

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

January 26, 2025

"The Never Ending Story"

with

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can
change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has.*

- Margaret Mead

Chalice Lighting and Opening Words

Linda Moffat

"Inscribing our pages with Hope" by David Breeden

We tender this flame, opening the book,

turning to a page yet to be written.

Opening a story yet to be told.

May we fill this fresh page wisely.

May we write a new story into being.

May we together inscribe the page with hope.

Opening Hymn #39 "Bring, O Morn, Thy Music"

Candles of Joy and Concern

Linda Moffat

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Offering and Offertory

Peter Halperin

Reading "Connections Are Made Slowly" by Marge Piercy

Ed Pachico

Sermon "The Never Ending Story"

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Closing Song "Imagine" by John Lennon

-words on screen and in Zoom chat

Benediction/Closing Words

Rev. Vicky Hanjian

Please join us after the service for our 125th annual meeting. Members are invited to enjoy a light lunch provided by the Parish Committee and return to their seats for the meeting. All are welcome to attend, but only voting members may cast votes.

Thank you to Mary Carmel, Bill Bridwell and Jenifer Parkinson for service support.

The Worship Committee's hope is to create Sunday services relevant to your lives and informed by a powerful sense of something beyond ourselves. Our sermons are not TED talks, they are spiritually-driven moments in time when we connect and share our vulnerabilities with each other. The sermon takes place in a spiritual mix of song, prayer, poetry and candle-lighting. If you feel that you have an idea for a worship topic or sermon (even if it is not fully shaped in your mind), please reach out to a member of the Worship Committee: Linda Moffet, Liz Loucks, Peter Palches, or Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie. We will collaborate with you in making something germane and powerful.

Pastoral Coverage and Care

Rev. Vicki Hanjian will provide pastoral care. She can be reached at 508-696-8225 or av.hanjian@verizon.net

Need Someone to Listen?

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Vicky, your Lay Ministers (Bill Bridwell, Jan Casey, Kevin Longval) are available to lend support to anyone in our USMV community in their time of need by being available to listen and offer comfort. You can reach them individually by calling: Jan Casey (508-942-3643), Bill Bridwell (774-563-8542), Kevin Longval (781-249-4712) or reach out to uu.society.mv@gmail.com

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Upcoming events

Friday, January 24, 10 am: Let's Have A Visit (Zoom)

Saturday, January 25, 3:30 pm: Spiritual Book Club (Zoom)

Sunday, January 26, after the service: Annual Meeting

Monday, January 27, 10-11:30 am: Project Connect Monday Group (Stevens Chapel)

Tuesday, January 28 2-3:30 pm: Project Connect Tuesday Group (Stevens Chapel)

Saturday, February 1, 5 - 6:30 pm: Bingo! In person and on Zoom.

Tuesday, February 4, 4:30 pm: Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 5, 5 - 6 pm: Social Justice Planning (Zoom)

Friday, February 7, 2 pm: Sewcial Action Knitwork (meet at the home of Mimi Davisson)

Saturday, February 8, 1:30 - 3:30 pm: Valentine's Craft w/Lucinda in person at Steven's Chapel

Monday, February 10, 3-5 pm: Parish Committee (Zoom)

Friday, February 14, 6 - 7:30 pm: Valentine's Potluck Hosted by Eric and Kristy

Saturday, February 15, 10 am: Island Insight Meditation (all are welcome!)

