided the PC with a report on the SJT activities.

- The Team welcomes new members Bob Waterman, Bill Howe, Chris Hoyle, and Lois Aldrich
- Deanne Bonnar provided a report on the NAACP Board meeting that she and Dody Adkins-Perry attended. This is an exciting opportunity for the SJT.
- Another opportunity for the SJT is the Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights (BCCR). Some members of the SJT are now on the BCCR mailing list and will receive notices of meetings and activities.
- Possibility of PRIDE event sponsored by Battistini Bakery is being explored.
- Discussion of the Church's new website (fantastic!) and possibility of having an SJT page to post news and events.
- Next SJT meeting is March 24 at 4:30 via ZOOM.
- As of today, still awaiting news on Lauren Haugh's delivery. Lauren is hoping to resume participation in the SJT in the fall.
- Discussion on revisiting team's charter, with Bob Waterman's assistance.
- Status of SJT discussion on adding 8<sup>th</sup> principle?

## **Search for Interim Minister**

Search Committee – The plan is to contact people in the congregation who may be interested and available to participate on a Search Committee for the new minister.

## **Bylaw Concerning Financial Contributions**

To be a voting member of the Church, our Bylaws require that members contribute financially to the Church. Marc expressed concern that a few members, who love the church and have been contributors, can no longer contribute due to significant changes in their circumstances. Is there some way these members can continue being members? Bob Waterman clarified that "contribute financially" does not necessarily mean a pledge commitment but can include any financial contribution that supports the Church (buying event tickets, etc.). A member of the Congregation has made a generous donation to help with this.

Rev. Sarah suggested that going forward, the Church may want to consider a way to track those who contribute to fundraisers but do not pledge.

## **Vacancies and Committee Work**

The Membership Committee needs to be re-invigorated as we emerge from the pandemic as a few members have moved on to other commitments. Now that the Church is re-opening, there is also a need for greeters. Bob Waterman suggested that the Worship Team be revisited, especially with the upcoming ministerial changes.

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## **Cash in the Plate**

March - Aid for Ukraine; April - Native Land Conservancy

## **Windows**

The windows on the Nickerson Ave. side are either broken or do not open. Susan Hotchkiss requested that the PC consider replacing those windows with functioning double pane windows, especially given the need for good ventilation in the Church due to COVID. Rev. Sarah, Alan Melchior, and Marc Macqueen will speak with Sue Sherman regarding the situation.

## **Reopening and Changes to COVID Guidelines**

It was noted that a very small number of people have been signing up to attend Church in person. Given the lower COVID numbers, the PC agreed that it would be appropriate to relax social distancing requirements as well as requirements to sign up to attend Church in advance. Attendees will still be required to be vaccinated and to wear masks, but social distancing will be reduced from 6 feet to 3 feet (similar to the Choir's changes). Seating signs will be removed, and attendees can decide where to sit, keeping in mind then social distance of 3 feet. Jim Bonnar will check to see if attendees can sing instead of hum (with masks on). Bob Waterman will write up the changes to the COVID guidelines and post in the *UU Updates*. Dan Hotchkiss will announce this at the service this Sunday. These changes will go into effect beginning **Sunday, March 27**.

## **Food at CUUPS Meeting**

CUUPS will be holding an event at the Church and is requesting PC approval to bring their own food (not use kitchen). They will be responsible for cleanup, disinfecting, etc. The PC approved the request.

## **Small Group Time for People in Sanctuary**

Choir members expressed concern that, when separated into groups after the service, it is difficult for people in the sanctuary to hear participants in small groups on ZOOM. It was agreed that people in the sanctuary can meet together.

## **Fundraising**

Bob Waterman reported that a fundraising meeting was held on 3/12/22. Possible future fundraising events include:

- Sip and Stroll (an annual Middleboro event) on April 2, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Church could act as a “rest stop station” for attendees, with tables and chairs set up, doggie stations, crafts, etc. with RE involved. Good potential for outreach.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Road Rally will be on May 14 (John Mullen).
- Spring Service Auction will be held at the end of April. Discussion whether or not auction would be in person, virtual, or hybrid. Bob mentioned that using the auction software has been highly successful and encouraged competition, and he recommends we continue using the software.

## **Fiscal Agent for Sustainable Middleboro**

Alan Melchior, Bob Waterman, and Marc Macqueen put together documents. The PC members okayed moving forward with this.

## **Minister Retirement**

An event is being planned for June 11, 2022. A member of the PC proposed, and the PC agreed, to recommend to the Congregation that Rev. Sarah be granted the honorary designation of Minister Emerita.

**Next PC Check In Meeting** - March 30 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the plan for minister transition and the quarterly congregational meeting.

**Next PC Monthly Meeting** - April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

**APRIL 2022**

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| 3<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Religious<br>Exploration<br><br><b>10:30 a.m.</b><br>Worship Service                                                                                                                                                | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Virtual Coffee<br>with the Minister<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Peaceful<br>Quilters,<br>Parish Hall<br><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Chalice Choir,<br>Parish Hall  | 6                                                                                                               | 7<br><br><b>12:00 noon</b><br>Virtual<br>Let's Do Lunch<br><b>1:00 p.m.</b><br>Piano Tuning,<br>Sanctuary<br><b>2:00 p.m.</b><br>Organ Practice,<br>Sanctuary<br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Spirituality Group | 8<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Just This<br>Sangha<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Overnight Youth<br>Retreat,<br>Parish Hall                                                                  | 9<br><br>Overnight Youth<br>Retreat<br>continued, Parish<br>Hall<br><br><b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>Investing During<br>Retirement,<br>Parish Hall<br><b>11:30 a.m.</b><br>Peace Vigil,<br>Church Lawn |
| 10<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Virtual RE<br><br><b>10:30 a.m.</b><br>Worship Service<br><br><b>11:45 a.m.</b><br>Virtual RE<br>Parents Meeting<br><br><b>12:00 noon</b><br>Congregational<br>Meeting<br><br><b>12:00 noon</b><br>Craft Club,<br>Parish Hall | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 12<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Virtual Coffee<br>with the Minister<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Peaceful<br>Quilters,<br>Parish Hall<br><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Chalice Choir,<br>Parish Hall | 13                                                                                                              | 14<br><br><b>12:00 noon</b><br>Virtual<br>Let's Do Lunch<br><br><b>1:00 p.m.</b><br>Garden Work<br>Party<br><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Spirituality Group                                                  | 15<br><br><b>11:00 a.m.</b><br>School<br>Yard Sale<br>Fundraiser,<br>Church Lawn<br><br><b>1:00 p.m.</b><br>Organ Practice,<br>Sanctuary<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Just This<br>Sangha | 16<br><br><b>11:30 a.m.</b><br>Peace Vigil,<br>Church Lawn                                                                                                                                     |
| 17<br><br><br><br><b>10:30 a.m.</b><br>Worship Service<br><br><b>May Newsletter<br/>Deadline</b>                                                                          | 18<br><br><br><br><b>5:30 p.m.</b><br>Book Discussion<br>Group,<br>Parish Hall<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Virtual Full Moon<br>Meditation | 19<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Virtual Coffee<br>with the Minister<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Peaceful<br>Quilters,<br>Parish Hall<br><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Chalice Choir,<br>Parish Hall | 20<br><br><b>5:30 p.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Music Committee<br><br><b>6:30 p.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Parish Committee | 21<br><br><b>12:00 noon</b><br>Virtual<br>Let's Do Lunch<br><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Spirituality Group                                                                                                  | 22<br><br><b>1:00 p.m.</b><br>Organ Practice,<br>Sanctuary<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Just This<br>Sangha                                                                               | 23<br><br><b>11:30 a.m.</b><br>Peace Vigil,<br>Church Lawn                                                                                                                                     |
| 24<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Virtual RE<br><br><b>10:30 a.m.</b><br>Worship Service<br><br><b>5:00 p.m.</b><br>Youth Groups,<br>Parish Hall                                                                                                                | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 26<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Virtual Coffee<br>with the Minister<br><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>Peaceful Quilters,<br>Parish Hall<br><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Chalice Choir,<br>Parish Hall    | 27                                                                                                              | 28<br><br><b>12:00 noon</b><br>Virtual<br>Let's Do Lunch<br><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Spirituality Group                                                                                                  | 29<br><br><b>1:00 p.m.</b><br>Organ Practice,<br>Sanctuary<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Virtual<br>Just This<br>Sangha                                                                               | 30<br><br><b>11:30 a.m.</b><br>Peace Vigil,<br>Church Lawn<br><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b><br>Virtual New<br>Moon Meditation                                                                           |



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