



First Parish Voices

Worship Services

Sunday, February 18th, at 10:30 AM

Both/And – Rev Lara Campbell

Church office hours: The church office is open Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 12
Rev. Lara Campbell office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 to 12 and by appointment

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Weekly Update

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism



Support the Black Live of Unitarian Universalism

On Sunday, February 11, 2018, First Parish UU, Kennebunk took part in the UUA initiative *The Promise and the Practice*. We took a Special Offering to support the Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU). BLUU is an independent organization, fiscally sponsored by the UUA, led by an executive director, a community minister, and a volunteer Organizing Collective, which provides ministry for, and by, Black Unitarian Universalists, while also working to expand the role and visibility of Black UUs within our faith.

UU congregations are being asked to make a financial commitment to help fulfill the \$1 Million dollar match opportunity by contributing at least \$10 per member. Additionally, the Northern New England District has agreed to match *up to \$100,000 more* for every additional dollar our Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont churches donate to BLUU.

FPUU raised over \$1000!

If you would like to support BLUU you can give online at <https://www.uukennebunk.org> (the link button is on the left side.) Or you can drop off your contribution to FPUU (write BLUU in the memo line) by February 28th, 2018.

You can find out more information about The Promise and the Practice at <https://www.uua.org/giving/areas-support/funds/promise-and-practice> and BLUU at <http://www.blacklivesuu.com>.

Testimony by DeReau Farrar

Below is a link to the video that Rev. Lara intended to show in the service on Sunday but due to technical difficulties was not able to.

Testimony by DeReau Farrar

<http://www.firstunitarianportland.org/director-music-dereau-farrar-offers-testimony/>

2018 – Winter-Blues Buster ‘Nifty 50’s’ Dinner and “Your Talent Cavalcade” Variety Show

Welcome to our 4th annual Kennebunk UU winter (Fun)d-raiser. Do you remember Sid Ceasar, Imogene Coca, Jackie Gleason, Perry Como, Dinah Shore and Ed Sullivan? This year we’ll be tipping our hat to the great Classic TV variety shows of the 1950’s. We’ll harken back to the music, song, commercials, comedy skits, and novelty acts of that time performed by our very own pool of 1 st Parish talent.

The Show will follow a dinner which features an Italian specialty whose popularity swept the nation in the 1950’s following the return of WWII GIs who first tasted it in Italy. A beverage, salad and dessert will be included. This event is limited to 100 people. We’ve always had a full house, so buy your tickets on line now to avoid missing out.

When: 6 PM on Friday Feb 16, 2018 (Snow date, Saturday Feb 17, 2018) Location: First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church 114 Main Street Kennebunk, ME 04043. BUY TICKETS ON OUR WEBSITE at www.uukennebunk.org or call: Andrea Rohde, 985-3517. Event Fees: Adults \$25 Teens \$15 Kids Free. Childcare will be provided.

Outrageous or wise?

The Sunday Morning Discussion Group will be viewing a talk given atheist, Christopher Hitchens titled “ 10 Times Christopher Blew Our Minds”, this Sunday, February 18th. This could spark a lively discussion. See you at 9:00 am in the library. Questions? Contact Ruth at paws8@roadrunner.com

EMBRACING AGING: MOMENT TO MOMENT

Schedule; These are the dates for the next two sessions. We are meeting Wednesday, February 21, 4-5:30pm in the Parlor at FPUU. We will be exploring "Managing Uncertainty" with Cathy Fellenze and Rev Lara.

Please bring a notebook and pen or pencil.

The next session after that will be on Wednesday, March 7, 4-5:30pm when we will investigate "The Art of Aging" with Jaylene Summers and Joyce Hollman. Please join us for provocative, thoughtful discussions. If you are Aging, you are Welcome! FMI please contact Rev Lara or Jaylene Summers

Leadership Forum Meeting

Leadership Forum for all committee chairs, on February 26th, from 6:00 to 8:00pm. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative.

Memorial For Dean Meggison

Please join us for the celebration of Dean Meggison's life. A Memorial Service will be held on March 24th, at 2pm, at First Parish. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Kennebunk High School Scholarship Fund, 89 Fletcher Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043.



Woah, 42th Blueberry Fair!

What? Yes, it is true the blueberry fair preparations begin this month! Usually, it starts quietly in the background with communicating to the world of artsy and crafty making folks around New England, that we are having a fair in the Summer. Applications are made available on the Website and Facebook with contact names and a point person to accept new applications.

Here is the rub, we have no point person. Is there anyone who'd be willing to join the team early and manage the application process? There will be good support from the rest of us and the previous experienced manager. Please contact Hervé at 229-0377.

Summer is Near!

Looking for something to do this summer ... for a young person or yourself? And some bucks to spend on ice cream and more!A Job Fair will be held Monday, March 12 from 2:00-5:00 at the Kennebunk Town Hall Auditorium. This is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the town of Kennebunk. Job seekers and employers are invited. For more information call the Chamber at 967-0857.

Name Tags

If you are a new member or have requested a new name tag, please keep checking the bulletin board next to the membership table. Everyone few weeks, when we have enough to print, we will print them out and place them there for you to pick up. Thank you so much!

Helping Our Neighbors

Community Outreach Services (COS) is our locally based organization serving the Kennebunks, providing our neighbors food and heating fuel and helping in many other ways when folks hit a rough spot in the road. Thank you for continuing to bring to the blue bins in the Parish Hall at church. This time of winter after the holidays is the lean time for donations. Thank you, *Susan and Robert Jack*, who cart these food donations to the COS Food Pantry at St. Martha's Church. This food is then delivered from St. Martha's to a town hall so that it can be picked up by the person requesting it. Thank you *Megan Pollino, Ted Trainer, Bob Thurm, Karen Tolstrup and Kathe Wright* who take a few hours every month to pack and deliver the boxes to town halls. And also thank all of you who help at the Friday morning Food Pantry at St. Martha's!

First Parish is doing its part to step up and help on the local level through COS. Kudos for that!. Check out the website - coskennebunks.org. Donations are always welcome through the website, or checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 1175, Kennebunk, ME 04043. You can give me, Kathe Wright, a call 985-6194 with any questions or if you would like to volunteer for COS.

Did you know?????

You can listen to past sermons online! Go to uukennebunk.org, click on the 3rd box on the left side "Latest Sermon: Audio" or if you want to check the archives " View all sermons in our archive"

So... if you missed a week or want to hear a particular sermon again you can!

Caring for our neighbors

Our collection of toiletries for the needy will continue as the year goes on. Look for the bin in the Parish Hall. Ginny DiMarco and Arlene Horn will deliver our gifts to the Sanford UU Church, which distributes them. Thank you for your generosity!

Do you Need A Copy Of The Newsletter?

Paper copies of the current Church Newsletter are available for those who do not use email. They may be found on the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall. They are also available by mail. Please contact Crystal Jones, Office Administrator, to be put on the list

Talent Cavalcade

WFPU's Winter Blues Buster Fundraiser Classic 1950's TV Variety Show and Dinner

6 pm—Dinner—taste sensations rocking the nation

7 pm—Vitameatavegamin presents...

Your Show of Shows

“Talent Cavalcade”

Song, Drama, Comedy, Music, Novelty

Friday, February 16, 2018 (snow date 2/17)

FPUU Church, 114 Main St, Kennebunk

\$25 Adults, \$15 Teens, Kids free

Space is Limited

[Purchase tickets on-line now at www.uukennebunk.org](http://www.uukennebunk.org)

Or call Andrea Rohde at 985-3517

Childcare Available

Funding Opportunities!

ClynK Bottle Redemption



What is that sound you hear early Sunday mornings in the back hall? And ever wonder why you see members carrying wine bottles around?

FPUU not only recycles, but we turn in "Maine labeled" bottles and cans for money.

We have a **Clynk** deposit barrel in the kitchen. If you have more than you can carry, take home your very own green bag. The new Clynk bags are in the black filing cabinet to the right of the stage behind the back curtain.

Here is the Clynk website for more information: <https://www.clynk.com>



Do you shop at Hannaford?

Easy Fundraiser!

For every \$1000 our community spends, Hannaford will award our church \$50! If you shop at Hannaford, even a small amount, consider participating in this easy fundraiser.

Here's what you need to do...

If you are NEW to the program - Leave a check, made out to "FPUU" in the amount of \$5- 450, with "Hannaford" on the memo line, in the locked box of the church office door. We will leave a blank Hannaford gift card for you at the church.

To ADD money to your card - Leave a check, made out to "FPUU" in the amount of \$5- 450, with the four digit "PIN" from the back of your Hannaford Gift Card, on the memo line, in the locked box of the church office door.

If the total order amount is at least \$1000 we will send you an email telling you when the money will be credited to your card.

Deadline to submit checks: Monday evenings by 5 pm.

Email FPUUHannaford@gmail.com if you have questions.

Thanks! Rev. Lara, Eva and Myrna

Spiritual Growth Opportunities!

- **Embracing Aging: Moment to Moment** is a thoughtful, provocative discussion group that meets **twice a month, 4 to 5:30 p.m.**, from Jan - April. **All who are aging are welcome.** FMI please contact Jaylene Summers; 207-985-7412 (L), 251-3317 (C) or jsummers@roadrunner.com.
- **Women for All Seasons: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 6:30 -8:30 p.m.** Celebrate the cycles of nature and the season, share and discuss, get to know other women in the congregation. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays from September through June. For more information, please contact Kathe 985-6194 or Barbara Conner 229-0799. **All women are welcome. Free**
- **Meditation:** A small group meets every Wednesday from 5:05-6:30 p.m. in the Library from September through June, or during the winter, in the Chapel. Our practice is simple. We begin with a brief check-in and reading. Then we practice silent sitting and walking meditation at our own pace. **All are welcome.**
- **Early Morning Yoga: Thursday from 7-8:15 am:** Start your day with a moderately paced Hatha Yoga class led by Patrick Conner, M.A., RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher). Come whenever you can – no attendance commitment. All experience levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothes that allow movement. Bring a Yoga mat and props if you have them – there will be mats available to borrow. **All adults and teens are welcome. Donations accepted.**
- **Adult Choir: September to June. All are welcome!**
- **Connecting Circles:** Circle K will resume meeting once a month in the fall. If you would like to connect spiritually on a personal level with others, please contact Karen Tolstrup at 207-467-9149 or kdtolstrup@gmail.com.
- **An affiliated group “Ripples of Peace” Buddhist Sangha: Tuesdays, 5:15- 6:45 p.m. in the Children’s Chapel – Beginners Welcome!** Please bring cushions and/or mat for comfortable sitting – Chairs will be available. A Sangha is a community of friends learning and practicing the teachings of the Buddha. Our weekly gatherings begin with sitting and walking meditation followed by reading from a Buddhist teacher. The Sangha is an open gathering – come when you can, you are always welcome. Contact Sally Keene 590-0035, sjpk@roadrunner.com for info.
- **SATURDAY MEDITATION: INSIGHT DIALOGUE; A RELATIONAL PRACTICE**
Third Saturday of the month, 9:30 – 11:30am, in the PARLOR. We will begin with a lightly guided meditation, share our practices & follow with Insight Dialogue Meditation - No prior experience is necessary. You are all welcome. Please join us. FMI: please contact Jaylene Summers @985-7412

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