



THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MIDDLEBOROUGH

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October 2022

*We are offering virtual and in-person worship services at 10:30 a.m.
The link to each service will be posted on our website every week.*

Sunday, November 6

Rev. Peter Connolly preaching

Living in the Real World

In the "real world" that we live in, we find meaning where we can and pleasure when we're able. In whatever way our days develop, we can't help living in the "real world" of the 21st century United States. How do we respond when we find that some people's real world is "realer" than our own? The Chalice Choir will be singing.

Sunday, November 13

Rev. Peter Connolly preaching

Independence and Interdependence

It seems these days that we are often caught between two competing ways of thought: "You're on your own" and "We're in this together." Today, we'll talk about strategies for negotiating this divide. Special music will be provided by a vocal ensemble.

Sunday, November 20

Rev. Peter Connolly preaching

Practicing Gratitude in Troubling Days

There is always trouble in the world -- our 24-hour news cycle seems to depend on it. And there's always a reason to be grateful. Today, we'll talk about gratitude as a practice -- and a way to center ourselves amidst the confusion. The Chalice Choir will be singing *Thanksgiving Song* by Mary Chapin Carpenter.

Sunday, November 27

Susan Hotchkiss and Music Friends

An Experience in Listening

Join us for a musical Sunday designed to explore the ways in which we not only hear but actively listen to words, to music, to silence. This new twist on Sunday worship features a quirky piece called *Cosmic Festival* sung by a Chalice Ensemble, accompanied by electronic sounds, and sung from a score set in a spiral.

A Note from the Minister

Halloween and Samhain have passed. That "thin veil" between the living and the dead that some experience this time of the year foreshadows the thin line between late autumn and early winter. The air temperature is still warm on many days, but come November 6, when daylight savings time ends, we'll be well aware of the time of the year that holds the most darkness as the sun sets an hour earlier. A time that some will dread-- for others, it's the time for *hygge*, warming the winter with coziness and comfortable conviviality. Perhaps we'll all experience a little of both.

The church continues to offer activities for you to participate in from the Full Moon and New Moon Meditations that meets virtually to Fun Fridays, which include both classes and opportunities to play games. The virtual sangha continues on Fridays, as well, and on Saturday mornings church folk and friends continue to gather for a vigil to remind us all that Black Lives Matter. CUUPS meetings are open to all who are interested. And, of course, our Sunday services continue as a place to hold our values high, to encourage questioning and spiritual growth, to enjoy and participate in a rich musical experience and to gather together in community. We have much to celebrate and much to be thankful for in seasons of dark and seasons of light.

Among other things, I am thankful for the success of our cottage meetings. Our sixth meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. All have been well attended, and the level of openness, sharing and discussion has been very enheartening. Meetings have provided an opportunity for members to let us know what they most cherish about church life and what concerns they have as we move forward together. One thing is for sure: our members love their church!

I look forward to continuing these meetings for as long as necessary for all members of the congregation to have a say in blazing the path the church will take. And I thank you all for your time, your talents, and your willingness to share with others the blessings that the church community brings into your life.

*Peace and blessings,
Rev. Peter*

COLLEGIAL COVENANT

Minister Emerita Rev. Sarah Person and Interim Minister Rev. Peter Connolly
First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough, MA

For the Congregation

To ensure a successful Interim Ministry at FUUSM, we want to share with you our intentions for our Collegial Covenant with each other. A covenant is a promise ministers make to one another that addresses how we will interact with each other and you, the congregation. Basically, we respect each other's roles and avoid getting in the middle of important communications and relationships between the minister and a congregation member, whether publicly or privately. Rev. Sarah will refrain from attending any church meetings, program, potluck dinners, Parish Committee events or church activities held on- or off-site. Rev. Sarah will gladly serve in any capacity Rev. Peter may request, should occasion occur. Rev. Peter may seek advice from Rev. Sarah from time to time and presents no objection to Rev. Sarah or her husband, Alan, socializing with church members and staff provided church business is not discussed. We pledge to be in continuing conversation about how well our covenant is serving the congregation, consulting regularly and openly.



COTTAGE MEETINGS



The interim ministry period is designed as a time to look closely at church traditions, practices, community, and culture so that the church as a whole has a good understanding of these elements and a clear plan for moving into the future. The success of this process starts with relationship-building and information gathering.

Reverend Connolly and the Parish Committee are hosting a series of cottage meetings in the Parish Hall so that the minister, members, and Parish Committee officers can get to know each other better— and so that members can share what it is that brings you to church, keeps you coming back, keeps you engaged and feeds your spirit. Members are cordially invited to attend one of these meetings. Refreshments will be served.

The upcoming available meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, November 19, at 9:30 a.m.** This is a virtual meeting.

The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Parlor and also [here](#).



NOVEMBER MUSIC MUSINGS



Here we go again, walking into darkness starting with the end of Daylight Saving Time on the first Sunday of November and marching on through to the Winter Solstice on December 21 when at last the days begin to grow longer.

There are different ways to handle darkness, and one is by looking directly into it. This year the Chalice Choir is working on John Rutter's Requiem, starting with the second movement called "Out of the Deep." The lyrics are from Psalm 130, a plea to find solace by holding fast to the divine. The full Requiem masterwork consists of seven choral anthems, each based on a different text, each with its own character and insight, together moving from darkness to ethereal light.

Another way of handling darkness is to create lightness and celebrate it. The Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 27), members of the Chalice Choir will join me in presenting "An Experience in Listening." This is a chance to listen deeply and revel in novelty. Our musical centerpiece, "Cosmic Festival," is a spiral-shaped composition that reminds me of the lighted spiral mounted on the ceiling of the Parish Hall. I can hear that twinkle of light in darkness!

Susan Land Hotchkiss, Director of Music



YARD SALE RESULTS!



Thank you to everyone who was a part of the yard sale - to those who set up, others who rented a table, many who contributed items to sell, to those who sold and purchased, and to the clean-up crew. We made over \$547! It is good to be present in the community, and we had some fun.



RE Committee

We will meet Tuesday evening, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Our meeting will be in person, and there will be a link for those that need to join virtually. We are discussing bringing back the sale of Equal Exchange, as the children used to sell it during Coffee Hour once a month.

RE Children's Classes

Our theme this year is "Exploring Beyond Our Walls," and we are using the moral tales curriculum to support our exploration. We have done a nature walk (we found the cutest pumpkin in the compost out back) and looked for bugs. We are hoping to venture further to other churches, synagogues, temples and meeting houses so we can experience different religious opportunities.

We have consistently had 3 children since the beginning of the church year. We are learning the principles and memorizing them (their idea) and still opening class with some "show and tell" sharing of toys and games and now ending class with counting to 30 in Spanish.

Babysitting Is Back

Niko Pucillo-Dunphy has been offering nursery care. Niko will be present every week, and we are hoping to get some volunteers to back them up if there are children who need childcare. In September, Mia and Niko organized the closet; and Niko is currently creating a library catalog for our children's books.

Youth Group

Our first youth group met on October 16 from 5:00 to 7:00. We are working to find a time that works for most of our youth as we are a small group of 5 youth, and we enjoy it most when we can all be together. Barbara Bancroft joined me, and we will be working on an interfaith curriculum. We are reaching out to a local church to try to engage another youth group in doing a joint activity for either a church service or another joint venture. Our next scheduled meeting is November 13 from 5:00 to 7:00. We will keep people updated with any changes.

LGBTQ+ Youth Support Group/GSA

We had a good level of interest in a potential support group for youth and parents and allies. Christine Hoyle and I are working on a time and date to advertise to the interested parties - some from inside and some from outside church.

Volunteers and Giving Back

I have had a spate of donations of books and magazines (thank you Karen Melchior, Connie Komack, and John Mullen) that can be used for stories for Message for all Ages and for our RE classes. We had Valerie Fontaine tell the story during Danielle Di Bona's service, and we have some volunteers to help downstairs in RE – Barbara Bancroft, Chris Dargelis and Christine Hoyle.

Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration



Holiday Craft Fair

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Saturday, 11/12

First Unitarian Universalist Society of
Middleborough – Parish Hall
25 South Main Street, Middleboro



The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleborough (FUUSM) will be hosting a holiday craft fair in the Parish Hall on Saturday,

11/12/22 from 10 to 2. There will be a selection of home baked goods, soups & sauces as well as a variety of crafts from several local vendors.



A longtime member of the church has made a beautiful, king/queen quilt (100" x 100") in a pattern known as **Starlight** that she is donating for a drawing to benefit the Society. Tickets will be available for \$5/each or a book of 5 for \$20.



For more information, please contact the [Katie Allen](#).

COFFEE HOUR

Many of you have expressed to leadership the importance of a Coffee Hour following the service. Coffee Hour will be offered in the Parish Hall for those who feel comfortable socializing.

If there is not a volunteer Coffee Hour host, coffee plus will not be provided. The sign-up sheet is on the Parlor table. We hope that you will all sign up to host Coffee Hour so that we can provide a nice social hour. Sunday or two, the job will get done.



Worship

If we all take a

Andrea Priest



VIRTUAL JUST THIS SANGHA

Fridays: November 4, 11, 18, 25 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 ourselves 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 for more information.



PEACE, JUSTICE & EQUALITY VIGIL

Saturdays: November 5, 12, 19, 26 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 on the church lawn. 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](#).



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS



**Don't forget to turn your clocks back
one hour on
Saturday night, November 5!**

FOOD HANDLERS EXAM

Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall



Food Handler Certification is required by the Town of Middleborough for anyone who handles or prepares food for the UU Middleboro church. There is no fee if you take your certification through UU Middleboro. The certification will expire at the end of December 2023. This certification is also valid for other Town agencies serving food.

It is easy to become certified. You watch a video (approximately 40 minutes) and answer 10 questions on an exam which is corrected by the Town Health Dept.

Please use the sign-up sheet on the cabinet in the Kitchen, or you may call the Church Office at 508-947-1935.

Susan Hotchkiss



VIRTUAL FULL MOON MEDITATION

with Natalie Johnson

Monday, November 7 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

This Full Moon falls in the sign of Taurus, the sign most deeply tied to the energies of Earth. We shall meet on the eve of election day, when much hangs in the balance in our country. A few days later we will remember those who served our country in the many wars fought both here and abroad in the past four hundred years.

This Taurean moon invites us to think about what it means to belong to this planet, this good earth, this country of either birth or choosing. What does it mean to belong to a place, to have roots that go deep either planted by our ancestors or recently pushed down into the soil by ourselves, finding a home far from where we started. What prompts us to feel loyalty, responsibility, a sense of pride and protection..... What do we love enough to fight for in our own life. Tomorrow we exercise our privilege by casting a vote. On Friday we reflect on the bigger gesture made by those who have chosen to serve in a different way.

We are all being called at this time to become Warriors - for the Earth, for the Human Spirit, for Life itself. Come join us as we explore what this might mean in your life and learn the ways to be a fierce yet peaceful warrior in service to love. All are welcome.

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

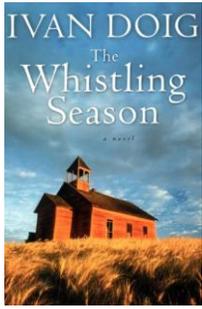


VIRTUAL PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 16 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.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Monday, November 21 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall**

The Book Group continues to meet on the third Monday of every month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our November 21 selection is a recommendation from Marc MacQueen, who thought it would be something many of us would enjoy reading: *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig.

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



VIRTUAL NEW MOON MEDITATION

**with Natalie Johnson
Wednesday November 23
6:00 - 6:45 p.m.**



This New Moon falls in the sign of Sagittarius, the cosmic archer who invites us to aim our arrows of intention ever higher. We meet on the eve of a holiday originally based on fiction and that now, for many, has become an occasion for gluttony, TV sports and rampant retail overconsumerism. Still, the idea of taking a day to celebrate the harvest and the abundance we enjoy in our lives is a worthwhile concept.

We can choose to celebrate in a more authentic way. We can gather with friends and family with the idea of sharing what we have and acknowledging all those whose contributions make our feast possible. We can acknowledge the good earth itself for accepting and growing the seeds, the sun and rain who encourage germination and growth, those who lovingly tend the crops, those who weed and harvest, those who cook and bake. Those who open their homes to welcome us. Those with fur or fins or feathers who give their lives to sustain us.

Just one meal of many but one that is filled with significance and a clear reminder of the web of life and how intricately our lives are intertwined. Let us reflect this evening on the many blessings that are ours, on the people we love and on how precious life itself is. All are welcome.

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday, November 24

Articles for the December Newsletter may be submitted to office@uumiddleboro.org by November 24. The Newsletter deadline is the fourth Monday of every month; this is a firm deadline. Any items submitted after that date may be included in the *UU Updates*.

VIRTUAL PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING
October 19, 2022

Present: Bob Waterman, Lois Aldrich, Marc MacQueen, Jim Bonnar, Rev. Peter Connolly, Nicole Sykes
Guest: Kelly Lownds

Meeting called to order 6:35 p.m.

Minister's Report: Rev. Peter provided the Minister's Report to the PC. He has also met with Meg Quirke from the MAAC, who is looking for participation from the Church.

Rev. Peter provided an update on Cottage Meetings. Eleven people have participated in two Cottage Meetings so far. People are interested and forthcoming, with much engagement and connection. Overall, participants have been very positive about the Church, especially the music program. Some concerns raised are the need for us to improve our accessibility. Concerns were expressed with the use of the elevator, which can be challenging for some.

Middleboro Area Assistance Coalition (MAAC): Sandy Smiley has offered once again to serve as the Church representative with MAAC. PC approved. Many thanks to Sandy for volunteering to participate in this organization that is so vital to our local community.

RE: Kelly Lownds distributed her RE report and provided highlights on youth activities.

Treasurer: Bob Waterman reported that our budget is in good shape, primarily due to the decrease in expenses for the months we did not cover a minister salary. Pledges are behind by \$10,000. This could be due to a variety of reasons, but the expectation is that people will catch up over time. Quarterly reminders are emailed to people who have pledged. Bob also mentioned that \$3,000 in pledges for last year have been collected this year.

Discussion around the need to continue quarterly budget reports and, if so, the best manner to prepare reports and inform people. Bob will speak with Val about what may be the best and most efficient way to get quarterly budget reports out via email.

Budget: A motion for approval of minister salary and housing allowance of \$1200 per month was made and approved by the PC. Rev. Peter commented that utilities are factored into the rent.

Fundraising: Fundraisers completed include Sip and Stroll and Rummage Sale, which raised \$547.

Upcoming events include the Road Rally on October 22 (contact John Mullen) and Holiday Craft Fair on November 12 (contact Katie Allen). So far, income from fundraisers is less than what has been budgeted. Will need to revisit.

Rev. Peter asked if reports are made to congregation on results of fundraising efforts. Bob responded yes, generally made in the UU Updates or in announcements during the service.

Building and Grounds: Work that needs to be done includes repairs to the oven thermostat and the filter under the sink. More information needed as to cost. Rev. Peter asked if the PC will consider installing a functioning doorbell. PC agreed. Rev. Peter will follow up with Susan Sherman and JR.

Membership: Dorine Levasseur is looking for volunteers to assist on the Membership Team. A meeting was recently attended by twenty interested participants to discuss needs surrounding membership, including arranging for greeters, recruiting worship associates, etc.

Hospitality: In response to people's wishes to re-engage socially after service, Andrea Priest has generously offered to take on reviving Coffee Hour. It has been challenging due to accommodating needs for safety due to COVID. Work in progress!!

Technology: Discussion around change to YouTube for broadcasting service vs Zoom and how to keep the focus on connection and engagement. Tech team is seeking volunteers who can co-host Zoom coffee hours after services.

Discussion around security monitoring cameras, which need to be hooked up (had previously been taken down during COVID). PC in agreement that security cameras should be hooked up again. Jim Bonnar will contact JR.

Meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m.

Next PC Meeting: November 16 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.

Lay Ministry Coordinator: Susan Curtiss
Lay Pastoral Minister: Sue St. Germain
Lay Pastoral Minister: Dave Kraemer
Parish Care Coordinator: Mal Marvill
Minister: Rev. Peter Connolly

Parish Committee

President: Jim Bonnar
Vice President: Bob Waterman
Treasurer: Open
Assistant Treasurer: Marc MacQueen
Parish Clerk: Lois Aldrich
Members At Large: Nicole Sykes
Open



OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Peter Connolly's office hours are
Wednesdays
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
He is also available by appointment.
Monday is the minister's day off.
He will respond to emails and messages
beginning on Tuesday of the week.

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.

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, and we will add you to the mailing list.

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		<p>10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Virtual Care Team</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir, Parish Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. RE Committee, Parlor</p>	<p>10:00 – 1:00 Minister's Office Hours</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Cottage Meeting, Parish Hall</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Virtual Spirituality Group</p>	<p>1:00 p.m. Organ Practice, Sanctuary</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Fun Friday, Parish Hall & Parlor</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Virtual Just This Sangha</p>	<p>11:30 a.m. Peace Vigil, Church Lawn</p> <p>Turn Your Clocks Back One Hour Tonight!</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Religious Exploration</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Food Handlers Exam, Parish Hall</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Virtual Full Moon Meditation</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Virtual Care Team</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir, Parish Hall</p>	<p>10:00 – 1:00 Minister's Office Hours</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Virtual Music Committee</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Cottage Meeting, Parish Hall</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Virtual Spirituality Group</p>	 <p>Holiday Fair Set-Up, Parish Hall</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Organ Practice, Sanctuary</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Fun Friday, Sanctuary & Parlor</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Virtual Just This Sangha</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Holiday Craft Fair, Parish Hall</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Peace Vigil, Church Lawn</p>
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FAITHFULLY BECOMING
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The theme for General Assembly 2023 is “Faithfully Becoming.” We continue to live in times of transition and change; so much is in flux. The COVID-19 pandemic upended our lives, our communities, and the world. It made clear the devastating and deadly impacts of longstanding racial and economic disparities. The ongoing losses and threats from climate change (of which the pandemic is not unrelated), growing authoritarian movements and the rolling back of fundamental human rights – these all present tremendous challenges for our lives, our children, and our future.

Many feel worn out and overwhelmed. But times of significant change can also be moments of opportunity and possibility. Major shifts are happening. Our theology and our values as Unitarian Universalists are needed.

This General Assembly will be an exciting moment demonstrating the ways we are called into Faithfully Becoming.

We are at a threshold moment for our faith, and will choose the next path in our journey. We will consider new articulations of Article II (including our Principles and Purpose) and elect a new President to lead our Association. These are decisions that will shape who we are and how we respond to and grow through these times. These changes offer us possibilities for becoming more connected, courageous, inclusive, generous, and continuing our ongoing journey of becoming Beloved Community.

