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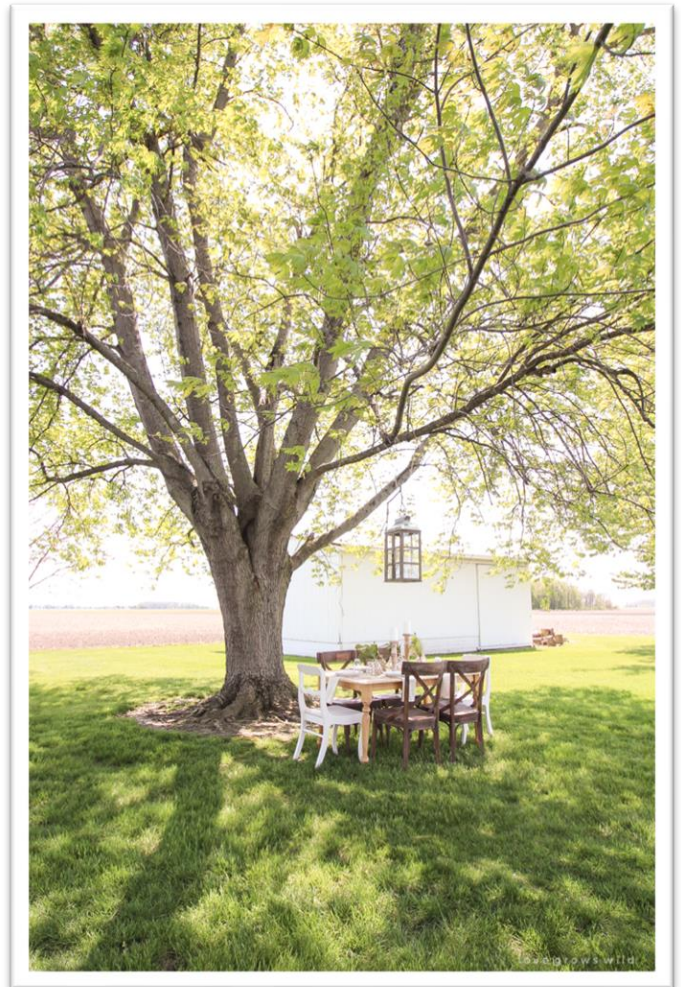


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Title: Prepare the Table

Worship Leader: Rev. Tori Rosati

Worship Service April 14, 2024, 10 a.m.

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



- Fri. April 12, 7 p.m. Song Swop, in person and online
- Sun. April 14, 11 a.m. New to FPUU? New to UU?
- Sun. April 21, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Earth Day at FPUU (see poster below)
- Sat. April 27, 10:30 a.m. – Robert Jack's Memorial service
- Sat. May 4, 12:45 p.m. march in the Annual Kennebunk May Day Parade
- Fri. May 10, 7 p.m. violinist Patrick Doane & pianist Andrius Žlabys concert
- Sat. May 18, Rummage sale (Fri. set-up, Sun. clean-up)

Sunday Service

We shape and are shaped by our relationships and the environments we move in every day. At their best, our faith communities offer us a place to bring our full selves and along with an openness to being transformed by our presence there. Join us on Sunday to explore the ways that deepening or faith practices of welcome and hospitality have the potential to create thriving communities of belonging and transformation.

New to First Parish? New to UU?

Are you new or feeling new at First Parish? Join Rev. Tori for coffee or tea and a casual conversation on **Sunday, April 14th** after the service in her office. Bring yourself and any questions about First Parish or Unitarian Universalism that will help you get to know us. If you plan to come, please rsvp to uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com.



A Letter from Rev. Tori

Dear ones,



I hope that many of you had a chance to check out this week's beautiful eclipse! We had a nice viewing from our home here on the east coast, but I know that many of you ventured far and wide to witness this stunning display in its totality. Tim and I were on our way home as it began. As we drove my heart stirred as I saw house after house, street corner after street corner – people of all ages congregating with their glasses on to look at the sun. As small as events like this can make us feel, seeing all those eager people, stopping in their tracks, going outside, and casting their gaze skyward together made me feel deeply connected.

We live in such a miraculous world – even with all its pain and challenge and it is good, and maybe necessary, to take those steps back every now and then, put on our glasses and witness how small we are in the grand scheme of things, and how that smallness draws us closer to one another.

As the energy of spring draws us all out in the weeks ahead, I hope that we feel a sense of connection and possibility in the cool air and warm sun...and in each other. I look forward to hearing all your eclipse stories and feel grateful for this faith community that gathers us in, week after week, in our smallness, to cast our collective gaze toward what is possible in ourselves and world.

With every blessing,

Rev. Tori



Celebration of Life

Susan Jack invites you to join her for a Celebration of Life in honor of her beloved husband of 50 years, Robert Jack, who passed away on January 15, 2024.

The service will be held on Saturday, April 27 at the church beginning at 10:30 a.m. with a reception to follow.

Plaque installation

In September 2016, Jaylene Summers and Rich Gaito joyfully gifted First Parish with the Yamaha Conservatory Grand Piano that resides in the Sanctuary. It was dedicated and blessed by our minister at the time.



This Sunday along with the Music Committee, Rich and Jaylene will install a plaque in loving memory of their parents.

Fabulous Online Auction

Just 2 weeks left to get your items/service/gifts to the auction. Send them to marylyn.wentworth@tsnk.org. Please include a description, photo, and value. We already have 20 donations, but we need at least 30 more so please check your downsizing pile, your artwork, your desired social event, a vacation, a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant or shop, or a service you can render. Use your imagination. You can see what is already in the auction with the following link. **You can't bid until April 28, but you can window shop!**
<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/bid/3826>

Here is a few of the items available for bidding:



3 nights at Wells Beach, given by Gray Hirshfield



Star gazing party with Bernie Reim



Beautiful wind chime donated by Tory Leuteman



Song Swop is meeting **Friday April 12, 7 p.m.** in the sanctuary and online. Please join us. All are very welcome! You may come to listen or to offer something like musical instruments, bands, songs, and poems. Please use only acoustical instruments for the music.

There's usually time for each to offer two pieces.

Please come, you'll be happy you did!

For more information, please contact:
Bruce Childress, Rich Gaito or Jaylene Summers

Seed Table

We scattered many seeds during service a couple of weeks ago, anticipating all that we want to grow in our hearts and world.

These planters will be tended to by our young people over the coming weeks and weave into our Earth Day service and event led by the Social Justice Committee and the Planeteers on April 21st.

We are truly tending a garden of community here at First Parish. What will grow in our midst?



FPUU Board of Directors Agenda

Wednesday April 17, 2024

6pm-8pm

1. Reading and Chalice Lighting - Tori
- 2. 6:00-- Opening**
3. Board Covenant
4. Review Agenda, additions, and announcements.
5. Approve minutes from March 2024

6:10—Business

1. Properties Update—as sent by Alicia
2. Finance update—Chris Wells
 - Questions and Comments about Financial Report that was sent out
 - Stewardship
 - Fundraisers – Rummage and Auction coming up, talent show happened
3. Ministerial Report
4. Administrator's Report
 - Questions and Comments about Allison's Report that was sent out.
5. Music Director's Report
6. Building access and weather shelter - updates
7. Mindful Communication – checking in, hearing assistance
8. CCT Role – Updates
9. Board Liaison updates where necessary: Properties—Ted; RE—Kim; Music—Ginny; Social Justice—Cynthia; Membership—Merideth; Finance—Chris; Worship—??
10. Sharing Our Appreciation

8:00—Closing—Merideth

Board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month. Members are always welcome to attend. If you have an item for the agenda, please contact the chair ahead of time.

Respectfully submitted,
Merideth C Norris, Chair, FPUU Board of Directors

Earth Day Celebration Sunday, April 21.

Celebrate birds, bees, bugs and native plants

Birds, Bees,
Bugs, Bats, &
Blossoms: Our
church will join with
Southern Maine
Planeteers and York
County Audubon to
celebrate Earth Day,
Sunday, April 21, in
and out of doors at
First Parish Church,
Hope Cemetery
and Hope Woods.
Native plants will be
the topic of the
morning sermon by
Shawn Jalbert of
Alfred, service at 10
a.m. Mingle with a
variety of naturalists
and nature lovers
during the early
afternoon with
vegan wraps
offered at 11:30 and
outdoor activities
noon to 2 p.m.

Join Gordon

Collins for an ecologist's view of Hope Woods or a bird walk and talk with Bill Grabin and Kathy Donahue of York County Audubon, please reserve a spot for the Hope Woods tour or bird walk at: someplaneteers@yahoo.com. Native Plant advocates and educators from both Native Haunts and the Planeteers of Southern Maine will also be on hand to discuss native plantings from those in your backyard to public spaces, even roadsides.

All are welcome to this celebration of Earth Day and Spring! Sponsored by our Social Justice Network along with the Planeteers and Audubon.



**Bees, Birds, Bugs,
Bats, & Blossoms**

**Come celebrate Earth Day 2024
Sunday, April 21st,
in and out of doors in Kennebunk
at First Parish Church,
Hope Cemetery and Hope Woods.**

Native plants will be sermon topic at 10 a.m. by
Shawn Jalbert of Alfred's Native Haunts.

Vegan sandwiches will be offered at 11:30 and at noon,
explore Nature at Hope Woods & Cemetery, either on your
own, or reserve your spot in a guided walk through either
ADA-friendly Hope Woods with naturalist Gordon Collins,
or a bit of birding with Bill Grabin and Kathy Donahue
of York County Audubon, by email to
someplaneteers@yahoo.com

Join us for these walks and talks
some song and some seed sowing.
The program ends at 2 p.m.

**Sponsored by the Planeteers of Southern Maine,
First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, and York County Audubon.**

APRIL
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POETRY IN THE FRIARY
rescheduled for April 20, 1-2:30 p.m.

hosted by WePoets & Verse `come witness
the raw power of genuine poetry voices.'

Admission free - Donations
help the Monastery
maintain and preserve its
sacred space - all welcome-
Refreshments, Meet & Greet
after the readings.

Kimberly Ann Priest, Poet & Author
Slaughter the One Bird





Concerned about gun safety?

Sign up to get information and alerts about possible action in Maine at <https://www.mainegunsafety.org/>

"White Privilege" & Multiracial Unity

What: A Convocation of the UU Multiracial Unity Action Council
Led by Dr. Kenneth Christiansen & Rev. Richard Trudeau

When: Saturday, Apr 13, 2024, Noon-1:30pm Central time
(Starts at 1:00pm Eastern, 11:00am Mountain, 10:00am Pacific)

TO REGISTER send an email to UUMUAC@gmail.com;
Zoom codes will be sent the day before

Black Heritage Trail of NH's Elinor Williams Hooker Tea Talk Series

A New Deal for a Great Society: Envisioning the Future
Sunday, April 21, 2024 2pm Nashua Public Library

Portsmouth, New Hampshire...The sixth and closing conversation in the esteemed Elinor Williams Hooker Tea Talk Series features a young panel of forward thinkers wrestling with the question: what should a New Deal for a Greater Society look like?

Event Information - live and zoom

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To register: <https://blackheritagetrailnh.org/elinor-williams-hooker-tea-talks-2024/>



Planeteers of Southern Maine Clothing Drive

Located at



2 Livewell Drive Kennebunk, ME 04043

Saturday April 27th
10:00AM - 1:00PM



Letters



We are starting a new section, *Letters*. These can be letters from you — expressing your ideas and suggestions for how our church can be even more exciting, helpful, spiritual, activist, you name it! Or they may be letters the church has received, such as those thanking us for a “Share the Plate” donation. So, send your letter to First Parish News, at uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com.

Spend time with our Children in Religious Exploration



Our RE coordinators need more volunteer teaching support for the remainder of this year. Jacky Peters is scheduled for hip surgery on March 4. Susie Desantis needs to take time off from teaching for the next few months as she is busy caring for her family. Gray Hirshfield will be away the Sundays of March 10th and March 17th.

We have a few volunteers, but need more to take part in this program, which is a perfect time to get to know our kids. It can be enlightening and fun. Please note all volunteer teachers need a background check—this is a good opportunity to get one!

Every Sunday, we begin with opening words, chalice lighting, and check-ins. Most Sundays include a lesson plan, but on one Sunday per month the program will feature unscripted games and arts and crafts.

We have been very happy to see the faces of new families and children attending services and RE! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Job Opportunity



We are looking for a second childcare person to watch the younger children on Sundays. Crow Lowry has expressed interest in coming back next year. We would like to find a second person to help as we now have several younger children attending. The church has funds budgeted for childcare - two hours per Sunday. All ages and genders are welcome to apply. A background check will be required.

OFFICE hours

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. For pastoral emergencies, please use Tori's cell: (978) 238-8210.

Sunday Morning Bookcase

- *Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of this World for Crucifixion and Empire*, Rebecca Ann Parker and Rita Nakashima Brock
- Podcast: [*How to Citizen*](#), Baratunde Thurston
- *See No Stranger, A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*, Valerie Kaur
- *Darkening the Doorways: Black trailblazers and Missed Opportunities in Unitarian Universalism* by Mark Morrison-Reed
- Link to <https://onbeing.org/programs/jason-reynolds-imagination-and-fortitude/> *On Being* with Krista Tippett



Contribute to our Newsletter

Join the newsletter contributors! Do you have a photo to share? Perhaps an article or an upcoming event? Please e-mail your items, articles, and photos for the newsletter by **Tuesday, 10 a.m.** to uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com.

- Allison Lazos, Graphics, and layout
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