



Remember ...



Lt..Col. J.L. Summers

Dad's WWII Treasure Trove

May 28, 2023, 10 a.m.

Worship service led by: Rev. Lara Campbell and Jaylene Summers

Concurrent Religious Exploration Class for children

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:02448

100th Anniversary of the UU Flower Festival Next Week



Sunday June 4th will be a multi-generational worship service celebrating the UU tradition of the Flower Festival. Chris Staknys and Ginny Lawrence will also play a special 4-hand piano piece by Dvorak.

Rev. Norbert Capek (1870-1942) first celebrated the Flower Festival on June 4th, 1923. His intent was to illustrate the unity that binds us within our diversity.

Please bring a flower to the service. Your flower may be cut from a garden, colored on paper, created from items you have, captured in a photo - get creative! We will share our flowers with each other during the service.

The Circle Game

Excerpts from the reflection given May 21 by Rev. Lara Campbell

“And the seasons they go round and round, And the painted ponies go up and down, We’re captive on the carousel of time,” writes Joni Mitchell as she tells the story of a child becoming an adult, expressing the inevitability of time and growing up. ... I first heard this song as part of the ending ceremony for a regional Unitarian Universalist youth conference in Michigan. ...

Rites of passage, like the ones we are honoring today, and others like the child dedication which we will do on June 4th, are one of the central parts of my call to ministry. And being asked to create new ways to mark transitions is truly a great honor.

Now, 23 years since that youth conference, ... 16 years since starting seminary, [and] 9 years since ordination and being called to be your minister, I find myself at a watershed moment, “Captive on the carousel of time ... We can't return we can only look Behind from where we came, And go round and round and round In the circle game.”

With my departure on the horizon, I have been thinking a lot about seasons and transitions. ... One of the best pieces of advice I was given was to be intentional, to make time, to say goodbye. To share with people in individual meetings. So far, I have met with

11 folks and I have 5 more on my calendar. Each of these meetings has been a little different. In some we have laughed, in others cried, and often we have done both. We have reminisced and shared our hopes for the future.

In order to accommodate more meetings, I have opened up my calendar for appointments into the second week of June. These sessions are for all at First Parish, if you have been reticent, consider this your personal invitation. If you have not already done so, please call Allison in the church office to schedule a time to meet with me.

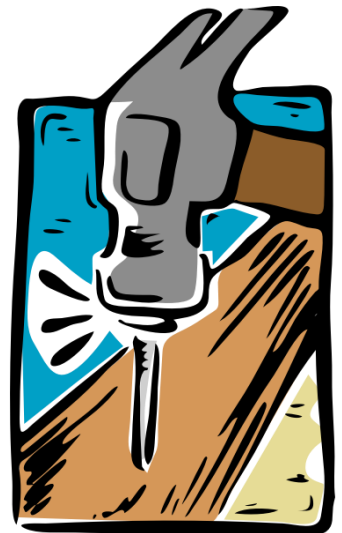
While I know that saying goodbye can be hard, I also know how important it is to do it. We have and will make mistakes; we are human and imperfect. But I also know that putting forth the effort of being mindful in our goodbyes can help to release us.

We all play the circle game, sometimes multiple times during our lives. But with intentionality, the turning of the carousel doesn't have to make us dizzy or unsteady. It can be a gentle ride that allows us to look back, but then move forward.

Can you paint? Can you drive a nail?

Our church side stairs, where the vast majority of our church attendees enter or exit the church, are in dire need of complete repainting and some repair soon. To date, most of this painting has been performed by several Properties Committee members, including Al Adams, Beth Anderson, Andrea Rodhe, Patrick Conner and me. But we've had a very busy year! We need others, like you, to share this chore more equitably—especially now that Spring is here.

Please contact me if you can help, even for just one day or an hour or two—any day or time that suits your schedule. We hope to put together a task force to address the above, while also increasing our base number of Friends and Helpers, going forward. Our beloved church, now 250 years old (1773-2023), will continue to need your help and love even more.



Thank you, Jim Thompson jethompson33@aol.com (207) 502-7796)

Let's create a joyful farewell



Reverend Lara will be with us through the end of June, but her final FPUU worship service is on Sunday, June 11.

Your Board of Directors and Committee on Ministry invite you to join us after church in the parish hall that day to give our beloved minister a joyful send-off. Please bring all that you are along with stories and sentiments you want to share and enjoy some surprises as we celebrate Lara.

Have an informal chat with Rev. Lara

In anticipation of her departure in June, Rev. Lara invites you to schedule an individual meeting (in person or zoom) in May and early June. This will give her and you a chance to say goodbye a little more personally. You can schedule your meeting by calling Allison at the church office 985-3700 or emailing Rev. Lara directly at uukennebunkminister@gmail.com.

Calling all FPUU Committee Chairs and Members of the Board!

Please join your Committee on Ministry in the church parlor on Friday, June 9th, 6-7:30 p.m. to talk about church leadership over dessert. We're hoping to meet with chairs or representatives of each committee and group in the church. How are you doing, how do you want to collaborate and stay connected in our hybrid world, and what would you like to see happen with FPUU leadership in the future?

Please RSVP to Amy Wood, COM chair, at amywood@amywoodpsyd.com, by Monday, June 6th. We hope to see someone from each group that is part of FPUU.

Thank you – and hope to see you there!

STAY TUNED!



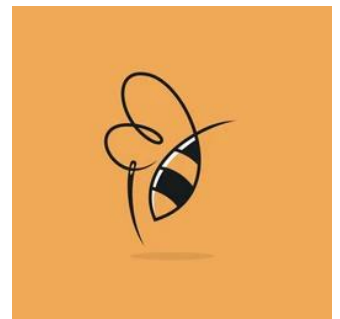
Our music director, Chris Staknys, brought a special Mother's Day concert on May 11 to First Parish. His Juilliard friend Lewellyn Sanchez-Werner [pictured with Chris on left] wowed us with his powerful and joyous piano expertise. Sitting side by side in the audience were the mothers of these two long-time friends, proud and smiling along with a captivated audience. The final encore was a four-hand piece composed by Chris in honor of his mother and played by both Lewellyn and Chris. This gave us a taste of the music Chris will be composing as he studies composition next year. It was a wonderful performance, and thanks go out to all who worked behind the scenes to create this lovely evening.

If you enjoyed our first concert this year with Chris, Anna Han, and Leland Ko, [pictured above on right] as well as Llewellyn's recital, please save the dates for two more concerts: Sat. July 15, and Fri. October 27. For more information please contact Jaylene Summers: jaylenesummers@gmail.com, 207-251-3317, or Margaret Jones; margaretj@maine.rr.com, 207-205-3126.

Cushions, sewing bee, ah comfort!

Have you ever noticed that the pews in the sanctuary are a bit hard to sit on? Has your lower back been achy? Would you be interested in having a small lumbar cushion for support? And maybe you would like to be part of a **Sewing Bee Circle** to create some lumbar cushions? If so, we would appreciate hearing from you:

1. If you would like a lumbar support cushion
2. If you would like to join a "Sewing Bee"
3. If yes, please contact Eva Downs; evadowns18@gmail.com or 207-4639.



Let's paint the town **blue**!

The **FPUU Blueberry Festival and Craft Fair** is a great opportunity for you as well as the church to have fun and make money! The date is Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the church and Kennebunk Library grounds.

For the 5th year in a row (maybe longer), Tom Veronesi will serve as the vendor coordinator. He is happy to announce that there are already 25 vendors signed up to participate in this year's event. He is hoping to have 40-42 vendors again this year which means there are sites still available for \$75.00 each. If you are an artist, a writer, or a craftsperson we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to show your wares and make some cash for your efforts. So, if you want to join us for this fun-filled annual money-making event and support our church you (or anyone you know) are encouraged to contact Tom for an application or for more information. Please email Tom at: tomvblueberryfair@gmail.com or call: 860-550-3925



Please consider helping to coordinate your favorite part of the event:

- Blueberry baking co-coordinator with Alicia Soliman
- Vegan Wrap co-coordinator with Marylyn Wentworth
- Helpers for our own UU Craft booth
- Make a big 2-sided sign to advertise the Fair on the front lawn.
- Set up and/or Clean Up crews

Let Marylyn Wentworth know which job you would like: marylyn.wentworth@tnsk.org



NEEDED! Donations of jewelry, summer hats and totes/handbags for our "Treasure Table" at the Blueberry Fair/Craft Festival. This is always a good money-maker. Items can be dropped off at the church office from 9-12, Monday-Friday or at church on Sundays. Questions? Contact Linda Thompson at 207-502-7796. Thank you!



- WIONN (Welcome Immigrants Our New Neighbors) helps asylum seekers and immigrants in our area. If you can offer hands-on or monetary help, call Marylyn Wentworth marylyn.wentworth@tnsk.org.
- Food can be left in the Parish Hall for COS (Community Outreach Services) food pantry or if you prefer to send a check you can make it out to COS, P.O. Box 1175, Kennebunk, ME.
- Sneaker recycling program: leave gently used sneakers in the bin under the awning at COS, 19 Park Street, Kennebunk.
- We need ushers, greeters, and coffee hosts. Please sign up in the Parish Hall.

Please send your items for the newsletter by Tuesday, 10 a.m. You may send information, an article, or a photo by email to Allison Lazos at: uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com.

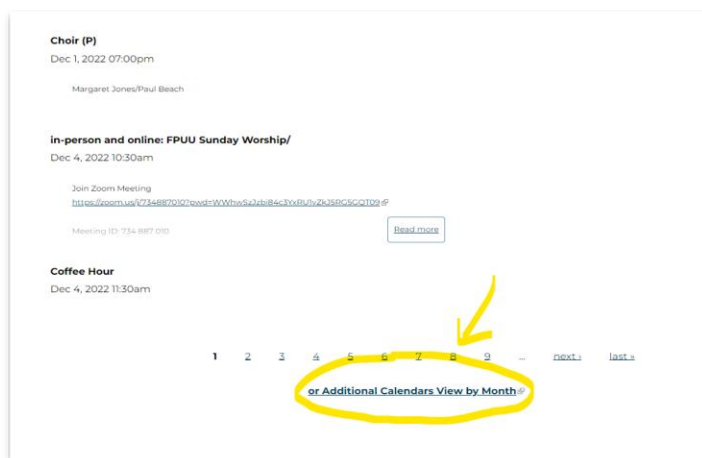
Covid-19 protocol updated (3/15/23)

- Masks are now requested, but not required for activities at First Parish UU Kennebunk.
- We have installed 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—if there are no air purifiers there. 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.
- Food and Beverages are now allowed in the church, but only water is allowed in the library and Sanctuary.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

FPUU Website and Calendar: easy access

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



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

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