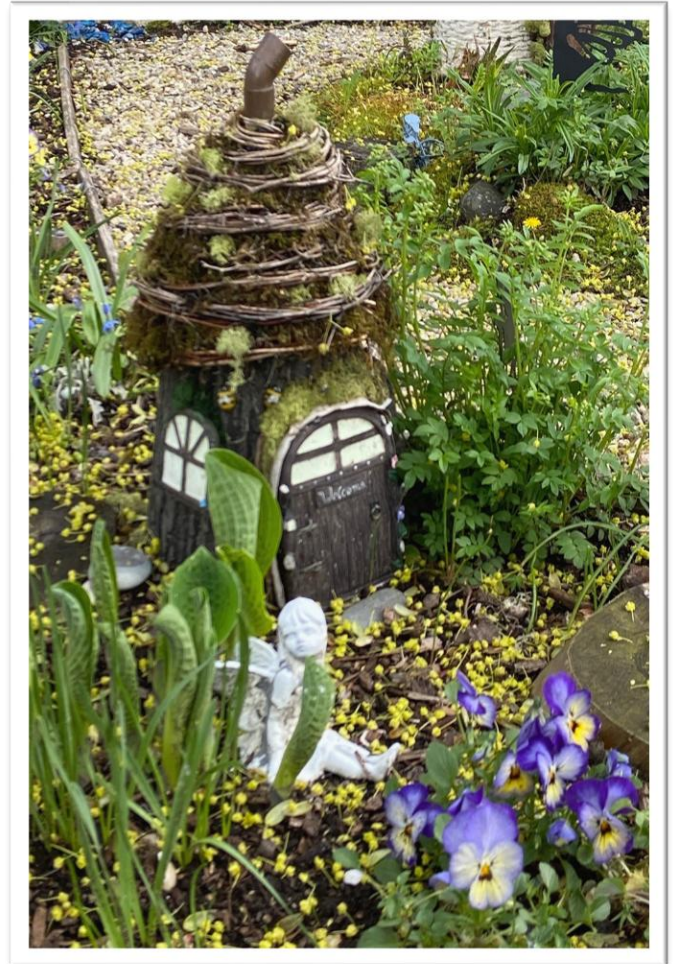


**May 15, 2025**

*The world calls them its singers and poets and artists and storytellers, but they are just people who have never forgotten the way to fairyland.*

~ L. M. Montgomery, "Anne of Green Gables"



A house in the Fairy Garden at the Kennebunk Free Library, photo by Vicki Adams

## **"Horizon Time"**

Worship Service: May 18, 2025, 10 a.m.

Led by: Rev. Tori Rosati

## **Religious Exploration welcomes children ages 4-13.**

Come in person or click below to join the service!

<https://uukennebunk.org/Sunday-Service-Access>

Or by cell phone (audio only) 929-205-6099, meeting ID 734 887 010,

Password:02448



- Sat. May 17, Spring Fling and plant sale, 10 - 2 p.m. The New School
- Sun. May 18, 10 a.m. Welcoming New Members
- Sun. May 18, 11:30 a.m. *What Now?* Social Justice discussion group
- Sun. May 18, 4 p.m. Spring piano concert, Hsiang Tu plays Ravel
- Wed. May 21, 4-6 p.m. Earth Day event, Planeteers: see poster
- Sun. May 25, 10 a.m. Celebrating Spring with Poetry
- Sun. May 25, 4-6 p.m. Memorial Day Film Event: see poster
- Fri. May 30, 6 p.m. Church Potluck and Drumming Circle: see poster
- June 7, 11 a.m. Memorial Service for Sally Keene

## **This Sunday: Horizon Time**

How do we hold hope and possibility when the path ahead feels uncertain? Horizons invite us to look beyond what is right in front of us—stretching our minds toward the edge of what we can see and toward what could be. Join us this Sunday as we reflect together on how the practices of imagination can help us shape change, and envision a future that inspires us to act today. We will also be welcoming new members and celebrating the future that we are building together here at First Parish. Rev. Tori Rosati leading with Mark Gallup, the FPUU Membership Committee, and music from Chris Stakynys, Margaret Jones, Vicki Adams, Ginny Lawrence, Chris Wells, and Erik Howell.

## **Welcoming New Members, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

We'll be joyfully welcoming new members during the service on Sunday, May 18. If you're interested in becoming a member or learning more, please reach out to Rev. Tori. We'd love to share this journey of belonging together as we grow in community and connection.

## **Celebrating Spring with Poetry, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Join the Worship Committee and a few First Parish poets in an imaginative poetry filled celebration of Spring. Come be inspired.



# The Practice of Imagination

This month we are exploring the theme of imagination, an invitation to open our minds beyond what is toward what could be, to let the world come alive in ways that stretch us, and to create spaces where the present wrestles with the possible so that something new can be born in our midst. As we journey through this month, don't forget about the Soul Matters music playlists to accompany you. Let's see what we can imagine together!

Click [HERE](#) for the Spotify playlist on Imagination.

Click [HERE](#) for the YouTube playlist on Imagination.

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## Thoughts on Mother's Day

### **I BAKE**

I bake

I never bake alone

In my kitchen I may look alone

When I was a child, I baked with my mother

She is long gone but never forgotten

When I bake, I never bake alone

We bake together

We bake

We

**plbeach**

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**Join us for an afternoon  
featuring works of  
Composer Maurice Ravel's  
on his 150th Anniversary**



**Hsiang Tu, piano**

**Sunday, May 18th, 4p.m.  
First Parish UU Church  
114 Main Street, Kennebunk, ME  
\$25 donation requested  
Doors open at 3:30 p.m.**

# What Now?

Join us after church this Sunday, May 18, for the next "What Now?" discussion. In a time that calls for collective action, the **What Now Infrastructure Team (WNIT)** is stepping up to provide information, resources, and rapid ways to connect with the church community. Their goal is to harness our collective power and respond swiftly when events arise that impact our democracy and those most affected in these challenging times.

Look out for our What Now? table in the Parish Hall—a hub for social action and connection where you'll find a library of resources; calendar of upcoming events where you can take part; information about trainings on non-violent and positive responses to opposition; and more.

We need your passion and your ideas! Come see how you can plug in, share your insights, and be part of building a stronger, more connected community. For more information or to get involved, reach out to Reverend Tori.

## Social Justice Network

### New bills highlighted by MUUSAN

Maine UU State Action Network

## Hundreds testify

Last Thursday hundreds of people testified against the anti-trans bills at the legislative hearing before the committee—so much that the committee hearing ran past midnight. The power of heartfelt people!

## Upcoming legislation in Maine

New Mainers/Immigrants

[LD 1259 An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Maine by Defining the Relationship Between Local and Federal Law Enforcement](#)

Summary: This bill would prohibit state or local law enforcement agencies or officers from entering agreements to assume federal immigration enforcement authority or powers.

Public Hearing: No date set yet, but prepare your testimony now to be ready for a quick turnaround once the date is set! It will be heard by the [Judiciary Committee](#).

## Call to Action:

- [Testify](#) in any form (hearing could happen anytime).
- Contact your representatives, especially if they are on the Judiciary Committee.
- Check if your town or police department plans to enter this kind of agreement with ICE while LD 1259 is pending and, if so, speak out about your position. [Here are samples](#) from UUs around the state.
- Contact your select board or town council with the same questions as you've asked your local police department.

## UU Connection:

Abusive, coercive treatment of immigrants runs counter to values of Justice and Equity. [Here is a sample](#) from a different bill testimony with helpful faith-based language from Jane Makela, our MIRC liaison.

## Talking Points:

- From the [ACLU](#)
- From the [Bill Sponsors](#)

MUUSAN Representatives Jerry David and Jeanine Coy



## On Main Street in Kennebunk every Thursday

Locals gather to demonstrate their concerns about state and national issues every Thursday from 4 - 5 p.m. on the sidewalks of upper Main St. Kennebunk. *Side with Love* posters are available in the

church side entrance to use for demonstrations. Those who wish may hold them on the church steps together to broadcast our values centered on love.



**SIDE WITH LOVE**





# SPRING FLING *Pottuck*

**Celebrating & Giving Thanks for Community**

**Friday, May 30, 2025  
6 - 7:30(ish) P.M.**

**After dinner join us for an ice-breaker and  
percussion circle for ALL AGES, no  
experience needed. Bring drums, rattles,  
tambourines.**

RSVP and sign-up in the Parish Hall.

Main dish, salad, side dish or dessert-  
enough to feed 6 people.

*Optional: donation of a non-perishable  
item for our local food pantry*



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## Sunday Morning Bookcase

- *The Serviceberry*, Robin Wall Kimmerer
- *Revive Us Again: Vision and Action in Moral Organizing*, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II and Rev. Dr. Rick Lowery
- *Inciting Joy*, Ross Gay
- *Book of Delights*, Ross G

## What's happening for our children?

Click on this link to learn more about our monthly Religious Exploration highlights.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/10xocLKtAsQuI3mTysI2uYfh-xNljj\\_a7YjG0PQ20R14/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/10xocLKtAsQuI3mTysI2uYfh-xNljj_a7YjG0PQ20R14/edit?usp=sharing)

For more information on our Religious Education program, contact our office administrator, Allison at (207) 985-3700 or email at [uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com) and she will connect you with the team.

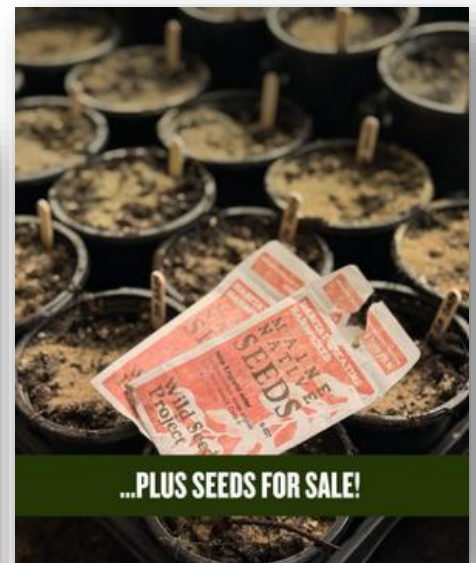


# Community Events



## Plant Sale and Spring Fling at The New School

The New School will fling into spring this **Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** They are offering seedlings for sale: flowers, veggies and herbs. You can also hear from a beekeeper, learn how to make your own Kombucha, turn your lawn into a garden, and munch on treats from a food truck. Your children can play yard games or build fairy houses. There will be brick oven pizza and a general good time. The New School has often partnered with First Parish for events so this fundraiser is a good deed for our neighbors and friends.



# RELATE, ENGAGE & CONNECT WITH NATURE

Come explore concepts of co-creating with nature. Through the eyes of two practitioners, you will be guided through exercises allowing you to discover and delight in your unique way of relating and connecting

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 4-6; RAIN DATE THE 28<sup>TH</sup>**

ALL FREE & INTENDED FOR TEENS & ADULTS.

JOIN US AT THE KENNEBUNKPORT CONSERVATION TRUST

57 GRAVELLY BROOK ROAD, KENNEBUNKPORT

WEAR SHOES SUITABLE FOR AN EARLY EVENING WALK OF THE LABYRINTH

**RSVP TO [SOMEPLANETEERS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:SOMEPLANETEERS@YAHOO.COM)**

## WORKSHOP LEADERS ARE:

**Martha Fishback:** BS PharmD, Shamanic practitioner & teacher, Flower essence & Plant Spirit Medicine practitioner, herbalist and retired clinical pharmacist &

**Meghan McCrillis:** LCPC as Therapist, Healing Arts Facilitator, Shamanic Reiki teacher & herbalist passionate about helping people connect with nature.





# Memorial Day — Honoring the War Dead

Southern Maine residents and visitors are invited to honor the war dead Sunday, May 25, 4-6 p.m. at First Parish. We will learn that future wars and their appalling death and destruction are in fact preventable. The event will include a brief World Beyond War video highlighting the human and environmental costs of war; a video showing Maine artist Rob Shetterly's portraits of **Americans Who Tell the Truth**; and an uplifting full-length documentary, **The Singing Revolution**, showing how occupied Estonia gained its independence without a single loss of life. Come and help create a culture of peace in which the very idea of war is unthinkable.

Free, No RSVP needed

## MEMORIAL DAY 2025: Honoring the War Dead by Preventing More Deaths from War



Join us for an evening to learn about the human and environmental costs of war and honor those who have died for our country.

We will be showing 2 short films, including one by local Maine artist, Rob Shetterly, plus the documentary, "The Singing Revolution" to see how people have overcome oppression by working together for peace.

**Sunday, May 25th, 4-6pm**  
**First Parish UU Church**  
**114 Main Street, Kennebunk**  
**REMEMBER & HONOR**

# Wabanaki program at First Parish Portland

The First Parish Wabanaki Ally Team invites to  
A program presented by Wabanaki R.E.A.C.H.

## Interacting with Wabanaki-Maine History

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 1 to 3 p.m. at First Parish Portland, Unitarian Universalist  
425 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101, Parish Hall (right side entrance)

Limited to 40 participants. We ask for a \$20 suggested donation to cover program costs.



"This program is an interactive experience in which we engage in a story of particular events in the history of 400 years of colonization of Wabanaki people by Europeans in this territory now called the state of Maine. This highly engaging experience requires our full participation in order to genuinely increase our understanding of colonization and what it means for current descendants and future generations; to reflect on what story we are writing for our grandchildren."

Please register on the Google registration form, and – separately – donate on the donation form:

QR code to Registration form:



QR code to Donation form:



The donation link brings you to the First Parish donation form. Scroll down to "Social Justice Fundraiser: Wabanaki REACH program" and make a one-time donation.  
For 1<sup>st</sup> timers, you'll have to create a login.

[Link to Registration form](#)

[Link to Donation form](#)

- Please bring a bag lunch if you plan to attend the worship service from 10 to 11 a.m..
- FMI and questions, contact the Wabanaki Ally Team:  
Meret [meretbainbridge@gmail.com](mailto:meretbainbridge@gmail.com) or Jake [jkulaw62@gmail.com](mailto:jkulaw62@gmail.com).



## Off-season rental available

I rent all my house out for 10 summer weeks. The rent for the other time is not high, \$400 a month including everything but not heat. Someone might want a fall time and another spring period. I live on Harts Road near Parsons Beach Road. It's a 6-minute walk to the water. If you come down Harts Road for 1/2 mile it's the two connected blue houses on the hill. The one with two stories is for rent. Let me know if you are interested and I will show you around. No commitment expected.

Helen Rivas-Rose Helycres@yahoo.com 207-604-3903

## Our members now in rehabilitation enjoy having people call or visit

Joan Phipps, after experiencing another fall, is now undergoing rehabilitation at Summer Commons, 21 June St. Sanford, Maine 04073. She has a phone in her room: 207-206-1953. She would love to have her friends from First Parish call or visit. The Commons is near Goodall Hospital.

Bob Lown is currently in Room 41 of The Edgewood Center, 928 South St., Portsmouth NH. His mobility is limited but he is in good spirits and would love visitors. The best way is to just drop in any morning between 9-11. Or you can send a letter or card to the above address.

## Important: Check Rev. Tori's Email Address!

Some emails sent to Rev. Tori haven't reached her inbox due to incorrect addresses in some contact lists. Please take a moment to ensure you have the correct email saved:

[uukennebunkminister@gmail.com](mailto:uukennebunkminister@gmail.com) NOT firstparishminister@gmail.com, uuchurchkennebunkminister@gmail.com, or any other variation. Even small differences mean your message won't reach her.

If you've emailed Rev. Tori and haven't received a response, please double-check the email address in your contact list as it may be incorrect.

For help updating your contacts, Allison Lazos or Chris Wells are available to assist. And as a reminder, Rev. Tori will never send emails requesting gift cards or money—if something seems suspicious, it probably is.

# Office Hours

The Office is open Monday-Friday 9a.m.- 12 p.m. Rev. Tori's office hours are mostly Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the church.

Due to other obligations her schedule may change. Please email the office to set a time if you wish to speak with her.

One of the important duties of a minister is pastoral care for those in need. Our minister, Tori Rosati, is available to any congregant in need. Tori can best be reached at [uukennebunkminister@gmail.com](mailto:uukennebunkminister@gmail.com). For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Tori on her cell phone.

## First Parish UU Church Kennebunk

**MAY 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 3:30 p.m. Choir	2	3 1:30 May Day Parade
4 <b>World Laughter Day</b> 10 a.m. Worship Service led Vicki & Al Adams "Pray Like a <del>Manah</del> "	5	6 5:15 p.m. Sangha 7 p.m. Properties	7 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee 7 p.m. Evening Discussion	8 3:30 p.m. Choir	9 6:30 p.m. Song Swop	10
11 <b>Mother's Day</b> R.E. Sunday/Bridging Intergenerational service 10 a.m. Worship Service led R.E. Team & Rev. Tori	12 7 p.m. Finance Committee	13 10 a.m. Membership Committee 5:15 p.m. Sangha 6:30 p.m. W.F.A.S. 6:30 p.m. M.O.G.	14 5:30 Soul Matters Creative Team	15 3:30 p.m. Choir 5:30 p.m. B.O.D. meeting	16 5:30 p.m. NPR Potluck	17
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