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⊕ First Universalist Church of Essex ⊕
Weekly Update



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

The Spacious Place

This Sunday's speaker is **Rev. Jonathan Goodell**; his sermon will reflect on the gifts of Al-Anon, and will explore how we live in tight places with a spiritual practice that creates spaciousness and depth.

Jonathan is a retired UCC pastor and long time friend of Art's. He is a spiritual director/companion.

Linda and **Sabyata** are our Worship Associates.
Ian and **Ken** are our Zoom Hosts.
Alex is our AV Tech.
Band performs.

The 3rd Congregational meeting happens on Oct 23rd following the Sunday Service. **Paul O'Leary** leads this important meeting.

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.

Attending in-person Worship? Please read the updated [Covid Covenant](#).

Our UU Essex Zoom Room:

PIN: 058883

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

Meeting ID: 904 203 4298

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Welcoming New Members

On Sunday, October 30, Sunday service will welcome in new members to the congregation. This past week we had a session on UU history and theology, which several new people attended. If you have any interested in learning more about UU or in joining as a member of the congregation, please talk with [Art](#) McDonald.



Prayer List...

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

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](#).

Prayers and well wishes for:

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 has begun her long recovery and has her family by her side but your prayers are most welcome.

Maria Benotti as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

Lois Bairstow in rehab and her sister **Peggy Duff** who is staying with her sons, Foster and Aidan. The family needs help with occasional meals, so if you can help, please contact [Peggy](#) to choose the best day. She or [Becky](#) can share with you a list of the boys' favorite foods.

And for:

Connie Perrigo who was moved to Seacoast, the nursing facility behind Addison Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester. Jessie invites her church friends to visit Connie in Room 118.

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





Search Committee

The Board of Trustees is beginning the process of creating a search committee for a Contract Minister. This committee will consist of approximately three (3) board members and 3 volunteers from the congregation. Their task will be to complete all steps needed to complete our profile questionnaire with the UUA, select potential candidates that express interest in our church, and participate in interviews, ultimately ending with one recommendation to the full Board of Trustees.

If you are willing to commit the time to this important endeavor, please submit your name to Ken Swanson. The board will select the final three congregation members from all of those who volunteered.

Thank you,

The Board of Trustees



Church Calendar

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

Email Laurel to add your event to the calendar

Upcoming Events:

10/22 (Sat) @ 10:00am **Crafting (in person)**

10/22 (Sat) @ 5:00pm **Spiritual Parenting (in person)**

10/23 (Sun) @ 10:00am **Sunday Service (in person and on Zoom)**

10/23 (Sun) @ 10:00am **RE (in person)**

10/23 (Sun) @ 11:00am **Coffee Hour (in person and on Zoom)**

10/23 (Sun) @ 11:30am **Congregational Meeting (in person and on Zoom)**



Crafting Session: Saturday, October 22nd, 10am to 2pm

Bethany will be at the church from 10am to 2pm this Saturday, October 22nd. 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).





Congregational Meeting #3: Sunday, October 23rd, 11:30am

The third Congregational Meeting happens on October 23rd, following the Sunday Service. Paul O'Leary has agreed to facilitate this meeting, in which we will discuss how we can achieve many of the goals we set during our workshop in our first meeting. All are encouraged to attend this important meeting!

Our Work In the Community



ECCO: Fall Garden Party

ECCO is having a fall garden party, and we would love to welcome