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May 4, 2024

This Sunday's Worship Service:

Beltane

Rev. Rebecca Gant, Babs Allen, and Sean-Thomas Gunnell, Worship Associate

Join us in one of the following ways:

- In person
- Telephone: 1-646-558-8656 and use meeting ID 949-975-206 when prompted.
- Click below to join on Zoom.

[Click Here to Join on Zoom](#)

[Click Here for Order of Service](#)

Upcoming Services

5/12 - God is Non-Binary - Rev. Sally Fritsche and Jan Baird, Worship Associate
5/19 - All Ages Transitions and Recognitions - Terina Carter, Director of Religious Exploration and Congregation

Our services are shown live on zoom, and most-- except for our All-Ages services-- are recorded and posted on YouTube. If you need to NOT be seen on Zoom or to be included in the recording that is posted, please sit in the pews marked "not visible on camera." If you have a concern about being visible on camera during participatory segments of the service, please speak to Rev. Rebecca and we will find a way to accommodate those concerns.



God is Non-Binary

This is our guest minister's topic for May 12.

If you are nonbinary and would be willing to do a reading during this service, please contact Jan Baird. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~or

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Submitted by Jan Baird, worship associate for May 12 service

Want to plan something at the church or do you have something you want people to know about?

Sunday Slides and Parish News Deadline: Tuesdays at 9 am

Event Registration Form

Communication Form

Need Support?

Email Rev. Rebecca (minister@uubn.org) if you need a listening ear, practical support such as rides or meals, or short term financial support.



This Week's Events

Sunday, May 5

8:45 am—9:45 am
9:45 am – 11:15 am
10:00 am – 11:15 am
11:30 am – 12:30 pm
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Adult Choir (Walker Room)
Childcare and Preschool (Childcare Room)
RE for Children and Youth (Sanctuary, Lower Level)
Adult RE: Building a Better Apology (Walker Room)
Jigsaw Party - Auction (Fell Room)
Team, Committee, and Affiliated Group Leader Mtg (Irvin Room)
Bloomington Normal Meditation Group (Walker Room, Online)

Monday, May 6

11:45 am – 1:00 pm
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Lunch Bunch (Fell Room)
Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation (Walker Room)

Tuesday, May 7

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Worship Team Workshop (Irvin Room)

Wednesday, May 8

5:00 pm – 5:40 pm
5:45 pm – 6:30 pm
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Emerson Singers (Up to 5th Grade) (Walker Room)
Fairly Frequent Singers (Jr. High and High School) (Walker Room)
Monthly Meeting of ManyPaths CUUPs (Fell Room, Online)

Thursday, May 9

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Rehearsal for Baroque'n Consort (Walker Room)
Bridge Group (Bradley Welcome Room)

Friday, May 10

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
6:15 pm – 10:00 pm

Over the Rainbow (Fell Room)
Private Event (Walker Room)

Saturday, May 11

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Treble Trouble Children’s Opera (Fell Room)

To View the Events Calendar Click Here

From the Board

Larissa Armstrong, Board President, uubnboard@uubn.org

NEEDED: People to serve on the IT Committee

Are you tech-savvy and passionate about supporting your UUBN community? We're seeking dedicated volunteers to join our Information Technology Committee and play a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing our church's digital infrastructure.

No one is currently serving in this role, and far too much IT responsibility is falling to staff, whose talents and time are needed elsewhere!

As a committee member, you'll provide consultation, support, and training for various IT and audio-video essentials throughout the year. You'll also have the opportunity to participate in quarterly meetings to address technology needs and plan for future improvements.

If you're ready to contribute your expertise and make a difference in our church community, we'd love to have you on board!

Interested individuals can contact Board President, Larissa Armstrong larissa.armstrong@uubn.org to learn more and express their interest in volunteering.

Keeping our church community thriving takes all of us!

Submitted by UUBN Board of Directors

Denominational Affairs

Nancy Armstrong, Chair



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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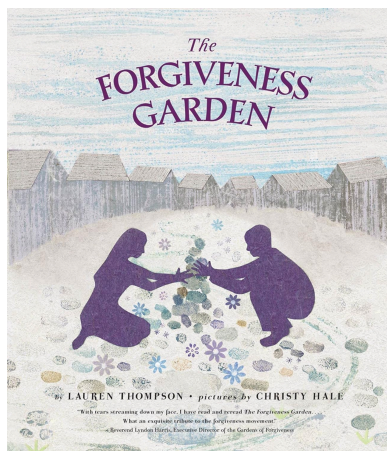
An Invitation to Youth and Young Adults from the General Assembly Team

Please join us for virtual General Assembly this year! GA is crafted with your interests, values, and spiritual exploration in mind. Our online gathering promises meaningful dialogue, learning, and community building. Your perspectives, passions, and insights are crucial to our collective journey towards positive change. At General Assembly, you'll have the opportunity to explore UU principles in a way that resonates with you. Take advantage of programs designed to empower you on your personal growth path. Connect with mentors, peers, and leaders who share your commitment to making a difference. Whether you're joining from home or anywhere in the world, GA offers a space where you can feel seen, heard, and supported as you explore and learn. The requirements are simple – just show up and be present. As for what to bring, just your authentic self and an open heart.

Visit www.uua.org/ga to register and help shape the future of Unitarian Universalism with us. Financial support is available. We can't wait to welcome you!

Religious Exploration News

Terina Carter, Director of Religious Exploration, LRE@uubn.org
Planning Team: Erin Ripley-Gataric (Team Lead), Jeska Vannoy, Mercy Davison



Last Sunday's Time for All Ages

The Time for All Ages last Sunday was the picture book, *The Forgiveness Garden*.
<https://us.macmillan.com/.../9781466.../theforgivenessgarden>

Families - here are a few activities to continue the conversations around the book's themes:
<https://www.scu.edu/media/offices/character-education/subscribers/lesson-plans-images/source-book/The-Forgiveness-Garden.pdf>

Read more about the inspiration for the story:

https://healingwoundsofhistory.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/garden-forgiveness-beirut_green-brochure.pdf

<https://www.voanews.com/a/lebanon-garden-forgiveness/1639831.html>

Ceasefire Day of Action and Discussion

Separately, a few people approached me, Blair, Cindy, and Chad after last Sunday's service to express disappointment that Palestine wasn't mentioned during the service. I was surprised because other than the vigil planned by Nigte on ISU's campus, I wasn't aware of anyone reaching out with interest in planning a discussion or action.

If you would like to plan a Day of Action, I have resources to set up stations for petitions, Birds of Gaza, and Cease Fire postcards. If you're interested in coordinating this work, let me know!

If you would like to plan a Discussion, there is a discussion guide that goes with the video linked in the UUA's message below. Let me know and I can share that and additional resources with you.

The UUA shared this message a few months ago:

As our world bears witness to the tragic and traumatic events unfolding in Palestine & Israel, many of us are yearning for a faithful way to discuss and engage with what is occurring.

On November 6th, UUA staff and special guests hosted a 90-minute webinar for religious professionals and congregational leaders, "[Why We Cannot Turn Away: Resources for UU Leaders Engaging on Israel & Palestine.](#)" Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association and hosted by Muslim and Jewish UU professionals, this session features experts sharing about UU engagement on these issues over the past 40 years, reflecting on the many-layered history of the region, exploring the complexities of Islamophobia and antisemitism, and faithful responses to the ongoing violence. In this time of collective fear and grief, let us form a community willing to learn, struggle, and heal together.

We are keenly aware that members of our Unitarian Universalist community do not all share an identical analysis of the history of the region or the realities of the current crisis, and yet what is clear is that we are all united by our shared heartbreak over the killing, kidnapping, displacement, and violence impacting so many of our human siblings, regardless of their national identities.

This webinar includes the voices of many speakers representing a wide range of experiences and identities. Individual presenters represent their own perspectives and opinions, which may differ from those of the UUA.

For more about the UUA's historic and current public statements about Israel/Palestine, please see [UUA Statements, Public Writings, and Community Conversations on Palestine/Israel](#). You can read the UUA's February 14, 2024 press release here: [UUA Condemns Violence Against Gaza, Urges Immediate and Total Ceasefire](#)

You can connect with Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East here: <https://www.uujme.org> or on Facebook. UJME, founded in 1971, is a UUA-related social justice organization of education and advocacy siding with love with the people of Palestine-Israel.

Transgender Resource Fair

Our Transgender Resource Fair was a great success! Over 100 people came through the doors to network and gather information and support from more than 20 vendors who tabled at the event. Thank you to Prairie Pride Coalition for co-sponsorship and to everyone who came out to support our transgender and nonbinary family!

Adult Religious Exploration Planning

I'm planning the RE budget for the second half of the year (July - December) and would love your input! These topics all sound amazing to me. I'm wondering which ones you would be interested in most? Email me at LRE@uubn.org.

1. **Coming of Age for Adults:** 6 Sessions When we hear “coming of age,” we typically think of young people. And yet, we “come of age” again and again at various points in our adult lives as we go through changes and relationships. Coming of Age for Adults is designed for adults to explore their spiritual journey and religious identity. Participants reflect on how they got to now, engage with texts as they relate to their spiritual lives, and craft a statement about who they are as a person of faith.
2. **Biblical Literacy for Unitarian Universalists:** 11 Sessions An exploration of the Bible, and how we as Unitarian Universalists approach the text. The stories of the Bible are woven into Western culture and society, and our Unitarian Universalist tradition goes back to the Bible and its early interpretation. It is important for Unitarian Universalists to have knowledge of the Bible and ways of approaching it as one of our Sources to discover truth and meaning within its pages and its history. As we do with all scripture and story, we ask not “is this true?” but rather “what is true about this?” Participants learn about the structure of the Bible and how it developed over time, explore some of its stories, and reflect on its connection to their own lives and to Unitarian Universalism historically and in our time.
3. **World Religions:** Unknown Number of Sessions A program that creates better community citizens through visits to other faith communities. Each visit involves a three-step process: (1) the group learns the basics about the faith community, what they should wear, what to expect when they arrive, basic etiquette, etc. (2) visit the faith community (3) talk about the visit: what happened, what did we especially notice, what was the same and different about other faith communities we've visited (including our own faith community).
4. **Adult Our Whole Lives:** 12 Sessions Using values, communication skills and spirituality as starting points, this program explores sexuality issues for adults of all ages, builds understanding of healthy sexual relationships, affirms diversity, and helps participants accept and affirm their own sexuality throughout their lives.



Duck for President!

The Childcare/Preschool group read Duck for President and then practiced voting. Ballots had pictures of 8 toys from the room with a box to scribble in with crayon. Our rocking unicorn was the clear winner with all votes except one. One vote went to the rolling bumblebee.

Our Whole Lives!

The 2024-2025 church year is an Our Whole Lives year! If you're interested in being trained at the Grades 7-9, 10-12 levels, we're hosting training from the evening of Friday, August 9 to the afternoon of Sunday, August 11. If you commit to facilitating as a lead or assistant within the next 2 years, the church covers the training cost.

Adult RE: Building a Better Apology

Sunday, May 5, 11:30-12:30, Walker Room

Our congregation has a Behavioral Covenant. Children and Youth in our programs create covenants. And yet, we struggle with calling people into covenant, being called into covenant, and what comes after. SorryWatch has a new book out! Together, let's explore [SorryWatch's Six Steps to a Good Apology](#).

Small Groups with Tom Clemens

Email Tom at XX to join any of the following Zoom discussions as participant or listener. You will receive the Zoom link the day before the session.

The purpose of the First Sunday Nonfiction Book Group is to educate ourselves in order to take actions toward justice for all in public policy.

- May 5, 2-3 P.M. *The Primary Solution: Rescuing Our Democracy from the Fringes*, Simon & Schuster, 2024. Supports eliminating partisan primaries in favor of nonpartisan primaries and other election reforms to bring back balance into the process.
- June 2, 2-3 P.M. *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Transgender Community*, 2nd edition, Laura Erickson-Schroth, editor, Oxford University Press, 2022.

Participants registered to discuss Søren Kierkegaard's *The Sickness Unto Death*, translation by Bruce H. Hirmmse, will meet Thursday, May 16. 5 Registered.

Share Your Writing meets Wednesday, May 29, 7-8 P.M. Writing of any kind at any stage is welcome. We share and discuss.

Announcing **Let Us Read A Novel (LURAN)** #8 *The Sympathizer*, by Viet Thanh Nguyen, Grove Press, 2015, Pulitzer Prize for fiction plus several other fiction prizes. A look at the Vietnam War era and U.S. cultural norms through the eyes of a non-white person. Register by June 1.

Social Justice Team News

Chad Kahl, Team Lead



UUBN has signed up to be a Good Trouble Congregation (GTC). To achieve GTC status, we need to meet two items in the Organizing category and two items in the Voter Contact category.

The Social Justice Team has already chosen one criteria in each category:

- Organizing: having at least two congregants serve as line warmers, poll workers, Election Defenders, or non-partisan poll observers.
- Voter Contact: Average 20 postcards or letters per member.

Choose one item from each category that you think our church should pursue. Whichever gets the highest votes in each category will be another area of emphasis for our GTC efforts.

To help you gauge what level of work some of these criteria would entail, our church has 200 members.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LMJ5QTZ> (open through May 31)

Submitted by Chad Kahl

Compassion Cupboard

Carle Bromenn has a goal of providing a bag of basic food to food insecure patients or family members. Carle is seeking food donations ([from the list here](#)) that we will gather at UUBN through May 8. Look for the box under the coat rack in the narthex, just inside the church doors.

We are also looking for volunteers to help Carle pack the bags on May 9 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Chad at ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ or Camille at ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Submitted by Chad Kahl and Camille Ehlers

Two Opportunities to Take Action:

Contact your Senators and ask them to pledge support and urge Senate leadership to schedule a vote on expansion of the child tax credit. H.R. 7024 passed the House in January, but is stalled in the Senate. It's an exceptionally cost-efficient policy for reducing poverty. It would reach 16 million children and provide immediate relief to American families. Scan the QR code on the poster in the Fell room or click the

Join our allies at Food and Water Watch in reminding members of Congress that safe drinking water is a human right. Ask them to vote for H.R. 1729 or S.938, the Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity and Reliability Act. This act would help communities across America repair and restore their aging water systems and make necessary water and sewer improvements without ongoing rate hikes

button, fill in your info, personalize the message and click on take action.

Expand the Child Tax Credit

making bills more affordable for all. Click the button, fill in your info, personalize your message and click on send your message.

Drinking Water is a Human Right

Announcements

Treble Trouble presented by Prairie Fire Theatre

Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 pm in Fell Room

Join us for a performance of the children's opera "Treble Trouble", a production of Prairie Fire Theatre and Illinois Wesleyan University! This fun-filled show is approximately 40 minutes long, and seating will be available on a first-come, first-seated basis.

About Treble Trouble:

The Land of Melodia needs a heads up because Count Sticky Fingers is planning to steal all their notes and feed them into the Music Munching Machine! And those notes include the magic Star Notes that must be hung and sung in the palace courtyard each night as the moon rises. That ritual is the only protection Melodians have from the Petrification Curse, which has begun to leak out anyway. Before you know it, Queen Adagio's legs will be turning to stone! It's up to Princess Poco. Can she recapture the notes and reverse the curse before it's too late?

This operatic romp introduces night sky constellations and musical concepts such as the treble clef and how notes work. At its heart, it explores the ways music belongs to everyone, how we're braver than we think, and the fact that anyone can step up and do the right thing.

Betty Semlak Nature Playspace Update

The playspace task force (Brad, Hubert and Terina) has confirmed funding (about \$5000); drafted a maintenance plan; started the review of the youth group's designs; and set next steps.

Those next steps are

1. flagging the edge (task force has completed this)
2. cutting and removing the sod
3. sourcing and laying the log edging
4. adding mulch
5. building a pathway

Once those 5 steps are done, or while they're happening, we can start putting together the plan for the other components. **If there's any part of this you can help with, let us know.**

Task Force: Brad Boesdorfer, Hubert Morales, Erin Ripley, and Terina Carter



Our first ever Severe Weather Drill we recently held! All 75 people who went to the lower level fit into the 3 RE rooms (comfortably they told me!) with only 6-7 people hanging out in the hallway. There were about 15 people in the north hallway on the main level and a few stragglers hiding in a couple rooms on the main level. The Safety Committee met to make minor adjustments to the Severe Weather plan. If you noticed anything we should be aware of, email Julie Prandi, Maureen O'Keefe, Doug Johnson, Tom Cotton, or Terina Carter.

Labyrinth Supplies Drive

May 1-31

Labyrinth, part of the YWCA, addresses the needs of women newly released from prison. It provides guidance for finding transportation, getting medical help, and filling personal needs.

Their wish list includes the following items, which UUBN will be collecting during the month of May:

- Feminine hygiene products (full-size packaging, not travel size)
- Kleenex/Tissue
- Toilet Paper

You can leave your donated items in the large basket marked for that purpose to the left of the church entrance by the coat racks. Thanks for your help!

Submitted by Julie Prandi

TNT Auction Results

Way to go! The TNT Auction raised over \$15,000 for the church this year, with \$2,300 going to the Betty Semlak Nature Playspace. Thank you again to everyone who donated, bid, and helped with the event. We couldn't do it without you and your support for UUBN.

There are a few events (Cicada Party, Puzzle Party, Ping Pong Tournament, and more) coming up that did not require bidding, just buying a ticket. If you find you can attend, you can still buy tickets for them (some at the door even) and the money will go toward the TNT total and supporting the church.

With Gratitude, The TNT Committee, Sarah Boesdorfer chair



Puzzle Swap Party

A TNT Auction event

Sunday, May 5, 2:00-4:00 pm, Fell Room

There are still openings for the Jigsaw Puzzle Swap Party May 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Fell Room! Contact Jan Baird or Sarah Boesdorfer to sign up. You can pay at the door. \$10

Drinks and snacks provided. Please let me know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Bring puzzles of 300 pieces or more, and leave with the same number of puzzles that you brought. No limit on how many you can bring.

If you bring 3 puzzles, for example, I will give you 3 sticky notes. You will write your name on each sticky note and put each on a puzzle you want to take home. No fighting. 😊. Trading is allowed.

We will set out a couple puzzles to work on together.

Submitted by Jan Baird



Flower Power at UUBN

Sunday, May 5, 11:30

We are a fellowship group who care for our church's landscaping! All ages and all abilities are welcome! Let's talk about what's going to bloom and what we want to plant.

Sunday, May 5, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Walk the grounds, tend the flowers, and learn more.

We will be deciding on meeting times over the summer and fall and if you can't make those times but want to adopt a section of our grounds to work on independently, let me know.

Submitted by Claire Hedden

Safety Training

May 12, 11:30, Sanctuary

At 11:30 am after the service, Sergeant Kiel Nowers from the Bloomington Police Department will be on hand to discuss possible threats to the church and how to be prepared to deal with them. Ushers, Greeters, Board Members, and Staff are encouraged to attend, but all are welcome!

-Julie Prandi

Prostate Cancer Sufferers/Survivors

If you are interested in joining an information/support group, held in an accessible private home, call 630-269-1152 and ask for "prostate". Meeting times/frequencies are to be determined by the group.

Learn to Make Your Own Earrings!

Sunday, May 19th, 12:00-1:00 pm, Irvin Room

Earring making class offered at the TNT auction. For \$10, each participant will leave the class having made at least two new pairs of earrings and the knowledge of how to make more. No registration required, just show up if you're interested. Call Rain at ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ questions.

Donate to UUBN by Making Your Regular Purchases

Do you shop at Target? Walmart? Amazon? Jewel? Using the Great Lakes Scrip program (also called RaiseRight), you can buy gift cards online from these retailers and hundreds of others, and a percentage of the purchase goes to UUBN. Then, use the e-gift cards immediately to make your regular purchases. With transaction fees as low as \$0.29 per transaction, your daily purchases can make a big difference for UUBN! Visit www.raiseright.com to learn more.

Interested in signing up? The code is AEDE72CB24416. Contact Chris Price at ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (call or text) for if you have questions.

Movie Night

May 31, 7:00-9:00 pm, Fell Room

Movie night to explore some social issues in a cartoon or movie. Movie night is intended for children, teens and adults. Popcorn will be provided by the hosts, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks and treats. Register by emailing ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~. Use your pop tabs to vote for the movie. Details in Fell Room!

UUBN at the Bloomington Farmers' Market

Saturday, June 1, 6:30 am - 12:30 pm

We have secured a bake sale booth on Sat., June 1. We will sell homemade baked goods, with the profits going to a local charity. Information about our church and values will be available for the market shoppers, and our sellers will visit with them about our church. How can you help?

- Make homemade baked goods (we'll need lots!) and deliver them to the church on Friday, or bring them to the booth at the market. Information about baking requirements will come later.
- Pick up the baked goods at the church and deliver them to the market by 7 a.m. Saturday morning.
- Help set up the booth beginning at 6:30 a.m.
- Sell items and/or talk about or answer questions about our church (if you're just comfortable with the selling part, that's OK)

- Help take down the booth at noon.

We have attached a SignUpGenius form for you to tell us how you can help. We are looking forward to this new venture for us and plan on having a lot of fun in the process!

Submitted by the Membership Team

Sign Up to Help at the Farmer's Market Here!

UUBN Revisits Midwest Food Bank!

Saturday, June 8th from 9:00-11:00 am

On March 8, a small team of volunteers: Brad Bell, Jan Reynolds, Rain Johnson, Debbie Kerrigan, and Joanne Koebel spent 2 hours of their Friday afternoon boxing up bacon to distribute to those in need and met other members of the community there to help. We're making this a quarterly outing with the next go scheduled for Saturday, June 8th from 9:00-11:00 AM. If you'd like to go with the group or if you're interested in being in the email list to help decide when we go next, please contact Brad Bell at xxxxxx@uubn.org to get on the mailing list.



Submitted by Brad Bell

A red and white advertisement for the YWCA Stepping Stones. The text reads: 'WE BELIEVE YOU. TELL US YOUR STORY. Sexual Assault Survivor helpline: (309) 556-7000'. There is a graphic of a telephone handset with the number '24' inside a circle, indicating a 24-hour helpline. The YWCA logo and 'Stepping Stones' are in the top right corner.

This Month's Community Plate Recipient

YWCA McLean County Stepping Stones

For more than 20 years, YWCA McLean County Stepping Stones has met the needs of our community by establishing strong foundations with community partners and utilizing all resources available – large and small. With continued growth of the program, staff, and number of clients, an accessible, safe and confidential space is essential for the continuity of their services. Their planned expansion brings increased confidentiality, program privacy, and the opportunity for all to operate in a comfortable, functional environment.

To donate to YWCA McLean County Stepping Stones, make out your check to YWCA with Stepping Stones in the memo and deliver to UUBN. Donations can also be made via the Breeze Online Giving website by clicking the button below or from your smartphone when you [download the app](#). Our subdomain is uubn.

Learn More About Stepping
Stones

Donate Here

STEWARDSHIP

Pledges from our members and friends support the ministries of the church.
If you haven't made your pledge for 2024, here is the link: <https://uubn.org/wp/make-pledge/>

If you need to adjust your pledge, email Nancy Armstrong at XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX or contact the office by phone or at office@uubn.org.

Communications are confidential.

Ongoing Group Gatherings

Covenant Groups:

Lay-led small groups that meet once a month to deepen and expand the ministry of the congregation through spiritual and emotional connection. Email [Terina](#) to join a small group.

Mindfulness Meditation for Beginners:

Weekly practice on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm online. This is an opportunity to practice mindfulness meditation. While this practice is aimed at beginners, it is open to any one and all are welcome to participate. Contact [Dave Shanahan](#) with questions.

Monday Lunch Bunch:

Want to start your week with good company and lively, informal conversation? Join us in the Fell Room with or without your lunch. No reservations required. All topics are welcome. We light the chalice at 11:45 AM and release the flame at 1:00 PM. Coffee and tea provided. Hosted by the Membership Team.

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Available by appointment. Click this link to see when she's available:

<https://calendly.com/revrebeccagant/30min>

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Jill Enchelmayer, Hubert Morales, and
Richard Seehuus.

of each month. All are welcome to attend.
Contact the office for the Zoom Link.

Contact the board at
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