

# Vineyard UU Voice

*We are an intentionally welcoming congregation of diverse faiths and shared values, fostering spiritual growth, community action and universal justice.*

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## PLEDGE 2021



**This is where we build community, find solace and joy, and enjoy music and good company on the path to spiritual growth.**

**This is where our children learn to care for others and the world.**

**This is where we find the will to speak out, act with courage, and work for justice.**

**Let's keep our flame shining bright. Pledge as generously as you can.**

## In Memoriam

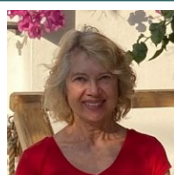
"The legal profession, the United States, and the world have lost a hero with the passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Known for her leadership in championing gender equality, her passionate dissents, and her steadfast commitment to the principle of equality before the law, Justice Ginsburg profoundly influenced and shaped U.S. constitutional law. Her judicial opinions revealed her unending fight for justice and illuminated her faith in what the United States could be for every person. She inspired generations of young law students with her eloquent



prose, sharp analytic reasoning, and continued awareness of how laws impact the most

vulnerable among us. In her own life, Justice Ginsburg succeeded in breaking through many barriers to equality—and she dedicated her career as a lawyer, judge, and Justice to breaking down barriers for others." From "Reflecting on RBG's Legacy" by Lynn McDonough and Larissa Morgan, *The Regulatory Review*, September 21, 2020.

Let us honor Justice Ginsburg by living our UU principles each and every day and fighting for equality and justice for all and especially for the vulnerable among us.  
—Editor



**October Caring Coordinator:**  
**Karen Sankey**



# Worship Services

# 11:00

*All Worship Services take place on Zoom. Please see page 11 for details about how to join.*

## **October 4:** *Putting the Sacred Back in Sacrifice* - Reverend Jennifer Johnson



In contemporary usage, the word sacrifice is most often used in secular terms to stand in for the idea of giving up something. In ancient times, sacrifice was a way to be in closer relationship with the Divine. What have we lost by stripping the concept of sacrifice from its sacred roots? What could we gain if we put the sacred back in sacrifice? Reverend Jennifer Johnson is a newly fellowshiped Unitarian Universalist minister. She is a graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School and currently serves as Learning Fellow for Prison Ministry at Church of the Larger Fellowship. She lives in Franklin, MA with her partner and their two teenagers.



## **October 11:** *The World's on Fire (And We Still Fall in Love)* - Reverend Erin J. Walter

Pandemic life can be a roller-coaster. Some days we feel almost normal, while other days bring us to our knees. Drawing upon scripture, spiritual practice, and original music, Unitarian Universalist Rev. Erin Walter will reflect on how we may endure painful uncertainty while also embracing moments of joy and gratitude where we find them. Reverend Erin J. Walter is a minister, activist, and musician based in Austin, Texas. Her work is rooted in the powerful connection between the arts, justice movements, and multicultural community. A former YMCA director, Erin serves as a board member for the [Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry](#) and the Affiliated Community Minister of [Wildflower \(Unitarian Universalist\) Church](#) in South Austin. In this service, you will hear music from her band Parker Woodland, which you can find at [ParkerWoodland.com](#).

## **October 18:** *What Is Ours to Do?* - David LaMotte



In a world full of large, complex, and overwhelming problems, it is sometimes hard to

imagine that we can have much impact. Many of us long for a better world, but are rendered immobile by the enormity of things, and the endless list of issues that demand our attention. How do we determine what is ours to do — and what isn't?

David LaMotte is a singer/songwriter with a 3000-concert career, and the author of three books, including *White Flour* and *Worldchanging 101: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness*. He is the co-founder of PEG Partners, a non-profit that supports literacy, critical thought, and artistic expression in Guatemalan schools, and the creator of [LetsBeNeighbors.org](#). He holds a master's degree in Peace Studies from Brisbane, Australia's University of Queensland, which he obtained as a Rotary Peace Fellow, and is the former Clerk of the AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Committee. He lives in Black Mountain, North Carolina, with his wife and son.

## **October 25:** *Climate Change* - Barbara Caseau and Others

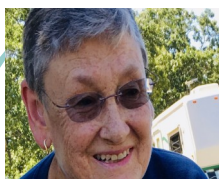
This will be a UUA United Nations service focusing on climate justice and the groups, such as indigenous people and people of color, who are most affected by climate change.

# Farewell with Love

It was a beautiful Sunday as we gathered on the lawn of Stevens Chapel to bid farewell to Reverend Bill who shared his ministry with us for seven years. It was a time of sadness but also

best wishes and love for Reverend Bill as he retires from his ministry with UUSMV and returns full time to Provincetown. Reverend Bill was presented with a beautiful memory book

created by Kristy Brooks with photographs and written memories submitted by the congregation. Farewell with love, Rev Bill!  
—Editor



## President's Message: What UUSMV Means to Me

I moved to MV in 2001, when Janice and I bought the little bakery in Oak Bluffs, with retail sites in Edgartown and Vineyard Haven. The move was difficult; at age 50, I had to get a new doctor, hearing specialist, barber, dentist, you name it! And I needed a new veterinarian, which was the most difficult decision. I decided that fall I wanted to make some new friends and was driving up upper Main St. in Vineyard Haven when a little church caught my eye; specifically, the rainbow flag caught my attention. I thought this may be a place I can meet some liberal-minded people, so I ventured in one Sunday. I found myself on the Parish Committee in 2003 and spent several years serving as a Trustee, which was my first love. Our "building" is fascinating, and I love how it felt to be in the Sanctuary. The church and the members were warm and inviting and went out of their way to introduce themselves and be friendly. It seemed that this was exactly what I was looking for so that I could find a sense of community here on Martha's Vineyard. I was prepared to jump into whatever needed doing that I had the talent and time for. I had not experienced Unitarian Universalism before; I grew up a Methodist and was turned off to traditional religion because, as a gay person, I was not welcome in many churches. Uni-

tarian Universalist values of the 7 Principles fit my world view. I had reached a point in my life when I had decided I would only join something that touched my heart and soul, and I would only spend time with people who were like-minded. It is really an honor to serve our faith community. I want to spend the time I am given to make a difference in the corner of the world I find myself in.

UUSMV has a heart as big as the Island. We are people who will stop what we are doing to make and deliver a meal to one of us in need; we will offer to drive one another to an appointment; we send cards for accomplishments, birthdays, or for no reason but to stay in touch; we pick up the phone and chat with someone who needs a listening ear; we are there for one another when one of us is ill or when we lose a loved one. We are generous with our time, our talents, and our treasure so that our small, but mighty church has the financial ability to continue to serve and to inspire us to be better people and to create a better world. UUs are generous in spirit. "Our highest calling is to BE the church, not to go to church." We invite you to show your gratitude for our UUSMV community with a generous pledge in the upcoming pledge campaign. Pledge according to your means; we are grateful for your participation as we strive to have 100% participation from our mem-

bers.

We are in a time of change and transition. As we begin to look toward 2021, we will work on articulating our individual and collective vision for our future. Will we hire a minister? When? What characteristics are important to you that our next minister should possess? When will our choir be able to sing again? When will our youngsters be participating in Religious Exploration again? We will each have the opportunity to think about and share our thoughts together later this fall and early in the new year.

We are on the cusp of moving deeper into fall and then winter. As things stand now, a vaccine for COVID-19 is not yet on the horizon, nor is a treatment. The UUA continues to tell us we should plan to operate virtually through the spring of 2021. We have not made that decision yet, but it's looking like they may be right. It will be too cold to sit on the porches and socially distant visit. How will we stay connected with one another? All ideas welcome! I close by acknowledging the stress many feel with the untimely death of the icon for civil rights, women's rights, and voting rights, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, and the upcoming election. Reach out. You are not going through this alone, I assure you!

With abiding friendship,  
—Rita



# Parish Committee Notes

Your Parish Committee met via Zoom last month on September 8th. Here are some highlights.

- Reverend Bill's farewell event was a success! ~45 people attended in person and 18 on Zoom. A special thank you to those who provided photographs and notes for the Memory Book we gifted Reverend Bill. Another copy will be available once we re-open Stevens Chapel.

- The Pledge Committee is ready for the upcoming "Keep the Flame Burning" pledge drive running from **October 1 to October 31**. A group of volunteers will contact members and friends throughout the month to discuss the important work we've been doing together fighting for racial justice, climate justice, and restoring our democracy as well as how we will come together to imagine what we desire for our future – Minister,

Parish Hall, Music, RE etc..

- Our financial health remains stable. Thank you to those who continue to pay pledges and make offerings. Creating a budget for 2021 will be challenging due to COVID and its impact on our church expenses and members' ability to pledge going forward. The Finance Committee will meet soon to begin looking at various scenarios for next year.

- The Minister's Discretionary Fund has available funds. If you or someone you know could use a little help, please reach out to Jan Casey.

- The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee continues their work to fill spots on committees. If you have skills/gifts/talents you would like to share with our community, please reach out to Dorie Godfrey to discuss!

- The "debrief" Zoom call held after the DNC and RNC was well attended. The plan is to hold additional sessions after each of the debates.

- We are creating a repository of resources on the UUSMV.org website related to Anti-Racism, Black Lives Matter and White Privilege. This will be available to members and the public. Stay tuned for details as to how you can contribute to and utilize this portion of our website.

The next regular PC meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 13, 4:00-6:00 pm**. If you plan to attend and/or have an agenda item to suggest, please contact Rita Brown as she will have details about how to attend and where the meeting will be taking place.

-Kristy Brooks, Secretary

## MINISTER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Reminder that the Minister's Discretionary Fund remains available for any members who need emergency assistance with food, utilities, rent, medical bills, or other vital expenses. A total of \$1300 remains in the account from last year's offerings at the Candlelight Service. All requests will remain absolutely confidential. Please contact Jan by phone or email.

—Jan Casey, Treasurer

## Treasurer's Report

Thanks to your payment of pledges and your offerings, UUSMV is financially stable. We can sustain our church, care for our Chapel, and look toward the future. We are spending a bit more in some categories (guest speakers and Lori's salary) and less in other areas (printing, utilities, physical care of the Chapel). Financial Statements are posted in the Members section of our webpage.

If there is any excess income at the end of the year, it will be transferred to Reserve Funds. Reserve Funds are used to pay for operating losses, emergency repairs, and future projects.

As noted in the box at the left, I am handling the Minister's Discretionary Fund during the absence of a minister. If there is anyone in need of a helping hand, please let me know.

The pledge drive has begun – we hope all of you will make a pledge for 2021. The Finance Committee will begin work on the budget for 2021, and knowing the amount of income we can expect will be a critical piece of the budgeting process.

The threat of COVID, and uncertainty about when a safe, effective vaccine will readily be available to the public, is making it difficult to plan for

2021.

When or will we be able to open the Chapel? Should we secure the services of an interim minister? What about the music and life-long learning programs? Finance Committee members will do their best to project income and expenses for next year.

As we stay hunkered down, and buying from Amazon, please remember to order using <https://smile.amazon.com> and designate UUSMV as your charity.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

—Jan Casey, Treasurer



## Let's Work to Eliminate Our Reliance on Fundraising



Our pledges currently cover only 72% of our operating expenses. Other sources of income include:

- Interest and dividends (9%)

- Offerings and gifts (9%)
- Fundraising (6%)
- Building rentals (4%)

Fundraising is labor intensive and unpredictable, and we're all too aware that any time we do fundraising we're asking our members to create or donate fundraising items and then purchase them! A first step to building a more sustainable income is to eliminate the use of fundraising to cover operating expenses. This year we are asking you to think about what you typically spend on our fundraising

events and add that to your pledge. Our 2021 goal is to eliminate reliance on fundraising for our operating expenses. Any fundraising that we might choose to do could go toward special projects, our building fund, or universal justice projects, i.e. not for electricity, staff salaries, or other operating expenses. And just think, our potlucks could be solely for social, community building, not fundraising!

—The Pledge Team: Rita Brown, Kristy Brooks, Mimi Davisson, Dorie Godfrey

## Join the UUSMV Crop Walk Team

After over 50 years (30 years on MV) of Crop Walks fighting hunger, this year MV will have a Crop Walk-a-Thon to fight hunger. Walk anytime you like, between **October 1** and **18**, for as long as you wish and in whatever way you wish to walk: run, bike, kayak, dance! And, always, please be safe; wear masks when necessary and maintain social distancing. Norman Stickney is our UUSMV Crop Walk leader this year. You can register for

Team UUSMV online or by calling or emailing Norman. Twenty-five percent of the funds we raise will benefit the Island Food Pantry and the Vineyard Committee on Hunger in their services to the Island. The other funds will be used by Church World Service in the US and globally for emergency food supplies, agricultural training, livestock, wells and pumps, farm seeds and farm equipment. To join the team and donate

online go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/marthasvineyard/>. Click on "DONATE". Select "TEAM" and type in UUSMV, then select UUSMV that pops up. Select the amount you wish to donate and complete the form. If you want to solicit donors to support your walk, contact Norman for a donor form! Good luck!  
—Norman Stickney, UUSMV Crop Walk-a-thon Team Leader



## In Our CommUUnity

Please hold the following members and friends in your thoughts and prayers: **Herb** and **Carol Golub**, **Betty Burton** and **John Sundman**, **Tad Crawford**, **Mike Shepard**, **Laura Beebe**, **Isabelle Noel**. Condolences to **Joan Clark** on the death of her husband of 52

years, **Steve Clark**, after a 16-month battle with brain cancer. With sadness we note the passing of longtime member **Blair Schick**, husband of Sondra Schick, after a lengthy illness. Blair had served as treasurer of UUSMV. He was also instrumental in helping to set up

PFLAG on Martha's Vineyard, writing bylaws and establishing its charter.  
--Celeste Stickney



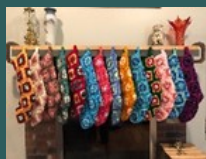
KEEP THE FLAME BURNING

## Pledge Drive 2021

We support our mission and congregation in four ways.

1. We support it with our presence,
2. We support it with our work,
3. We support it with our spirits by bringing loving hearts and open minds to the community and
4. We support it with our financial stewardship.

*Please give generously.*



Mimi Davisson (a member of the Sewcial Action Knit-work) is crocheting stockings for the CONNECT to End Violence and Hospice of Maratha's Vineyard



Judy Crawford is the winner of the Pandemic Quiz! Jack Street will be presenting Judy with a "one-way ticket to Brockton" for getting the most questions correct!

## During the Pandemic...

How are you doing during the pandemic? This can be a stressful time so, it's important to take time for yourself and do the things that make you happy. Our options are limited due to social distancing and other safety protocols but be sure to take care of yourself. To deal with the stress and anxiety, many are turning to meditation, yoga, and other mindfulness activities. Here are some suggestions:

- UUSMV's Zoom Meditation every Tuesday at 9:30
- Coloring meditation – You can google "coloring meditation" and download black and white drawings to print. There are also mandala and meditation coloring books you can buy.
- Psychology Today recommends this free breathing meditation: <https://soundcloud.com/rfmw> and this site for free mindfulness meditations: <http://www.freemindfulness.org/download>

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•Remind yourself that this is not forever, and your isolation is altruistic and helping our community! Stay safe and if you have suggestions, please share them!

–Editor



Steve Engh, Ken Beebe, and Peter Palches toughing it out during the pandemic!

## Please Think about How You Reply to Email

When receiving an email that needs a reply, it is usually adequate to respond to the sender alone via 'Reply' or 'Reply to Sender'. Often all recipients of a sender's email do not need to see all the responses – especially if a response is a "Thanks for the infor-

mation" or "I'll take a tuna salad sandwich" or "I'll attend the meeting" type of response. Occasionally every recipient needs to see a response, and using 'Reply All' is appropriate for those times. But please use the "Reply All" function only

when it truly adds to the discourse. Thanks for being attentive to which email response mode you are using.

—A Friend Struggling to Keep Ahead of an Overburdened Email Queue



# 11,000 Postcards and Letters, 11 States, 60 Volunteers



Thank you: Jocelyn Adams, Laura Beebe, Maureen Best, Bari Boyer, Kristy Brooks and family, Betsy Buck, Karen Burke, Barb Caseau, Jan Casey, Ira Certner, Ann Charnley, Nancy Clair, Rhonda Cohen, Katharine Colon, Arlene Conroy and friend, Judy Crawford, Amy Custer, Judy David, Mimi Davisson, Jennie Driessen, Karen Dougherty-Merry, Carole Early, Christine Ferrone, Suzanne Flanders, Dorie Godfrey, Leslie Gray, Lucia Hayman, JP Hitesman, Ann Hollister, Rona Kiley and friend, Grayson Kilgo, Doreen Kinsman, Kathy Kitsock, Jennifer Knight, Donna McElroy, Peter Meleney, Mary Miller, Linda and Roger Moffat, Stacy Morris-Porterfield, Bea Phear, Karen Sankey, Amy Schaffbuch, Phyllis Segal, Lucinda Sheldon and friends, Sarah Shepard, Leigh Smith, Karin Stanley, Abbie Steele, Cecily Stibitz, Kristi Strahler, Jack Street, Sue Streeter, Linda Vadasz, Kris Vrooman, Merri Walkenstein and friends, Jocelyn Welch-McCarthy, Diane Whittier, Linda Wilson, Nancy Wood. Apologies to anyone we missed!

—Dorie Godfrey and Kristy Brooks



We Are Safe; Many Are Not  
While we live constrained by the pandemic, but relatively safe, there's catastrophe all over the world. Hurricanes, floods, fires, drought, famine, not to mention genocide. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) exists to fight these disasters, to advance worldwide social justice and human rights. The UUSC is

our proxy for doing good works in the world where we cannot. Guest at Your Table is a major fundraiser for the UUSC. In the past we've distributed banks for collecting spare coins and paper money to feed symbolic guests at our tables. This year we invite you to put a coffee mug, a bowl, or other container in a convenient spot (maybe on your table) to collect for Guest at Your Table throughout the month of

October. We'll collect the proceeds in early November to send to the UUSC.

If you prefer, you could make out a check to "UUSC Guest at Your Table" with "Congregation 5121" in the memo line and mail it to UUSMV, PO Box 1236, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.

Every nickel and dime helps! Thank you for your generosity during this chaotic time.

—Mimi Davisson, UUSC Liaison

## I'm All In



One goal for the Keep the Flame Burning pledge drive is "All In," which means that everyone who is touched by the UUSMV will make a pledge, including both members and friends. Have you been moved by UUSMV, by a sermon, the music, our universal justice work, the support of youth coming up in the world today, the caring of our members in times of need, our community? Are you excited about being part of shaping our future? We hope you will support UUSMV by making a generous pledge. Whatever you can do is appreciated!

## Information about Our Groups



The Men's Group meets Saturday,

October 10, 9:30 am. Location to be determined. We hope to meet in person in someone's backyard with a fire pit in the middle of our circle so that we can be warm.

—Peter Meleney



The Women's Group meets on Zoom on

Thursday, October 8 and October 22, 2:00-4:00 pm.

All are welcome.

—Celeste Stickney



The Book Club will not be meeting

until after the Sacred Ground sessions end.

—Peter Meleney



The Sewcial Action Knitworkers continue to work on

projects for UU members and friends, as well as for the Handmade from the Heart, Hospice of Martha's Vineyard's silent auction.

—Laura Beebe

## Why We Pledge

**We join other UUs in working to restore our country's democracy.**

**We form a Pastoral Care team to serve our members.**

**We work hard for Climate Justice.**

**We join others in fighting for Racial Justice and Criminal Justice Reform**

**We begin to shape the future of our new property behind Steven's Chapel**

**We join together to plan the future of our ministries, music, and lifelong learning.**

**All in, we can do these and more!**

## Be Prepared to Not Know the Election Results

With the expected increase in mail voting, we may not know the results of the Presidential election on November 3rd. We may not know the results for days. Delayed results sometimes happen in tight State races with mail in voting, but it has not happened in a presidential election since 2000.

This is especially worrisome this year, because the current president has suggested that voting by mail will lead to fraud and he can only lose if the election is rigged. However, as reported by the *Washington Post*, a recent analysis of voting in 2016 and 2018 in states with mail voting cast

the risk of fraud at 0.0025%. ("Minuscule number of potentially fraudulent ballots in states with universal mail voting undercuts Trump claims about election risks" by Elise Viebeck, *The Washington Post*, June 8, 2020.)

The delay will not be due to fraud but due to the time it takes to count the mailed ballots. State election officials are mixed on how long it will take to count ballots. States who have been using mail voting for years do not expect significant delays. States who expanded mail in voting this year due to the pandemic and the difficul-

ties faced by the US Postal Service suggest it may be days before all votes are counted. Many states do not allow ballots to be counted until election day. (<https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/vopp-table-16-when-absentee-mail-ballot-processing-and-counting-can-begin.aspx>)

So, another way to protect the results of the election is to prepare to be patient and share this information with those who may be suspect about mail voting.

--Dorie Godfrey for the Restoring Democracy Team

## BE A POLL WORKER

The West Tisbury Town Clerk is looking for community members who would like to be involved in the upcoming elections as poll workers. Call or email the Clerk for more information. [town-clerk@westtisbury-ma.gov](mailto:town-clerk@westtisbury-ma.gov) 508-696-0148  
—Editor





# Voting in Person? Vote Early.

Massachusetts voters can also vote before Election Day. The early voting period runs from Saturday, October 17, 2020 to Friday, October 30, 2020, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

## Aquinnah at Gay Head Town Hall

Saturdays, October 17 and 24 and Sundays, October 18 and 25 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon; Monday-Friday, October 19-23 and 26-30 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

## Chilmark at Town Hall

Saturdays, October 17 and 24

and Sundays October 18 and 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Monday-Friday October 19-23 and 26-30, 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, and Thursdays, October 22 and 29, 4:00 to 7:00 pm

## Edgartown Town Hall

Saturdays, October 17 and 24, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Sundays October 18 and 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Monday-Friday, October 19-23 and 26-30, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

## Oak Bluffs location, to be determined

Saturdays, October 17 and 24, Sundays, October 18 and 25, 8:30 - 10:30 am, Monday-Friday, October 19-23 and 26-30, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

## Tisbury at the Emergency Services Center

Saturdays, October 17 and 24 and Sundays, October 18 and 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Monday-Friday, October 19-23 and 26-30, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

## West Tisbury WT Public Safety Building in the apparatus bay

Saturdays and Sundays, October 17 and 18 and 24 and 25, 9:00 - 11:00 am  
Mondays - Fridays, October 19-23 and 26-30, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

—Editor



## Becoming a Green Sanctuary

The UUA Green Sanctuary Program is a way for congregations to

educate themselves on environmental issues and take part in transformational activities designed with several goals in mind:

- Deepen ties to UU faith and the seventh principle, bringing congregational culture into greater alignment with environmentally sustainable

practices;

- Empower congregations, families, and individuals to embrace and integrate effective stewardship of the Earth into their daily lives; and
  - Grow the environmental movement among people of faith by inviting congregations to support Commit2Respond, a UU-affiliated coalition addressing climate injustice through activism.
- If these goals speak to you, how about getting involved with others in our congregation to begin the journey of becoming

a green sanctuary congregation?

I believe that many of you believe that climate change is real, and that especially on this Island, we have the opportunity to change our own behavior in many small ways to help our only Earth get healthier! Please contact Barb Caseau if you would like to be a part of this vital change.

—Barb Caseau for the UUSMV Climate Justice Team

## This Old Church



Work on the lower handrail project creeps along. There are just three pieces left to whittle and secure. The other seven are in place. Of course, I discovered some other ramp nuances: the upper railing now doesn't look as good, there are

a couple of other boards a little loose, the old lighting system is partially removed. I was surprised to see I still have taping to do on the stairs inside.

—Norman Stickney, Trustee

## Neighborhood Convention on Hiatus

We are an interfaith gathering of laity and clergy committed to fellowship and service on Martha's Vineyard. We first met on November 13, 1894. We've been meeting monthly October through June at various houses of worship. We're not over. We're on "pause." It's not likely we'll gather this season. Everyone's safety is too important. Please remember to carry forth our commitment to fellowship and service. And love. Sofia Anthony, Patricia Correia, Mary-Jean Miner, Barbara Bennett, Carole Early, Arline Harkness, Penny Hinkle and Susan Waldrop

## *Contacts*

# Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

For Pastoral Care please call Reverend Vicky Hanjian at 508-696-8225.

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?pwd=STN5bVZXd21neEpmaUxTYW5ib0pWdz09>

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

Please contact Ed Merck for the Zoom information for Tuesday morning meditation and Island Insight Meditation for the Saturday morning meditation.

## October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:00 am: Black Lives Matter Group Meeting	2	3
4 11:00 am: <i>Putting the Sacred Back in Sacrifice</i> - Reverend Jennifer Johnson	5	6 9:30 am: Meditation Circle	7 3:00 pm: Worship Committee Meeting	8 2:00 pm: Women's Group Meeting	9	10 9:30 am: Men's Group Meeting - location tbd 9:30 am: Island Insight Meditation with Chas Di Capua
11 11:00 am: <i>The World's on Fire (And We still Fall in Love)</i> - Reverend Erin J. Walter	12	13 9:30 am: Meditation Circle 4:00 pm: Parish Committee Meeting	14	15	16	17
18 11:00 am: <i>What Is Ours to Do?</i> - David LaMotte	19	20 9:30 am: Meditation Circle 3:00 pm: Caring Committee Meeting	21	22 2:00 pm: Women's Group Meeting	23	24
25 11:00 am: <i>Climate Change</i> - Barbara Caseau and Others	26	27 9:30 am: Meditation Circle	28 1:00 pm: "Ageing to Sageing" Group Meeting	29	30	31





Wishing the happiest and healthiest of birthdays to

Jeanne Hewett on October 10

Reverend Janet Newton who turns 48 on October 15

Maria Thibodeau who turns 43 on October 24

Dorothy Packer on October 30

May your next trip around the sun bring all that you need.

—Dorie Godfrey

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