

People usually consider walking on water or in thin air a miracle. But I think the real miracle is not to walk either on water or in thin air, but to walk on earth. Every day we are engaged in a miracle which we don't even recognize: a blue sky, white clouds, green leaves, the black, curious eyes of a child—our own two eyes. All is a miracle.



Photo by Al Adams

Thich Nhat Hanh

“Among the Wildflowers”

Worship Service: June 8, 2025, 10 a.m.

Led by: 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

E V E N T S

- Sat. June 7, 11 a.m. Memorial Service for Sally Keene
- Sun. June 8, 9 a.m., Annual Congregational Meeting in person & online
- Sun. June 8, 10 a.m. Flower Festival – If you have a garden, bring a flower
- Mon. June 9, 5:30 p.m. NPR Potluck
- Tues. June 10, 6:30 p.m. Women for All Season
- Tues. June 10 6:30 p.m. Men's Open Group
- Fri. June 13, 6:30 p.m. Song Swop

This Sunday: Flower Festival

First created in Prague in 1923 by Unitarian minister Norbert Čapek, the Flower Ceremony is one of Unitarian Universalism's most beloved and enduring traditions—a sacred ritual of giving and receiving, of unity, resistance, and love. Born out of Čapek's commitment to a free and inclusive faith during a time of rising oppression, it celebrates life and affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every person. In this ritual, each of us brings a flower from home to contribute to a shared bouquet, symbolizing a community made vibrant by the unique gifts of all its members. At the end of the service, we each take home a different flower, representing the blessings we receive from one another. Rev. Tori leading with Mary Gelfand with music from Chris Staknys and the FPUU Choir.



Memorial Service

This Saturday at 11 a.m. we will remember long time member, Sally Keene. Join us, along with her family as we pay tribute to our dear friend.

Yard Game Picnic: Come one come all!



If you didn't sign up for Molly Hoadley & Tom Socha's Yard Game Picnic offered during our auction, you may still show up a week from Saturday. Enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship. Games include cornhole, horseshoes, bocce ball, can jam, croquet, volleyball, and more.



Burgers and dogs and all the fixin's served right off the grill. There will be a basket available for your \$25 donation. Kids are free and encouraged to come! We hope to see you at Tom's, 2 Riverside Place, Kennebunk, Saturday, June 14, at noon.

It once was lost but now is found

While looking for something in the old church basement, Jim Thompson found this blue wall hanging in a pile of fabric. He called Sally Ashley to find out if she knew anything about it. "Yes," she answered, "I was wondering where that ended up. I made it for the 2000 UUA conference, 25 years ago!" Sally's banner is now displayed in the parlor.



Banner made by Sally Ashley

Together in Music:

Songs of Protest, Resilience, and Hope

Excerpts from words of welcome, June 1, by Rev. Tori Rosati

This month's worship theme is Freedom. It feels fitting that we begin this exploration with music.

Singer/song writer Pete Seeger once said, “Songs are sneaky things. They can slip across borders. Proliferate in prisons. Penetrate hard shells.” In many ways music is a vehicle for freedom—it helps us escape, helps name hard truths, endure challenge and pain, and hope for a new world. It also connects us—disregards the confines of time and space, culture and experience, the separation of individual bodies. It brings us together.

The music this morning has been chosen by the many talented musicians at First Parish—music that has helped them and others in times of struggle—turning outrage into action, tragedy into strength and connection, and despair into hope—offered to stretch us, soothe us, and help us imagine.

As we listen and sing together this morning, we invite you to reflect on how music has shown up for you in hard times. To consider: what music do you need to hear these days? And, how can music help us as a community move forward together through the hills and valleys of our time?

Let us, this morning lift our voices to the sounds of freedom—the bells, the notes, the chords, the chimes—honoring all the ways that music has shown up for us as a people, setting us free.

To hear the complete sermon go to our website: uukennebunk.org click on the heading: Sundays at FPUU, then click on Sermon Archive.



- Take our [Advocacy Review Poll](#) and help us gather data on our advocacy this year. If you already completed this one-minute poll at the MUUSAN network meeting, no need to complete it again. Thanks!
- One final call to action as this legislative session draws to a close: Both the [Gun Safety Coalition](#) and [Equality Maine](#) are requesting our presence in the halls of the State House from 9 to 11 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays for the next two weeks as the full legislature convenes to vote on our gun safety and anti-trans priority bills. If anyone from your congregation would like to join them, you could let them know directly through the [Gun Safety Coalition](#) and [Equality Maine](#) links, contact our liaisons Lynn Ellis or Annie Keimeier, or just show up!

- If you're planning on attending Pride Portland! on June 21 and would like to participate with other MUUSAN members, [enter your info here](#) and we'll put all responders in touch to make a plan.
- If you're participating in [other Pride events](#) across the state and would like to connect with other MUUSAN members there, [enter your info here](#)!
- MUUSAN's new [Priority Bill Tracker](#) has been launched! You'll find a link to it on the top of [our website](#).
www.muusan.org



SIDE WITH LOVE

**On Main Street in Kennebunk every Thursday
plus this Saturday, June 14**



Saturday, June 14, from 12 to 1 p.m. a demonstration will be held on Main Street, Kennebunk, in conjunction with No Kings Day/Flag Day. A military display is planned in Washington DC that day for the president's birthday. Join thousands of Americans to show the president and his administration that real power rises up from the people. Sign-making at the Democracy Co-op, Lafayette Center, from 11 to 11:45 pm.

Locals gather to demonstrate their concerns about state and national issues every Thursday from 4 - 5 p.m. on the sidewalks Main Street Kennebunk. *Side with Love* posters are available in the church side entrance to use for demonstrations. Those who wish may hold them to broadcast our values centered on love.



First Parish Choir sings on the church steps during a recent demonstration. (photo by Vicki Adams)



Hearse House Cleaning

We are looking for 4 to 5 hardy and happy individuals to join us on Saturday, June 21st at 9am, as we begin to clear out all items currently in the Hearse House. This structure is exactly what the name implies; it formerly housed the horse-drawn hearse wagon before being replaced by a motorized vehicle. From last count, this historical building was only one of two still known to exist in the state of Maine. Your help will be greatly appreciated as we start the long-term process to save this building and ensure its viability for years to come. If you can help, even for just an hour, please contact me or any member of our Property Committee.

Thank You, Jim Thompson, Project Leader, 2025 Hearse House revival

Potluck was delicious and fun!

Wonderful food and desserts, lively conversation, and drumming made our Spring Fling Potluck last Friday a big success! Many thanks to the 36 folks who attended (including several children), and for assistance in setting up, and cleaning up—especially all those plates and silverware! The drumming circle was awesome, with rhythms taught by Karen Carey assisted by Linda Thompson. We shared lots of percussion instruments, so everyone could participate.

With appreciation, Jim Thompson and the Membership team.



Sunday Morning Bookcase

- *The Serviceberry*, Robin Wall Kimmerer
- *Revive Us Again: Vision and Action in Moral Organizing*, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II and Rev. Dr. Rick Lowery
- *Inciting Joy*, Ross Gay
- *Book of Delights*, Ross G
- *When No thing Works: A Zen and Indigenous Perspective on Resilience, Shared Purpose, and Leadership in the Timeplace of Collapse*, Norma Wong

What's happening for our children?

Click on this link to learn more about our monthly Religious Exploration highlights.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10xocLKTAAsQul3mTysl2uYfh-xNljj_a7YjG0PQ20R14/edit?usp=sharing

For more information on our Religious Education program, contact our office administrator, Allison at (207) 985-3700 or email at

uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com and she will connect you with the team.

Community Events:



A member of our church, Kevin Flynn, is a candidate for the Kennebunk Light and Power District (KLPD) Board of Trustees, June 10 in Kennebunk. We wish him luck!



Election Day June 10

Voter Guides are available at Town Hall and on-line, at kennebunkmaine.us.

- Candidates are running for Select Board, RSU 21 Board, Kennebunk Light and Power District, and Kennebunk Sewer District.
- Town budget, School budget, and School budget validation will also be decided.
- Zoning Article: intended to reduce setback requirement for cellular service, in accordance with new technology.
- Pay as You Throw disposal: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) program; and to raise and appropriate \$669,000 in addition to the amounts raised and appropriated in Article 3 of this warrant, for the collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste

RESTORE AND REPLANT ROGERS POND PARK!

**Invasive plants are taking over — and we need
YOUR help to fight back!**

**Saturday,
14 June**

Rogers Pond Park
49 Water St.
Kennebunk

**1:00 pm –
4:00 pm**

- Brief volunteer training at 1:00 by arborist Steven Brook
- Dig and clear invasives.
- Replant with native plants!
- Tools provided (bring your own work gloves and loppers if possible).
- Earn volunteer hours and make a real difference for local wildlife!

Event hosts:

**Kennebunk Conservation Commission and The Planeteers of
Southern Maine.**

**CLICK HERE OR SCAN
FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP**

<http://bit.ly/rogerspond>



*Tell your story!
Speak to the
Moment!*

*Join us for an
Evening of Creative Resistance
Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Dane Street Program Center*



Our members now in rehabilitation enjoy having people call or visit

Joan Phipps, after experiencing another fall, is now undergoing rehabilitation at Summer Commons, 21 June St. Sanford, Maine 04073. She has a phone in her room: 207-206-1953. She would love to have her friends from First Parish call or visit. The Commons is near (SMHC Sanford, formally Goodall Hospital).

Bob Lown is currently in Room 41 of The Edgewood Center, 928 South St., Portsmouth NH. His mobility is limited but he is in good spirits and would love visitors. The best way is to just drop in any morning between 9-11. Or you can send a letter or card to the above address.

Important: Check Rev. Tori's Email Address!

Please take a moment to ensure you have the correct email saved for Rev. Tori Rosati: uukennebunkminister@gmail.com Even small differences mean your message won't reach her. And as a reminder, Rev. Tori will never send emails requesting gift cards or money—if something seems suspicious, do not reply!

Office Hours

The Office is open Monday-Friday 9a.m.- 12 p.m. 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. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Tori on her cell phone.

First Parish UU Church Kennebunk

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Music Sunday 10 a.m. Worship Service led by FPUU Music Ministry	2	3 5:15 p.m. Sangha 6 p.m. Board Retreat 7 p.m. Properties	4 2 p.m. Worship Committee Retreat	5 3:30 p.m. Choir	6	7 11 a.m. Sally Keene Memorial Service
8 Flower Sunday 9 a.m. Annual Meeting 10 a.m. Worship Service led Rev. Tori "Among the Wildflowers"	9	10 10 a.m. Small Group Ministry 10 a.m. Membership Committee 6:30 p.m. Men's Open Group	11 5:30 p.m. Board of Directors	12 3:30 p.m. Choir 5:30 p.m. Small Group Ministry	13 6:30 p.m. Song Swap	14
15 10 a.m. Worship Service led Rev. Tori "Love Liberates"	16	17 5:15 p.m. Sangha	18	19 JUNETEENTH 3:30 p.m. Choir LAST REGULAR NEWSLETTER	20	21
22 10 a.m. Worship Service led by Bernie Reim	23 Summer Hours Office Closed	24 9-12 Office Open 5:15 p.m. Sangha 6:30 p.m. Men's Open Group	25	26 9-12 Office Open 3:30 p.m. Choir SUMMER NEWSLETTER	27	28
29 10 a.m. Worship Service led by Rev. Al Boyce	30 10 a.m. RE Team					