

# First Parish Unitarian Universalist Of Medfield

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*"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall." – Oscar Wilde*

## October Newsletter 2018

### The Parson's Packet

David W. Chandler, Minister

Dear friends,

Someone neatly folded the blue index card and put it into the "Ask the Minister" basket. There was no question written on it.

Someone else turned in a one-word query: "Why?"

And there you have the challenge and opportunity of ministry. I don't mean the professional ministry you expect from the person who holds that UUA credential. I mean the ministry we all do with each other. Your minister may facilitate and does even lead occasionally, but this larger ministry includes everybody. Its practice is all the ways you relate in the First Parish

community. It is often one-to-one and essentially personal, but it is also crucially collective. We take our cues from those around us as we solve the problems and enjoy the opportunities of living every day. This is the purpose of houses of worship, as Kenneth Patton reminds us. We gather to live together.

There are always questions – "billions and billions," as Carl Sagan famously said of the stars. The empty card is a perfect metaphor. It leaves lots of room for anything and everything. Maybe in this moment no one inquiry stands out, but it will come. We remind each other there is no inquiry that isn't worthy of our consideration and

our response. That is a human debt we owe to the worth and dignity of all other humans. Some questions are hard, some are easy, some are painful or confusing or funny, but this is what people do and questions are essential to the act of living.

And then there is, "Why?" This is the ultimate question of course. Why, indeed. It's where children usually start – they can drive us crazy but their hunger to know and understand is

the instinctive cultivation of meaning. At church we are in the meaning business as well. We need to articulate and use wise adult rules: Asking why can be inconvenient or even out of order at the moment, but it is never wrong at its heart. On good days we are likely to respond, why not? This is a profound theology. The other flippant answer – because I said so – is also a profound theology.

Why not – that's what UUs say.

Best wishes, Rev. David



## Upcoming Services

Sunday – October 7                      **Honoring Indigenous People**                      Worship and Music Committee  
**Religious Exploration will have an Activity Sunday in the Vestry.**

Sunday – October 14                      **"Neither Here Nor There"**                      Rev. David W. Chandler  
"The Big Sleep." "The Long Goodbye." "Snow was general all over Ireland." The truth of our mortality comes upon us – what does it mean? How does it make us different? Face to face, how can we go about all the living that is still ours to do? **Religious Exploration for children.**

Sunday – October 21                      **"Six Smooth Stones"**                      Rev. David W. Chandler  
The metaphor was five stones for the UU theologian James Luther Adams, but the UUA General Assembly made them one more. Our children are studying this year the "Six Sources" of our living tradition. We should understand them as well. **Religious Exploration for children.**

Sunday – October 28                      **Annual Remembrance: "Day of the Dead"**                      Rev. David W. Chandler  
We will celebrate all those who live in our hearts but no longer in our world. Pictures and mementos are welcome for our Altar of Remembrance, and spirit world decorations as well. We will salute all souls with drums and rhythm instruments. **All-ages Service.**



## Medfield Day!



(Photos submitted by Jessica Razza)



## Religious Exploration

Religious Exploration is underway with their journey on exploring the sources of Unitarian Universalism. In the pictures, the child had been learning about the source of Wonder for UU.



We read a story called "We Got Here Together" and created bubbles and bubble sculptures to help bring the story to life.



## From the RE Committee

The upcoming Love Will Guide Us Religious Exploration class calendar is:

October 7th: Columbus Day Weekend- NO RE CLASS. The service is not for All Generation so please let us know if you plan to attend with your children. We will have additional babysitters downstairs in the Vestry to accommodate the older (RE aged) children.

October 14th: Love in Our Congregation- We will introduce the fourth Source of Unitarian Universalism, "Jewish and Christian teachings which tell us to love all other as we love ourselves" and explore the meaning of community, the importance of community in our lives, and the role of love in community.

October 21st: Love is Eternal - This session will introduce the sixth Unitarian Universalist Source, "Spiritual teachings of earth centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature". We will introduce Unitarian Universalist rituals, customs, and

teachings related to death and sorrow, deepen children's understanding of the cycle of life and emphasize that love lives beyond death. \*\*\*Because of the sensitive nature of this lesson we will be communicating with parents in early October regarding this session.

October 28th: All Generation Service: Day of the Dead - NO RE. Children attend the service with their family.

November 4th: We Are Loved, Flaws and All. We will discuss the first Unitarian Universalist Source, "the sense of wonder we all share" which was introduced on September 23 in the Awesome Love lesson. Today's lesson will teach that qualities which appear as faults can be turned into strengths and encourage participants to turn blemishes into beauty in their own lives. We will reinforce the idea that despite human failings we are all loved and loveable.

November 11th: Give Love- This session will introduce the second Unitarian Universalist Source, "the women and men of long ago and today whose lives remind us to be kind and fair", teach that giving time and love is more valuable than giving material objects and strengthen children's sense of community in the congregation.

November 18th: Winter Solstice Service Planning #1- The RE Class leads the annual Winter Solstice Service which this year will be held on December 16th. We will start planning the service at the November 18 session.

Love Will Guide Us  
First Parish Medfield  
Religious Exploration  
2018 - 2019





# A Chamber Opera Based on the Life of Emily Dickinson

*by Eva Conley Kendrick*

*~ Plus Art Songs, Arias & Showtunes ~*

Friday and Saturday

**October 19 & 20, 2018 at 7:30 PM**

**First Parish Medfield, 26 North St., Medfield, MA 02052**

*(Handicapped accessible)*

Pre-show reception: Hors d'oeuvres, and dessert at 7:00 p.m.

## **Featured Singers**

**Becca Kornet**

*Back Bay Chorale & Medfield*

**Sarah Kathleen Dunn**

*Boston-based opera singer*

**Fritz Fleischmann**

*Medfield Church Choir  
& The Larger Circle Band*

**John Kornet**

*Back Bay Chorale & Medfield*

**Meg Fisher**

*Boston Cecilia, Medfield*

\$20 general admission/ \$15 students/seniors

## **To reserve tickets:**

Buy online at [www.ticketstage.com/FPMEDFIELD](http://www.ticketstage.com/FPMEDFIELD)  
or e-mail [music@firstparishmedfield.org](mailto:music@firstparishmedfield.org)

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## Building and Grounds

Slowly but surely, we are getting there. My core committee of four have been getting estimates on tree limb removal hanging on the UHouse roof and other small areas. We also have estimates of the stucco blocks at the front entry of the church. In some areas the mortar is deteriorating and the peeling paint needs to be ground off. After this job is finished and cured, a painter will apply a coating of stucco paint.

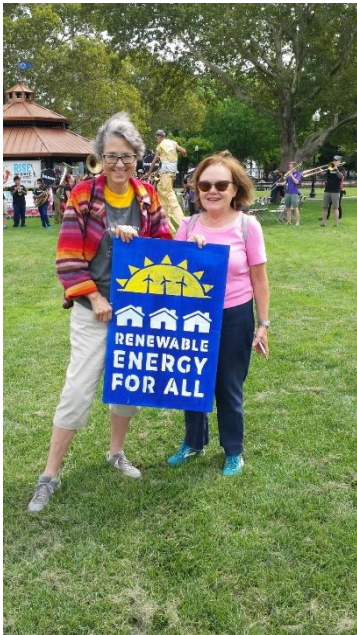


With the supervision of the RE people we are cleaning out the closets. Bill Harvey did a great job painting the classroom of the U House.

Thank you everyone for your help.

Eve Potts  
Building and Grounds

## Green Sanctuary Committee News



"Rise for Climate, Jobs & Justice" rallies happened all over the world on Sept. 8. Margaret Rolph and Jeanette Ruyle (part of *your* Green Sanctuary Committee) went to the one in East Boston.

Our September GS meeting was late in the month and the October meeting has yet to be scheduled. The plan is to have a re-visioning of mission, purpose, and more. Where do we go from here now that FPUU is a UUA-certified "Green Sanctuary"? Please watch for notices.

*It has become the tradition of this committee to invite everyone in the congregation who is interested, even if you just come for the usual potluck. So, come!*

Questions? Contact Jeanette Ruyle  
[jruyle23@verizon.net](mailto:jruyle23@verizon.net)

See (and use) the new recycling bin at the side of our front steps! >>>>>



## Worship Service Flowers



Help is needed to ensure that we have Sunday Worship Service Flowers through June 2019. Worship Service Flowers are a wonderful way to celebrate or memorialize

an occasion, event, or loved one.

If you can provide (or delegate to others) worship service flowers for one month of Sunday Services, please contact me at 617-429-7319 or [lrachin@comcast.net](mailto:lrachin@comcast.net). Gratefully, Louise Rachin

### Flower Schedule for October

October 07 – Ann Cunningham

October 14 – Ann Cunningham

October 21 – Jeanette Ruyle

October 28 – Jeanette Ruyle

## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Please use the sign-up sheets on the vestry bulletin board if you are able to coordinate volunteers for a month or host a Sunday.



### Hosts for October:

October 7 Jeanette Ruyle & Dan Bibel

October 14 The Razza Family

October 21 Mary Corthell

October 28 Leanne Harvey

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE TO THE ABOVE HOSTS AND

FUTURE VOLUNTEERS!

**FPUU's Next Volunteer Date for New  
Life Furniture Bank :  
8:00 AM to Noon Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

## Community Volunteers Needed



The Medfield Council on Aging is looking for teens to help seniors with snow removal. Volunteers are usually placed within their own neighborhood; clearing front and back steps, walkways, mailbox and cars is all that is needed (not driveways). If school is in session, the teen is not expected to clear before school! Please contact Susan at [sbernstein@medfield.net](mailto:sbernstein@medfield.net) or Cissy ([hoothootvalues@gmail.com](mailto:hoothootvalues@gmail.com)) - and thank you in advance!



## Project Linus

Sammy and Louise worked on blankets for Project Linus for Sammy's coming of Age, and this is how we use them at my work in the NICU at Boston Children's. Thought this would be a great thing to share for parents of other kids in the RE program! - Sara Drumm



**Mission of Project Linus:** Provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Project Linus National Headquarters is located in Belton, Missouri. With chapters in all 50 states, Project Linus continues to grow. Blankets are collected locally and distributed to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere that a child might be in need of a big hug.

# ***The Meeting House Supper Club***

**for LGBT Seniors, Friends and Allies**

Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual & Transgender



**Please Join Us For:  
A Light Supper & Presentation of  
“Water-Keep Hydrated!”  
By HESSCO Dietitian**

Monday, October 1, 2018

4pm-6pm

First Parish Unitarian Church

26 North Street

Medfield, MA

For further information or to register  
call HESSCO Nutrition Department at 781-784-4944  
Or email Louise Rachin at [lrachin@comcast.net](mailto:lrachin@comcast.net)

**To ensure a meal please RSVP by September 27th  
Support for this event provided in part by the  
Metro West Health Foundation**

Suggested meal donation \$3.00 for seniors over 60, \$5 charge for anyone under 60

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**EW** LGBT AGING  
PROJECT





**Location: First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 26 North Street, Medfield**

**Feature: Singer/songwriter Terry Kitchen**

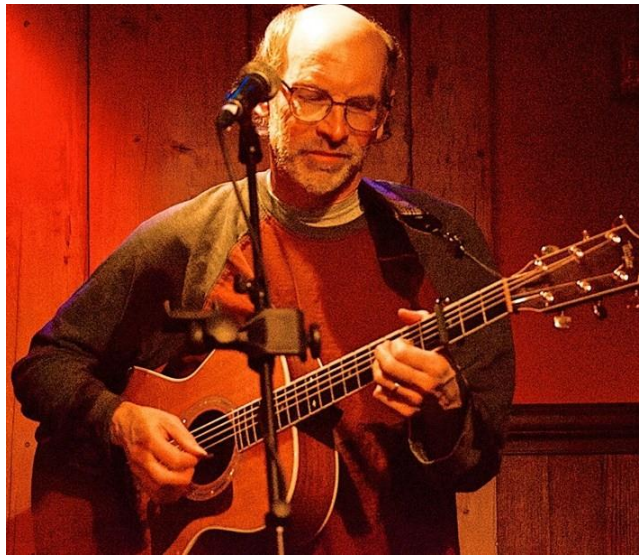
**Theme: Heaven Here On Earth**

**Date: Oct 27th, 2018**

**Time: 7:00-9:00 PM**

**Espresso Yourself Coffeehouse to feature singer/songwriter Terry Kitchen**

Called "one of New  
by *The Boston Globe*,  
contemporary folk  
Kitchen writes songs that  
people and emotions,  
compassion, honesty and  
*Quiet Places* has been  
Canada, with its opening  
Lasts" reaching #8 on the  
Kitchen's songs have won  
Song Contests and been  
Lennon Song Contest,  
numerous films. He has  
stages since the 1990s,  
was the leader of the groundbreaking '80s band Loose Ties, whose experiences he recounts in his  
novel *Next Big Thing*, called "a great debut novel" by *The San Francisco Book Review*.



England's best songwriters"  
award-winning  
singer/songwriter Terry  
are portraits of ordinary  
captured with extraordinary  
humor. His latest CD *The*  
heard across the U.S and  
track "Enjoy It While It  
national Folk-DJ chart.  
the Mid-Atlantic and USA  
runner-up in the John  
and have appeared in  
been performing on folk  
releasing ten CDs, and he

The Espresso Yourself Coffeehouse is an opportunity for spoken word artists to share their poetry, stories, and songs. It is held the last Saturday of every month at 7pm at First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Medfield, MA. Open mic readers have 6 minutes to share. Original or non-original poetry, stories, performance art, music or songs welcome. Sticking to theme encouraged.

Teens and adults welcome. Refreshments from Starbucks are served. Medfield TV films event and posts to YouTube. \$10 suggested donation (\$5 open mic participants; \$3 students)



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<http://www.firstparishmedfield.org/cms/component/content/article/45-amazon/76-ee>

## The Medfield Food Cupboard has requested the following from our church for the month of October:



Cookies  
Crackers  
Beef Stew  
Hot cereal

Kid-friendly cereal (e.g. Cocoa Krispies, Cinnamon Toast Crunch)  
Juice-large and boxes  
Rice (bags, pilaf)  
Pasta Sauce

Please double check your food items to ensure that they are undented, unopened, and unexpired. Thanks for your efforts. Any donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the basket in the narthex.

## Notes from the Church Office:



Church Office Hours: Mondays & Thursdays from 9:00-3:00  
Email: [admin@firstparishmedfield.org](mailto:admin@firstparishmedfield.org) -Sandra Andreassi-Administrator

**The deadline for the November Newsletter will be October 21nd**

## FPUU Calendar of Events

Monday, October 1	Medfield Meetinghouse Supper Club/4:00 pm/Vestry Medfield Historical Society Meeting/7:00 pm/Vestry
Tuesday, October 2	Emily Production Practice/7:00 pm/U-house
Thursday, October 4	Medfield Farmers' Market/2:00-6:00 pm/Grounds
Friday, October 5	Emily Production Practice/7:00 pm/Vestry
Saturday, October 6	Emily Productio Practice/2:00 pm/Vestry
Monday, October 8	Columbus Day/Office Closed
Tuesday, October 9	Emily Production Practice/7:00 pm/U-House
Thursday, October 11	WMC Meeting/7:15 pm/Vestry
Friday, October 12	Emily Production Practice/7:00 pm/Vestry
Monday, October 15	The Larger Circle Band Practice/7:30/Vestry
Tuesday, October 16	Emily Production Practice/7:00 pm/Vestry
Wednesday, October 17	Meetinghouse Task Force Meeting/7:00 pm/U-House
Thursday, October 18	Executive Board Committee Meeting/7:30 pm/U-House Emily Production Practice/7:00 pm/Vestry
Friday, October 19	Emily/7:00 pm
Saturday, October 20	Emily/7:00 pm New Life Furniture Bank Volunteer Day/8:00 am/Walpole
Monday, October 22	The Larger Circle Band/730-9:30 pm/Vestry
Thursday, October 25	RE Committee Meeting/6:00 pm/Vestry
Monday, October 29	The Larger Circle Band/730-9:30 pm/Vestry

