



THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MIDDLEBOROUGH

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

Sunday, February 5
Rev. Peter Connolly preaching
What Are You Afraid Of?

All of us find ourselves confronting things that cause us fear and anxiety, enough so that sometimes we find ourselves overwhelmed. Today, we'll talk about some of the conditions that cause this great discomfort and sort out the responses that might be most helpful. Special music will be provided by Bet Giddings.

Sunday, February 12
How We Are Enriched by Connection

Elizabeth Tarbox wrote in the forward to a *Meditation Manual* in Cohasset, "Among the blessings of being in religious community together is the opportunity to tell our stories, to listen to each other as each recalls some details, some captured frame of reference, and holds it out for others to see. We can open our store of memories and point to some - this is a gift of great worth." So this Sunday, nearest to Valentine's Day, several members of the congregation will share with you some memories of loved ones and how their lives were enriched by them. The Chalice Choir will be singing *The Cloths of Heaven* composed by Z. Randall Stroope, based on a poem by William Butler Yeats.

Sunday, February 19
Rev. Peter Connolly preaching
How Does Our Past Inform Our Future?

This Spring we will spend some time looking intently at the history of FUUSM with the intention of learning how past events have influenced our present status. Today, we'll look at some of the broader influences of our Unitarian and Universalist traditions. Special music will be provided by Sixteen Shillings: Rob Dragunas and Mark Belanger.

Sunday, February 26
Rev. Peter Connolly preaching
Active Hope

Joanna Macy's and Chris Johnstone's book *Active Hope* asks us to understand hope as "something you do, not something you have." Today, we'll explore a framework for enacting active hope in face of ecological crisis. The Chalice Choir will be singing this morning.

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," visit the website at uumiddleboro.org and use the link at the bottom of the home page.

A NOTE FROM THE MINISTER

Have you ever felt yourself in a kind of vortex where one piece of bad news -- or one unsavory development-- seems inexorably to another and another until you don't know where the madness will end? As the comic says, "Well, I have." In fact, I've felt caught up in such a vortex all month.

We'll skip the whole COVID episode (though even post-COVID has its challenges). And we'll leave the car crash for another time. (Painful.) The vortex I'm thinking about is a financial one. A financial drain, so to speak. It all started when I couldn't find the checks I thought I'd brought with me from the credit union in Bowling Green, Kentucky. But I could find a half-dozen of the "introductory" checks financial institutions give you when you open up a checking account. "Ah ha!" I said, "I'll use these up while I'm waiting for TFCU to deliver the checks associated with my new account." (They arrived three weeks late, by the way, because the clerk used my Bowling Green address and checks don't get forwarded, and I had to order them a second time.)

So, I wrote out a check for \$95 to the man who takes care of my lawn in Kentucky and who mulched leaves during the month of November. And a check for \$39 to Kohl's for a pair of jeans. And a check for \$1.25 to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a toll because I don't have "EZ Pass." None of the checks was accepted as valid, though -- they were all returned for "insufficient funds." Because? Because the account had been compromised years ago and closed out and a new account opened in its place, and I'd forgotten about the whole incident, disturbing as it was at the time. So, my clever little ploy to use "introductory" checks to pay my bills till the "real" checks arrived backfired. Kohl's wanted a \$1e5 late payment. The check for lawn care bounced to the tune of a \$19 penalty and, most sickeningly, the \$1.25 toll suddenly cost me \$26.25. Furious? You bet. Angry at the creditors, angry at myself. There seemed to be only two responses: "You're an idiot!" or "I'm an idiot!" Neither one very helpful. But the episode (which may still be ongoing-- we shall see) got me thinking.

At some point, the incident, or series of incidents, will be in the past. It will be something I don't think about or think about only rarely. It will get folded into the memories of a lifetime. It might even make for a funny story. So, why postpone the relief? Why hang on to the anguish? There's pain, a sense of being victimized (even if only self-victimized), a sense that "life is unfair," the frustration that rises when regret does nothing to change the present. But it takes a while for the emotions to clear.

So, when you find yourself in a similar predicament somewhere down the road, as you may, think of this story and laugh. The self-inflicted indignities of others helps put our own indignities into perspective. (I'm just hoping that I didn't use one of those introductory checks to pay my January pledge to the church.)

Spring is coming. See you in church,

Rev. Peter



FEBRUARY MUSIC MUSINGS



In January, the church “music department” was all excited about news of the Clay Family Gift and what it might mean for music at UU Middleboro. The gift is \$100,000 in memory of Avis Clay, beloved member and longtime supporter of music and the arts. Up to \$20,000 will be used to renovate and rename the Parlor, with the remainder to go into an endowment fund. The interest income from this fund will be used for music at UU Middleboro.

Members of the choir, alumni choir, music committee, and other active musicians were invited to brainstorm and collect ideas for the future. What could an endowed music program at UU Middleboro look like? How can we build a sustainable program? How can we best support the church? How can we include the larger community? What does it mean to have a music ministry, and where will it take us? If anybody would like to see this collection of ideas, please let me know, and I will share with you a one-page brainstorming summary. It could easily be a year before we have funds, but between now and then we have some good possibilities for choosing a focus.

We have a unique church music program because so many of our members and friends are musicians. Whereas many churches no longer have choirs, our Chalice Choir is full. Rather than coming to church to be entertained, we come to make a joyful noise. We celebrate a broad taste in musical style and a healthy respect for one another’s accomplishments. We strive to complement our worship services and continually find room for growth. For years we have focused on building a musical community, and there is no lid on this excellence.

One person who has been working for years to support our UU musical community is Linda Thompson. Linda is a charter member of the current Music Committee which she started per instructions from the Parish Committee 33 years ago! Linda has just announced her “retirement” from the committee, and I want to thank her for stellar leadership, not just in music but in so many other areas of church life. Thank you, Linda Thompson!

Susan Land Hotchkiss, Director of Music



AVIS CLAY PARLOR TASK GROUP

Up to \$20,000 of the Clay Family Gift will be used to refurbish the Parlor. The PC has created a charge to a task group to address how this will happen. I have agreed to lead the task group.

The group has three tasks:

- 1) Determine how the Parlor will be used.
- 2) Assess any structural issues that need to be addressed.
- 3) Recommend how the Parlor will be decorated and furnished.

I envision a core group to follow the entire project and additional participants to address the structural and decorative issues. Many of our meetings can be on Zoom.

Please contact me at jbonnar98@gmail.com if you are interested in all or part of this work.

Jim Bonnar



RE Committee

Christine Hoyle and I met on 1/18/2023 to discuss budget, goals for the upcoming year and how to grow the RE Committee and the RE program. We concentrated on the LGBTQIA group for youth and adults we would like to host at church on one Friday evening per month. We are also considering bringing in speakers for youth issues like vaping, substance abuse, interpersonal relationship violence, neurodiversity, special education, and additional topics. If you are interested in joining the RE Committee, we are looking for volunteers. Please reach out to me or Christine Hoyle at dre@uumiddleboro.org or c.hoyle830@gmail.com.

RE Children's Classes

We have had the same three youth coming each week and a babysitter available in the nursery. The youth come relatively regularly and enjoy time of sharing one another's favorite play time and then lighting the chalice, sharing joys and concerns and then working through curriculum. This year RE is "Exploring Beyond Our Walls" using the moral tales curriculum. The children have collected many marbles/glass gems for their gemstones of goodness. The children continue to share stories of their efforts to follow their moral compass. Christine Hoyle taught class on 1/8/2023, and we are working on having a backup adult for the nursery to support the babysitter as needed. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering to support the nursery care.

Youth Group

Youth Group shared time with the little ones on 1/16/2023 for holiday cooking. We had to cancel due to multiple illnesses and then were able to make the 3rd effort the charm! We meet again on January 29. In February we are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5:00 to 7:00. This group has children from 6th through 12th grade.

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 for February or March (the 17th either month) to advertise to the interested parties—some from inside and some from outside church.

Fun Friday

RE families (and any interested parties, friends) are invited to join us on **Friday, February 3**, for a fun night of crafting and cooking and visiting. From 5:30 to 6:30 we will host a potluck dinner. This is optional, but I'm bringing my famous chicken chili so..... Then from 6:30 to 8:30 we will be making gifts for Valentine's Day. You can take the gifts home to share with someone you love or enjoy them yourselves. Please let me know if you can join us!

Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

On January 21, Deanne and Jim Bonnar and Dody Adkins-Perry were three of many, many attendees of the MLK Breakfast organized by the Brockton Area Branch of the NAACP (See picture below). Two highlights were Rahsaan Hall's stirring keynote speech and the closing words by Branch President Phyllis Ellis, which was a recitation from memory of Maya Angelou's poem *And Still I Rise* in its entirety.



Upcoming Event

Standout for Black History Month with BCCR (Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights) Saturday, February 11, 10:00 -11:00, Bridgewater Center. Contact: Lois Aldrich

Ongoing

Peace, Equality & Justice Vigil - Saturdays, 11:30 -12:00 on church lawn. 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](#). If you want to be notified of rare cancellations, please give Dody Adkins-Perry your contact information, and she will email or text you Friday afternoon and/or Saturday morning. She is usually sitting in her Honda Fit on Nickerson Avenue near South Main Street from about 11:20.

South Shore Support Group of Boston PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gay Youth), also SShAGLY (South Shore Area Gay and Lesbian Youth) 4th Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Both meet at the Duxbury UU church, 842 Tremont Street

Save the Dates

Cooler Communities Fair sponsored by Sustainable Middleborough and others.

Saturday, April 29, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. High School Auditorium.

Climate, energy and environment-related projects by 5th grade and high school students. Food vendors. Related exhibits and other vendors. Free admission. Contact: Dody Adkins-Perry

Juneteenth Celebration with BCCR - Saturday, June 17, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bridgewater Middle School. Contact: Lois Aldrich

2nd Annual Middleboro PrideFest, Saturday, June 24, all day, probably on Town Hall Lawn same as last year. Food, vendors, balloons, games, crafts, queens - fun for everyone! Contact: Dody Adkins-Perry

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.

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.



VIRTUAL JUST THIS SANGHA

Fridays: February 3, 10, 17, 24 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.



VIRTUAL FULL MOON MEDITATION

**with Natalie Johnson
Sunday, February 5 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.**

This Full Moon is in the sign of Leo and falls just past the celebration of Imbolc, the first holyday in the Wheel of the Year. A fire festival, it honors the very first stirrings of Spring, barely perceptible in our terrain but there nonetheless. It is the promise of Spring, even though there most likely will be cold and wet for another couple of months. The Celtic world honored the goddess Brighid at this time. She later became known as St. Bridget when the lands were christianized. It is also noted as Candlemas and Groundhog Day.

Tonight we will explore the theme of life stirring again, known as the "quickenings." This impulse to life despite harsh conditions is universal. We will learn of the many gifts of Brighid that we can take up in our quest to be defenders of the earth, of justice and of equity for all. Leo will support us with his gift of openheartedness and courage as well. All are welcome.

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

CUUPS IMBOLC RITUAL

Monday, February 6 7:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall



The Wheel of the Year brings us to our first holy day of 2023, the fire festival of Imbolc. This day focuses on many things. Cleaning and purification....it is time to sweep away any lingering residue from last year in order to move fully into the new. It gives us the first promise of Spring, as witnessed by longer days, greater light and the higher trajectory of the sun in the sky. It is the time of the Quickening.....when we can sense new life beginning to stir deep within the ground hidden from sight but felt nonetheless. It is the time of Hope. Finally, it is a time to honor Brigid, the great Irish

Goddess of poetry, smithcraft and healing. We are all invited to place ourselves upon her anvil and invite her to use fire and hammer to temper us in the fire, to purify our intentions and ultimately to make us stronger.

We invite you to bring along a bit of poetry or reading and also to share what the promise of Spring means to you at this time of year.

We will share a simple potluck feast after the ritual. All are welcome.



VIRTUAL PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 15 6:30 p.m.

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

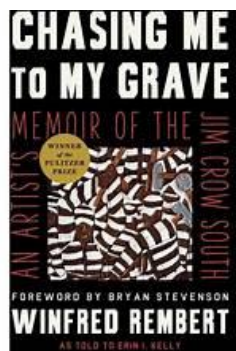


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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, February 20 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall



The Book Club continues to meet on the third Monday of each month from 4:30 to 5:30. Meetings take place both in the Parish Hall and via Zoom, so please check ahead if you are planning to attend and are not currently on the regular email list.

Our February 20th selection is *Chasing Me to My Grave*, a memoir by the artist Winfred Rembert.

For more info contact Carleen - Carleenml@aol.com.

VIRTUAL NEW MOON MEDITATION

with Natalie Johnson

Sunday, February 19 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

This New Moon is in the sign of Pisces and is a reminder that we have recently stepped out of the 2000 year cycle ruled by Pisces and are taking our first tentative steps into the nascent Age of Aquarius.



As we continue to see the last stages of Empire fall, as systems that no longer work continue to crumble, we are excited to begin the task of envisioning what will follow.

We understand that we are co-creators of our own reality and the collective new world that we will share. What we dream today will become our shared existence tomorrow. It is still a time for dreaming big while things continue to fall apart around us. We imagine injustice, inequity, struggle, unequal distribution of basic resources, senseless and ceaseless war, continued degradation of the planet being replaced with systems that work for all beings, not just human. It is a time to gather together, and using our own unique gifts and talents begin to envision the world that is coming and make sure it is the one we all want. All are welcome.

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Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Monday, February 27

Articles for the March Newsletter may be submitted to office@uumiddleboro.org by Monday, February 27. The Newsletter deadline is the fourth Monday of every month. Any items submitted after that date may be included in the *UU Updates*.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

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

Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 – 8:30 pm.: Pastoral Care Training for Religious Educators

Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: Cornerstones of Effective Stewardship for Our Congregations

Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: Pastoral Care Training for Religious Educators

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.: NER Congregational Board/Trustee Quarterly Gathering

Tuesday, February 21, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.: February Religious Educator Meet and Eat

**VIRTUAL
PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING
January 18, 2023**

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

Guests: Susie Sherman, Susan Hotchkiss, Kelly Lownds

Meeting called to order by Jim Bonnar at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes for the January 5 meeting were approved by the PC.

Music Committee: Report from Susan Hotchkiss reviewed and accepted.

Minister's Report: Report from Rev. Peter Connolly reviewed and accepted.

RE: Report from Kelly Lownds reviewed and accepted. RE's plans to have LGBTQ group continue to move forward. Goal is to host at the church one Friday per month. Nursery care has been made available during church. Christine Hoyle may have recruited a new family and will outreach as appropriate.

Building and Grounds: Jim Bonnar reported that doorbells for both side and back doors have been installed and are working. Discussion around which type of locks should be on doors; concern expressed with using deadlocks.

Susie Sherman asked about the status of window repair/replacement in the Parish Hall. Some windows are very difficult to open. Rick Benard is arranging for them to be fixed/replaced. Marc MacQueen offered to follow up with Rick.

Susie reported that there continue to be issues with mice, despite actions that have been taken to address. She also mentioned other building issues that need to be addressed. She will put a list together of priority issues and share with the PC. Susie is volunteering for task force for Clay group.

Finance: Bob Waterman distributed a budget report to the PC for July - December, 2022. A \$16,000 deficit had been budgeted for the year, but we are currently running a \$31,000 surplus due to lower expenses and "catch-up" pledges. Bob reported that \$87,000 in pledges has been received so far this year, which is a bit lower than what was budgeted. \$3,000 in pledges remain due from last year, but Bob believes this amount most likely will not be collected. Bob reminded the PC that the church has not needed to transfer any funds from investment accounts to the budget so far this year as has been done in the past.

Bob reported that the Investment Committee continues to work on organizing the church's various investment funds, including the Clay family donation. Bob will share investment information with the PC once complete.

Bob reminded the PC that the church, per agreement, will not be able to access any principal on the Clay investment fund for a few years, but that the Music Committee can be thinking about how to best use the funds once they become available.

Some of the funds from the Clay family will be used to renovate the church Parlor. Funds will be invested until such time as needed for work on the Parlor. A task force will be assembled to develop a work plan. Some of its goals will be to determine how the Parlor will be used, what the structural needs of the room are, and what décor/design will be used in renovating the room. Some congregation members have expressed interest in participating on the task force. Jim Bonnar will gather names of interested persons and discuss with the PC to appoint the task force.

Susan Hotchkiss suggested the church plan some form of celebration this year in appreciation of the Clay family donation, such as a concert. Perhaps an annual event?

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Fundraising: A fundraising brainstorming meeting is planned for this week. Fundraising total so far this year is \$7054. Amount budgeted is \$12,000. Gift basket raffle is in process. Possible future fundraising events include the spring auction and yard sale.

Social Justice Team: SJT is recommending International Rescue Committee (IRC) for the February Cash in the Plate (CIP). Website link is <https://www.rescue.org/> The IRC helps people affected by humanitarian crises—including the climate crisis—to survive, recover and rebuild their lives. The IRC is presently dedicating many resources to help families in Ukraine.

The PC suggested that when CIP is being donated to an organization, it would be helpful to have someone speak at a service regarding the goals and mission of the organization so the congregation has an understanding of who their donations are going to. They could also accept the church's donation at this time. Susie Sherman mentioned that the church has helped local refugee families in the past and maybe we should consider this going forward. Bob and Lois will follow up with the SJT at their next meeting.

A report on CIP for the first half of this year was included in the UU Updates. The PC agreed we need to continue this practice going forward.

The SJT will send meeting minutes to Jim Bonnar. The minutes will serve as the team's monthly report to the PC.

Budget: Bob and Jim are in the process of contacting committee leaders to obtain their budget needs for 22 - 23 and are also preparing a semi-annual budget report that will be shared with the congregation via *UU Updates* and/or email.

Jim reported that the church's security system is no longer working and that he spoke with JR Pucillo-Dunphy, who may be able to purchase a used system that could meet our needs on a temporary basis. JR will follow up and provide the PC with more details.

JR fixed the printer in the office has replaced the church's modem and was also able to negotiate a better rate with the cable company. Many thanks, JR!

Jim informed the PC that a final report on the church's audio needs should be received in 1 - 2 weeks. Dan Hotchkiss has been working on this.

The UUA offers a special rate for the ZOOM account but must be a minister to get this discount. Dan Hotchkiss offered to be the point person for the account, and the church would reimburse him.

FUUSM Organizational Structure: In his role as Interim Minister, Rev. Peter can help us look at how we currently operate and how we can become better and more efficient in our operation. To that end, Rev. Peter drafted an organizational chart for the PC to review. Discussion around concerns expressed during cottage meetings, such as how to initiate projects for church to avoid confusion and duplicate projects; clarifying what needs to go through the PC; streamlining committees; improving communication; acknowledging contributions of congregation members; and clarifying lines of responsibility and accountability. Suggested that this information be reviewed with committee leaders to get their input before bringing to the congregation. Rev. Peter will follow up with committee leaders on their thoughts regarding organization chart, roles, responsibilities, and accountability.



The PC welcomes feedback from the congregation on these or any other issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next PC Meeting: January 25 at 7:00 p.m. (check-in).

- Budget figures for pledge drive
- 6th month budget report
- List of things that need to be done for pledge drive.

FEBRUARY 2023

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Join us June 21 - 25, 2023 online or in-person in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. General Assembly 2023 will be a multiplatform event, with registration options for in-person and/or virtual participation. In-person registration includes access to events scheduled to take place in Pittsburgh, as well as everything available to virtual registrants. Full virtual registration includes access to the GA app, as well as all on-demand programming, live webinars, and live-streamed events.

New this year! Join our First Timers Caucus. If this will be your first ever in-person GA, use the promo code WELCOME to reduce your Adult in-person registration by \$100. One hundred spots are available. Cannot be combined with other financial support promo codes.

In-person registration is \$400 for adults, and \$300 for high school youth, emerging adults (18-24), and retired and candidate ministers. Full Virtual Registration is \$250. Register now and use the payment plan to pay over time. Financial support is also available. In-person registration rates will increase on March 1 and again on May 1.

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