



# THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF MIDDLEBOROUGH

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April 2023

***We offer 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, April 2**  
**Jeannie Gagné and Stan Strickland**  
**Let's Grow a Garden – Jazz Sunday**

Welcome to Jeannie Gagné and Stan Strickland for our annual worship celebration, "Jazz Sunday!" The rhythms of life are a paradox, moving from darkness into light, into darkness, and into light again. We rejoice when we move into the light, such as when spring arrives. We can grow a garden full of bouquets of joy and possibility, nurturing our garden and one another. It adds up to a magnificent symphonic work made of our collective gardening. Join us on Sunday April 2 as we make music together and celebrate spring.

**Sunday, April 9**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Rev. Peter Connolly preaching**  
**Resurrection and Life**

In Christian tradition, Easter Sunday commemorates the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, from the dead and his return to the earth before ascending into Heaven. What do this story and its promise of new life mean for present-day Unitarian Universalists? For Easter, the Chalice Choir, with Adrienne Williams on percussion, will be singing a song from South Africa, *Sisi Kuchangilia - We Shall Be Glad!* Tony Soares will sing *On a Clear Day*.

**Sunday, April 16**  
**Rev. Peter Connolly preaching**  
**The Five Smooth Stones of Liberal Religion**

Unitarian theologian James Luther Adams, in his essay "Guiding Principles for a Free Faith," outlined for us five principles for guiding our actions as individuals in community. Today we'll take a deep look at those principles.

**Sunday, April 23**  
**Led by the Local Chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans**  
**The Earth as Anam Cara**

In the Celtic tradition, there is a beautiful understanding of love and friendship, a deep soul love known as "anam cara". In the early Celtic church, one who acted as a teacher, companion or spiritual guide was known by this name.

Humans are the most recent arrivals on this earth, with the rest of creation being our older siblings. All other life forms have much to share with us, and we certainly have much to learn. Each being is on its own unique path. Our paths are intertwined in intimate ways. The Earth Herself is unable to attain her fullest expression and destiny without us. Imagine what we could co-create if we thought of the Earth as our "Anam Cara". Our service will feature readings, poetry, and music that honors the beauty and the sacredness of the Earth. The Chalice Choir and Ensemble will be adding their voices.

**Sunday, April 30**  
**Rev. Peter Connolly preaching**  
**Looking for God: Part I**

In all civilizations, human beings have searched for and named gods. Gods provide an unambiguous source of authority and create for us a context for meaningful interaction. Today we will begin a journey towards understanding what we mean by "God."

## *A NOTE FROM THE MINISTER*

On St. Patrick's Day, two days after our last snowfall, the yard in front of the house where I live was suddenly alive with color: purple, white, yellow, blue-- the crocuses seemed to have blossomed spontaneously and indiscriminately. In between the blossoms, here and there, were snowdrops, delicate blooms with demurely nodding heads. Spring had arrived. I'm still waiting for my first glimpse of forsythia, which should occur just around the time the daffodils bounce their jaunty heads in the wind. Maybe your daffodils have arrived by the time you're reading this. If past years are a reliable indicator, the passing of the daffodils will yield to the emergence of tulips, followed soon thereafter by white narcissus. Then we'll know that Spring is firmly established-- no looking back.

The sun rises at 6:30 am these days and doesn't set till after 7 pm. Every day the amount of daylight increases, brightening our spirits as it brightens the day. The increased daylight, the budding trees, the proliferation of flowers-- how can we help but feel hopeful these days? The month of April will bring a new liveliness to the church, as well. On Sunday, April 2, Jeanie Gagné and Stan Strickland will offer the blessing of a lively and engaging Jazz Sunday. We'll be celebrating a UU version of Easter on April 9, and our CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) group will lead us in an Earth Day celebration on the 16<sup>th</sup>. So much life and liveliness is coming our way!

I'm looking forward to April's Song Circle session after hearing so much about it from the over thirty folks who attended in March. (Thank you to Bet Giddings and Ed and Andrea Priest and all who have helped organize this monthly event.) Kelly Lownds will be leading an LGBTQIA and allies group that will meet for the first time on April 26. After completing a very enjoyable Small Group Ministry on "A Short History of Universalism," I look forward to leading another reading group before the month is out. Our Spring Auction is on April 16. Tony Soares will be organizing a congregational yard sale on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Also on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Sustainable Middleborough is hosting the Cooler Middleborough Fair. And the list of social justice-related activities on the SJ page of our website is long. We are looking forward to a Spring filled with hope and activities. I sincerely hope I will see you at many of these events.

A lively church is a living church. Your participation is what keep us alive-- and lively!

See you at church,

***Peter***



## APRIL MUSIC MUSINGS



The herring are running, buds pepper the trees, tulips and daffodils are coming up—It must be spring! And what better way to welcome April than “Jazz Sunday” with Jeannie Gagné and Stan Strickland. Their April 2 worship service is titled “Let’s Grow a Garden” and features jazz standards and originals woven into a service sure to lift your spirits.

Many things are coming to life these days. The first Song Circle in March was a fabulous success – SO much sharing and camaraderie. This happening will continue monthly on the second Friday of each month.

Wait – there’s more! There’s talk of having a session of “Sacred Dance.” Somebody has mentioned a Drum Circle workshop. It won’t be long until we’re singing outside!

Meanwhile, the Chalice Choir is hard at work learning a masterwork to share with the congregation. Heads up – the date for Music Sunday has been moved from May 7 to May 21. Please mark your calendars and plan to come to the service. The centerpiece will be “Requiem” by John Rutter, surrounded by readings, reflections, congregational singing, other ensembles and solos, the works!

We welcome all ages and abilities in the belief that we are better because we are not the same! We strive for connection and community. What joy to be part of a church with a multi-faceted music program!

*Susan Land Hotchkiss, Director of Music*



**Friday, April 14    6:00 – 8:00 p.m.    in the Parish Hall**

Our second Song Circle will meet on April 14. We will start with a potluck of hearty snacks, coffee, tea, and water in the Parish Hall, so bring along a favorite treat to share. A circle of chairs will be set up along with a portable keyboard, and we will provide some percussion instruments. Participants can bring their own guitars, ukuleles, dulcimers, etc., or just their voices — hands for clapping and feet for stomping! Join folks who enjoy getting together with others to sing — no particular expertise required, the point is having fun and learning! This is a shared activity sponsored by the church and open to the community at large. So invite your friends! The Song Circle will meet on the second Friday of each month.

We hope you will join us for this lively new activity sponsored by the church and open to the public! RSVP to [andreapriesto@gmail.com](mailto:andreapriesto@gmail.com) so we can add your chair to the circle!

Hope to see you there!

*—Bet Giddings, Andrea Priest, Ed Priest*



## **RE Children**

In April as we *Explore Beyond Our Walls* we will present a historical Islamic tale, a story about parachuting cats in Borneo, and a Native American folktale. These will teach us about generosity, caring for the Earth, and empathy. We are hoping to start a special project for the end-of-the-year "gifts of thanks" that will relate to our *Gems of Goodness* and lessons from *Moral Tales*.

## **Youth Group**

The youth continue to meet two times per month on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings. We are starting an ethics curriculum to help us think about right and wrong and the shades in between. We hope to join in some spring activities that will bring us into contact with a variety of people and ideas that will support our learning. We are planning to participate in Pride Fest and in a social action project.

## **LGBTQIA and Allies meeting, Parents and Youth**

We will be meeting on **Wednesday April 26, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**. In June 2022, we participated in Middleboro's first Pride Fest and offered the idea for the church to host an LGBTQIA support group for youth and parents. This meeting will get together all LGBTQIA and allies to discuss what we are looking for in a group. We will discuss days, times, group structure, and hopes. Please join us for the conversation. Light snacks and refreshments will be offered.

## **Parents Coffee Hour**

We are bringing back Parents Coffee Hour on **Sunday, April 16, at 11:45 a.m.** We will meet in person in the Parish Hall and will provide a link for those who wish to join virtually so we can share our parenting successes and concerns. The link will be sent out to *UU Updates* subscribers.

## **Library Project**

Niko Pucillo-Dunphy is working on organizing our bookshelves into a searchable catalog of books. This is an ongoing project. They will volunteer with Sebastian Glaspey once the project is complete to organize the shelves for all of us to use.

## **RE Committee**

We will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. This month, our meeting will be on April 5. We will meet in person at the church and will provide a link for those who wish to join virtually. New members are welcome. The link will be sent out to *UU Updates* subscribers.

*Kelly Lownds, Director of Religious Exploration*



This spring we're organizing an on-line auction featuring a variety of goods, services, and events. It's a great chance to connect with Church friends and have some fun throughout the summer!

We're seeking offerings that might include:

- Hosted events - meals, picnics, outings, walks
- Prepared meals, treats, baked goodies
- Themed gift baskets
- Novelty/hand-crafted items
- Gift cards
- Garden/yard chores, help around the house
- Help with shopping, transporting items, rides
- What else?

Please submit your offerings by email to [uu362@comcast.net](mailto:uu362@comcast.net) or contact the Church office at 508-947-1935. Include a description of your offering, quantities, picture (if possible), and suggested minimum bid. If there's something you'd like to see offered, send along your suggestions/requests.

The auction will begin on **April 16**. We'll be providing more details in the coming weeks.

Thank you for all you do for each other and for the Church!



**Saturday, April 29      9:00-2:00 (no early birds please)**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church**  
**25 South Main Street, Middleborough**

Join us for a congregational Yard Sale! This is a multi-family sale involving many families with plenty of treasures to be had - gently used items and more stuff!! Something for everyone - some furniture, clothes, household items, tools and more!

To reserve a table to rent for \$25, please contact Tony Soares at:  
[Tony45232@aol.com](mailto:Tony45232@aol.com) or 401-595-7072.

Table and one or two chairs will be included. You will be responsible for your space where you can display your gently used treasures. You receive all proceeds and are also responsible for removing any items that do not sell.



## **SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**

***For more information and to register for these events, please visit [Social Justice](#).***

### **Town Elections**

**Middleborough: Saturday, April 1 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Don't know where you vote in Middleborough? Visit [Precinct Changes for Voting](#).

**Lakeville: Monday, April 3 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.**

Everyone in Lakeville votes at Ted Williams Camp, Precinct Street.

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### **Peace, Justice & Equality Vigils**

**Saturdays: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the church lawn**

Sign up for training and/or the vigil by visiting [Vigil Sign-Ups](#). All are invited to join in.

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### **Workshop on Active Hope**

**Presented by Natalie Johnson**

**Saturday, April 1 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. East Bridgewater**

For more information: [hecatehealingarts@comcast.net](mailto:hecatehealingarts@comcast.net)

Climate change, war, political polarization, economic upheaval and the dying back of nature create an overwhelming planetary emergency. It's easy to sink into despair and to feel like nothing can be done. If you're experiencing these emotions, please join us at this 4-hour workshop.

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### **Virtual Repairing Historical Harm:**

**A Conversation on Reparations with Kyle Bennett and Dwayne Keys**

**Tuesday, April 4 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

If you've wondered about reparations, how they can work, and how citizen groups can work through these complex decisions, please join us! This event is free, and all are welcome to attend! [Register here](#).

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### **Virtual Antisemitism Is Everyone's Concern**

**Wednesday, April 19 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Antisemitic acts have increased recently in Massachusetts faster than in any other state, according to the Anti-Defamation League. Learn more and be inspired to act for change. [Registration required](#).

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### **Earth Day Canvassing for Weatherization**

**Saturday, April 22, at 10:00 a.m.**

Sustainable Middleboro will be canvassing in-town neighborhoods to give residents information on how they can get their houses and apartments insulated to save on heating and cooling costs and get help paying for the improvements. We are seeking volunteers. Come for a half hour up to 2-3 hours. You can sit if walking is hard (bring a chair if you can). For more info see Kimberly French, Sandy Smiley or Dody Adkins-Perry.

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### **Cooler Middleborough Fair**

**Saturday, April 29 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Middleborough High School Gym. 71 East Grove Street**

A free, fun, educational event for all ages to learn about energy efficiency and our local environment. One stop to learn about home energy audits, rebates, tax credits, insulation, heat pumps, solar, and electric vehicles. The fair will showcase a student energy project competition. There will also be local food trucks and family crafts and activities, including an inflatable whale you walk inside. The Cooler Middleborough event is free and open to the entire community. Click here to download a flyer: [Cooler Middleborough](#) Sustainable Middleborough is looking for volunteers from the church. Please contact Dody Adkins-Perry or Sandy Smiley.

## 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 FULL MOON MEDITATION

**with Natalie Johnson**  
**Wednesday, April 5**  
**6:00 - 6:45 p.m.**

**Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/98461199946>**

This month's Full Moon falls in the sign of Libra, the sign of balance, equity and justice. It also falls on the eve of Passover and a few days before Easter. Tonight we will explore the themes of resurrection, of rising from the ashes, of making different choices, self-correcting and of remaking ourselves, our culture and our world. At this time our Earth is being flooded with increased Light from the Cosmos, assisting us in our efforts toward transformation. Join us as we explore the possibilities. All are welcome.

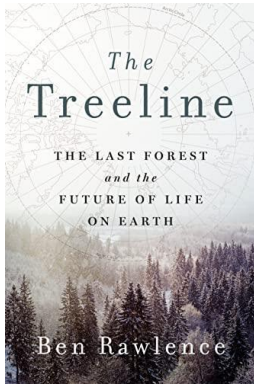


VIRTUAL  
JUST THIS SANGHA  
**Fridays: April 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**



*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](mailto:Thisjustthis@gmail.com) for more information.



## **VIRTUAL** **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Monday, April 17**

**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

The Book Club continues to meet on the third Monday of every month from 4:30 to 5:30. Our April 17<sup>th</sup> selection is *The Treeline* by Ben Rawlence. We will be meeting via Zoom this month. The link for this event will be sent by email to *UU Updates* subscribers.

Contact Carleen for further info: [carleenml@aol.com](mailto:carleenml@aol.com).



## **VIRTUAL** **NEW MOON MEDITATION**

**with Natalie Johnson**

**Wednesday, April 19**

**6:00 - 6:45 p.m.**

**Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/97935332421>**



This New Moon falls in the sign of Aries, the mover and shaker of the Zodiac. Just past the beginning of the zodiacal year, Aries is in his absolute prime, ready and willing to lend his energies to any and all of our endeavors. We are also gifted with the energies of a solar eclipse tonight and can access that power to fuel our dreams and desires. We are a few days from the anniversary of Earth Day and are being invited to reflect on what was first put forth some 50+ years ago and to take a look on how well we have done. With the boldness of Aries on our side, may we take an honest look at where we have fallen short and make a plan to do better. Come join us for a cosmic planning session! All are welcome.



## **VIRTUAL** **PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 19**

**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.



### ***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](http://uumiddleboro.org) and use the link at the bottom of the home page.*



**VIRTUAL  
PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 15, 2023**

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

**Guests:** Kelly Lownds, Susie Sherman, Dan Hotchkiss

Meeting called to order by Jim Bonnar at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes from the 2/15/23 meeting approved by the PC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Waterman reported that there is currently a \$21,000 budget surplus, and we have not withdrawn from our investments this year. We still need to make our contribution to the UUA. We are a little behind on pledge collections and may not meet the pledge goal as budgeted for this year.

With respect to investments, there is \$28,000 in the Mary Fuller fund, and \$136,000 in restricted investments. In addition, \$100,000 from the Clay family has been invested in a restricted account, to be accessed in accordance with the agreement with family.

**Minister's Report:** A report from Rev. Peter Connolly was received by the PC and approved.

**RE Report:** Kelly Lownds submitted the RE report. The first LGBTQIA and Allies meeting, Parents and Youth, will be held at the church on Friday, March 17, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Work continues on RE's library project to organize bookshelves into a searchable catalog of books. Kelly reported that seven youth and children currently participate in RE, with the possible addition of one more child.

**Social Justice:** Cash in the Plate for April will either be for The Trevor Project (<https://www.thetrevorproject.org>) or the South Shore Resource and Advocacy Center (<https://www.ssrac.org>). SSRAC is a local non-profit that provides assistance to victims of domestic violence. The Social Justice Team received a request from a community member to sponsor a vigil for domestic abuse, which the SJT will discuss at their meeting tomorrow. The PC will support whichever organization the SJT recommends. Nicole Sykes suggested further research be done to ensure that SSRAC is an organization we can support. Marc MacQueen commented that his preference is that the Cash in the Plate go to support local organizations rather than national. Lois will report back to the PC on the SJT's recommendation after the SJT meeting this week.

**Building and Grounds:** Susie Sherman reported that, due to the generosity of two members of our congregation, 5 windows in the basement are in the process of being replaced at a cost of \$2,000 per window. There are 5 more windows in the basement that also need to be replaced, and funding options will need to be explored. Jim Bonnar asked that the Building and Grounds team provide a list of priority building/grounds projects to the PC. Susie has drafted a list and will work with Marc to finalize the list and email it to the PC for review and discussion at the next PC meeting.

There may be grant money available through the federal government's infrastructure bill toward making nonprofits and religious institutions more energy efficient. More information TBD.

**Fundraising:** Bob reported on several upcoming fundraisers, such as the spring Yard Sale (April 29), a possible Mother's Day brunch in May, and the church's annual Spring Auction, date TBD; most likely it would be online.

**Pledge Drive:** Marc MacQueen and Gil Cote have been working with stewards on the 2023-2024 Pledge Drive. Marc informed the PC that there are currently 55 potential pledge units. Some people have increased their pledge, some have decreased their pledge, and some remain the same. Marc projects a collection in the range of \$165,000 for 2023-2024, which is under the proposed budgeted amount of \$180,000.

Marc complimented Rev. Peter for his sermon and his presentation on the meaning and importance of contributing financially to our church.

**Next Steps in Interim Ministry:** Rev. Peter's role as interim minister comes with certain requirements from the UUA. Information on the status of Rev. Peter's interim ministry must be entered in the UUA portal. Deadline for submission of this data to UUA is June 30. Bob will check to see what the UUA requires currently.

Rev. Peter would like the church to work on developing a Mission Statement (current one is 20 years old and has not undergone any revisions). Rev. Peter recommends the Mission Statement be short (1 or 2 sentences) and describe who we are. The Vision Statement should describe who we wish to be. Rev. Peter also suggests modifications to the signage on the church's lawn that promotes Sunday services and attracts people from the outside.

Discussion around other ways we can move into the future. Who do we want to be? How to package what we have and attract more people? Build on what is already working. Suggestion to engage the Membership Committee on this.

**Audio Equipment:** Dan Hotchkiss discussed the email he sent to the PC regarding a proposal to upgrade the audio system. Current equipment is obsolete and does not meet our needs. The audio team created the proposal, which includes goals of better assisting people with hearing loss, clearer sound for all, and less visible cabling. Estimate cost of a new audio system is \$5,000, which would include mixer, speakers, and hearing assistance. Best time to install the system would be in the summer when the church is not used as often. The PC agreed we need to move forward on this project, and we should plan on completing it this summer. Discussion around funding options. Proposal made to fund through a "special ask" after Pledge Drive ends (by middle of May).

**COVID Policy:** Nicole asked to revisit the church's policy on wearing masks. Current policy requires masking in accordance with CDC risk levels. Standards in public are changing to not require masks. Appears to be confusion as to when masks are required or recommended. Reminder that masking protects others as well as the individual wearing the mask. Decided PC members will talk to others informally first (music committee, congregants, RE) before making a decision.

Next meeting: 4/19/23 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:28 p.m.

Minutes by Lois Aldrich, Parish Clerk

APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 a.m. Middleboro Elections 11:30 a.m. Peace Vigil, Church Lawn 1:00 p.m. Active Hope Workshop, E. Bridgewater
2          10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Religious Exploration	3          12:00 noon Lakeville Elections	4  10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall 11:00 a.m. Virtual Care Team 4:00 p.m. Virtual Repairing Historical Harm 7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall	5  10:00-1:00 Minister's Office Hours 12:00 noon Order of Service Deadline 6:00 p.m. Virtual Full Moon Meditation 6:30 p.m. Virtual RE Committee, Parish Hall	6          7:00 p.m. Virtual Spirituality Group	7       1:00 p.m. Organ Practice, Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Virtual Just This Sangha	8       11:30 a.m. Peace Vigil, Church Lawn
9    10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Religious Exploration	10          	11  10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall 10:00 a.m. Father Bill's Open House, Brockton 11:00 a.m. Virtual Care Team 7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall	12       12:00 noon Order of Service Deadline 7:00 p.m. Virtual Music Committee	13       7:00 p.m. Virtual Spirituality Group	14       1:00 p.m. Organ Practice, Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Song Circle, Parish Hall 6:00 p.m. Virtual Just This Sangha	15       11:30 a.m. Peace Vigil, Church Lawn
16  10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Religious Exploration 11:45 a.m. Virtual RE Parent Coffee Hour, Parish Hall Spring Auction Kick-Off	17    4:30 p.m. Virtual Book Discussion Group	18  10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall 11:00 a.m. Virtual Care Team 7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall	19  10:00-1:00 Minister's Office Hours 12:00 noon Order Of Service Deadline 6:00 p.m. Virtual New Moon Meditation 6:30 p.m. Virtual Parish Committee 7:00 p.m. Virtual Antisemitism Event	20       7:00 p.m. Virtual Spirituality Group	21       1:00 p.m. Organ Practice, Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Virtual Just This Sangha	22       10:00 a.m. Earth Day Canvassing 11:30 a.m. Peace Vigil, Church Lawn
23  10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Religious Exploration 5:00 p.m. Youth Group, Parish Hall	24       May Newsletter Deadline	25  10:00 a.m. Peaceful Quilters, Parish Hall 11:00 a.m. Virtual Care Team 7:00 p.m. Chalice Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall	26  10:00-1:00 Minister's Office Hours 12:00 noon Order of Service Deadline 6:30 p.m. LGBTQIA Support Group, Parish Hall	27       7:00 p.m. Virtual Spirituality Group	28       1:00 p.m. Organ Practice, Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Virtual Just This Sangha	29  8:30 a.m. Yard Sale, Church Lawn 11:00 a.m. Cooler Middleborough Fair, High School 11:30 a.m. Peace Vigil, Church Lawn
30  10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Religious Exploration						



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.

In-person registration is \$500 for adults, and \$350 for high school youth, emerging adults (18-24), and retired and candidate ministers. Full Virtual Registration is \$300. [Register now](#) before in-person rates increase on May 15. [Financial support](#) is also available.

