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# MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES

THEME: AWAKENING

10:00 am Family Service - April 3rd, 10th & 24th 10:30 am Adult Service every Sunday

For Zoom information <u>click here</u>
For Order of Service available the Friday before the service <u>click here</u>

# **April 3 Waking Up to Oppression**

Our 8th Principle, which we are considering adopting here at UCS, asks us to "dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions." This Principle is in no small part about oppression within Unitarian Universalist congregations and our UUA. What is the history and context that calls for such a principle? Is addressing oppression within our faith movement just navel-gazing, or is it an invitation to a spiritual transformation that can better equip us to build a better world? Rev. Jolie preaching. Please join us for a sermon talk-back following the service.

## **April 10: Waking Up to Freedom**

Every Passover, the Exodus story about how God freed the ancient Hebrew people from slavery is told and retold around the Seder table, as it has been for countless generations. What does it mean to tell this story year after year, in every new age? In what ways are we still not free, and how can we find freedom? Rev. Jolie preaching.

## **April 17: Waking Up to Hope**

In today's Easter service, we will consider what the story of Jesus' resurrection means to us as Unitarian Universalists. Even amidst crisis, what is the hope that does not die, but that comes back to us, that comes back to life? Rev. Jolie preaching.

# April 24 - Earth Day Service - A Celebration of Environmental Justice

Join the Social Justice Committee as we celebrate and explore our connections to Planet Earth. Guest speaker Jennifer Hopcroft from the Neponset River Watershed Association will share stories about their work of community building among the neighborhoods that connect with the Neponset River.

# From the Minister



Have you registered for <u>GA</u> yet? Each year, Unitarian Universalists of all ages and from all over gather for our General Assembly which includes the annual meeting of our Association, scores of workshops, worship services, the <u>Ware Lecture</u>, and much more. GA 2022 will include an inperson option for the first time since 2019; UU's will gather in Portland, Oregon as well as online. My family and I are planning to go to Portland - our first big trip together since the pandemic. Whether you attend in person or online, GA is a wonderful way to deepen your involvement in our religious movement, to connect with other UUs, and to practice your faith.

This year at GA, I will be included in the annual Service of the Living Tradition. This special service honors fellowshipped and credentialed religious leaders, remembers religious leaders who have died, and recognizes those who have completed active service. I will be part of this

service this year because I've reached an important milestone in my ministry, and I want to take a moment to tell you about it now.

For the first three years of my ministry, beginning with my chaplaincy residency and then during my first two years here at UCS, I was in Preliminary Fellowship, as all newly ordained ministers are. So, I worked with our Committee on Ministry, our Board of Trustees, and my mentor Rev. Dr. Kristen Harper to assess my ministry, according to the process required of all new ministers. We submitted evaluations based on these assessments multiple years in a row. I'm happy to say that the Ministerial Fellowshipping Committee of our UUA accepted my evaluations and granted me Full Fellowship as of October 2021. The Service of the Living Tradition serves as the formal recognition of this milestone. Somewhat delayed, but meaningful nonetheless. While I know I will never stop learning and growing, the lessons learned during the first years of ministry are some of the most formative, so it's good to acknowledge that I have come through this stage.

Much gratitude is owed to the members of the Committee on Ministry for helping me get to this point - David Nichamoff as chair, and its members, Mia Joiner-Moore, Tom D'Avanzo, Ellen Davey-Fleming, Kerstin Gallant, and Alison Reid. They met regularly during the last two church years, surveyed the congregation, and provided me feedback, thought partnership, and a sounding board for the challenges of ministry. Thank you all for your work on my Fellowship renewals, however many months later since you wrapped them up!

On another note, I hope you join us at "Storytelling For Our Future," a two-part event that will give us some time to reflect on what we've been through during COVID and recent transitions at church, to share stories, and to share our hopes for our future as a congregation. Part one is on April 10 after church, noon to 2 pm. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to me - minister@uusharon.org. Hope to see you there!

Yours in faith, Rev. Jolie

p.s. You can now book appointments with me at <a href="https://www.calendly.com/revjolie">www.calendly.com/revjolie</a>. I look forward to meeting with you!

## From the President



Quo Vadis?

Taking Latin in school was a part of my Catholic education when I was growing up. Phrases from that era stick in my mind to this day, like the title of this column which means "Where Are You Going?" As we prepared to graduate high school

and go off to college, this phrase was the buzz in the senior class ranks.

For some reason "Quo Vadis?" popped into my head during the Senior Youth Group worship service in church last Sunday. I was reflecting on what lies ahead for our high school seniors in SYG who will make the same transition. I distinctly recall in my own case the uncertainty over leaving home and living far away in another city. However, the opportunity to chart my own course and experience the world was an equally strong call.

I suspect this train of thought in my active mind could relate to the huge step forward we have just taken at UCS with the relaxation of Covid safety protocols. It's a major transition after 2 years of extreme caution to protect everyone from becoming infected. While I feel a sense of liberation, especially with the choice to remove my mask, I realize this is not a comfortable decision for many. A large fraction of those in church at the SYG worship service were masked. I understand the same is happening in our Sharon schools after an "optional masking" policy was declared by the State several weeks ago.

With the recent arrival of Spring and unusually warm temperatures, we have a collective reason to feel changes beyond Covid in the air. Beth and I went to our first theatre event in Boston (saw "What the Constitution Means to Me"), taking public transportation on the same day as the St Patrick's Day parade in Southie. The trains were packed with masked revelers. It was good to get out and experience a thought-provoking play that investigates the document that lies at the heart of our democracy in America.

As for UCS, all kinds of new opportunities are

popping up as Spring takes hold. The SYG worship service turned out our first over-50 in-person attendance in the sanctuary since start of Covid. We enjoyed hot Equal-Exchange coffee and Stewardship victory cookies in the vestry afterwards. Outside the church the new youth playground features creative play stations under construction. And volunteer gardeners have been at work bringing our lovely grounds back to welcome the flower explosion coming in April.

One responsibility that challenges all of us is reconnecting with UCS members and friends who have kept a low profile during Covid. If you know someone in that situation, let them know about upcoming events that are taking place. Rev Jolie has scheduled workshops on visioning called "Story Telling for our Future" led by UU consultant Hilary Allen. April 10<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> are the in-person dates. April 26<sup>th</sup> is an alternative Zoom session. Hope to see you there.

# Rory McGregor



Doug Wilbur, Sean Bisson-Donahue, and Lindsay Drisko erect Monkey Bars in Children's Playground

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### From the Interim Director of Religious Education

In March, for the first time since I began serving as your Interim Director of Religious Education, the Sunday morning RE classrooms came alive with children. How different it has been to serve a community that is centered around gathering during a time when convening in groups has been considered risky, unsafe, and a threat to the public good. Yet small communal fires still burned via Zoom or outside on nice days and despite the limitations, we were held by community processes and meaninoful rituals that are foundational to Unitarian Universalism. We shared joys and concerns, asked big questions, found levity in games, and joy in one another's company. I hope that for those who have participated that church has provided a sense of continuity in an otherwise topsy turvy time. And for those who did not, I hope you were comforted in the knowledge that the communal fire was lit and would be burning brightly upon your return.

This is not to say "It's over, and we can now return to normal". If we have learned anything over the past two years, it is that the only constant. Even as we begin to come together in person for religious education, we return to a different program than it was prior to 2020. While enrollment in the RE program is robust for adolescents, it is modest for children in grades 6 and under and volunteer teaching has, understandably, waned. It is time to renew our commitment to lifechanging adolescent programs like Coming of Age and OWL, and to lean more deeply into the ways we do children's religious education. In some ways, we need to rebuild, starting with the spark of the communal fires that anchored us during the pandemic. This is why I am thrilled that the board has voted to extend the work of the interim period another year. In some ways, we have only just begun the work of orienting to the future and I look forward to what we can accomplish together in the coming year. I hope you will attend the Storytelling events on April 10 and May 22 and root yourself into the purposes that draw you to this faith community and to be a part of the trajectory that results from shared vision!

In Faith, Christine

#### Youth Programing

In the Senior Youth Group we spent March working hard to plan our Youth-Led Worship Service. I was grateful to get to witness the level of self reflection and discussion that SYG had on a range of topics throughout the process of planning their service. Special thank you to Kate Slater, Daphne Theiler, Zoë Plumridge, Brandon Webber, Nolan Howard, Maria Gallant, Jenny Theiler, Sadie Dussault, Elena Gallant, Ena Bordman, and Colin

Plumridge for your planning and participation in the service!









In April we will be planning a spring trip to Boda Borg for both the Senior Youth Group and the Junior Youth Fellowship. Look out for an email to your respective group with a doodle poll to get the planning started.

## **RE Calendar**

#### April 3

Family Service 10am (Christine off) RE Grades K- 6 10:30am OWL Grade 7 12:30 - 3:30 FUSF OWL Grade 8/9 10:00 - 12:30am A/B SYG 5:00 - 6:30 pm

## April 10

Family Service 10am RE Grades K- 6 10:30am OWL Grade 8/9 10:00 - 12:30am A/B Congregational Visioning with Childcare 12:00 - 2:00pm SYG 5:00 - 6:30 pm

## April 17: Easter

No family service, Story for All Ages during 10:30 worship followed by an Easter Can Hunt! No SYG, JYG or OWL

## April 24

Family Service 10am at Moose Hill RE Grades K- 6 10:30am at Moose Hill OWL Grade 8/9 10:00 - 12:30am JYG/SYG Boda Borg? TBD

# **SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**



The Social Justice Committee encourages you to visit the UCS website (uusharon.org) for all the latest news and updates on what's happening for social justice at church. The Social Justice pages are a great source for the most up to date information on

events, opportunities to engage, resources, and for links to partner organizations and groups that we collaborate with in our work.

# Brown Envelope Collections



During February, our Brown E collections supported Families for Justice as Healing (justiceashealing.org), which is led by incarcerated women, formerly incarcerated women, and

women with incarcerated loved ones. Their mission is to end the incarceration of women and girls. Our donation came to \$640 for February.

For the March Brown E recipient, the SJC had chosen the program called UTEC, but after the Chalice was published, the circumstances in Ukraine unfolded and the decision was made to support the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee Emergency Response**Fund focused on Ukrainian refugee relief (uusc.org). With many millions of women and children fleeing their homes across borders and within Ukraine, the need for relief has grown exponentially, and the UUSC's track record of working with agencies focused on the underserved has resulted in a rapid and effective response. Your support has been greatly appreciated.

The April Brown Envelope collection will go to the environmental justice work of the **Neponset River Watershed Association** (Neponset.org). The NepWRA is a grassroots, member-supported conservation group working since 1967 to clean up and protect the Neponset River, its tributaries and surrounding watershed lands. Their goal is a clean, healthy, accessible river and watershed, from the smallest headwater stream to the wide-open brackish water of the estuary. (The SJC will organize an Earth Day Service on 24 April, with guest speaker Jennifer Hopcroft from NepWRA joining us to examine their role in community building around themes of environmental justice.) Please give generously to this important organization

# **Food Pantry Donations:**

Our ongoing special collection for the Sharon/Stoughton Food Pantry, and 4 other local pantries in adjacent towns, has raised over \$51,487 in the 2 years since the

economic impact of Covid began to take hold. As the pandemic evolves, the needs at our local food pantries continue, and they are grateful for our support. Donations by check to the church are converted to Shopping for Justice grocery cards (and that means that we can increase your donation by the 5% discount that we get from the stores), which the pantries then distribute to their guests. As we reach the end of the 2nd year of the Covid pandemic, this ongoing effort by our community is making a real difference in the lives of our neighbors. Thank you for your generosity!

UCS Bakers (and others as well) are supporting the Pantries too! Several of our fabulous UCS bakers have resumed an occasional offer of fine baked goods in exchange for donations to the Food Pantry Project. As a means to highlight the need, and to build connections within our own congregation, they are offering baked goods on a "Claim it and it's yours for a Food Pantry donation" basis; look for email notices in the UCS Social list and make your commitment asap. We have also seen offers of high quality household items being offered in exchange for donations to the Pantries - what a creative bunch we are! Missed out on your chance for a cake or a loaf? Go ahead and make a donation anyway (checks mailed to the church, online portal donation, or actual food stuffs in the outdoor collection bin at the church entrance are all easy options), and try again in the weeks to come. Not on the email list? Simply send an email to Social-subscribe@lists.uusharon.org and you will receive a confirmation e-mail and instructions for what to do to join this fun effort to support our community members in need.

# Mother's Day Walk for Peace 2022- Save the date:

This year the Mother's Day Walk for Peace is currently planned to be an in-person event on Sunday, May 8th. Assuming that the progress of our recovery from the Covid crisis remains stable, we expect to send a contingent of Peace Walkers into Boston to be a part of this effort. Newsflash: Our own Reverend Jolie Olivetti will offer a prayer at the opening ceremonies prior to the Walk that morning! We are currently building two teams of Walkers, some from the 5 Point Cluster of UU churches, and another group from the Sharon Interfaith Community, to travel together (by train? Carpool? Hovercraft???) early on that Sunday morning, expecting to return in the early afternoon. Please consider making space in your Mother's Day plans to be a part of this important regional tradition, rain or shine. Our Brown Envelope fundraising, along with Peace Institute pledging, will be our focus in May. A lay-led service will happen in Sharon for those unable to travel to Boston that morning.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS, continued

# UCS Restroom label changes now in place:



As we resume use of the church building, please be aware of a modest change in our facilities: A recent unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees has approved the change of the use and signage for our bathrooms, and we now have new gender-neutral signage for all of our restroom facilities.

In the past, there were two

identical but separated 2-stall restrooms upstairs, one labeled for 'women', the other for 'men', along with two single stalls restrooms for anyone to use at the lower level. The new plan designates all restrooms "Gender Neutral." The 2 bathrooms downstairs can also be used for people who prefer a totally private space, or aren't ready yet for sharing facilities.

We understand that this change may be challenging for some of us, as it raises various issues and concerns. We hope to hear from congregants about their reactions as we move into this next phase of inclusivity. These changes are challenging the binary gender assumptions that so many of us have grown up with, and they assert the respect for each individual to use our facilities equally. It's one more step on our journey toward Widening the Circle and becoming a truly Welcoming Congregation.

# FT Marketplace – Wednesday, 27 April, 4-6pm (2 year and counting at this...!)

Now that we are experimenting with a return to our traditional Coffee Hour in the Vestry after Sunday services, with our Social Justice Corner for Fair Trade goods and Shopping for Justice cards, the SJC will explore ways to continue to offer our monthly Marketplace for <a href="mailto:pre-ordered">pre-ordered</a> coffee, chocolates, other special food items, as well as S4J grocery cards. For April, we moved the date to the 4th Wednesday (later in the month than usual). If you aren't back to doing your Social Justice purchases on Sunday mornings in the Vestry, look for an email to the congregation in early April for details about what, when and how to order, and then stop by the church on 27 April between 4 & 6pm to gather your goods.

Sadly, after a long run of stable pricing for our Fair Trade products, we have been forced to recalibrate many of our prices this month in response to a price increase

from Equal Exchange, mostly for coffee and chocolates. We hope that this won't deter you from ordering these high quality products that are provided with principles of economic justice for the farmers and others in the supply chain. Thanks for your patronage – all profits support various Social Justice projects and programs, and our S4J program funds the 90 bag lunches that we assemble and send to the MainSpring House homeless shelter in Brockton each month.





Celebrating 2 years of pre-ordered, drive-by service, patrons received homemade treats baked by Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks along with their orders. Friendly staff bring goodies to your car, but do not offer to clean your windshield or check your oil....]

## Stackable Gardens 2022 – update

We are making plans for the next round of exploration of the potential for vertical gardens on the church grounds this year. Building on the success of our Stackable Garden program last year, we are looking for ways to learn more about sustainable agriculture and finding which crops do the best in our climate and are also most appropriate for sharing the bounty of our labors. Stay tuned for more details as the weather continues to improve!

#### MainSpring House Lunch Making

As we begin anew to experiment with gathering together on Sunday mornings inside the church building, the RE program will once again take the lead this month in assembling our monthly commitment to healthy lunches for the guests at the homeless shelter at MainSpring House in Brockton. On Sunday morning, 10 April, they may be finishing up in the Vestry as we come down after the service, so be prepared to lend a hand if necessary to help with finishing touches as we work to feed our neighbors. Thanks!

**SJC Meeting for April**: the monthly SJC meeting will be on a zoom gathering, on Sunday, April 3rd at 12:15pm; look for the link in the UCS Calendar this month.

# **CHURCH NEWS**

# The 8th Principle - EXCITING NEWS!

We're hoping you have already heard talk about a new 8<sup>th</sup> Principle which will be a big topic of discussion at our upcoming UUA General Assemblies. You may have already seen the principle, as shown below, but do you know **WHO** called for it and **WHY**?

"We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

To make sure our congregation has answers to the above questions and easy access to important information about the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle, we are HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that a new and separate section entitled "THE 8<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPLE" will now be included in our Friday weekly emails and in our monthly newsletters, beginning in MAY. AND WE'RE EVEN MORE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE CREATED A SPECIAL PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE devoted specifically to information about The 8<sup>th</sup> Principle. You can find it by CLICKING HERE.

We hope you will take some time to engage in learning more about the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle and join us for some live events (in-person and/or Zoom) where you will have an opportunity to express your own views about the principle, ask any questions you may have and engage in discussion around what it would mean to adopt it here at UCS.

# **Our Next Upcoming Event:**

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 AM: Sunday Morning Worship on "Waking Up to Oppression" Rev. Jolie will be preaching about the fact that the 8th Principle is in no small part about oppression within Unitarian Universalist congregations and our UUA. She will address the history and context that calls for such a principle, and she will ask: is addressing oppression within our faith movement

just navel-gazing, or is it an invitation to a spiritual transformation that can better equip us to build a better world? And please join us for a **sermon talk-back** following the service.

# Did you know? Christine will be our Interim DRE another year!

Last year, at my recommendation and with the support of our Personnel Committee and our RE Committee, our Board of Trustees voted to extend Christine's interim period with us for an additional year. We made this decision in light of the number of staff transitions going on (new Congregational Administrator, my parental leave, new Youth Ministry Coordinator), and also in light of the fact that, due to virtual church all last year and other COVID-related challenges, the process of building relationships with our RE families has happened at a slower pace than would typically happen in a "normal" year. We were so glad to make this decision and then we promptly forgot to communicate with the majority of the congregation about it! We wanted to be sure everyone knows that, instead of finishing her work with us in June 2022. Christine will finish her work with us in June 2023. Next year (2022-2023) we will be in search for a settled DRE - possibly a full -time Lifespan DRE if we can fund it - to begin in July 2023. We love you Christine and we're so grateful for your work with us!

-Rev. Jolie

# Join us! We are Sprucing up the Spring Garden

On Saturday April 9, 9 am -12 pm

Serving goodies!

As we pick up sticks (children welcome), weed, prune, edge beds and rake, we can reconnect in the garden.

We are also cleaning out and reorganizing the shed and the dumpster area.

If you have tools please bring them. But gardening experience is not necessary!!!

# CHURCH NEWS, continued

# What is General Assembly, and Why Should We Be Part of It?

General Assembly, held every June, is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association, where delegates from congregations across the country democratically determine the policies our Association will follow. And it's much more--a four-day gathering for intensive learning, networking, worshipping, and just plain celebrating together. It's a total UU immersion experience! Normally it gathers each year in a different city around the country. For the past two Covid years, it's been held entirely online, but this year it will be 'multi-platform,' equally available online and in person in Portland, Oregon on June 22-26. To learn more about all the things that General Assembly offers, registration, and volunteering at GA, visit <a href="https://www.uua.org/ga">https://www.uua.org/ga</a>

I can testify from past experience both that GA is powerful and enriching, whether experienced in person or online, and that Portland is a spectacular place to visit. (The municipal rose gardens are my personal favorite spot.) If you can work it into your vacation plans to include attending GA in person, I'd say go for it! But if cross-country travel isn't on your horizon, you can save time and money while still getting fantastic exposure to UUism by participating virtually. If you're interested in serving as a delegate from our congregation, please let the Board and minister know. But you don't have to be a delegate to participate in all the multiple GA activities, and it you can't spare the full time you can register for just one day or the weekend.

There are some particularly important and exciting things happening at General Assembly this year and the next two years. Because we're a 'living tradition,' based on covenant rather than creed, we periodically review the basic foundations of our Association; the Principles, Purposes and other foundational statements of who we are, as defined in Article II of our UUA Bylaws, looking at how they've held up to changing times and new insights, and how they might be revised. (The 7 Principles we're all familiar with were essentially forged in General Assemblies in the 1980's.) The Article II Study Commission https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/ article-ii-study-commission), a group of UU volunteers appointed by the UUA Board, is in a three year process of gathering congregational input as we collectively look at who we are, what our mission is in the world, what we aspire to be, and how we will govern our Association. The consideration of new insights and language begins in earnest at this General Assembly and will culminate in a final vote on revisions to Article II at General Assembly 2024. One of the things that has emerged so far is a movement for a so-called 'eighth principle' that speaks to our calling to to overcome white supremacy, racism and other oppressions. So this is a good time to

get in on the ground floor.

Members of our congregation will be a part of this discussion of the core tenets of our faith and practice at this year's GA. But we can all play a role. The Article II Study Commission has designed a thought-provoking, open-ended survey about basic UU values and identity, and is inviting all UUs to participate. You can find it at <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLScYfdvPAnUGHU60U5UZ4AHB5m9IXTG0t9">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLScYfdvPAnUGHU60U5UZ4AHB5m9IXTG0t9</a> kVAiyfYGcQ0A238w/viewform,

If we all fill it out and send it in, we will contribute actively to shaping the UUism of the future. And we'll have some fascinating fodder for discussion amongst ourselves, provoked by the questions it asks and our responses to them.

If you'd like to know more about General Assemblies in particular and UUA governance in general, you can find plenty of material on the UUA's website and publications. But if you'd like a more personal take on them, please feel free to ask me, as a loyal lay veteran of these institutions and processes, or Rev. Jolie, as a minister trained and steeped in UU values, practices and history.

And do please check out the survey! Let's venture beyond our walls.

Beth McGregor

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

There are TWO church email notification systems you can sign up for? The first is for official business and is only used by church administrators for important announcements, snow days, etc.

The OTHER is the Social List, where you get notified - or can notify others - of opportunities and fun events coming up sooner than you might have thought, so they don't pass you by in the crazy hubbub of life!

It's easy to join! Check it out here!

How do I sign up for the Social Discussion list?
Simply send an email to Social-subscribe@lists.uusharon.org or click this link You will receive a confirmation e-mail and instructions for what to do

#### Why would I want to do this?

Share party invitations, recipes, news of social justice events, personal or family crises, requests for information, offers of zucchini, carpooling ... anything in short which might be of interest to the beloved community which is not "official" enough to go out on the congregation announcement list.

# CHURCH NEWS, continued

# The Not Boring Book Group

April 6, 2022 @ 7pm

At our next session, at 7pm on Wednesday, April 6th, the Not Boring Book Group will be discussing the 1929 book *Passing* by Nella Larsen. Set primarily in Harlem, it centers on the reunion of two childhood friends, one "passing" as Caucasian, one not.

We meet in the Virtual Library. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you've finished the book.

The link to the virtual library session is <a href="https://zoom.us/j/6525468701?">https://zoom.us/j/6525468701?</a> <a href="pwd=b2JuMII5TVJzWTNHZ2ZyUzVYcFh1dz09">pwd=b2JuMII5TVJzWTNHZ2ZyUzVYcFh1dz09</a>

# **Conversations at the Meetinghouse**

(No Meeting in April) Next Meeting will be Friday, May 6, 2022 7 PM (Free to the Public)

# **Calling all Artists!**

Did you produce a work of art that you would like to share with the UU community?

We can hang it on the art wall in the Vestry. Our first exhibit will be: "What I Did over Covid." All ages welcome.

Contact Dinah Altman at <a href="mailto:drpa18@gmail.com">drpa18@gmail.com</a>

# Storytelling for our Future

a special two-part event for reflection, community building, and visioning at UCS

April 10 12 - 2 PM
May 22 12 - 2 PM
In the vestry
online option, April 26 6 - 8 pm on Zoom
includes asynchronous workbook

RSVP by April 3 to minister@uusharon.org

Please note: There will be childcare at this event

Please plan to join Rev. Jolie and your fellow congregants for two interactive sessions to strengthen connection and direction as we return to in-person church.

Led by UUA New England Regional staff Hilary Allen, we will have an opportunity for dedicated time together to:

- make meaning of our pandemic experiences including story sharing of highlights
- reflect on the series of transitions we have experienced (ministerial, religious education, virtual church, etc)
- cast a vision and collective purpose to focus our next several years