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⊕ First Universalist Church of Essex ⊕
Weekly Update



This Sunday's Service @ 10:00 am at Church and on Zoom:

All Souls/Membership Sunday

This Sunday **Art** preaches. We will welcome in new members to the congregation. Also, we'll 'Split the Plate' with HAWK.

Lindle is our Worship Associate.

Bethany is our Zoom Host.

Ronan is our AV Tech.

Alexandra plays piano and **Choir** performs.

This Sunday's [Order of Service](#).

Sunday Service will be in-person and there will be an opportunity to watch and participate from Zoom, too. Please do what makes you feel comfortable. But do join us! Every one of you is so important to our community. And seeing each other is so inspiring.

Our UU Essex Zoom Room:

PIN: 058883

<https://zoom.us/j/9042034298>

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Board of Trustees Announcement

Updated Health Policy for in Church Gatherings

As all of us are painfully aware, the COVID-19 pandemic remains a topic of public health concern, impacting our communities, families, and loved ones.

Immunization against COVID-19 remains the most effective tool in our toolbox to reduce the spread of the virus and to protect individuals. Immunization has been proven to significantly reduce the risk of serious illness and death. Immunization reduces the spread of the virus by reducing asymptomatic infection. As we know, persons can be contagious before developing symptoms.

Masking with appropriate and well-fitted masks reduces the spread of the infection, especially in high-risk situations, such as singing in groups. Masking also helps decrease the likelihood of catching other airborne virus's that are currently prevalent, such as RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) and Influenza

video, and in-person.

With all of this in mind, after careful consideration, in consultation with our Health and Safety Committee, and after reviewing the most recently available public health data, the board recommends the following:

a) Individuals attending church in person will be expected to be fully vaccinated - that is, have received a primary series, and at least 2 weeks have passed since the last dose. We would encourage congregants to be up to date with their vaccines, by which we mean having completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC.

Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to continue participating on Zoom.

b) Masking while attending in person is encouraged, but not mandated.

c) It is highly recommended that group singing be a masked activity.

Thank you!



Prayer List...

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Prayers and well wishes for:

Prayers and Remembrance

Joan Keller as **Maria Menendez** passed away on Sunday, October 9th.

Send cards to:

Joan Keller

3449 Golda Circle

No. Fort Myers, FL 33917

Shelley Kulesza, Lindle and Darlene's sister-in-law, who experienced a stroke while driving to Massachusetts. She is making good strides in her recovery and has been moved to a Rehab facility to keep getting better. We hope she'll be able to get back home soon. Everyone's prayers are still most welcome.

Lois Bairstow and her sister **Peggy Duff**. Lois is home trying to recover from the sudden onset of a rare auto immune disease. Her sister Peggy is living with Lois and taking care of her and her two sons, **Foster** and **Aidan**. They can still use some help with occasional errands and dinners. Contact Peggy at 617-285-8784.

And for:

The family of **Linda Kidder**, who lived in Essex and occasionally attended services at our church. Linda passed away on October 6th. Her daughter **Julie Mahoney** reached out to let us know that a Celebration of Life service will be held at 1 pm on Sunday, November 13th at the UU church in Gloucester, where she was a member. If anyone would like to make a contribution to honor her memory, Julie said the family has chosen to support the Marblehead Animal Shelter. Linda loved cats and had grown up in Marblehead.

All are welcome to share their joys and concerns with the Worship Committee prior to Sunday services for the Worship Associate to share with the congregation if they cannot make it to Church or would rather not share it themselves. Please email [Lindle](#).

Spiritual Direction

We have two resource people who are friends of the congregation and are available to offer spiritual direction:

Retired UCC Minister Jonathan Goodell (who will be preaching October 23rd on Al-Anon), 781-835-8133 and, starting in November, Sister Ellen Keane, SND, at Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich, 978-380-1561.



Splitting Our Collection Plate: October 30th

We will be sharing the plate with an organization near and dear to Maryanne Asquith's heart:

HAWC (Healing Abuse Working for Change) is an organization with a mission to create social change by taking action against personal and societal patterns of violence and oppression.

Maryanne has been involved with HAWC since 1988 as a volunteer and employee.

"I have answered countless hotline calls and I am a volunteer

legal advocate in the Lynn District Court. (I also sometimes cover Gloucester, Peabody, Salem or Probate.) I can tell you firsthand the huge need for HAWC's lifesaving services. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month #DVAM and this year's tagline is #every1knows1. Domestic abuse is a very difficult thing for people to talk about, but the conversations are necessary if we are to put an end to this."

All amounts collected will be matched from the Tyler Social Justice Fund, up to \$500. To clarify how the collection is done, we give only on the one day of the month that will be announced, and use only the contributions that are a one time contribution, any donations that are a recurring contribution will be assumed regular church funds.

We encourage anyone with a charity, special to them, to email Liz Raycroft eraycroft@gmail.com or Ken Swanson at: Ken@peckofpeppers.com



Announcing the Ministerial Search Committee

It is with great pleasure that we can now introduce you to our new Ministerial Search Committee:

Liz Raycroft

Lacey Rose Dysthe

Tom Dooley

Susan Monahan

Peter Kellerman

Tudy Bartlett

They have all been introduced to their immediate task of completing our profile with the UUA search website.

The Board of Trustees

Congregational Meeting #3

The third Congregational Meeting held on October 23rd was another great success. Paul O'Leary and Liz Raycroft did a fantastic job digging into many of the unique goals and wishes expressed in our first meeting. While our second meeting focused on finding a minister, this meeting delved into all the other areas that the congregation expressed should be prioritized to get us through this church year. Many of those areas involved getting volunteers to work on the various teams needed to accomplish these goals. Look for more information regarding those teams to come out soon.

Ken Swanson

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Holiday Fair: Sat., Nov. 19th

Cookies and More

This year we are asking for donations of cookies, pies, brownies, bread's, and wine baskets. If you would like to donate, please contact [Jenn Sauriol](#).

Crafts

If you have a craft you would like to donate to the Crafts Sale, please contact [Bethany Swanson](#) with your ideas.

Some ideas from the past:

Pottery, knit items, paintings, mandala artwork, crocheted items, handmade jewelry, photography, and much more.

White Elephant Sale

For those who would like to donate to the "White Elephant" sale, we will accept donations in the Church Hall from 11/16 to 11/18, with times to be announced soon. If you have questions on what is acceptable for the sale, please contact Debbie Frontierro at debfrontierro@gmail.com.

Please note that all unsold items will be given to Savers or Goodwill

UBU Connections

Molly wants to start a "Connections" program with UBU teens and adults in the congregation. This may look like an adult teaching a skill to a teen, a teen sharing a hobby/talent/skill with an adult, sipping coffee or tea together in a coffeehouse, leading teens on walks, playing games or doing art or kayaking or surfing or rock climbing... you name it! If you have at least an hour or two a month that you'd be interested in sharing with a member of UBU, please email Molly at mbelisle2@hotmail.com. A short training and a meet and greet event will be scheduled before Thanksgiving. Thanks!

Mysticism and Resistance: A Spiritual Path

Art is doing an in-person workshop at Notre Dame Spirituality Center on Saturday, November 12th, from 9:30am to 12 noon.

The title is Mysticism and Resistance: A Spiritual Path. He'll share insights from the medieval mystic, Catherine of Siena, and the contemporary feminist theologian, Dorothee Soelle.

Please register ahead of time at [ND Spirituality Center](#).



Church Calendar

Visit uuessex.org to view the [Church Calendar](#)

Email [Laurel](#) to add your event to the calendar

Upcoming Events:

10/29 (Sat) @ 10:00am **Crafting (in person)**

10/30 (Sun) @ 8:45am **Choir Practice (in person)**

10/30 (Sun) @ 10:00am **Sunday Service (in person and on Zoom)**

10/30 (Sun) @ 10:00am **RE (in person)**

10/30 (Sun) @ 11:00am **Coffee Hour (in person and on Zoom)**

10/30 (Sun) @ 5:00pm **UBU (in person at church)**

10/30 (Sun) @ 6:00pm **Halloween Walk Planning Meeting (in person at church)**

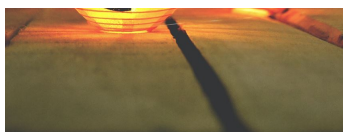
11/01 (Tue) @ 7:00pm **PFLAG (in person and on Zoom)**



Crafting Session: Saturday, October 29th, 10am to 2pm

Bethany will be at the church from 10am to 2pm this Saturday. She will bring supplies to make felt and beaded items. This is one of the Craft Fair focused crafting sessions to prepare some things for the church fair on November 19th. We would love it if you could join and add your skills to the mix. Please join us! If you are interested in hearing more please contact Bethany (bethanyq@yahoo.com or 914-953-7061).





Halloween Walk and Planning Meeting

The 4th annual HALLOWEEN WALK is coming November 5th from 6-7:30pm! This fun event is sponsored by UBU and FOR ALL AGES- come see the church yard transformed under a (nearly) full moon! Bring your leftover candy! We need help with set up and character stations. If you're looking to connect with youth, please come to our planning meeting at the church on Sunday, Oct. 30th from 6-7pm. Questions for Molly? mbelisle2@hotmail.com

Our Work In the Community



Family Promise: Trunk-or-Treat

Join us on Sat., Oct. 29th, 3 to 6pm @ Beverly High School for the Annual Family Promise Trunk-or-Treat! Click [here](#) for more information.

