



Nov. 21, 2024

LIGHTING THE WAY FORWARD



*Don't give up the ship - Capt. James Lawrence, 1813*

*Photo by Al Adams*

## “The Bread of Community”

Worship Service, Nov. 24, 2024, 10 a.m.

Worship Leader: 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

# upcoming EVENTS

- Saturday, Nov. 23, **midnight**: Holiday Food Auction, last bids!
- Sun. Nov. 24, Bring your favorite bread to share during coffee hour and something for COS food drive.
- Sun. Nov. 24, 11:30 a.m. June Barrier Remembrance Circle
- Sun. Dec. 1, New Member Ceremony

*FPUU News will be taking a break next week. **Happy Thanksgiving!**  
~ your FPUU News team: Vicki Adams and Allison Lazos*

## Circle of Remembrance

Join us for the rescheduled Circle of Remembrance after the service on November 24th to honor our beloved June Barrier who died on September 2nd. This will be a space for quiet, reflection and sharing as we remember together with gratitude the light she brought to us all.

## The Bread of Community



Community, like a loaf of bread, is created with care, strengthened through connection, and made sweeter by the love we share. It rises with resilience, bringing together different ingredients—each unique yet essential—to create something whole and sustaining for us all. Join us Sunday to participate in this special intergenerational service where we will honor the strength and sweetness of community and how it feeds and nurtures us. You are invited to bring a loaf of

bread with special meaning to you - a family recipe, a traditional favorite, or simply a bread that holds a story. Rev. Tori Rosati is leading worship with Gray Hirshfield, Jacky Peters, and our Religious Exploration youth, and music by Ginny Lawrence.

# New Member Ceremony

On December 1, we will celebrate the joy of welcoming new members during our Sunday service. This is a special moment to honor those who are choosing to take a deeper step in their connection with our community. We invite you to be part of this meaningful occasion, as we continue to deepen into the relationships and values that nurture and enliven our shared spiritual journey.

## Children are learning along with us

During Religious Exploration, our children are following the *Soul Matters* program with the larger congregation. In November we will be exploring the theme of Repair:

Sunday Nov. 24: Intergeneration service. Food drive offering.

## Food Collection this Sunday



Please support the children in our Religious Exploration program by bringing non-perishable food to the service this week. They will collect the food from you as part of the service.

~ Thank you for your support. - The RE Team

## Our Sunday School: first in Maine

Exactly 205 years ago in 1819, the first Sunday School in all of Maine was formed here at First Parish, Kennebunk. The purpose and scope for Sunday School has changed considerably over the years, and now we call it Religious Exploration. We are and should be proud of our program for children, which is alive and well!

~ Historian Ruth Stackpole and Membership

# Holiday Food Auction: last chance

Our Holiday Food Auction closes at **midnight this Saturday!** There are a lot of great bargains for delicious food for the holidays. Check out the chocolate blueberries, cranberry peach sauce, pies, and lemon cake!

Send the following link to your friends, family and social media. This is a great way to raise money for our beloved FPUU.

[www.charityauctionstoday.com/bid/2929](http://www.charityauctionstoday.com/bid/2929) or go to [www.uukennebunk.org](http://www.uukennebunk.org)



## Coffee hour is more popular than ever: small change to relieve overcrowding

With a healthy increase in new visitors along with those already enjoying Sunday morning coffee hour, our church Parlor can get a bit overcrowded. Our Arts & Improvement subcommittee desires to maintain the Parlor's historical look, and our Membership Committee along with Rev. Tori are concerned about the overcrowding. For those reasons, we have decided to make a small change. Rather than setting up folding plastic tables for beverages in the Parlor, Coffee Hour Teams will now place coffee urns, tea, juice, water, sugar and cream on tables in the Parish Hall, just outside the Parlor door, directly

below the plaque listing our prior ministers. This new location is just a few feet away from the Parlor's large round wooden table, which will contain snacks or treats, as in the past.

If you are not currently a member of a committee, but would like to join a Coffee Hour Team, we can use your help! Please contact any one of First Parish's Committee Chairs (see the list at the end of FPUU News). You can fill any role, including the most important: sitting at the side entrance to greet people, including newcomers, as they arrive.

Thank You, Your Membership Committee



**Scam emails** targeting faith communities, including ours, are becoming increasingly sophisticated and prevalent. These messages may appear to come from church leaders and might

reference real events, people, or activities happening in our congregation to seem legitimate. They often ask for money, gift cards, payments through Venmo or PayPal, or simply a request to reply.

Please remember: *We will never email you asking for personal financial contributions or payments through these methods.*

Here's how to protect yourself:

- **Look for inconsistencies**—scam emails often contain odd phrasing, spelling errors, or requests that seem unusual.
- **Don't respond** to suspicious emails. If something feels off, pause before taking action.
- **Verify directly** by contacting the person or the church office through a trusted phone number or email address.
- **Be cautious of urgency**—scam emails often try to pressure you to act quickly.

If you receive an email like this, **do not click any links or reply**. Report it as phishing to your email provider and let us know. Your awareness helps keep our community safe.



## Women for All Season

The next WFAS meeting will be on November 26 at 6:30. Our presentation will center around gratitude in the spirit of Thanksgiving. The presenter is Kathe Wright. We hope you can attend.

## Return "CLYNK" bottles to boost our finances

For those of you looking for an easy, effective way to fund the maintenance and other expenses for our church, please consider donating your returnables.

You can pick up the pre-labeled green plastic "CLYNK" bags on the church porch inside the "milk box". Use them to store your returnables. Then at your convenience, bring your pre-labeled bag, full or partially full, to Hannaford's outside redemption building. Scan the label on the bag to open the return chute. This program continues to be an important part of First Parish's fund-raising efforts, but clearly needs your help, especially at this time of rising costs. Let's do this together!



BAG IT



TAG IT



DROP IT



At last Sunday's service, Jaylene Summers & Chris Staknys play Vivaldi's *Autumn*

# Join discussion on poverty at library with Many Towns, One Circle

All are invited to participate in the continuing conversations about Matthew Desmond's book, "Poverty, By America."

**What:** Community Discussions on Matthew Desmond's book, "Poverty, By America": register [here](#)

**Where:** Kennebunk Free Library (KFL), 112 Main Street in Kennebunk

**When:** First Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Dec. 4, 2024, Jan. 8, and Feb. 8, 2025. (began Nov. 6)

**Who:** Led by Kennebunk High School history teacher Greg Smith and Select Board member Karen Plattes.

Sponsored by Many Towns, One Circle and Kennebunk Free Library.

## Message from Side with Love, UUA

We are excited to invite you to join us for [Forward Together: Anchoring in Community Post Election](#), a virtual series designed to offer space for reflection, spiritual grounding, and practical organizing in response to the evolving political landscape.

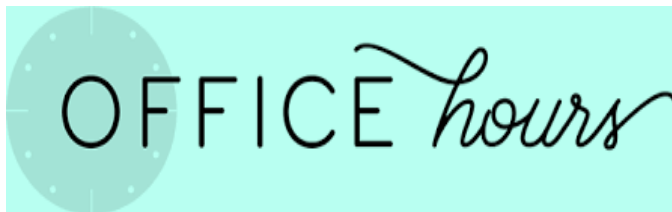
We should be aware of the rising disinformation and increasing political violence. While Unitarian Universalist congregations may not be primary targets, we have a moral obligation to be in solidarity with our neighbors—particularly minority groups. In these times, we have the opportunity to embody the highest aspirations of our faith. Together, through our care and preparedness, we can take faithful action to respond to the threats facing democracy and our communities.

We recognize the sacred work many of you are doing—taking action, providing care and bearing witness within your communities. Though the path ahead may be uncertain, our faith calls us to move forward with clarity and courage, trusting in our shared power to shape a more just and compassionate world.

# Sunday Morning Bookcase



- *Finding Beauty in a Broken World*, by Terry Tempest Williams
- *Jesus and the Disinherited*, by Howard Thurman
- *Meditations of the Heart*, by Howard Thurman
- UUA Actions of Immediate Witness: click [HERE](#).
- *See No Stranger, A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*, by Valerie Kaur



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 use Tori's cell: (978) 238-8210.

Please see below for the November and December calendars. Copies are available at the church.



# First Parish UU Church Kennebunk

## November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10 a.m. Worship Service led by Rev. Tori Rosati 11:30 a.m. June Barrier Remembrance Circle	4	5 10:30 a.m. RE Team Meeting 5:15 p.m. Sangha 7 p.m. Properties	6 6 p.m. Yespers, with meal to follow 7 p.m. Discussion Grp.	7 3:30 p.m. Choir	8 Fall Rummage Sale set-up 6:30 p.m. Song Swap	9 8 a.m. Fall Rummage Sale
10 8 a.m. Rummage Sale 10 a.m. Worship Service led by Rev. Tori Rosati 11:30 a.m. Reflection Circle	11 7 p.m. Finance	12 10 a.m. Membership Com. 5:15 p.m. Sangha 6:30 p.m. WFAS 6:30 p.m. Men's Open Group	13 11 a.m. Music Com 6 p.m. Worship Com. 7 p.m. Discussion Grp.	14 3:30 p.m. Choir	15	16
17 10 a.m. Worship Service	18	19 5:15 p.m. Sangha 5:30 p.m. Small Grp. Ministry	20 5:30 p.m. B.O.D	21 3:30 p.m. Choir	22	23
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8 10 a.m. Worship Service led by Chris Wells "Meeting the Moment"	9	10 10 a.m. Member. Comm. Meeting 5:15 p.m. Sangha 6:30 a.m. WFAS 6:30 p.m. Men's Open Group	11 4:00 p.m. Soul Mat- ters Creative Team 6:30 p.m. Vespers "Blue Christmas"	12 3:30 p.m. Choir	13 6:30 p.m. Song Swap	14
15 10 a.m. Worship Service led by Allegra Smith w/ Rev. Tori Rosati "The Practice of Belief"	16	17 10 a.m. Small Group Ministry 5:30 p.m. Small Group Ministry 5:15 p.m. Sangha	18 5:30 p.m. B.O.D. Meeting 7 p.m. Evening Discussion	19 3:30 p.m. Choir	20	21 7 p.m. Winter Sol- stice Service
22 10 a.m. Worship Service "Unboxing Presence" led by Rev. Tori Rosati	23	24 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service	25	26 3:30 p.m. Choir	27	28
29 10 a.m. Worship Service led by Mary Gelfand & Mark Gallup	30	31 5:15 p.m. Sangha				