



First Parish News

Sunday Service In person and Online

Do Something Good

**Lead by Rev. Lara Campbell
Nov. 20, 2022, 10:30 a.m.**

Concurrent Religious Exploration Program and Nursery Care Available

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.



Photo by Al Adams

Indigenous peoples have known for a long time that everything in this life is interconnected.

When nature is destroyed in one place, the consequences can be felt on the other side of the world.

Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Awardee,
2020

New men's group being planned

Membership was recently approached by two First Parish friends (Mark Gallup and Abraham Brody) to start a new and/or revised Men's Group/Men's Covenant here at First Parish. This suggestion also came to light during our shared October Assessment Feedback forum, conducted by COM and held in our parish hall.

In addition to Mark and Abraham, who both bring extensive experience with forming and participating in a Men's Group, Bob Wuerthner has graciously volunteered to help with the initial formation stage and to get things up and running. There are still many subjects/issues yet to be resolved; including the overall format, how often to meet, where to meet, when and if to use Zoom, etc. These and other decisions will rest in the hands of those individuals noted above, in partnership with future participants/members and their wishes.

At this stage, we are moving towards not restricting the number of participants/members and to follow a format somewhat like one or more groups currently operating under the First Parish umbrella. Any format will have its own pros and cons, noting that the higher the number

of participants, the harder it becomes to ensure everyone has their say and is heard. Also, one of the key requirements of any shared group is to ensure that all subjects, comments, concerns, opinions, etc. are held in the strictest confidence. Some future participants/members may originate outside First Parish, another item still to be decided.

So that we might start to move forward and determine the level of interest we have at First Parish, please email me, or call me to share any ideas you would like me to pass along to Mark, Abraham and Bob.

Hoping this endeavor appeals to you and that it might make you feel more connected to First Parish and the community.

~Jim Thompson, Membership Co-Chair

Ever wonder how to brew a perfect cuppa? A special event Sunday, Nov. 20



Your Committee on Ministry (COM) is quite grateful for the many bright ideas percolating from our recent *Light the Way Forward* survey and retreat. Please join us for coffee after church in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 20th so we can properly celebrate. FPUU member and Katahdin Coffee Company owner, Dan Lyons will demonstrate how to brew an expert urn of coffee with the blend he generously donates to FPUU year after year – and he'll gladly reveal anything you ever wanted to know about java. COM will bring some sweet treats to complement your perfect cup—or two.

Holiday Food Auction Last chance to bid tonight

It is all over at **11:00 p.m. Thursday night!** If you have not bid yet you have no time at all to lose! Tasty treats abound. Two places at a post-holiday dinner remain. Winners and Donors will be connected between Friday and Sunday for pick up arrangements to be made.

www.uukennebunk.org/2022-Holiday-Auction

Thanksgiving donations needed

Thanksgiving donations are needed by this Sunday! Please share this joyous holiday with our neighbors who are in need. With ever higher costs for everything, there are many in our community who are less fortunate. We can help by bringing Thanksgiving foods for the Thanksgiving baskets distributed in the Kennebunks by Community Outreach Services (COS). The recipients can then celebrate their own Thanksgiving in their homes with loved ones.

The following items are most needed: frozen turkeys or turkey breasts, boxed stuffing and mashed potatoes, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, boxed pie crusts, pie filling.

Bring your food donations to church by this Sunday, Nov. 20. If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, make your check payable to COS, P.O. Box 1175, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

Thank you all for your generosity. Happy Thanksgiving!

Kathe Wright, First Parish liaison to COS



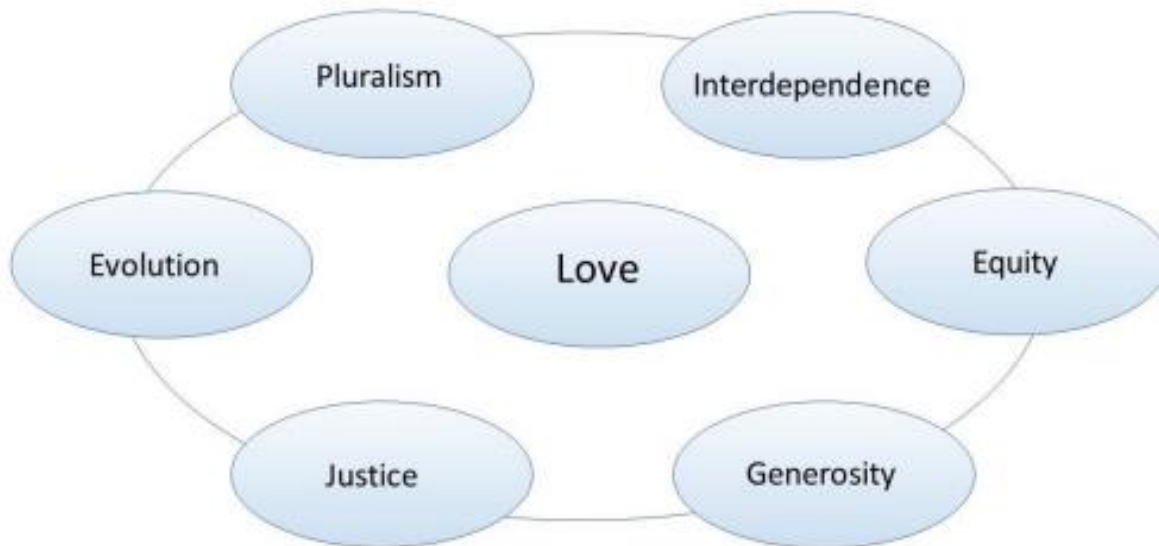
Memory Tree

Worshippers on Nov. 6, created a memory tree to honor people they have lost. Many of us are far from the gravesites of our ancestors and loved ones, but we can honor those who have gone before us. Rev. Lara and Susie Desantis created this tree, which is standing in front of the pulpit. It's not too late to add leaves for your departed loved one. You may write their name on a leaf, available under the tree and place it on the tree.

Women for All Season

Women for All Seasons will meet via ZOOM on Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 PM. We are well into November, which can feel like a bleak time, but we each have things to be grateful for. Kathe will be joined by a special wise guest, and they will lead a program focusing on our blessings.

This group is open to all women. For more information, contact Kathe at (207) 985-6194.



Re-Imagining Our Purposes and Principles

Excerpts from Rev. Lara's Reflection Nov. 13

When I first heard about the Article II Study Commission, I will admit, waves of emotion coursed through my body. ...

The Article 2 Commission was specifically charged to NOT start from the 7 Principles and amend them, but to consider other formats.

The first wave was sadness, what might get lost in this new version? Next came anxiety, how am I going to pitch this to the congregation? And finally, excitement, isn't it awesome that our faith isn't stagnant, that we are willing to grow and change with the times? ...

The commission's charge included these words: "There is nothing sacred about the number of principles or sources, nor their specific wordings, nor in the way that Article II is laid out. We encourage creativity. The Board would like to see an Article II that is inspirational, memorable and poetic." ...

The commission asked us to read with our hearts, read again with our curious and connecting brains, and only after a third read begin to think about possible critiques.

Currently, Article 2 begins with our principles, which includes our sources. The new proposal puts our purposes first. ... The next section is titled Values and Covenant. It begins with these words: "Love is the enduring force that holds us together." ...

In our system of congregational polity, every voice, your ideas, and your voice matter.

You can pick up a copy of the DRAFT on the Membership Table in the Parish Hall or download it from here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QDmqmvCcteWdP5UwgxicoPpaV3F11TqH/view?usp=share_1ink

Then you may take part in the discussion. If approved at the 2023 UUA General Assembly we will spend a year in study and vote in 2024.



Thanksgiving dinner options

Thanksgiving
Dinner open to
Everyone

Thanksgiving Day
12:00-2:00 PM

Dorothy Steven
Center
80 Thompson Road,
Kennebunk

FREE for the community
sponsored by the West
Kennebunk Village
Community

Pick up or delivery

Must be reserved in
advance.

Call: 207-967-1911

Pick up from St.
Martha's Church
30 Portland Road
Kennebunk

Sponsored by Community
Harvest



A holiday concert plus mummers



After a long pandemic hiatus, the singers of Seaglass Chorale are excited to offer a Winter Concert on Prelude Weekend. Our own Al Adams with Kevin Flynn, Jim Thompson, Paul Beach, Oliver Payne, and Peter Sentner are adding a wacky mummers play to the concert, which features a Medieval theme and characters.

Mark your calendar for Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. or Sat. Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, 138 York St. Kennebunk.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door by cash or check.

Note regarding an old friend

We recently heard a bit of news about Jeannie Meggison, a friend of FPUU who moved south several years ago shortly before her husband died. Her friend, Betsy Stevens, has brought us up to date. Jeannie's daughter Tammy Miller assures us that Jeannie is okay. She has some friends near her new home, but she lives far from her family including two great granddaughters in Ohio and her son in South Carolina. Jeannie has fond memories of Kennebunk and still hopes to return someday. Some from our congregation have tried to contact her by email, but it appears she doesn't always open her messages. A snail mail message would be much appreciated. Her address is: PO Box 21, Sapphire NC 28774. She will still appear in our Church Directory.

Thank you note...

11/9/22

thank you so much
for your donation. It
came at a critical
time and will truly
benefit our program
significantly. The support
of our community means
so much and reminds
us to stay hopeful!
With gratitude,
Zoë Brokos and all
of CoSI ♡



First Parish UU
Housekeeping

Please keep the office desk clear of any papers, leftovers from Sunday service, events etc. It has been an added burden for our staff to have to clean up before getting to their own work loads. Thank you for your cooperation!



Choir welcomes all singers

Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. twice a month. All are welcome. For more information contact our Music Director, Chris Staknys or Margaret Jones.

Deadline for Newsletter Submission

Please send your items for submission in the newsletter by **Tuesday, 10 am.** Please email Allison at uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com

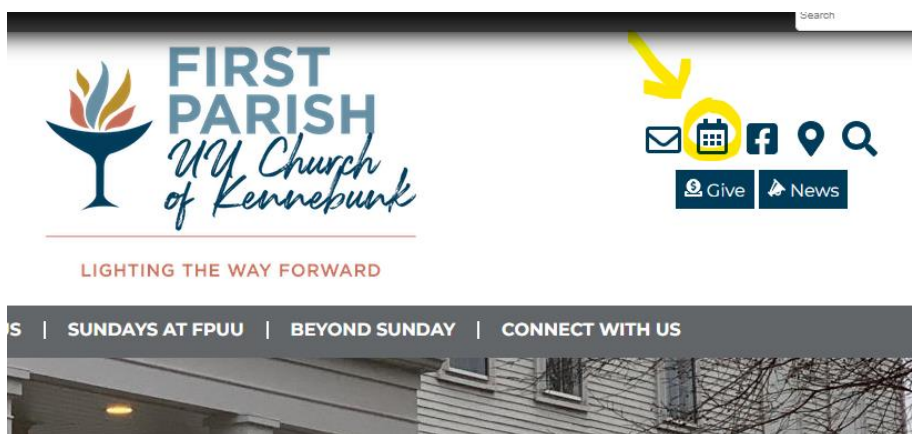
Covid-19 protocol updated

- Masks are now requested, but not required for activities at First Parish UU Kennebunk.
- We are planning to install air purifiers in rooms that need them. Contributions are being received to purchase them.
- Two windows must be opened in the room you are using. EVERYONE is responsible for closing them when exiting the room.
- If someone requests that folks mask, please do so. You may want to speak with your group leader/organizer for support in making a mask request.
- We need your help! Thank you for keeping our community safe.

FPUU Website and Calendar: easy access

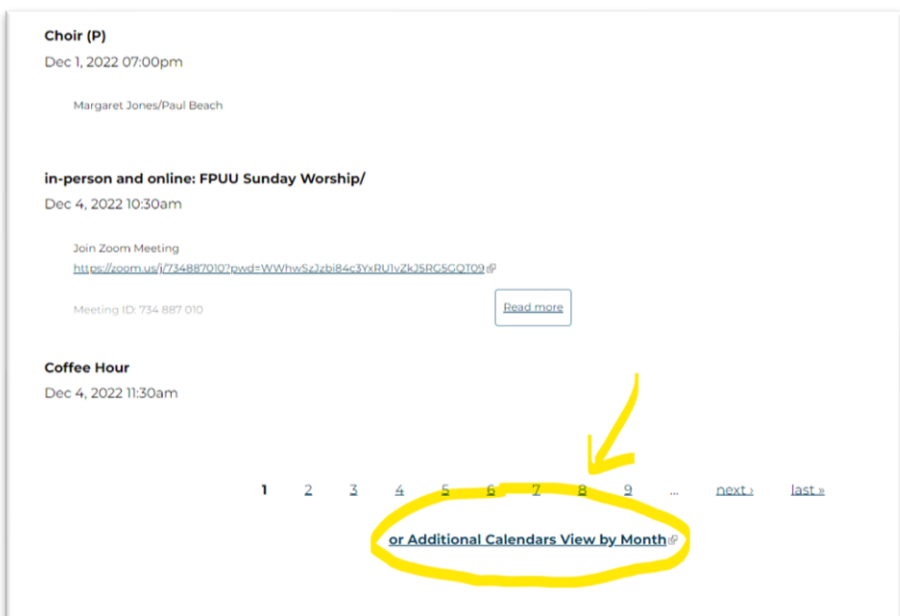
There is a new easy way to find First Parish News on our website. Look for the link at the top on the opening page. You can find upcoming and ongoing spiritual opportunities, activities and announcements on our website or Facebook page.

- Website: www.uukennebunk.org
- Weekly Calendar: www.uukennebunk.org/events
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/FirstParishUUKennebunk



Check out both Calendars!

Choir, FPUU Discussion Group, Buddhist Sangha, Small Group Ministry, Women for All Seasons, and Committee meetings are all listed with meeting times and contacts on our church calendar. Keep in touch using the link below. In addition to church programs, you can find many other activities that take place at the church, such as painting lessons, Open Studio, Tai Chi, AA, Al Anon meetings and more. These can be found on the monthly calendar link at the end of the weekly church calendar under *Additional Calendars View by Month*.



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