



LIGHTING THE WAY FORWARD

First Parish News

It's my conviction that slight shifts in imagination have more impact on living than major efforts at change.

Thomas Moore, Soul Mates

Sunday service in person & online

Circle of Life

Worship Leader: Rev. Lara Campbell

May 22, 2022, 10:30 AM

Concurrent Nursery and Religious Education programming

Come in person or click 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:024481.

See website: uukennebunk.org for more details on how to tune in.

Auction raises \$5,000!

Congratulations are due to Marylyn Wentworth, coordinator of the Grand Auction, with thanks to all who donated an item, placed bids, provided tech expertise, or helped in any way! We made our goal of \$5,000!

Opportunities continue for the unbidden items, which will be on sale at pick up times, as will tickets to the BBQ, Kennebunk Pond Picnic, Walks in the Woods, and Piano Bar. Who could ask for anything more?

Auction Winners Pick Up Times

If you won items in the auction, gift certificates and physical items can be picked up at the UU Church on Saturday, May 21 from 10-12 and Sunday, May 22 from 12-2. If those times do not work for you, contact marylyn.wentworth@tnsk.org to make other arrangements.

Rummage Sale Success!

Thanks to everyone who helped from set-up, to selling, to buying, to clean-up, we raised over \$700. Veteran rummagers and first timers both were thrilled to get back at it.

Next sale.... fall!

Thank you

The Board of Directors and Rev. Lara want to thank “The Top-Secret Service Agents” who we suspect might be our children and Religious Education Leaders - for the lovely garden goodies!

Rev. Lara also wants to thank the mystery individual that gifted her a “Black Lives Matter” t-shirt. Please reveal yourself so she can thank you personally.

Covid-19 safety: updated 5/18/22

The board has voted to continue the requirement for wearing masks at all events, meetings, and worship services at the church. We are seeing an uptick in Covid numbers. This is a thoughtful way of protecting those who may be more vulnerable. Renters and community groups will also be required to continue wearing masks. Thank you for being considerate of others.

Several our members and friends have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last month – we are sending healing energy their way. If you test positive, please reach out to Rev. Lara, or Andrea Rohde, the Caring Connections team wants to support you.

Summer Garden Circles return

Sign up by May 31!

Earlier this week, Coordinators Linda Thompson and Vicki Adams sent emails to everyone in the Directory, plus new friends. A few emails did not work, so if you did not get an invitation, please call or email Linda or Vicki and let them know.

Or you may sign up by filling out a very short form at the Membership Table in the Parish Hall, and deposit it in the Garden Circle box, also on the table.

Last year more than 70 of our members and friends participated in Garden Circles, either as host/s (there were 12) or participants. The Circles will be held on dates chosen by our volunteer hosts, and participants will be placed according to their available dates. Events will range from potluck brunches, lunches, and barbecues to happy hours, desserts, teas, or maybe even s'mores around a fire pit.

Coordinators:

Vicki Adams: vickigatesadams@gmail.com

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UU the Vote Maine

The Maine UU State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN) is launching a UUtheVoteME campaign and needs **one** representative from FPUU who is bent on getting out the vote for fall elections. This is a critical time, and we want to be represented in this statewide effort, so if you have some passion for getting out the vote, please get in touch with marylyn.wentworth@tnsk.org

Our Library Is Now Officially Open!

The First Parish Library is now officially open as a lending library. It also will continue to serve as a meeting room—small groups have been meeting recently in this renovated space.

To borrow a book or DVD, *please* log in the information on the form attached to the clipboard, located on a small table inside the library. Returned books should be placed in the basket labeled “Returns.” This is an honor system.

Shelf labels may change over time, and we hope to add more categories including newer fiction. UU related books and those about Christianity and Judaism are in two places - older books are shelved between the two windows; newer ones, as well as those on World Religions and Spirituality, are to the right, before the column.

If you have books you would like to donate that correspond to the current subject labels, we would love to have them! Criteria are: very good condition, no mildew or musty aroma, ideally no underlining. A box labeled "Book Donations" will be inside the library.

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped transform this space over the past months; names will be mentioned in the Annual Report! More recently, a special thank you goes to Mary Gelfand, Vicki Adams, and Jim Thompson for their help in painting two coats of white behind the shelving on three walls. Also invaluable were Mary's good counsel about categories and physical placement; Vicki's magic in framing some of the wonderful illustrations we found; and Jim's spackling of the columns and re-staining all the woodwork.

This space belongs to us all, and will serve as a resource as well as a clean, mildew-free meeting space with good air quality! We are all responsible for keeping this special room in good condition - no food or beverage allowed (except water).

Thank you all for your patience during this adventure!

Linda Thompson, Chair, Arts & Improvement Committee

Summer Service Volunteers needed

The Worship Committee is seeking volunteers to lead worship services this summer. If you would like to volunteer, please email Merideth Norris at witchdr910@aol.com or any Worship Committee member.

Share the Offering

The Congregation contributed \$631 for April's Share the Offering to Maine Equal Justice.
Thank you so much!

In May, our Shared Offering will benefit MUUSAN, the Maine UU State Advocacy Network. MUUSAN unites all 25 Maine UU congregations in acting on our commitment to social and environmental justice through legislation. It works to educate, empower, and engage UUs in our state. MUUSAN relies on the financial assistance of individuals and congregations, this is our chance to support MUUSAN.

Women for All Seasons

St. Ita was the most famous Irish woman saint, after St. Brigid. The mountains where she founded her school and convent were connected to angels. Join Women for All Seasons to learn more about this saint and the angel connection, including a guided meditation to meet and/or connect with your angelic guide. Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Barbara Conner 229-0799 or Kathe Wright 985-6194.

First Parish Choir tuning up

All singers are welcome to lift their voices together once again. Choir rehearsals will happen every other Thursday, May 19, and June 2 from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Please wear your mask and come to the church on time! Paul Beach has generously donated his talents to lead us in our practice, and Ginny Lawrence has volunteered to play the piano. Others may also volunteer to play later. If you've never sung with the choir, now is the time to join in.

Religious Education is happening

We've all been delighted to see families with children once again at church on Sunday. Quite a few are taking part in Religious Education (RE).

Working with the children is such a joyous endeavor. Our church needs more people to share this joy and responsibility to the children. Consider volunteering to help teach on Sunday morning or joining the RE Committee. Contact Rachel Wells at: rachel.Biron@gmail.com.

FPUU Website, easy access

There is a new easy way to find First Parish News on our website. Look for the link at the top left corner on the opening page. You can find upcoming and ongoing activities and announcements on our website or Facebook page. Spiritual opportunities are also listed with our Order of Service each week, available by email. Events also appear on our church calendar.

Website: www.uukennebunk.org

Calendar: www.uukennebunk.org/events

Facebook page: search for

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