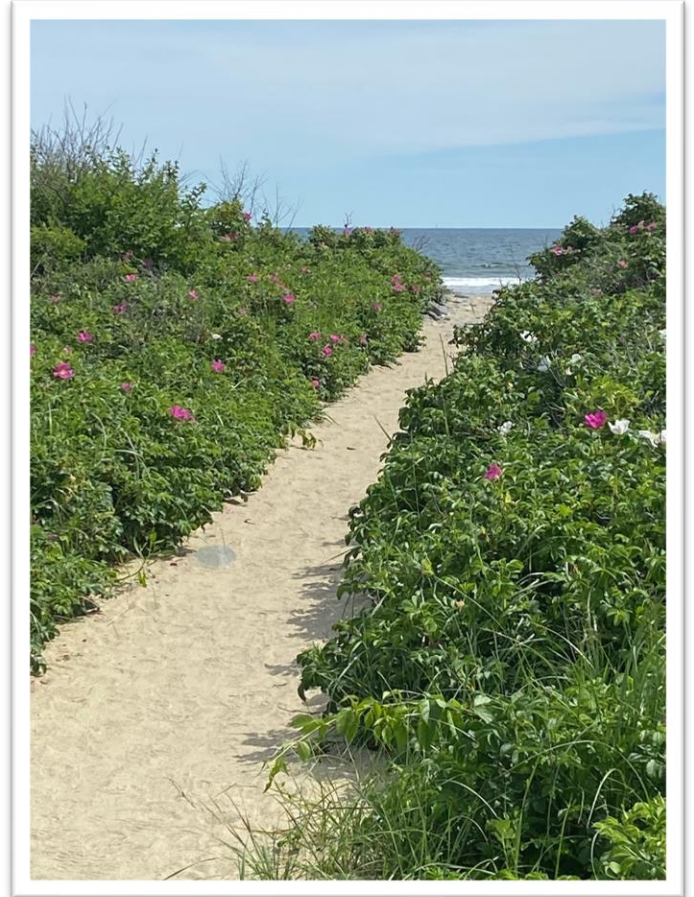




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LIGHTING THE WAY FORWARD

“So, this morning, as the summer breezes beckon us, draw us out of ourselves and toward the salt air, the waves, the road, or path, let us renew our vows and commitments to this life, the world community, and each other. Let us rekindle our faith, the inner knowing that at the end of our wandering, we shall return, at last, to one another – a home where we remember that “I am yours and you are mine” —a promise insisting that “where you go, I will go”; that “your people are my people” – and a sacred center beneath the sorrows and trials and failings of the human condition, where we all shine like the sun.



*Path to Parsons, photo by Vicki Adams*

*Excerpt From Sunday Service Rev. Tori Rosati, June 16, 2024*

## “Weaving Our Lives”

Worship Service June 23, 2024, 10 a.m.

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon

### **Religious Exploration welcomes children ages 4-13.**

Come in person or click below to join the service!

<https://uukennebunk.org/Sunday-Service-Access>

Or by cell phone (audio only) 929-205-6099, meeting ID 734 887 010,

Password:02448

# This Sunday



*Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon*

“Weaving Our Lives” is the theme of a very special worship service we will experience on Sunday, June 23, when we join with thousands of UU’s around the country to witness Sunday Worship at the UUA General Assembly. The Rev. Dr. Molly Housh Gordon is the service leader, supported by various other ministers and musicians. She is a Harvard educated lifelong UU currently serving the UU church in Columbia, MO.

This will be different from our usual Sunday services as the entire worship experience is being pre-recorded and will be shared online. However, we will meet in the Sanctuary at the usual time and participate together via Zoom. Mary Gelfand is our local point person. Please let her know if you have any questions: [marygelf@gmail.com](mailto:marygelf@gmail.com).

## Worship Calendar for Summer 2024

✚ June 30	Mary Zachary Lang
✚ July 7	Rev. Christina Sillari
✚ July 14	Rev. Tori Rosati
✚ July 21	Jess
✚ July 28	Mark Gallup
✚ August 4	Rev. Christina Sillari
✚ August 11	Rev. Tori Rosati
✚ August 18	Rev. Al Boyce
✚ August 24	Mary Gelfand
✚ September 1	Opportunity for you to speak!

# upcoming EVENTS

- Wed. June 26, 7 p.m. FPUU Concert with flute and piano
- Fri. July 12, at 5:30 p.m. Women's potluck details below
- Fri. July 12 at 6:30 p.m. Song Swop
- Sun. July 14, 4 p.m. The Halcyon String Quartet Concert
- Sat. July 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Blueberry Festival and Crafts Fair



## Stellar concert Wednesday, June 26

Flutist Emi Ferguson and pianist Chris Staknys will bring us virtuoso concert featuring the music of Bach, Burleigh, Gershwin, and original works by both performers. The concert will take place Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. A \$25 donation is requested at the door.

A 2023 recipient of the Avery Fisher Career Grant, Ferguson can be heard live in concerts and festivals with groups including the Handel and Haydn Society, and as the music director of Camerata Pacifica Baroque. Her recordings have been called "blindingly impressive ... a fizzing, daring display of personality and imagination" by *The New York Times*. Emi has spoken and performed at TEDx events and has been featured on the Discovery Channel, Amazon Prime, WQXR, and Vox talking about how





music relates to our world today. Born in Japan and raised in London and Boston, she now resides in New York City.



Staknys, our music director, graduated from The Juilliard School with a degree in solo piano performance. Allan Kozinn, former music critic for the New York Times, praised his playing for its "dexterity and dramatic phrase shaping". He has performed in venues such as Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall and has appeared on NPR's From The Top radio show. Christopher currently serves as Music Director of First Parish UU Church in Kennebunk and teaches piano at 317 Main Street.

## A member can use your support

Please join us in keeping **Merideth Norris** and her family in our thoughts and in care. Her trial was scheduled to end June 20. If you would like to support the family, please reach out to Jacky Peters who they have asked to be a point person for communication and coordinating support. Several members of First Parish have been attending the trial in Portland. [jpkrf@roadrunner.com](mailto:jpkrf@roadrunner.com)

## A letter from our Minister

Dear Ones,

Summer is certainly upon us with these hot days and sun! I hope you all are finding ways to stay cool – it's times like these that I am so grateful to live near the ocean with that sea breeze in the air! My summer schedule around the church will be lighter, taking the necessary time for vacation, study, and reflection (read my summer schedule piece below for more information about when and how I will be around in the months ahead). I am looking forward to a quiet summer of road trips, camping with family and friends, and finding a place to sit and relax beside moving water – one of my favorite places for rest and renewal.

It has been a rich and full winter and spring together and we have done a lot as a community! I hope you all will be leaning into the invitation, throughout the summer months ahead, to rest and renew as well. This is a vital part of our

ministry in the world – to rest. Writer and activist Tricia Hersey reminds us that rest is resistance (in her book of that name) – and that our worth does not reside in how much we do or produce – that we are already enough. Our UU faith affirms this inherent worth, and giving ourselves the permission to rest is one way we live out this truth. By honoring the basic human need for rest, we build a more life-giving and liberative world for ourselves and each other.

This past Sunday we talked about pilgrimage: the spiritual journeys, both big and small. We are all on toward that sacred center of connection, love, and liberation. These journeys, however, require rest – a chance to pause so we can begin to integrate the lessons from the road – a time to pull up to the well, put what we are carrying down, and simply look up at the stars. I wonder what your version of this is. What helps you to rest and renew in these days?

As we talked about on Sunday, church doesn't stop over the summer – we will be here each week (lots of gratitude for the Worship Committee!) and I hope you will find the variety and lightness of summer services a welcomed addition to your practice of rest and renewal. I hope that you will connect deeply with friends, family, and fellow travelers along the way. I hope you will take some deep breaths and carve out time for play. And I hope you will embrace the spacious moments in your days to let your bodies settle and drink in the nourishment that abides in this season.

In faith and love and rest,  
Rev. Tori



# Blueberry Festival and Craft Fair

## the highlight of summer at FPUU

Be sure to come, bring your friends and tell your neighbors about our annual Blueberry Festival Saturday, July 27. All hands are needed on deck for this, our biggest fund- and fun-raiser of the year.

As a congregation, we offer delicious blueberry pie, blueberry buckle, vegan wraps, crab rolls, natural casing hot dogs, beverages, and other treats. In addition to our very popular vintage jewelry, we sell our own crafts, provide music, and promote recycling. More than 40 professional crafters will be showing and selling their wares—all in festive tents set up on the lawn between our church and Kennebunk Library.

We especially encourage new folks to take part in some way. If you'd like to volunteer to help, it's not too late! Email our overall coordinator Marylyn at: [marylyn.wentworth@tnsk.org](mailto:marylyn.wentworth@tnsk.org). Bakers, get in touch with Alicia Soliman; set-up crew, Herve Lavoie; music makers, Bruce Childress; salespeople and general all-around help, Marylyn.

Donations of jewelry can be made at any time — bracelets, rings, necklaces, even loose beads are welcome. Please label "For Blueberry Fair" and put in a bag or small box and drop off at the church office 9-11 Tues. and Thurs. or bring to church on Sunday.



1. We still need workers for the following:
2. Set-up the FPUU craft space
3. Trash/compost/recycle overseer
4. Café overseer
5. People to set-up and clean up.
- 6.

Please let Marylyn know if you would like a specific job. If you want to join the planning team, meetings are held June 30 and July 21, right after worship service.



Above all, come one, come all and have a wonderful day!





## Buddhist sangha continues through the summer

Our Ripples of Peace Sangha will meet every Tuesday throughout the summer 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. We meet In-person on first and third Tuesdays in the chapel, (second floor of the back section of the church). Gatherings on the second, fourth, and fifth Tuesdays will take place at the same time, online through Zoom. Beginners are Welcome! Our gatherings begin with sitting and walking meditations followed

by a reading by a Buddhist teacher and discussion. Come when you can, you are always welcome. FMI contact Sally Keene at 590-0035, or via email: [sjk@roadrunner.com](mailto:sjk@roadrunner.com)

## No Particular Reason Potluck



Women are invited to the next No Particular Reason Potluck on Friday, July 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Phyl Harmon, 27 Hampton Glenn Drive, Coventry Woods, Kennebunk. Please bring something to share. For directions/questions/RSVP, please email [phylharmon@gmail.com](mailto:phylharmon@gmail.com) or text 802-431-8433.

## Creative worship opportunity Sept. 1

The Worship Committee is happy to announce the opening for a lay service on Sept. 1st. Anyone who is interested please contact Tory Leuteman or Ted Trainer. We would love to talk with you about your ideas and how we can support you.

# Climate Justice Revival coming in September!



UU's all over the country are gearing up to advance climate equity and highlight the intersections between climate change and the other pressing justice issues of our time. Rev. Tori Rosati and our Social Justice Network have ordered materials from the UUA to start us on this climate journey.

On Sept. 28 and 29, congregations will host the Revival to collectively reimagine a spirit filled future. Through conversation, worship, and advocacy, we will work together to realize climate justice in our communities.

We will all take part in some way, but if you would like to help choose priorities and guide our journey, please get in touch with Rev. Tori or Vicki Adams of our Social Justice Network.

## Help to get out the vote in November

If you would like to write postcards to help get out the vote in November, please write or call Vicki Adams, of our Social Justice Network, for cards and addresses. She is writing to voters of a swing state, Wisconsin, to encourage them to vote — but not to suggest whom they should vote for. This requires donating post card stamps for your cards.



# Sunday Morning Bookcase

- On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unpologetic World, Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg
- Native plants: Shawn Jalbert: [www.nativehaunts.com](http://www.nativehaunts.com)
- All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis, edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine K. Wilkinson
- Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of this World for Crucifixion and Empire, Rebecca Ann Parker and Rita Nakashima Brock
- Podcast: How to Citizen, Baratunde Thurston
- Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander, Thomas Merton



Office Administrator Allison Lazos will be on duty Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - noon.

Rev. Tori's summer schedule will largely consist of working from home mixed with vacation and study leave (time for reading and reflection to deepen the creative aspects of ministry). She will be leading worship once in July (14) and once in August (11) and will be around the church for an additional day or two the weeks ahead of those two Sundays when she will be catching up on email and attending to in-person meetings/needs.

She is available throughout the summer for pastoral emergencies and can be reached at (978) 238-8210. Sadly, the Blueberry Fair falls on the weekend of an annual family trip she takes the last weekend of July every year, so she won't be able to attend this wonderful community event. Her normal schedule resumes August 26<sup>th</sup>.



## Please help our New Neighbors

Welcoming Immigrants Our New Neighbors (WIONN) is running low on the following items. If you have any surplus at your house and want to donate, bring items to the Parish Hall and put them in the WIONN container. If you have furniture, email [marylyn.wentworth@tnsk.org](mailto:marylyn.wentworth@tnsk.org) to make arrangements for pickup.

Items needed:

- pillows
- mattress protectors, all sizes
- twin (including extra-long) and full sheet sets
- bath towels, hand towels, dish towels, and face clothes
- mattresses, all sizes
- tool kits (basic things like hammer, screw drivers, pliers, measuring tape, putty knife, utility knife, etc. preferably in a carrying container)
- cutting boards
- frying pans, all sizes, especially large
- larger saucepans and large stock pots
- dining sets (we have 1 large table, few chairs)
- microwave (prefer smaller size)
- blender, food processor (several requests)
- small trash containers (bathroom, bedroom size)
- inflatable mattresses to hold people until mattresses turn up

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