



The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth Newsletter
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RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN JUNE

The theme for June is *Freedom*

June 1 at 10 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom — “Social Justice” Hymn Sing led by Frederick Johnson; service associate, Joanne Treistman. Our Director of Music, Frederick Johnson, will lead us through a service of thought-provoking readings and inspiring songs that focus on social justice.

June 8 Breakfast at 10 AM at the Meeting House—followed by the Annual Business Meeting at 11:30 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom. Come join your UU Falmouth family for a community breakfast to help celebrate the end of a successful FY2025 and the beginning of a promising new year. **All are encouraged to contribute food items of their choice to the breakfast**, which will be sponsored by the Religious Services Committee.

There will be an **outside Labyrinth walk** in the meadow (weather permitting) at 10:30 AM followed by our Annual Business Meeting at 11:30 in the Sanctuary and via Zoom.

June 15 at 10 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom—“We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For” (featuring an Ugly Tie & Scarf contest!) led by Rev. Rali Weaver; service associate Jack Mulkeen. In a world full of challenges, how do we find the courage to act, to hope, and to create meaning together? Join us for a joyful, grounded exploration of Humanist values: reason, compassion, and the power of community. And because liberation should include laughter, we’ll celebrate with our First Annual Ugly Tie & Scarf Contest! Dig deep into your closet (or your creative spirit), and wear your most gloriously hideous neckwear. There will be prizes, but mostly, there will be joy.

We will also be **collecting diapers** of all sizes to give to the Falmouth Service Center.

June 22 at 11 AM (note the time) at the Meeting House and via Zoom— General Assembly Sunday. We will gather together this Sunday to watch the live stream of the GA worship service **at 11 AM (note the time.)** “Embrace the electrifying spirit of the year’s largest UU gathering, where we come together in unity for an awe-inspiring Sunday worship celebration like no other! It’s a vibrant, communal worship experience that promises to uplift your soul and ignite your passion. Don’t miss out on this extraordinary gathering of hearts and minds!” The Zoom login will be emailed to you in case you can’t attend in person.

June 29 at 10 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom—“Where Our Free Spirit Leads” led by Rev. Rali Weaver; service associate Kathi Sommers. As the days grow long and the world is in full bloom again, we’re invited to loosen the knots within us—the ones tied by duty, fear, or routine. In this service, we’ll reflect on what it means to truly follow the call of a free spirit. How might we open our hearts to the spaciousness of summer, to joy, to rest, to possibility? Let us gather in the warmth of community as we set our inner compass toward freedom, renewal, and the sacred unfolding of the season ahead.

Minister's Message



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Reverend Rali Weaver Minister

Rali's Office Hours in June:

9 AM - 5 PM

Friday, June 13

Saturday, June 14

Sunday, June 15

Monday, June 16

Friday, June 27

Saturday, June 28

Sunday, June 29

Monday, June 30

...and by appointment

Ann German

Bookkeeper

Frederick Johnson

Director of Music

Kit O'Connor

Office Administrator

Nancy Wendlandt

Pianist

Office Hours: Kit will be in the office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9AM -1 PM

Our website:

<https://uufalmouth.org>

Hello My Falmouth Friends,

June 8th is an uncommon day. Not only will you be holding your Annual Meeting in Falmouth and voting whether or not to call me as your full-time Minister at 11:30 AM, at almost the exact same time Dedham will be hosting a goodbye party for me. To organize UU's to have a Hello and Goodbye on the same day at the same hour is uncommon.

Many of you have asked the same questions after reading my packet (www.raliweaver.com), so I will answer them here to be sure everyone gets the same answer.

If I am called:

1. How long will I give the UU Falmouth Congregation given that I am turning 60 this year? The short answer, of course, is who knows? Life has a way of making plans for us. However, I have always thought I would stay in the ministry at least until I am 70 years old and to be honest, I would rather not go into search ever again. So I am feeling committed to UU Falmouth for at least a decade, health and church growth permitting.
2. Where will I live? My wife Jenny is wrapping up her 28 years of teaching and we are moving to Falmouth together. A friend has offered us a house while we search for our new home. If you call me as your settled minister, we plan to buy a house in the Upper Cape.

From July through August 15, I will be packing up and moving from the Dedham parsonage, where I have lived since 2007. Eighteen years is the longest I have ever lived anywhere in my life. So, while this culling and moving is familiar to me, doing it with a family in tow is new. Not to mention that I am eighteen years out of practice.

Transitions are both exciting and hard. I am equally familiar with the discomfort, grief and joy associated with hellos and goodbyes. I am so grateful to all of you who have worked to make this process easier. I will know more about my schedule and my contract with you after June 8th but, as always, I am available by phone, Zoom and in person. I can drive to Falmouth with an hour's notice as we transition to living on the Cape full time, whether I am your contract or called minister in the coming year.

With Love,
Rev. Rali M. Weaver

My search packet can be found at: www.raliweaver.com

I will be at UU Falmouth June 13, 14, 15, 16 and 27, 28, 29, 30.

I am always available by:

Phone 617-459-5979

Email revraliweaver@gmail.com.

President's Corner



Dear Members and Friends,

First a Board report and then a recap on "President's Messages."

The Board meeting on May 15th was primarily to prepare for the Annual Meeting coming up on June 8th. A special early session focused on the Discernment Committee's recommendation concerning calling a full-time settled minister. The committee reported overwhelming congregational enthusiasm for Rali, citing her warmth, energy, and positive impact. The Board unanimously endorsed the recommendation, and the congregation will vote on the matter at the Annual Meeting. The Board also discussed and approved the proposed FY25-26 budget of \$395,250, which reflects increased pledges and supports the full-time ministry. This remarkable amount testifies to the congregation's very strong desire to grow and to have a full-time Minister. The Board accepted the Finance Committee's recommendation with very few changes. The key budget adjustment was increasing the advertising/communications budget by some \$13,000, which the Communications Committee requested to support their strategy in support of full-time ministry. The Board also discussed recognizing volunteers with multiple awards, including a "Long Time Service" award. Finally, the Board covered old business, including updates on the AV project, emergency protocol, and insurance, as well as on-going reports from the Treasurer, Buildings and Grounds, and Membership committees. As it has been for two years now, the meeting was relaxed, friendly—and finished only slightly overtime.

Now, the recap on "President's Messages."

Back when I was doing *Sandscript* (2004 to 2011) the Board president didn't do a message, only the minister did a whole page message. At most, there would be a brief Board report in a section called Fellowship Life. Later, I think Carolyn Powers, maybe during the interim ministry period after Laurel Hallman left, started a column she called President's Corner that expanded during interims to a full-page president's message.

This might change soon because we will probably have a full-time called minister who will definitely be the head of the Fellowship. Consequently, the Board and the officers of the Board can step back into their historic roles—no longer responsible for administration and policy implementation, but only for policy, planning and oversight. Yes, we will still have fiduciary responsibility and we must keep the membership informed of our actions, but the more strenuous lifting will be over. I believe we will all be very glad; certainly I will be.

So, this is my last President's Corner before a retreat to a brief Board report. Thank you everyone for all the hope and resources and good will and work you have poured into our Fellowship during this time of rebuilding our harmony. The cooperation and good humor made the tasks easy; the sense of belonging and 'being in the know' made the work joyful. Thank you Board and congregation members for this experience.

Charlotte Harris
Governing Board President
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Annual Pledge Drive

“Together We Did!”

News from the Pledge Drive:

The 2025-2026 “Together We Can!” pledge drive was a resounding success! Our goal was to establish that we are a fiscally sound congregation with a membership dedicated to attracting and retaining a settled minister. As of Sunday, May 18, we have 98 pledges in hand for a total of \$380,600 with about 10 additional pledges pending, which we expect to bring the total to \$395,000. This is an 18% increase over last year’s remarkably successful drive, which was a 15% increase over the previous year. Every pledge of every size contributed to our success.

In a very short three years, and with all the unknowns of the current economy, the congregation has demonstrated that “Together We Can” build a financially strong fellowship ready to call a full-time minister. Significantly, this year’s pledge saw a net increase in the number of individuals or families pledging to the fellowship, a further sign of the vibrancy of this fellowship. If you have not yet sent in your pledge card, it is not too late! Please contact David or Jessica, or Izzie Williams, so that your pledge can be included in the final total announced at the Annual Meeting on June 8th.

While the success of this year’s drive was due to everyone, we would like particularly to thank Izzie Williams for tracking and recording all the incoming pledges, and everyone who canvassed each other and the rest of the congregation: Karen and Dave Crichton, Julie DeSorgher, Cynthia Dyer, Stu Graham, Laurel Hallman, Charlotte and Mary Harris, Jane Jackson, Tom Kirkman, Larry Ladd, Judy and Mark LeBeau, Jim and Alice Liljestrang, John McWilliam, Pam Morrone, Jack Mulkeen, Rudolf and Nannette Oldenbourg, Peggy Sabin, Steve Treistman, and Betsy Wilder. We especially thank Kit O’Connor for all her help with spreadsheets and mailings and for keeping us to task on Sandscript reports!

– With gratitude, David and Jessica Mark Welch for the Stewardship Committee

The Discernment Team's Recommendation

STEP ONE in our journey to decide whether to call Rev. Rali to be our settled minister was to establish that we were a fiscally sound congregation...and we did!

STEP TWO was the formation of a Discernment Team, consisting of Judy Lynch, Tom Kirkman, and Larry Ladd (facilitator). They were charged with deciding whether to recommend Rev. Rali Weaver to be our settled minister...and they did!

The team held extensive meetings with the congregation during the first two weeks of May. These consultations included committees, staff, three sessions open to anyone in the congregation, and the offer to have one-on-one conversations. All of the consultations were affirmative to calling Rali Weaver as the settled minister.

At its regular meeting on May 15, the Governing Board endorsed the Discernment Team's recommendation to call Rev. Rali Weaver as our settled minister.

STEP THREE: Now it is up to the members of UU Falmouth to attend the Annual Meeting on June 8 and vote on a recommendation to call Rev. Rali as our settled minister.

UU Falmouth Annual Business Meeting

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Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 11:30 AM at the Meeting House and via Zoom

The Governing Board has set June 8, 2025 at 11:30 AM for the UU Falmouth 66th Annual Business Meeting. The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom simultaneously, using the same login as the usual Sunday service. (It will be sent to everyone in a separate email.) All those who are current members will be eligible to vote.

The agenda for the meeting (which was sent to everyone May 23) will include the slate of nominees for the Governing Board, the Committee on Ministry, and the Nominating Committee; an absentee ballot; the FY 2025/2026 proposed budget; AND a **discussion and vote on a recommendation to call Rev. Rali as our settled minister.** All members are encouraged to attend so your voice can be heard and your vote counted!

UUA General Assembly



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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The 2025 Unitarian Universalist [General Assembly](#) will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore MD from Wednesday, June 18 through Sunday, June 22. You

can be a delegate from UU Falmouth! As always, GA includes business sessions, inspirational worship services, informative workshops and lectures, and social events. The schedule is [here](#). You can register for GA without being a delegate and can participate in all of the programs except voting. Registration is [now open](#).

If you are interested in being a delegate, or if you have any questions, contact Larry Ladd, chair of the Denominational Affairs Committee via admin@uuffm.org.

Upcoming UU Falmouth Events & Notices

A Musically Guided Labyrinth Walk: *Thriving in Times of Change* **Sunday, June 8 at 10:30 AM Outside at the Meeting House**



Join us as we walk to the soothing sounds of music and explore the changing directions of the Labyrinth's path. The walk will take place after the Sunday breakfast and before the Annual Business Meeting. The Labyrinth will be rescheduled if it rains.

Accessible Walking Group continues **Mondays in June at 11:00 AM**

Members and friends of UU Falmouth are invited to join us for an accessible walk on the beautiful, level Shining Sea Bike Path or the Cape Cod Canal Service Road.

These walks are designed to be fully inclusive—welcoming people of all abilities. Whether you use a cane, a walker, or simply prefer a gentle pace, you are warmly encouraged to come along. Bring a friend, bring your curiosity, and come walk (or roll!) with us—one step at a time. Walks will be approximately one hour.

Questions? Contact Cynthia Domack or Wendy Bone directly or at admin@uuffm.org.

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| June 2 | Trunk River Beach parking lot, Woods Hole, Bike Path |
| June 9 | Tidal Flats Recreational Area, Bourne, Cape Cod Canal Service Road |
| June 16 | Bus Depot, Falmouth, Bike Path |
| June 23 | County Road, North Falmouth, Bike Path |
| June 30 | Trunk River Beach parking lot, Woods Hole, Bike Path |



Carolyn McDade Sing-Along **Saturday, June 14 at 2 PM at the Meeting House**

Come join a group Zoom with Carolyn McDade (creator of "Spirit of Life" and other songs) and friends to sing/listen to her music. Bring your phone or tablet if possible to follow along with music and words.

This Zoom will honor Carolyn's 90th Birthday (June 19). You are welcome to send her cards (signed as a Unitarian Universalist of Falmouth member), and show appreciation for her music and songs.

Address for Cards: Carolyn McDade C/O Royal Cape Cod, 8 Lewis Point Road, Room 201, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532.

More details to follow. Contact Leona Bombaci for the Zoom link or with any questions.

Diaper Collection for Father's Day June 15



We are still looking for diapers of all sizes to be placed in the playpen in the communications/name tag room to be given to the Cape Cod Foster Closet and the Falmouth Service Center. They will be distributed on Father's Day (June 15).



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Cape Cod Foster Closet - Open House June 1st After the Service!



UU Falmouth is delighted to welcome the Cape Cod Foster Closet to the Meeting House. They are now settled in the room next to the kitchen in the West Wing so they can better serve Upper Cape foster families. This important organization helps local foster families by providing urgently needed clothing, shoes, books, baby gear and furniture, formula, car seats, and more. All items are donated by the community and provided free of charge to families who care for other people's children on Cape Cod and the Islands.

Everyone is welcome to view the space after the service at 11:15 AM on June 1st.

We are currently collecting diapers for various local service agencies, including the Cape Cod Foster Closet, in honor of Fathers Day. (See article on page 6.) CCFC also helps children in foster care with summertime fun, so in June **we will be collecting new children's beach towels** to assist in this effort. Please put your towels in the port-a-crib in the foyer.



To learn more about Cape Cod Foster Closet, go to their website: capecodfostercloset.org. Contact Pam Morrone at admin@uuffm.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Support UU Falmouth with a Quick QR code Donation

The least expensive way to donate to UU Falmouth is through cash or check. However, more and more people use credit and debit cards to manage their donations and earn points for travel, so we would like to accommodate you. UU Falmouth now offers a safe, convenient way to give through Vanco (our online payment system), by simply scanning a QR code with your phone. Through Vanco you will have to set up a one-time account for security purposes. This information will not be used in any way other than to secure your account. You will also be given an opportunity to offset the credit card fees charged to UU Falmouth, which you can write off on your taxes.

The QR code to the right (and in the Sunday Order of Service) allows you to make a single contribution to UU Falmouth or pay a regular weekly or monthly pledge. Pledging helps us plan our annual budget and sustain our community, so please fill out a pledge card if you are making regular weekly or monthly donations through Vanco.



Your support, whether one-time or pledged, helps UU Falmouth continue its mission and ministry. Thank you!

Falmouth Road Race Volunteer Registration Open!



Volunteer Registration is open for the 53rd running of the ASICS Falmouth Road Race that takes place August 17! Please visit the registration site ([linked here](#)) and sign up to be on the Unitarian Universalist team. Julia Withers is the captain of the team from UU Falmouth this year. If you have any questions, please contact her directly or via admin@uuffm.org.

Looking Back...



May 3rd Sandwich Road Cleanup. Thank you to all the hardworking volunteers!



Steve, Chuck, Sharon and Andy of the CC Foster Closet met with Pam Morrone on Wednesday, May 14th to begin readying the West Wing room they will use as an Upper Cape satellite location. There will be a special open house for the congregation on Sunday, June 1st after the service.



First Aid Class May 19th. Thank you Cynthia Dyer!



Pet Blessing Sunday, May 25th.

UU Falmouth Announcements



June Birthdays



6/1 Cheri Weber	6/16 Daniel Mark Welch	6/18 Julia Rush
6/8 Mead Sommers	6/16 Janet Higbie	6/19 Elga O'Dell
6/10 Nancy Anderson	6/16 Karen Zimmerman	6/28 Tom Kirkman
6/12 Saphira Ravenstar	6/17 Terry Pageau	6/30 Win Munro

Fellowship Weekly/Monthly Gatherings Open to All

For information on any of these gatherings, contact the person listed or email admin@uuffm.org.

- **Accessible Walking Group** - Mondays at 11 AM. For more information and the starting location of the walks, contact Cynthia Domack or Wendy Bone.
- **Breakfast Bunch** - Tuesdays at 8 AM. This month it will be at Betsy's Diner, 457 Main Street, Falmouth. For more information, contact Reed Walsh.
- **Mah Jongg** - Tuesdays from 1-3 PM at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Peggy Sabin.
- **Brown Bag Book Bunch** - BBBB will meet on Wednesday, June 18 at noon (and the third Wednesday of the month) at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Chris Jacobi.
- **Men's Breakfast** - Thursdays from 8-9:30 AM. It will take place at the Meeting House in June—except for June 5 when it will take place at Dave Dimmick's Barn. A notice will be sent out if it is switched to Zoom because of bad weather. If you would like more information, or for the Zoom login, please contact Stu Graham.
- **Chimes Ensemble** - Thursdays at 1:00 PM at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Laura Wing.
- **Chimes Workshop** - Thursday, June 5 and 19 at 2:45 PM (and the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month) at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Laura Wing.
- **Community Circle** - Friday, June 13 at 2 PM at the Meeting House - open to the public. The topic for June will be "Summer Memories." During Community Circles, we listen to one another, share our thoughts about the topic, and build community as we learn from one another. For more information, contact Joanne Treistman.
- **Percussion Discussion** - Friday, June 20 at 6:30 PM at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Nannette Oldenbourg.
- **Grief Group** - Friday, June 27 at 1 PM (and the 4th Friday of the month) at the Meeting House. For more information, contact Reed Walsh or Rev. Rali.

For the most up to date version of this calendar, go to uufalmouth.org and click on "News." Email admin@uuffm.org if you'd like to have an event or meeting added to the calendar.

• SUNDAY	• MONDAY	• TUESDAY	• WEDNESDAY	• THURSDAY	• FRIDAY	• SATURDAY
<div>June 2025</div> <div>Red = All are welcome to attend.</div>						
1 10am Hymn Sing Sunday 11:15am Coffee Hour/ Grocery Cards 11:15 CC Foster Closet Open House	2 11am Accessible Walking Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3 8am Breakfast Bunch 1pm Mah Jongg	4 9:30am Writing Time 1pm Committee on Ministry	5 8am Men's Breakfast— Dave's Barn 1pm Chimes Ensemble 2:45pm Chimes Workshop	6	7
8 10am Breakfast 10:30am Labyrinth Walk 11:30am ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	9 11am Accessible Walking Group 1pm Caring Community Meeting 3pm Lay Ministry Team 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 8pm Music Committee	10 8am Breakfast Bunch 1pm Mah Jongg 1:30pm Fellowship Group #1 3:30pm Welcoming Cong. Committee	11 9:30am Writing Time	12 8am Men's Breakfast 1pm Chimes Ensemble 3:30pm Fellowship Group #3 7pm Finance Committee	13 9am Membership Committee 10am Writer's Path Group 10am Leadership Council 2pm Community Circle	14 2pm Carol McDade Sing Along
15 10am Sunday Service 11:15am Coffee Hour/ Grocery Cards 11:30 Sermon Discussion	16 10:15am Religious Services 11am Accessible Walking Group 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm SEAC Meeting	17 8am Breakfast Bunch 1pm Mah Jongg	18 9:30am Writing Time 12pm Brown Bag Book Bunch	19 8am Men's Breakfast 1pm Chimes Ensemble 2:45pm Chimes Workshop 7pm Governing Board	20 6:30pm Percussion Discussion	21
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