

Sandwich Road Menu

For the week of January 28, 2024



The Theme for February is *The Gifts of Justice and Equality*

SUNDAY SERVICE January 28, 2024 at 10 AM. *Divine Plan or Luck?* led by Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper; service associate Tedi Bell. Divine plan or luck: Is there a grand plan to our lives? Is there such a thing as fate? Or is everything a random event? Rev. Dr. Harper will explore what some religions believe and what that says about our lives and the divine.

The Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper is the minister of the Unitarian Church of Barnstable where she has served for 22 years. She received her doctorate at Meadville/Lombard Theological School in Chicago, is a published author and poet, and lives in Marstons Mills with her cat Advent.

COFFEE HOUR: As January 28 is the fourth Sunday of the month, **we ask people whose last names begin with R-Z to please bring a snack to share.**

DATE WITH DEATH CLUB on “Afterlife/Afterlives,” January 31 at 6:30 PM via Zoom. What happens after we die is a mystery. There’s lots of speculation and theory but no concrete evidence. In this non-dogmatic session, we’ll explore concepts of an afterlife (or not) through an interfaith review representing different traditions and outlooks. We will then engage in personal reflection on what our beliefs are, where we got them from, and how they have held up over our lifetimes. People may come to just one or any number of the classes. Free and open to all! The link will be posted in the weekly Zoom logins sent to you by email. Don’t forget to bring a notebook for reflection.



NEXT L.I.N.K. EVENT “Before King Philip’s War,” Saturday, February 3 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Meeting House. Linda Coombs, Aquinnah Wampanoag, historian, museum educator, artisan, author, will present the second session in this collaborative effort between L.I.N.K. and UU Falmouth.

Offered free of charge, this talk about the history of beginning encounters with settler colonialism (one not generally taught in school) provides greater understanding of the experience, values and beliefs of the Wampanoag People and their deep identification with the land. The presentation challenges stereotypes and “othering,” and is a pathway to compassion and respect for Indigenous ways of being.



Linda Coombs has worked for over 45 years as an educator at museums including the Boston Children’s Museum and Plimouth Patuxet (formerly Plimoth Plantation). She is a historian, artisan, and author of a new book for young adults titled *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story*.

The program, the second in the new “2024 Educational Series,” is sponsored by L.I.N.K. (Linking Indigenous & Non-Indigenous Knowledge) in collaboration with UU Falmouth. Held monthly, the free series covers a range of topics chosen in consultation with Elders and teachers in the Mashpee and Aquinnah tribes. L.I.N.K.’s mission is to raise awareness among Cape Cod residents of the culture and contributions of the “First People,” the Wampanoags, and the painful history they have endured.

More information is available at L.I.N.K.’s website, linkcapecod.org and at UU Falmouth’s website, uuffm.org or uufalmouth.org.

SUNDAY SERVICE February 4, 2024 at 10 AM. *We Begin Again* led by the Committee on Ministry (CoM); service associate Steve Treistman. The CoM (Karen Crichton, Marion Flurkey, Cathy Kligler, Jim Liljestrand, and Carol McKeon) will lead a service focused on our shared Covenant of Right Relations. The CoM urges all to come together, to reflect on how we live out our commitments to one another, and to “begin again in love.”



CHIMING FOR FUN! Are you interested in learning to play chimes in a relaxed environment, without pressure to perform? Laura Wing is forming a new group intended for beginners and people only interested in learning how to play the instrument but not perform. **We will begin by meeting twice a month on Mondays at 4 PM, starting February 5, at the Meeting House.** (Day/time may change depending on the participants.) There will be no charge. Regular attendance is optional but encouraged, and drop-ins are welcome. Please contact Laura Wing at wintertide60@gmail.com to learn more.

CHILI FEST FUNDRAISER, Saturday, February 24, 2024 from 11 AM – 2 PM at the Meeting House. Join us for our very first Chili Fest Fundraiser! Taste a variety of chilis made by some of our best cooks, then vote for your favorites. Watch the Sandwich Road Menu and the events section of our website UUFalmouth.org for more details on this festive and flavorful event.



WINTER COAT AND TARP COLLECTION - Pam Morrone reports that she gave away 50+ coats plus hats/gloves/scarves during our November-December collection drive. **The need is now great for tarps** that homeless folks can use to cover tents and even use as shelter. Pam will be collecting actual tarps or money to buy them if you are able to donate. Many thanks for your continued generosity!



BUY FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE/COFFEE/COCOA - At our recent PATH presentation in January, we were reminded of the importance of supporting Fair Trade products. Since 2006, STOP THE TRAFFIK has been campaigning for traffik free chocolate around the globe. Much of the chocolate that we buy in stores is made with cocoa beans grown in the Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa where thousands of children as young as ten, are trafficked to harvest the beans on cocoa farms—modern day slavery. Their freedom is taken, they are forced to work long hours without pay, and they are sometimes beaten and work in dangerous conditions. **Through consumer power, targeting the largest chocolate companies—Cadbury, Nestle and Hersey, we can make a difference.** Watch for our Fair Trade table after Sunday Service in the atrium. Thank you for your support.

LIBRARY NEWS - We have received several valuable donations recently, including many new editions of poetry. We now have four volumes on the works of Ellery Channing, one of the first writers on the Unitarian faith. There are no set hours. When the building is open, feel free to come in or call Kit in advance. Happy reading. ~Joan Vaughn

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP: Composting is fun! Keep food waste out of the landfill; put it to good use as valuable soil. Collect food scraps (no labels), eggshells, bones, nutshells, solid cooking grease, coffee grounds and filters into a container in your freezer to contain odors. Drop it off for free at the Falmouth Transfer Station, 458 Thomas Landers Road, from 8 AM-2:30 PM Tuesday-Saturday. For more information, go to their website: <https://www.falmouthma.gov/1274/Food-Scrap-Composting>.

Red = Congregation-wide events open to all.

For the location of events not on Zoom, please see the appropriate articles above.

SUNDAY, January 28

10:00 AM Sunday Service - In Person and Zoom
11:15 AM Coffee Hour/Grocery cards
11:30 AM Sermon Discussion Circle

MONDAY, January 29

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, January 30

8:00 AM Breakfast Group
1:00 PM Mah Jongg
4:00 PM Fellowship Tea-Zoom

WEDNESDAY, January 31

9:30 AM Writing Time
6:30 PM Date with Death Club-Zoom

THURSDAY, February 1

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast-Zoom
1:00 PM Audit Team

FRIDAY, February 2

2:00 PM 3-Year Planning Task Force
2:00 PM Community Circle

SATURDAY, February 3

1:00 PM L.I.N.K. Program