

Sunday, January 23, 2020

PLATE SHARE FOR JANUARY

RIA (**Ready. Inspire. Act.**) thankful once again to be one of the Plate Sharing recipients. Covid and all its variants has shut down most of what we'd taken for granted. What is not shut down is the continued need for women (men and children) to be trafficked. What is that?? It's today's version of SLAVERY where a person can be bought for the satisfaction of another. Yes, it exists today and RIA House is fighting every day to support women find their way out of this horrific web.

**Be sure to register for SGM by THIS Sunday
January 23rd NOON**

Registration and information: fpc-stow-acton.org/sgm

Have you been wanting a chance to talk with other adults? Missing closer connections? Small Group Ministry (SGM) is a great way to form a supportive group of friends.

Groups of 8-10 people meet from February through the following January for 2 hours monthly. We have a facilitated discussion around a topic that requires no advance preparation. This is a great way to know people to talk to when we get back to coffee hour.

If you are returning to the same group, feel free to just send an email to karen@kinnear.com.

Any questions, contact:

Karen Kinnear, SGM facilitator - sgm@fpc-stow-acton.org

Joleen Trotta, Membership Coordinator - mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org

This Week in our Religious Education Program:

All our programs will be virtual this week.
Here is the schedule for Sunday:

9:15: Prek-5th graders will meet on zoom to connect and have fun!

10am Church Service on Zoom

11:05 (right after service ends) PARENT DISCUSSION

GROUP: Parents are invited to take part in a virtual discussion on "Shared wisdom and connection in the time of Covid."

Junior and Senior Youth Groups will meet online and do Jackbox Games part 2. We will also do some online activism about climate justice.

Junior Youth meets online at 11am on zoom with Marissa

Senior Youth meets online at 12noon on zoom with Marissa

You can order your FREE COVID TESTS

from

<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24-29

Monday Racial JTF Drop In 7PM Zoom
Sounds of Stow 7:00pm

Tuesday Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11am
TRUSTEE Mtg 7PM Hall

Wednesday Worship Committee 12:30 Zoom
Racial JTF 1619 Forum 7pm Zoom
Meditation 7:25 pm zoom

Thursday Staff Meeting 12:30 pm
Peace Vigil outside front of church 5:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

9 AM in person or 11 AM in person and Video/Phone

"Meeting Our Religious Pasts"

Rev. Justine Sullivan

Many of us in Unitarian Universalism have come out of other faith traditions often with a sense of anger or woundedness. But as Rumi says, "the wound is where the light enters you." If we were able to let go of resentment about the past, what gifts might we receive from the faith of our childhood? Whether you are a "come-outer" or a "cradle Unitarian Universalist," might there may be pieces of your spiritual identity that you leave outside the door when you enter this meetinghouse? Come, come whoever you are with all of who you are.

Rev. Justine Sullivan is an interim minister, currently serving our UU congregation in Brunswick, Maine. Justine grew up in Scituate, Massachusetts and got her start in church life playing and singing at the "Folk Mass" on Saturday afternoons at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Scituate Harbor. Justine found

Unitarian Universalism as an adult after many years of being unchurched. Prior to entering the ministry, Justine worked in high technology and as a social worker and psychotherapist. Justine was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister in June of 2017 by her home congregation in Northborough, MA. Justine and her wife Dale and dog Callie split their time between Brunswick, Maine and Northborough, MA.

Coffee and Chat

will continue on Tuesday mornings from 10-11AM
Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC.
Wear a mask, dress for the weather, and bring your own coffee!
If the weather is poor an FPC Announce will be posted with a link for a Zoom meetup instead.

~Ann Sadler

Game Night Returns!

Sponsored by the Membership Committee
Friday, February 11, 6:30-8:30pm Zoom

We will offer a wealth of online games for your enjoyment. Kids are welcome to join in the fun. Traditionally Game Night has also meant soup and snack night, so bring your own soup and snack to your computer and let's get competitive.

Look for more information in the coming weeks. If you would like to help out with the program, please let me know, especially if you have online gaming experience.

~Jeff Brown for the Membership Committee.

**New Revival Coffeehouse
will present a streaming concert on
February 5, 2022 7:30pm**

[The Clements Brothers](#), a duo singing tight harmonies in the tradition of the Everly and Osborne brothers.

Watch the concert at <https://youtu.be/FAupMrvvY1>

Identical twins Charles and George Clements are long-time veterans of The Lonely Heartstring Band, a progressive bluegrass ensemble, now on hiatus, that toured the U.S. and around the world. Charles is a classically trained double bass player who graduated from the New England Conservatory and George is a guitarist and alum of Berklee College. They write what Charles calls “story-telling songs, with an intimate acoustic sound,” and they perform a mix of original songs, covers and instrumentals. They are currently working on their first album as a duo.

See a video of The Clements Brothers at https://youtu.be/tu5_eByt0-Y

The concert will stream on YouTube live at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 5. There is a link to the concert above, and on the New Revival Facebook page.

Concert attendees can donate to the artists on PayPal, or by mailing a check payable to George Clements to First Parish Church, attention: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd., Stow MA 01775. The suggested donation is \$20.

