



THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF FALMOUTH NEWSLETTER

RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN MARCH

MARCH THEME IS *ENDURANCE*

Don't Miss These Important March Events:

Black Panther Movie, Pizza and Conversation

Saturday, March 10
time TBD.

Dinner Church

Thursday, March 29 at
6:00 PM

Tenebrae

Friday, March 30 at
7:00 PM

(See page 6 for more details
on all these events.)



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your picture taken for
the new UUFF Photo
Directory!

(See page 5 for more
details.)

March 4th — “Don’t Give Up”

An a time in history that is so discouraging, we will come together for an All Ages service. We will hold on to what is good, look at what we can do, and remember how to care for each other as we stay committed to building a better world.

March 11th — “Courageous Rebirth”

It is a blessing, and also a privilege, to know the joy of rest and rejuvenation in the comfort of the familiar. And yet, there is much of value and purpose within each of us that requires discomfort in order to come to life. Some religious traditions posit that a particular moment of rebirth of this sort is essential to living a life of faith and purpose. Others propose that a metaphysical process of endless re-birth is what gives shape and meaning to life. UU theology has a balanced approach to these essential matters, and it can guide us and prepare us for Courageous Rebirth.

Our guest minister, Rev. Eric Cherry, has been the director of the UUA’s International Office since 2007, managing our relationships with UUs and interfaith partners around the world, as well as helping local congregations with international engagement. He has also served our congregations in Burlington, Iowa and North Easton, Massachusetts. He currently lives in Mansfield, MA with his wife, Linda.

March 18th — “The Fire of Commitment”

We kick off this year’s stewardship campaign with a service about what it means to be a committed fellowship. Why does UUFF need to exist? What is our mission at this time? What will it take to be who we are called to be?

March 25th — “Glimpsing the Stars in the Wilderness”

In this service we’ll reflect on the Biblical story of Passover, and what it has to say about the relationship of religion to liberation, and how to keep up our strength when we feel lost in the wilderness.

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It's hard to believe that I'm beginning my eighth month as the minister of this fellowship. I am very grateful for all of you I've come to know, and for the relationships we have begun to build. I realize also that there are still far too many of you I don't yet truly know. I hope we can remedy that in the time ahead. Please reach out and let's get together. If you've tried to reach out in the past but we failed to connect, please reach out again. Believe me: I want to get to know you.

I was told when I began that things would slow down in the winter, but it feels to me like things are speeding up. Here are just a few examples...

❖ My husband Nathan and I were recently honored to be guests of First Parish Brewster's LGBTQ Welcoming Team for their annual Gayla. We were set at the same table as Mason Dunn, head of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC), who was being honored that night. We talked at length about the upcoming Massachusetts ballot initiative in November that, for the first time in US history, puts transgender rights and safety up for popular vote. This will be an historic moment. What will UUFF's role be in educating and mobilizing folk in the Upper Cape around this issue? UUFF's Social Action Committee and Welcoming Committee are discussing this.

❖ In February I attended the first meeting of the new-and-revived Falmouth Clergy Association. I learned upon my arrival here that this alliance of local clergy faded away a few years ago. Feeling this was important, I've been in conversation with local clergy, including some newer clergy who, like me, were eager for such a group, and together we're bringing it back.

❖ I also recently attended a gathering of the Upper Cape Chaplaincy, where I was able to meet chaplains and clergy of many denominations. I look forward to building on these connections.

❖ Nathan and I were also asked to join the Falmouth Racial Justice League (FRJL): a group born out of frustration over racial injustices experienced by people of color in the Falmouth area. The FRJL provides support for people of color in our community experiencing discrimination, and seeks to educate the wider community about matters of racial justice.

❖ Debi Keller Wood and I have also been meeting together regularly to discuss ways to better integrate all ages of the fellowship, bringing everyone together.

And that's not all! If you want to keep up-to-date on what your minister is up to, I'll be updating the Minister's Blog on our UUFF website weekly.

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The Board held a listening session on Sunday, February 4. Attendance was light but those who came offered interesting and varied topics. The Board is listening and we discussed issues raised both in our February 15 meeting and with Rev. David. We will let you know when the next session is scheduled.

The Board has authorized negotiations with Luminous to finalize terms and conditions for a Power Purchase Agreement, which would result in additional solar panels on our roof, and a discounted rate for electricity. It's important to note that no decision has been made to accept or reject the final contract on the part of UUFF. The negotiating team will include Rex Withers, Phil Zimmerman, a Board member, and a member of the Finance Committee. We hope to resolve all issues internal to UUFF by early March and complete negotiations by mid-March. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or someone on the negotiating team.

Rev. David's installation is scheduled for Saturday afternoon on May 12 at 1:00 PM. Please plan on attending the celebration of David's joining us and of UUFF.

It's that time of year again. The annual Pledge Drive, *The Fire of Commitment*, will kick off on March 18 with a great quiche brunch. You will be hearing a lot more about the drive from the Stewardship Committee. Please think hard about how much UUFF means to you, and how much UUFF needs your financial support.

The auction has been scheduled for April 28. The theme is *Cinco de Mayo*. OK, I know April 28 is a little early for Cinco de Mayo, but just consider us a little ahead of the game.

Keep Warm,

Bruce



News From the Wings - March 2018

March Theme—Endurance

Calendar

March 4	Sunday	10:00 AM	All Ages Service
March 11	Sunday	10:00 AM	Class 11
March 16	Friday	6:00 PM	Parent Social Group
March 18	Sunday	10:00 AM	Class 12
March 25	Sunday	10:00 AM	Class 13

March 10 — Black Panther Movie - PG 13

"T'Challa as a character embodies something unique as a superhero. While he has his responsibilities as a head of state, chief priest, and protector of Wakanda, he doesn't soar above the people, he lives among them."... "The Black Panther movie deserves all the accolades that it's receiving, but T'Challa is larger than any film... T'Challa exemplifies the heroic ideal for the African Diaspora in a way that is incomparable to any other character. He is a portal to a fictional Africa that defies the stereotypes that are associated with black inferiority that automatically represents inferiority."

—Excerpts from an article posted on February 19, 2018 by Armand in PCU Zeitgeist

Join us on an adventure to see the movie Black Panther. We will follow the movie with pizza and salad back at UUFF, and a discussion of the movie and its relevance. If you come as a family, you can choose to have your youth join in the discussion or be part of a discussion of their own in a separate room.

We will all chip in \$18 per person for discounted tickets and dinner. If this cost is a problem, please contact Rev. David or Debi. Please see the signup sheet posted in the foyer. The time of the movie will be approximately 3:30 PM—the official time will be confirmed by the movie theater on March 6.

A story to discuss...

Long ago, the Bodhisattva was born a quail and lived in the forest as the leader of thousands of quail. In that forest lived a man, a fowler, who made a living by capturing quail to sell at the market for food.

The fowler would imitate the leader's call to draw the quail together. When many quail responded, the fowler would fling his net over them all, and gather them up to sell at the market. The Bodhisattva was determined to help the quail avoid this terrible fate. He called them together to hear his plan: "When you hear a quail's call, be alert. It might well be the deceptive call of the fowler. If we keep our wits about us and work together, we can escape the fowler's net. (continued on page 5)

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"Here's what to do: The very moment he throws his net over you, let each one put their head through an opening in the mesh. Then, all together, you must flap your wings. Fly with the net until you can let it down on a thorn bush. The net will catch on the thorns, and you all can escape from underneath."

All the quail nodded in agreement: They would work together. The next day, the fowler came and called the quail together, then threw the net over them. But this time, the quail lifted the net and flew to the nearest thorn bush, where they left it. The fowler was still untangling his net from the thorns when the sun set, and he went home empty-handed. Day after day, the quail remembered the Bodhisattva's wisdom, and day after day, the fowler went home with an empty net.

What can we learn from this story? It is yours to decide...

In Spirit, Debi
Director of Faith Formation



New UUFF Photo Directory

Sign Up Now for the New UUFF Photo Directory!

Signing up to have your picture taken is easy. Simply call the UUFF office volunteer (508-457-0449) or stop by in person Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-11:00 AM, or sign up in the Sanctuary after the service on Sunday. Pictures will be taken throughout March with a second signup period later on for those who are away.

You can also submit a photo by emailing a color picture of your family to Gail Donkin at gdonkin@mac.com. Please note—one picture per family. It can be sent using jpeg, pdf or png formats. Please submit photos that are square or slightly wider than tall. These photos will be incorporated into our database, from which the Directory is produced. If any of your information has changed, please include those changes as well when you send it to Gail. All photos will be edited for size, lightness or darkness and will end up approximately 2.25" high by 1.75" wide.

If you email a photo, please designate in your email that you give UUFF full permission to use the photo in both the directory we distribute to our members and friends, and to be posted on our password protected website. Please include the permission statement below in your email, and be sure to type your name at the end.

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BLACK PANTHER MOVIE (March 10, ~3:30 PM. Final time TBD March 6) Why is so much attention being given to the latest super-hero movie: Black Panther? Why are so many black persons and racial justice advocates hailing this movie as a major cultural turning point? Let's find out together.

On Saturday, March 10 we'll go as a group to see Black Panther at the Regal Cinema in Mashpee Commons, and afterwards we'll gather at the Meetinghouse for pizza and conversation about the movie and its meaning.

Exact time and details will be published in the Sandwich Road Menu as the day approaches. A sign-up sheet is in the Meetinghouse lobby, so we can order tickets in advance to get the best group rate. Email Rev. David at minister@uuffm.org, or Debi at dre@uuffm.org for more information or with any questions.

This year we have two special services for spiritual seekers who wish to go deeper into the story of Jesus in preparation for Easter. The idea for these services grew out of conversations Rev. David had with Christian members of our fellowship, as well as non-Christian members who just wanted a deeper understanding. While rooted in stories and practices from the UU Christian heritage, these services will be, like all UUFF services, open to spiritual seekers of all kinds.



DINNER CHURCH (Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 PM) Did you know that when the first followers of Jesus gathered together for worship, they did so in private homes around a dinner table? Did you know that the first Communion services (also called Mass or Eucharist) were basically potluck meals? Did you know that the first Unitarians in Eastern Europe also held Communion services around a dinner table, as part of a common meal?

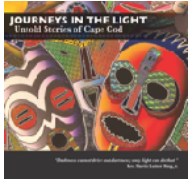
For our UUFF Dinner Church we'll gather around a common table, share a pot-luck meal, hear some of the stories about Jesus, and discuss them. We'll share bread and a common cup as a symbol of the common humanity we all share. There will also be an opportunity to participate in another ritual from the stories of Jesus: washing one another's feet as a symbol of service.

This service will be co-led by Rev. David and Nathan Kohlmeier. **Please email Rev. David at minister@uuffm.org and let him know what you'd like to bring for the potluck.** Please come early if you can to help with set-up, and stay after for take-down. Creating and cleaning our space together is part of the service.



TENEBRAE (Friday, March 30 at 7:00 PM) This contemplative, meditative service has ancient roots, going back over 1100 years. As readings from the oldest Gospel are shared, describing the final hours of Jesus' life, candles are slowly extinguished, until the whole sanctuary is dark. We try to enter into that feeling of hopelessness that must have gripped those early witnesses of this event, as a way to face the grief and hopelessness we all sometimes find in our own lives. After all, "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin word for darkness and shadow.

Medieval Christian Tenebraes often included commentaries from important theologians explaining what these events "really meant," but in the spirit of our UU faith we'll be including instead readings from diverse contemporary thinkers (including feminist, black, LGBTQ, humanist, Buddhist, and others) on this story and its themes.



Journeys in the Light, Untold Stories of Cape Cod

The Adult Education Program is excited to present the documentary film **Journeys in the Light, Untold Stories of Cape Cod**, which celebrates the diverse populations that have resided on the Cape, some even before the arrival of the Mayflower. The film will be shown on Wednesday, March 28, at 7:00 PM at the Meetinghouse.

The film was produced by ArtistsAndMusicians.org and John L. Reed, Executive Director of Zion Union Heritage Museum (ZUHM), and features the Museum's resident artists, Pamela Chatterton-Purdy, Carl Lopes, and Robin J. Miller. It also includes the work of Michael Alfano, Vasco Pires, Elizabeth Mumford, Joe Diggs, and Sean Cassidy. The film draws on the music of outstanding regional musicians including Walter Beasley, Ensemble Passacaglia, Steffani Bennett, and Jerry Portnoy.

John Reed, the Executive Director of ZUHM in Hyannis, will introduce the film and answer questions after the screening. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about our history.

Social Action

SHARE THE PLATE — March 11, 2018



This month our Share the Plate will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod. Habitat is on the drawing board for a project in Falmouth: Barrows Road, Falmouth. HHCC is in the permitting process for a proposed 12 unit affordable homes subdivision on a ~5.5 acre parcel. The plan calls for a mix of two and three bedroom single family, ranch-style homes.

“Here at HHCC, when we say that building ‘green’ is a priority for us, we are really talking about three concepts: sustainable home building, energy efficient homes, and healthy homes.” **Please give generously to this important organization.**

Stewardship

Pledge Drive Kick-Off Sunday — March 18, 2018

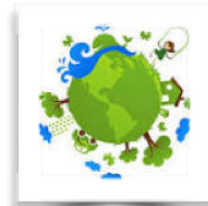
The theme for our pledge drive this year is ***“The Fire of Commitment.”*** Kick-off Sunday will be March 18 when we will try something new to get you fired up! Rev. David will invite you to place your pledge card in the offering plate, if you wish. As you pledge, you will be adding fuel to the fire, and the flames of our chalice will rise even higher. You will find your pledge letter and form in your email inbox or mailbox by March 13.

Whether you place your pledge form in the offering plate, return it by email or post, or bring it to the office, your pledge is needed to keep our commitment to our UUFF community. Also, remember to bring your appetite Sunday, March 18 as we will have our traditional quiche brunch directly after the service.

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The Higbies, Jewetts, Blakes, MacNarys, Singers, Carignans, and Sommers send their greetings from Sarasota!



SAVE THE DATE

GREEN PLANET FAIRE

SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

At the Meetinghouse

Fellowship Gatherings

Men's Breakfast - Held every Thursday, 8:00-10:00 AM, at the Meetinghouse. All male members and friends of UUFF are welcome. Cost is less than \$5.00.

Mah Jongg - Tuesdays, 1:00-3:30 PM in the Sanctuary. If you play Mah Jongg, or would like to learn to play, come join us. For more information contact Peggy Sabin, mtbsabin@comcast.net.

Ladies Lunch - Thursday, March 8 at Bobby Byrnes Restaurant, 6 Central Square in Mashpee Commons at noon. Please contact Cynthia Repplier, 508-540-8168, or chrepp@aol.com so she can make a reservation.

Brown Bag Book Bunch - The next Brown Bag Book Bunch will be held on March 21 at noon at Barbara White's home, 11 View Crest Drive, Falmouth.

Caring Committee

- ❖ Our love and prayers go to the family of Fred Bushner. Fred will be missed!
- ❖ Our thoughts are with Kathi Sommers whose mother, Betty Gardner, died at the age of 99 with the whole family at her side.
- ❖ It is time to think about Caring Volunteer of the Year. Please send me any suggestions you may have. Also, I would like the names of soon-to-be or recent graduates and new babies.
- ❖ Remember Easter is early this year—April 1st. Send a card or give a call to our shut ins.
- ❖ Rolf Kleuver is home and appreciates calls.
- ❖ Last contact, Jack Pearce was still at Royal Falmouth. He hopes to go home soon.
- ❖ A memorial service for Mickey Barnes will be held on March 4 at 1:00 PM in Harwichport.

Marion Flurkey

March Birthdays!



3/2 Celia Gayer
3/2 Maggie Jones
3/5 Barbara Clements
3/9 JoAnn Allard
3/10 Judy Andrade

3/11 Susan Shaw
3/11 Susan Shelton
3/11 Debi Keller Wood
3/20 David Dow

3/22 Calvin
Gudmundson
3/27 Stuart Graham
3/31 Don Mallinson



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