



LIGHTING THE WAY FORWARD

*Summertime  
and the living  
is easy.*

Ira Gershwin



*Photo by Vicki Adams*

## **“Jazz Hands”**

**June 28, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

Worship Leader: Jason McLin

Come in person or click below to join the service!

<https://uukennebunk.org/Sunday-Service-Access>

Or by cell phone (audio only) 929-205-6099, meeting ID 734 887 010,

Password: 02448



## **First Parish and Community**

- Every Thursday, 4-5 p.m. Demonstration, Kennebunk
- Sun. June 28, 11:30 a.m. What Now? Social Justice Discussion
- Sat. July 4, 4 p.m. Porch steps: Re-enactment of July 4, 1776! \*
- July 2, Pie Palooza \*
- July 6-17, Science Workshops\*
- July 25, Blueberry Festival & Crafts Fair\*

\*see below for more information

## **Let Us Welcome, Jason McLin our Guest Worship Leader on June 28**

Jason McLin has 26 years of experience as a performer and creative director, including 23 years as a Blue Man, in the show Blue Man Group. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Boston University's School of Theology in Spring 2021. Jason is passionate about the intersection of theology, somatics, and psychology. Out of this passion, Jason has been leading workshops on embodied pastoral care since 2017, and most recently began his studies of analytic psychology as a candidate at the C. G. Jung Institute of New England. Jason's spouse is a UU minister, and together they share two fabulous daughters.

### **This Sunday:**

"Jazz Hands," with Jason McLin preaching. Join us as we explore the many ways in which we embody a spirit of curiosity and joy in our daily lives. How do we know which we seek is real? With a little help from the tenets of musical theatre, we'll ponder this and the question of how Spirit meets us with a jazz hand, or two.

# First Parish celebrates our 250th anniversary

Our Church will celebrate a piece of our history as well as our nation's 250th anniversary Saturday, July 4, at 4 p.m. Just as originally read from our church steps in 1776, we will read our Declaration of Independence this year—Kennebunk's official reenactment of the reading.

Our church dating from 1773 was more than just the first Kennebunk church. Commonly referred to as the official Meeting House, it was the first library and the government center for all Town activity. This reading will be followed by an open house and light refreshments to include our community. We hope you can join us.

Jim Thompson-First Parish Historian



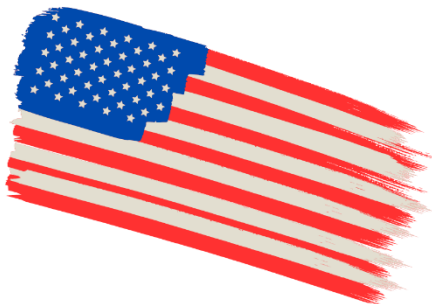
*Ted Trainer, who played the part of Capt. Ben Stone for the Brick Store Museum (above) will read the Declaration of Independence for our July 4th celebration.*

Join us for a reenactment reading of the:

## **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

from the exact location that it was read  
to our community in 1776

**SATURDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 4 P.M.**  
**FIRST PARISH UU CHURCH**  
**114 MAIN STREET, KENNEBUNK**



## Rev. Tori on vacation

Rev. Tori Rosati is currently away on vacation, returning Monday July 6th. I won't be checking email during this time. For general church questions or time-sensitive needs, please contact our Church Administrator, Allison Lazos, or our Board President, Tom Veronesi. For pastoral needs, please contact a member of our Pastoral Care Team: Andrea Rhode, Barbara Conner, Janine Coy or Kim Lord.

I look forward to being in touch upon my return and in the meantime, may the steady presence of love and community surround you, and quiet hope find you along the way.

Warmly,  
Rev. Tori

## Science Workshops are on!

### Housing is needed for three students

Founded by Jamie Vesenka, our science workshops for high school teachers will happen again this year! They will use the downstairs spaces in the church from July 6-10 and 13-17.

Housing is needed for 3 women students. Two students want the first week and one student will do both weeks. This is an important fundraiser for our church, and providing a room is of great value. All that is needed from the housing volunteer is use of a bed and bath. No food is provided. One of the students attending the first week, a new teacher from Virginia, will not have a car, so it would be most helpful for her to be within walking distance of the church.

Only three rooms are needed—please step up, meet a teacher, and make a difference for science education and our budget!



# Our church continues throughout the summer!

## Summer Worship Schedule Sundays, 10 a.m.

June 21	<i>Aine, the Sidhe &amp; the Summer Solstice</i>	Mark Gallup
June 28	<i>Jazz Hands</i>	Jason McLin
July 5	<i>Pocketful of Wisdom for the Road</i>	Susie Desantis & Kathe Wright
July 12	<i>Slow Down</i>	Rev. Tori Rosati
July 19		Rev. Art McDonald
July 26		Rev. Dr. Steven Burt
August 2		David Reece
August 9	<i>Making Wishes</i>	Rev. Tori Rosati & Allegra Highsmith
August 16		Mary Zachary-Lang
August 23	Small Group Ministry	Mary Gelfand & Mark Gallup
August 30		TBD
September 6		Bernie Reim

# Greetings Members and Friends:

Now that the FPUU Program year is drawing to a close at the end of June, I wish to remind you that services will continue to provide you with a weekly place to continue your spiritual growth journey and to stay in touch with your fellow Congregants. If you are away and have time, tune in to view the services on Zoom!

The Worship Team has spent a great deal of time planning services that will continue to provide the motivation we need to continue our good work together. Our Treasurer would like to remind you that the monthly contributions we make to service organizations still need funding. If you can't be present to drop some cash into the collection bowls, you still can contribute online.

The Board does not meet in July but will be available for any emergencies or problems that may arise. We will have a retreat in August to begin discussions and create goals for the next program year.

Our best wishes go out to all of you for a happy summer with your family and friends. May you find joy and peace in one another. Be safe. And thank you for all you have done this year to make FPUU a very special place to be.

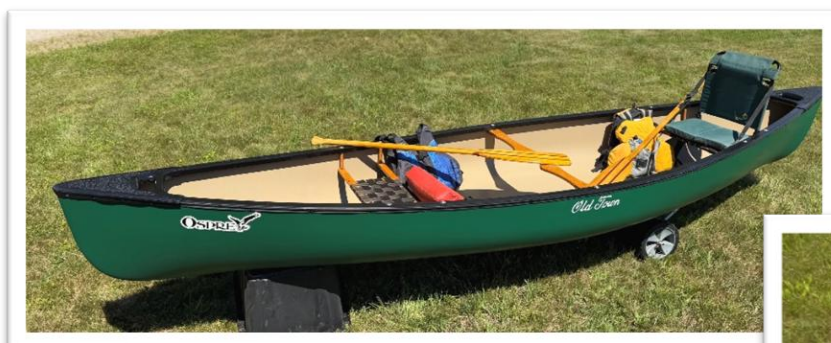
Tom Veronesi, Chair; Dave Terricciano, Vice Chair;  
Karen Carey, Clerk; Chris Wells, Treasurer; Tory Leuteman, Kate Howell, Amy Wood, Rev. Tori Rosati

# Blueberry Festival & Craft Fair & Raffles

## Saturday, July 25 9a.m.-3 p.m.

This year, we are featuring a canoe raffle along with a sailing trip!

A canoe along with accessories donated by Al and Vicki Adams and including paddles donated by Herve' Lavoie, will be raffled off at this year's Blueberry Festival. You can get your raffle tickets for the canoe in advance! During the festival we will also sell raffle tickets for a popular sailing trip on the Eleanor. And back from last year, we will raffle off crafts donated by the crafters and artists in the fair. All tickets will be available for sale at the festival.



## Pie Palooza scheduled for July 2nd

There are opportunities for all levels of involvement, from joining our fun-filled "Pie Palooza" assembly day to baking pies at home, whipping up blueberry buckle, providing freezer space, or helping transport baked goods.

Pie Palooza is one of the highlights of festival preparation—a day when we gather in the church kitchen to assemble dozens of blueberry pies together. No experience is necessary, and it's a wonderful opportunity to spend time with

fellow parishioners. We'd love to have you join the team! If you are available on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, please contact Kate Howell at [kbaltren@gmail.com](mailto:kbaltren@gmail.com). Due to the science workshops, this is the only date available.

## Jewelry makes festival sparkle

Jewelry wanted! If you are 'curating' your collection, we'd love to have earrings, rings, bracelets and necklaces, once loved, still beautiful but now rarely worn. Please put items in a bag or box labeled "Jewelry for Fair" and bring them to church Sunday or leave with Office Administrator Allison Lazos weekday mornings. Deadline July 1st!



David Highsmith and Evan Conner serve blueberry pie at a previous Blueberry Festival, photo by Allegra Highsmith

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL TEAM		
<b>VENDORS</b> Karen C. Tom V	<b>BLUEBERRY BAKERS</b> Kate A. Cynthia R. Alicia Kathie Karen TIERIC	<b>SUPPLIES</b> Jim Z.
<b>SET UP FRIDAY</b> Herve Greg S David R. Susanna	<b>DAY OF WORKERS</b> Name Date	<b>Blueberry Crafts</b> Set Up Mary Z Workers:
<b>MARKETING</b> NEWSPAPERS: Alicia Social Media/Web PAMPHLETS TO HOTELS: MAKE POSTERS: Alicia/Allison POSTERS UP: Burt W. Ticia W. Linda J. BIG LAWN SIGN	<b>CRAB ROLLS</b> Christine, Marta	<b>JEWELRY</b> Linda J. Susanna G. Mary F. Mary G.
<b>ARTY SIGNS</b> FOOD COURT Susie + Callie	<b>HOT DOGS</b> Al, David R.	<b>CAFE &amp; BATH ROOM CARE</b> Jenny
<b>MUSIC</b> Bernie	<b>VEGAN WRAPS</b> PREP WORKERS	<b>UNLOADERS 7AM SAT.</b>
<b>RAFFLE</b> Vendor: Amy / PAUU: Jim	<b>LEMON GELATO</b> PREP WORKERS	<b>RUNNERS</b> Kathie
	<b>COMPOST/TRASH RECYCLING</b> TOM S.	<b>CLEAN UP</b> Kevin Ewald Tom S. WASHING TABLECLOTHS
	<b>FOOD COURT CASHIERS</b> Kathie A.	

## Gelato, vegan wraps

Do you love our famous lemon gelato and best-ever vegan wraps? We have the recipes, the signage, the space—but we need people to manage these booths.

## Many opportunities only involve Sat. July 25.

Positions include managing the recycle & waste bins, ticket sales at our raffle tables, helping with set up or taker down. Are you quick with a calculator? The Food court needs cashiers.

A full list of volunteer roles is in the Parish Hall. Chat with friends and current festival volunteers, then join in the fun!

### **Room for one more craft/artist!**

We have one last vendor booth open at our July 25th Blueberry Festival and Craft Fair. If interested, please contact Karen Carey.

[karencuuberryfair@gmail.com](mailto:karencuuberryfair@gmail.com).

## **Social Justice Action**

*“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something!”*

### **What Now?**

We will have a guest speaker at our after-church discussion this week, June 28. Join us!

### **Postcard Posse**

Our Postcard Posse will be writing get-out-the-vote postcards over the summer to be mailed before the election Nov. 3! We will soon get 500 more postcards to be written. Contact Vicki Adams if you'd like to help.

## **Social Justice Advocacy and Resources**

For information click [here](#).

If you have an organization or information regarding social justice advocacy that you would like to have included in this link, please send to Allison at [uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com)



## Check Your Email

A fake address has found its way into some of our email contact lists. To ensure that I receive your messages, please take a moment to check the email address that populates when you start an email to me.

My correct email address is: [uukennebunkminister@gmail.com](mailto:uukennebunkminister@gmail.com) If you need assistance updating your contact list, Allison Lazos or Chris Wells are available to help. Please feel free to reach out to them or me for guidance.

Also remember, I will never email you asking for gift cards, financial assistance, or personal information of any kind. If you receive a request and aren't sure, give me a call or contact the office.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you!

Gratefully, Rev. Tori

# Help keep our church Safe and Welcoming

The Safety and Security Team is looking for volunteers to serve as door monitors during Sunday services. This suggestion came to the Board of Directors from church members during early discussions about the decision to lock the entrance door 10 minutes after the start of services. Presently, members arriving later than 10:10 a.m. can gain admittance by phoning a member of the Board of Directors who will leave the service to let them in. Others may be locked out!

Door monitors will be stationed in the church office and will be able to open the door for latecomers immediately. Monitors can attend the service by video link, which has been set up in the office. We hope to have eight to ten volunteers so that monitors will serve no more than once every 2 months. Anyone interested in volunteering as a monitor may contact Dick Russell, Safety and Security Team at [drussell110@comcast.net](mailto:drussell110@comcast.net)

## Classified Notices

**Outta The Box**, the New School thrift store is in great need of fiction books. If you are downsizing, please bring us your books!

*You may list your item or service, its cost, and a contact phone number or email, or if you need an item or service, you may list it including your contact information, with payment to be negotiated. Send your submission to [nanawood390@gmail.com](mailto:nanawood390@gmail.com).*

## Ongoing at First Parish

### All Are Welcome Table

Sundays, 11–11:30 a.m. in the Parlor

Looking to connect, meet new people, or learn more about what's happening at FPUU? Join members of the Membership Committee, in the Parlor during coffee hour for relaxed conversation and community. Everyone is welcome—

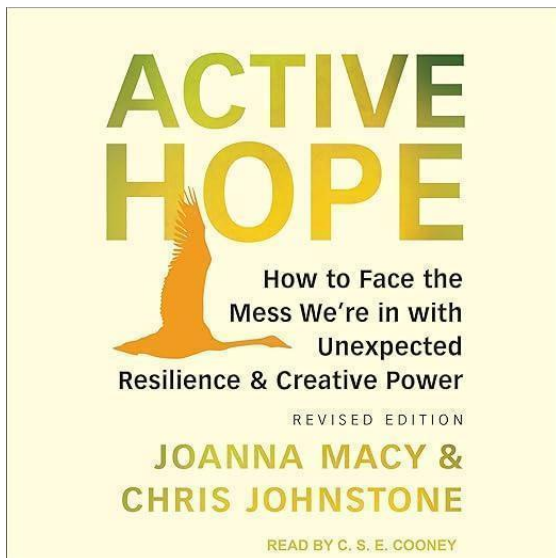
just pull up a chair! For more information, contact Heidi at [uuheidi@gmail.com](mailto:uuheidi@gmail.com), or simply stop by—no RSVP needed!

## Church Directory

A new church directory has been updated, if you would like a hard copy, please contact Allison at [uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com).

## Sunday Bookcase & Links

- *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in*, Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone. (Our Common Read)
- *Awakening Loving Kindness*, Pema Chödrön
- [\*Walking for Peace, Marching Together from Love\*](#), Bhikkhu Bodhi
- [\*Living the Questions\*](#), Krista Tippett



## Summer reading!

Rev. Tori suggested that some of us might like to share a “Common Read” over the summer and share our thoughts in the fall. She chose the book, *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in ...* by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone.

# Listen Up!

You can listen to entire reflections given at our Sunday services at [uukennebunk.org](http://uukennebunk.org). See Sundays at FPUU– Sermon archive.



Our monthly Soul Matters themes come with a musical playlist to help us deepen into the messages. Playlists are organized as a journey, so you can listen from beginning to end and use them as a musical meditation.

- Click [here](#) for the June Spotify playlist on **Flourishing Together**
- Click [here](#) for the June YouTube playlist on **Flourishing Together**

## Minister's Discretionary Fund

In light of rising prices and increased economic pressures, many in our community are facing unexpected financial hardship. The Minister's Discretionary Fund is available to help members of our congregation and the wider community who are struggling to make ends meet, particularly during this difficult time. If you, or someone you know, could use some support, please reach out to Rev. Tori. All requests are received with care and handled in strict confidence. Contact: [uukennebunkminister@gmail.com](mailto:uukennebunkminister@gmail.com) or 978-238-8210

### Note from the Editors

Next week will be our last full newsletter before the summer edition. We'll be back at the end of the summer. What's on your mind or in your camera? Send a picture, write an article or letter, or classified ad for First Parish News! Email the FPUU Office: [uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com)

#### FPUU News Crew:

Vicki Adams, editor  
Allegra Highsmith, photo editor  
Allison Lazos, production  
Rev. Tori Rosati, advisor

Please note, the calendars are subject to change.

## First Parish UU Church Kennebunk

## JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9-12 Office Open	2 9-12 Office Open 5:15 p.m. Sangha 7 p.m. Properties	3 9-12 Office Open	4 9-12 Office Open 5 p.m. Choir 5:30 p.m. Worship	5 9-12 Office Open	6
7 10 a.m. Worship Service led Al Adams & Meredith Norris	8 9-12 Office Open 7 p.m. Finance	9 9-12 Office Open 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care 5:15 p.m. Sangha 5:30 p.m. Family Small Group Ministry 6:30 p.m. M.O.G.	10 9-12 Office Open 5:30 p.m. Vespers	11 9-12 Office Open 5:00p.m. Choir	12 9-12 Office Open 6:30 p.m. Song Swop	13 10 a.m. Joan O'Hara's Memorial Service
14 10 a.m. Worship Service led by Crow Lowry & Rev. Tori 11:30 a.m. Worship Reflection	15 9-12 Office Open	16 9-12 Office Open 5:15 p.m. Sangha 6:30 p.m. W.F.A.S.	17 9-12 Office Open 6 p.m. Board of Directors	18 9-12 Office Open 5:00 p.m. Choir	19 9-12 Office Open	20
21 10 a.m. Worship Service Led by Mark Gallup 11:30 a.m. What Now? Social Justice Discussion	22 Office Summer Hours Begin 5:30 p.m. Membership Team	23 9-12 Office Open 10 a.m. Small Group Ministry 5:15 Sangha 6:30 p.m. W.F.A.S. 6:30 p.m. M.O.G.	24 10 a.m. R.E. 5:30 p.m. Small Group Ministry	25 9-12 Office Open 5:00 p.m. Choir	26	27
28 10 a.m. Worship Service Led by Jason McLin	29	30 9-12 Office Open 5:15 p.m. Sangha				

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## JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 9-12 Office Open	3	4
5 10 a.m. Worship Service	6 <i>Science Workshop</i>  9-12 Office Open Science Workshop	7 <i>Science Workshop</i>  9-12 Office Open <b>Tori in office</b> 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care 5 p.m. Stewardship Team 5:15 p.m. Sangha	8 <i>Science Workshop</i>  <b>Tori in office</b>	9 <i>Science Workshop</i>  9-12 Office Open	10 <i>Science Workshop</i>  6:30 p.m. Song Swap	11
12 10 a.m. Worship Service led by Rev. Tori	13 <i>Science Workshop</i>  7 p.m. Finance Team	14 <i>Science Workshop</i> 9-12 Office Open <b>Tori in office</b>  5:15 p.m. Sangha 6:30 p.m. M.O.G.	15 <i>Science Workshop</i>  <b>Tori in office</b>	16 <i>Science Workshop</i> 9-12 Office Open	17 <i>Science Workshop</i>	18
19 10 a.m. Worship Service Led by Rev. Art McDonald 11:30 a.m. What Now? Social Justice Discussion	20	21 9-12 Office Open  5:15 Sangha	22 10 a.m. R.E.	23 9-12 Office Open	24	25 Blueberry Festival & Craft Fair
26 10 a.m. Worship Service led by Rev. Steve Burt	27 5:30 p.m. Membership Committee	28 5:15 p.m. Sangha 6:30 p.m. M.O.G.	29 9-12 Office Open	30 9-12 Office Open	31	

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## AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  5:30 p.m. Worship Team	2 9-12 Office Open	3	1
2 10 a.m. Worship Service Led by David Reece	3 9-12 Office Open 7 p.m. Finance	4 9-12 Office Open <b>Tori in office</b> 10:30 a.m. Pastoral Care 5:15 p.m. Sangha 7 p.m. Properties Team	5 <b>Tori in office</b> 5:30 p.m. Worship Team	6 9-12 Office Open	7	8
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