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Vineyard UU Voice

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Staying Safer at Home

With the recent release of Governor Baker's 4 phase approach to safely reopen Massachusetts, we wanted to address our plans for UUSMV's gatherings going forward.

The Parish and Worship Committees met and agreed that since many in our congregation are in the high risk category, we will continue to hold virtual worship services throughout the summer, and the Chapel will remain closed to small groups during that time, as well. We will reassess our position in early September, as things continue to unfold.

Maintaining the recommended social distance in our small Chapel would result in us being able to allow only 13-15 people in for a service, and we felt that until all can gather, none will gather. We do not want to rush this, especially as the population of the Island swells this summer.

In a communication from Reverend Susan Frederick-Gray from the UUA, she noted that over the past several weeks, the UUA has consulted with multiple public health officials to update their March 12th guidance recommending congregations stop gathering in person. Based on

advice from these experts, the UUA continues to recommend that congregations not gather in person and to plan for virtual gatherings for the foreseeable future and possibly into 2021, until a proven vaccine or effective treatment is found.

Please continue to join us on Sundays for services and if you can, take a few minutes to reach out to others with a call, a card, an email, a driveway visit, or anything else you feel would provide connection and support during this time. We are all in this together.

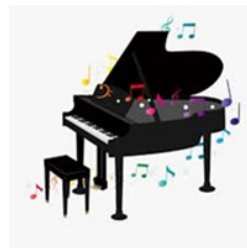
—The Parish and Worship Committees

The "88 Keys" Search Continues

During the coronavirus pandemic, we have temporarily halted our search for a gently used piano to replace our 104-year-old baby grand. We feel confident that our current piano will continue to serve us for another year, or with luck, perhaps two. Fortunately, we are not under immediate pressure to replace it.

We continue to check out possibilities on the internet. However, visiting and playing any pianos will need to wait until we can move about freely again.

We originally thought we might be able to find a piano for \$5-6,000 plus the cost of moving. Having now seen what that



amount of money will buy, we have adjusted the amount to \$7-8,000, plus moving costs. Our fundraising continues, and at this point, we have raised a total of \$6,825. We are well on our way towards reaching our goal. Our part-time accompanist, Jeremy Berlin, and our piano technician, Boaz Christianbaum, have been scouting the music

world to help us find the right piano. We feel confident it is out there and we will find it. How much joy would the sound of a quality piano bring to you? Your continued contributions will bring us closer to our goal. Can you help by sending a contribution for \$88? (or whatever you can afford). Make your check out to UUSMV and write "88-Key Fund" on the Memo line.

In the meantime, if you learn about a possible piano for our Chapel, please contact Judy Crawford. Thank you!

—Judy Crawford



Worship Services 11:00 am

All Worship Services take place on Zoom. Go to page 11 for the link and other ways of joining the services.

June 7: *Holler Uncle, Molly* - Reverend Bill Clark

Rev. Bill returns to our pulpit as he explores the cry of “uncle.” Does anyone remember what it means? It is a line from one of Rev. Bill’s favorite movies. Can anyone name the movie? What happens when we holler “uncle”?

June 14: *“The Statue is in the Stone”* -

Reverend Bill Clark

Artist and sculptor Michelangelo said this back in the 1500’s. It was said he could see the sculpture within the marble before he even began chiseling. What do we see as we look out on the blank canvases of our lives today? As this virus has kept most of us home, are we able to see what lies ahead for us all?

June 21: *Fun to Fun: Growth versus Outcome* - Timothy Penicaud



It is Timothy’s hope that people are able to approach learning with an optimistic curiosity that comes from a place of feeling free. Freedom to be themselves without fear of judgement or shame, to better realize their true hopes and dreams. During our time together, Timothy will share a bit of his teaching experience re-

lating to the process of setting personal goals and how ultimately, they are influenced by one’s spirit. He hopes that afterwards, you’ll better understand the Charter School’s PE Program where the score is called “Fun to Fun.”

Timothy Penicaud has been the Athletic Director and Physical Education teacher at the Martha’s Vineyard Public Charter School for nearly twenty years. Over this span of time he has taught numerous students each year, kindergarten through high school, and feels privileged to have so closely shared uncountable amazing experiences with both adults and children of all ages in such a supportive community.

June 28: *UUA General Assembly Sunday* -

Worship Service - Reverends Joan Javier-Duval and Mykal O’Neal Slack

Join us at **10:00 am** as we join other UUs for the largest annual gathering of UUs coming together in worship. Together we will join the UUA General Assembly Sunday Worship service which will be streaming live on uua.org/ga. (Complete instructions for signing on will be sent later in the month.) Each year a talented group of choral singers perform at the Sunday Morning Worship for the General Assembly audience. This year, Jennifer Knight will be part of the GA virtual choral group.



Reverend Joan Javier-Duval is worship leader and will deliver the sermon at the 2020 General Assembly Sunday

Morning Worship. She serves as Minister of the Unitarian Church of Montpelier, VT. She is the daughter of immigrants from the Philippines, mother of a kindergartener, and spouse of a proud Vermonter. Beauty, gratitude, and love are at the heart of her faithful striving for collective liberation and a thriving planet.

[Reverend Mykal O’Neal Slack](#) is worship leader at the 2020 General Assembly Sunday



Morning Worship. He is currently the Community Minister for Worship and Spiritual Care for Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism, an organization and growing spiritual community committed to supporting Black folx in our faith, and a co-founder of the Transforming Hearts Collective, a ministry that both supports spaces for LGBTQ people to access resilience, healing, and spirituality and resources faith communities and other groups for the work of radical inclusion and culture shift. He is a husband and father from the South, committed to healing and truth-telling, as well as community accountability and care.

In Faith and Service...



I know, I know, it feels like it has been ages since we have seen one another. I am so appreciative to the Parish Committee for granting me the use of my five accumulated sick days for 2019 and all of my sick days for this year to use as bereavement time for the loss of my friend, Marilyn. I so appreciated all of your emails, cards, and caring during this time of loss. Grief is a funny thing. One minute you are fine and floating along with loving memories, and then wham, you are hit with

overwhelming sadness and sorrow and you don't know how you will go on. This is the nature of grief. I will return to the Island when all restrictions are lifted. Unfortunately this is the new normal for now. I will be doing all of my ministry on Zoom and in phone call check-ins. With the Parish and Worship Committees, I am also taking the position of our UUA President that our Church will be closed for the summer season, with the possibility of re-

maining closed for another year. It will take all of us mindful intention to stay connected, engaged and financially on solid ground over these coming months. Please remember, in these difficult financial times, to pay what you can as we create new ways of fundraising to keep UUSMV a vital voice on this Island. We need one another now more than ever. See you on screen!!
~ Rev. Bill

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President’s Message: Change

As this *Vineyard UU Voice* goes into your email, the November 3 election is 215 days away. Participate in UUSMV’s Restoring Democracy activities! CHANGE drives progress. We have choices. Do we seize change as an opportunity for growth and transformation, or do we react to change as it happens? The Coronavirus shut down our country March 24. It felt to me like the world turned upside down in an instant. We scrambled to REACT to this change in every part of our lives. Stay at home; churches closed; schools closed; businesses closed, and millions of people lost their jobs and ability to make a living. Life will certainly be forever changed. We used to hug and

shake hands. Now we fist bump, give virtual hugs, stay 6’ away, and have no facial expressions behind masks (particularly difficult for those of us who have hearing disabilities).

How will this pandemic CHANGE and create our new reality?

- We may have to conquer the fear of being in close proximity to others.
- Lengthy stay-at-home orders may have exacerbated social anxiety and social isolation.
- Islanders may experience food insufficiency and inability to pay for basic living costs. How will we live in service to our neighbors?
- We may have a revived appreciation for the out-of-doors and life’s simple pleasures. Many conservation

- groups need and invite new volunteers. Will you step up?
 - Living in a digital age is here to stay. Virtual work, education, and events will be integrated into all our lives going forward.
 - How will our church change in the ways we care for and interact with one another? The way we “do” Sunday Services?
 - This pandemic will force us to reconsider who we are and what we value, and in the long run, it could help us rediscover a better version of ourselves.
- Be the change you wish to see in the world (Gandhi),
—Rita

June Caring Coordinator: Judy Hickey

There is no Hospitality Coordinator for June, since we are not using the Chapel.



Parish Committee Notes

Your Parish Committee met via Zoom last month on May 13th. Here are some highlights.

- In a joint meeting with members of the Worship Committee, we unanimously agreed that for the health and safety of our congregation we will continue to do virtual worship services throughout the summer. The Chapel will remain closed to small groups during this time as well. We will reevaluate in September.
- The Worship Committee has been doing a phenomenal job creating Sunday services and we thank them for all their hard work! They will be making minor adjustments as we go along, so that the congregation continues to receive extraordinary content when we worship together.
- The Restoring Democracy Group rallied a group of

23 volunteers who sent out 500 postcards and 140 letters to voters who may have fallen off voter rolls. Well done!

- General Assembly will be online this year and there are many interesting workshops available. Contact Rita for more information. On **June 28th at 10:00 am**, our congregation will join others across the country for the closing service of General Assembly (details to follow). Our very own Jennifer Knight will be singing with the (virtual) choir!
- April was a great month financially, with several members giving extraordinary gifts including donating stimulus checks or increasing pledge amounts. These gifts will help protect us as we go through the rest of the year, knowing that many have been adversely impacted by COVID, and we will not see rental or

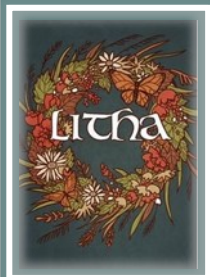
fundraising income as planned due to the virus.

- The Caring Connection Network has been busy during this time. Making calls to members, sending e-cards or handwritten notes, dropping off goodies (socially distanced, of course), doing driveway “visits” and more. Staying connected during this time is so important, especially for those living alone. We encourage all of you to take a few minutes to reach out to someone—or several someones—to offer connection and support.

The next regular PC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 10th, 4:00-6:00 pm**. Everyone is invited to attend. If you plan to do so, or have an agenda item to suggest, please contact Rita Brown, as she will have details as to how and where the meeting will be taking place.

—Kristy Brooks, Secretary

Celebrating Litha June 20-21



Litha or the summer solstice is the time when summer reaches its height and the sun shines longest. This year the exact time of the solstice is **Saturday, June 20 at 5:44 pm**. To make the most of the summer solstice, celebrate the light and nature all weekend by engaging in outdoor activities, such as making a flower crown, working in the garden, or playing in the water. You can find balance on the solstice by meditating, doing yoga, or starting a gratitude journal. Try making an altar of light by arrang-

ing candles, summer flowers, and fruit in a beautiful outdoor space. You can honor the sun by making solstice sun tea and adding edible flowers and herbs to a jar filled with water, then leave it out in the sun to steep. You can also make a sun mandala with petals from orange and yellow flowers. Arrange the petals in decorative, circular patterns while maintaining a vision of peace and serenity. Make a flower crown and dance in the sun. Go to the beach—with social distancing—and enjoy the sounds and sights of the wa-

ter. The summer solstice is a great time to find inner peace and balance. Try the sun salutation and the tree pose or simply sit quietly for a while. Here is a website with ideas for celebrating with children <https://www.backwoodsmama.com/2019/06/9-special-ways-to-celebrate-summer-solstice-with-kids.html> Take pictures of your Litha celebrations and send them to uusmvnewsletter@gmail.com so we may share them in the July newsletter!
—Editor

Our Superstars

Earlier this year (pre-pandemic), this newsletter highlighted our Worship Committee, noting that worship is the heart of this congregation. This group needs to be uplifted once again for they are superstars! They had to pivot with almost no notice from our Chapel services to



services on Zoom. **Jennifer Knight**, who Co-chairs the Committee with **Reverend Bill**,

shared that the service planning continues to be a group effort. However, for the first month of services, the Committee met weekly to plan, implement, and debrief services so that they could create and implement services that were meaningful, inclusive and smoothly run. It is pretty amazing how smooth this transition was!



It would not have been possible without our amazing **Administrative Assistant, Lori Shaller**. Lori has managed the technological end of Zoom during services and she has spent extensive time researching and



problem-solving to make our services run smoothly. She also works with individual members who need assistance downloading Zoom and familiarizing themselves with Zoom. Each week can bring new challenges that Lori manages with calm and grace!

Barb Caseau has been stepping up to serve as the Worship Coordinator on several occasions, sometimes at the last



minute! While **Nancy Cox** has taken a break from the virtual meetings, she joins every service via phone and has continued her practice of taking extensive notes during each service that she is looking forward to sharing with the Committee when they are all together in person.



Sue Streeter started the Monday afternoon Spirit Talks, “a time to listen and share with others heartfelt concerns, hope and coping ways during this challenging time.” These times have been sacred for those who have attended. We are ever grateful for the wisdom and deep experience of



UU’ism that **Esther Hopkins** brings to UUSMV. And then there is **Jennifer Knight**.



In addition to serving as worship coordinator for several services, Jennifer coordinates our musicians/accompanists and provides sound-checks/adjustments to optimize their sound on the Zoom platform (which was not designed with music in mind). Accompanists have been providing recordings of the hymns ahead of time so that Jennifer who also serves as the hymn leader is able to play the recording while singing the hymns for the service.



Jeremy Berlin has been incredibly flexible as we navigate this platform

and our fluid scheduling. Transitioning to Zoom has had its advantages. As one congregant said, now I see faces instead of backs of heads! So next time you are enjoying a Zoom service at the UUSMV, think of all the work that our Worship Committee superstars have done to make it possible.

—Dorie Godfrey for the Nominating and Development Committee

Looking for Hymn Singers

Jennifer Knight is looking for people who are willing to lead a hymn during the service. This would require a “sound-check” with Jennifer ahead of time. The hymn leader would be provided with the accompaniment. All they need is a willingness to sing two verses of a hymn and a phone—or second device—to play the accompaniment into their computer. We will provide them with the pre-recorded music. Contact Jennifer if you would like to be one of our worship superstars! See “Contacts” page 10 for Jennifer’s.

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Friends Are the Flowers in the Garden of Life



At UUSMV we have an active group of Monthly Caring Coordinators. They are Celeste Stickney, Rita Brown, Barb Caseau, Jenifer Parkinson, Jack Street, Judy Hickey, Mimi Davisson, Norman Stickney, Doris Troy, Karen Sankey, Katharine Colon, and Doreen Kinsman. This group was started by Sarah Shepard in the mid 1990's. Each coordinator takes a turn heading up the General Caring in our congregation. They provide help as needed and within the scope of guidelines now that we are experiencing COVID19. They send cards, help with simple tasks, sometimes a ride to a doctor's appointment on Island, when we don't have to do telemedicine. Remember those good old days? They know who can provide a meal, if needed due to illness, death of a loved one, or just because. This has been very different because of what has been going on with the COVID Pandemic. They have scaled back to no home visits

and no direct physical contact. Social distancing rules apply.

There is also a new group that was formed by Rita Brown, Mimi Davisson, and Celeste Stickney in this time of "Safer at Home." It is called the COVID Caring Connection. Each person in this group of about 10 people has a cluster of people they contact regularly. They help us keep our UUSMV connections as a congregation. They provide a listening ear as we have not been able to meet weekly in the Chapel. They make sure no one 'falls through the cracks', so to speak. They do this by calling, sending notes and emails. The COVID Caring Connection includes Celeste Stickney, Rita Brown, Jan Casey, Kristy Brooks, Doris Troy, Mimi Davisson, Judy Crawford, Lucinda Sheldon, Barbara Caseau and Katharine Colon.

These two groups are better able to have a pulse on the

needs and psychological and social problems that could begin due to such extreme isolation we have had to implement. We humans are social creatures by nature, and it is helpful to know you have a friend from UUSMV that will keep in touch. It also has helped us get to know each other better outside of the usually rushed and noisy coffee hour we used to have. This is our new normal. We form a deeper interconnected web among the members and friends of UUSMV. We will continue these efforts as long as possible and as long as needed. And as always, UUSMV members should know they continue to have access to Ministerial Pastoral Care for any issue. What a rewarding experience this has turned out to be in this "new normal" time through which we are living. Here we grow friends.
—Celeste Stickney

In Our CommUUnity

Please hold the following members and friends in your healing thoughts and prayers:

Tom Osborn, Linda Wilson, Ann Dietrich, Herb and Carol Golub, Steve and Joan Clark, Isabel Noel.

Congratulations to our

Senior High school students graduating from MVRHS: **Wilson Riley**, grandson of **Steffie Elliott**, and **Trip Hopkins**, son of **Ewell Hopkins** and **Freedom Cartwright**, grandson of **Esther Hopkins**.

Also, Congratulations to

Barbara Caseau on the birth of her first great grandchild.

Thank you to our Administrative Assistant **Lori Shaller** and to **Jennifer Knight** for all their hard work, patience, and calm during our online Sunday services.

--Celeste Stickney



...fostering universal justice and community action...

While staying safer at home, the Restoring Democracy team has been busy engaging community collaborators and taking actions. We have 27 volunteers including UUSMV members and friends and friends from the Hebrew Social Action Committee, the League of Women Voters, and the MV NAACP. To date we have sent 840 postcards and 140 letters encouraging voters in other states who may have been removed from the voter polls to check their registration and vote in their primaries and the November election.

It is only five months from the critical November election, so we will be working all summer on our goals of: voter registration, getting out the vote, informing voters on key issues.

We get guidance and materials from UU the Vote, MV Indivisible, Reclaim Our Vote, Rock the Vote, and UU Mass Action. As UU the Vote reminds us, “In moments of moral crisis, Unitarian Universalists know we are called to show up. And 2020 is one of those moments. As fascism and white nationalism rise both domestically and around the globe, and as corporations barrel the planet toward irreversible climate collapse, the stakes are incredibly high. But, Unitarian Universalists are rooted in a theology of human worth and dignity, interdependence, and agency as well as a legacy that prepares us for moments such as these.

Progressive people of faith can be powerful and prophetic without being partisan. We can

engage our neighbors, educate our communities, mobilize voters, rally around ballot initiatives, and more broadly shape the public discourse with values-based framing, rooted in our theology and principles.”

If you are not one of the 27, would you like to join us? Contact Dorie Godfrey for more information.

—Dorie Godfrey for the Restoring Democracy Team



When Is A Good Time to Plant a Tree?



I am not sure, but this is attributed to Polly Hill: “When is a good time to plant a tree?

Twenty years ago. When is the next best time? Right now!” So, right now, in this surreal moving but static time, maybe we should be planting a tree or two and some other plants in our backyard at the Chapel. Keeping the desired space for

our someday kitchen, parish hall, and RE class building, there is some space for habitat plantings — those that may attract birds, butterflies, bring beauty for our eyes and fragrances for our noses. I have the permission of our notorious grounds keeper, Norman, (of third party fame!) to ask if anyone might be interested in the planning and carrying out of some plantings. We would need a map of the back yard (Mary Miller?), some soil and plant type information (maybe Liz

Loucks?), some hard workers with shovels, spades, strong backs (anyone??), and some plants (me, Barb Caseau, with Polly Hill connections). Let us make the month of June our goal for working, at safe distances, with masks and tools and plants to make a beautiful habitat area in our Chapel yard. Let Barbara Caseau know if you are interested in joining this adventure.

—Barbara Caseau, Climate Justice Team



...fostering universal justice and community action...

Because we are not gathering each Sunday in Stevens Chapel, we have not been collecting food for the Island Food Pantry. Yet food insecurity on MV is greater during this pandemic. Please consider donating money or food and basic supplies to the Island Food Pantry. Any size donation

is welcome. You can send a check to the Island Food Pantry, PO Box 1874, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568 or donate online at <http://islandfoodpantry.org/> The pantry continues to accept food donations at the Purple Boxes found at grocery stores and other locations and at the Pantry. As the Island Food Pantry website says, "Thank you for taking care of yourself

and others, because no one should go hungry on Martha's Vineyard."
—Editor



Wear ORANGE on June 5

In 2013 fifteen year old Hadiya Pendleton was shot and killed in Chicago. After her death, her family and friends wore orange to honor Hadiya and the hundreds of Americans killed and wounded by gun vio-

lence every day. Every year since then, to coincide with Hadiya's birthday on June 2, we've worked to continue their efforts by wearing orange on the first Friday in June and the entirety of that weekend.

So on June 5, let's wear orange to draw attention to gun violence. Post a picture on social media with #wearorange!
—Editor



This Old Church

It has been a few quiet weeks here in Lake Woe-begone. I bet as sure as death and taxes, I will look back and wish I could mow the lawn again; but, just not right now. The church lawn mower burst into song, after 99 pulls on the starter rope and tears of desperation, rage, anguish and language. At least this year, there was no fire. Of course, by then Celeste had just about finished by using our lawnmower. However, I got to do a few rows of harvest, until the handle fell

off. Where did that bolt go? I think it is called a carriage bolt, and Granite Store and Shirley's Hardware each have aisles of drawers of little things like that. There's no frosting; but it is still a piece of cake. My plan is to remove the other carriage bolt. Take it down there and do what I call a Lassie, named after the iconic dog from the TV show. I go in with the bolt and approach the clerk and point to the bolt and say, "ARF ARF ARF. ARF ARF ARF!" They go get the oth-

er one. Bing bang boom. Oh, you feel like an idiot at first. I got used to it. It works. Speaking of working, nothing is so satisfying as collecting yard debris from the Stevens Memorial Chapel grounds. There are tons of sticks and leaves and you are welcome to take as much as you like! I have heard that collecting sticks cures corona virus.
—Norman Stickney, Trustee

Things To Do During Pandemic



Skip Petersen is offering jigsaw puzzles to anyone that would like one or more during this time of COVID19 social isolation. She has hundreds of puzzles from 100 to 2,000 pieces, with most being 1,000 pieces. If interested, please call Skip between 7:30 am to 12 noon. Please note she does not have an

answering machine.
—Celeste Stickney

Are you missing grandkids, family and friends who are far away or close but staying safer at home? Here are some ideas for things to do together on Zoom, FaceTime, or other virtual platforms. Do online jigsaw puzzles together. play a variety of games such as triv-

ia, tick tack toe, Madlibs, bingo. Build a family tree together. Have a Playdough or Lego challenge! Share a recipe and cook together. For really young ones, teach finger plays, read a story, sing songs, play with the same toy, play Simon Says.

If you have ideas to share, let me know and I will include them in Friday emails and the next newsletter.

—Dorie Godfrey

June Zoom Meetings



Sewcial Action

Knitwork continues to work on quilts, pillows, and asks from home. —

Laura Beebe

Women's Group

will be meeting **Thursday, June 11 and Thursday, June 25, 2:00-4:00 pm.** All women of UUSMV are invited to join in on our twice monthly discussions. — Celeste Stickney



UUSMV Book Club

will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, June 16, 2:00 pm.** We

are reading *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. All are welcome. — Peter Meloney

Men's Group

will meet **Saturday, June 6, 9:30 am.** The Group will use Bill Engler's Zoom room; please contact him for the login information. —Peter Meloney



Tea with the Vicar meets **Thursday, June 4 and Thursday, June 18,**

2:00 pm. Bring a cup of tea and join Rev. Bill for conversation.
—Rev. Bill

UUSMV Meditation Circle

is continuing to meet weekly via Zoom on **Tuesday mornings, 9:30 am** with the guidance of Ed Merck. To join: ID# 898 0730 0152 Password: 737316 or cut and paste this URL:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89807300152?pwd=NkNVeFklZllo2LzgIazEzb1BKVkhOUT09> We are open to everyone who wants to try, we do mindfulness meditation and participant sharing, and we deal with topics such as stress and fear that are coming up during the current situation. —Peter Meloney



Parents Coffee Hour

happens on **Saturdays, 10:00 am** via Zoom. All are invited.
—Kristy Brooks

Spirit Talk, a time to hear and share heartfelt concerns, hope and coping ways, will continue for as long as there is need on **Mondays at 3:30 pm.** We speak from the silence when so moved. Following a brief check-in, we share a reading with several suggested questions to consider in this time of challenging change. All are welcome through the ZOOM church meeting portal. —Sue Streeter

"Ageing to Sageing Group

meets **Wednesday, June 24, 1:00 pm** via Zoom. —Ann Hollister

About Zoom:

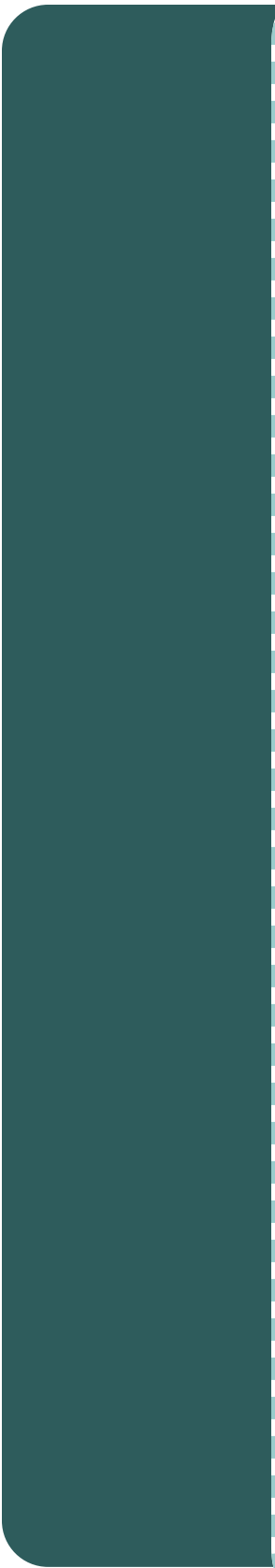
You must update Zoom on your device(s). Open the app., click on your picture, choose "check for updates," and download version 5.0 or accept the download when prompted when joining by a link.

Neighborhood Convention

We received this lovely notice from the Neighborhood Convention in May...

Today at Neighborhood Convention, we would have learned from Phil Wallis about the wonders of our NEW Martha's Vineyard Museum. This event, however, was yet one more postponed until we're less vulnerable to the novel coronavirus. Yogi Berra, nearly mythical baseball player and famous for his use of words, said "It's not over until it's over." That's true of today's Neighborhood Convention meeting, last month's and next month's. Sometime next season, the first Tuesday of the month will again be a time for us to be together, learn together and simply enjoy each other.

Until then, your Board wishes you good health, comfort, and peace.
—Sofia, Patricia, Mary-Jean, Barbara, Carole, Arline, Penny, Susan, and Leigh



Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

Please call Rev. Bill at 617-233-3606 if you'd like to speak with him;
his next time on Island is to be determined.

Worship services and meetings listed are by Zoom.

The UUSMV Zoom ID# is 940 766 8736, password is 735531

You can join using this url: [https://zoom.us/j/9407668736?](https://zoom.us/j/9407668736?pwd=STN5bVZXd2lneEpmaUxTYW5ib0pWdz09)

[pwd=STN5bVZXd2lneEpmaUxTYW5ib0pWdz09](https://zoom.us/j/9407668736?pwd=STN5bVZXd2lneEpmaUxTYW5ib0pWdz09)

Or call: 1-646-558-8656, and when prompted give this ID# including the pound sign at the end: 9407668736#, password 735531

June 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 3:30 pm: Spirit Talk	2 9:30 am: Meditation Circle	3	4	5 Wear Orange in Remembrance of Those Killed through Gun Violence	6 9:30 am: Men's Group Meeting 10:00 am: Parents Coffee Hour
7 11:00 am: <i>Holler Uncle, Molly</i> - Reverend Bill Clark	8 3:30 pm: Spirit Talk	9 9:30 am: Meditation Circle	10 4:00 pm: Parish Committee Meeting	11 2:00 pm: Women's Group Meeting	12	13 10:00 am: Parents Coffee Hour 10:00 am: Island Insight Meditation Group Meets
14 11:00 am: <i>"The Statue Is in the Stone"</i> - Reverend Bill Clark	15 3:30 pm: Spirit Talk	16 9:30 am: Meditation Circle 2:00 pm: Book Club	17 3:00 pm: Worship Committee Meeting	18	19	20 10:00 am: Parents Coffee Hour Celebrate Litha starting tonight
21 11:00 am: <i>Fun to Fun</i> - Timothy Penicaud Litha continues	22 3:30 pm: Spirit Talk	23 9:30 am: Meditation Circle	24 1:00 pm: "Ageing to Sageing" Group Meeting	25 2:00 pm: Women's Group Meeting	26	27 10:00 am: Parents Coffee Hour
28 10:00 am: <i>UUA General Assembly Sunday Worship Service</i> - Reverends Joan Javier-Duval and Mykal O'Neal Slack	29 3:30 pm: Spirit Talk	30 9:30 am: Meditation Circle				

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Jenifer Parkinson on June 4,
Nancy Cox who will be 85 on June 16,
Emily Anderson on June 17,
Debbie Dean on June 22, and
Susanna Savoy on June 26.