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Upcoming Sunday Services*

*All via Zoom - See www.uubedford.org/worship/upcoming-services/

Sunday, March 7 at 10:00AM

"In Pandemic Praise of Sleep"

Rev. John Gibbons preaching

A refreshed version of a sermon preached in 2011, with new commentary by parishioners about the challenges, hazards, and glories of sleep.

Sunday, March 14 at 10:00AM

"One Year In: Grief and Hope"

Led by Rev. Annie Gonzalez Milliken and Deborah Weiner

In this multi-age worship service, we honor the cracks we have experienced in our lives and in our world during this year of pandemic isolation. We will decorate rocks with our words or images and together, erect a memorial cairn on our property to mark this time; we will celebrate with music from adults and children, with stories and with candles of hope. Please join us for this important service of mourning and praise.



Sunday, March 21 at 10:00AM

"Bivouac of Comrades Sworn"

Rev. John Gibbons preaching

We'll also be welcoming 16 new members who have joined First Parish since our last ceremony a year ago. (Let me know if you'd like to add your name or have questions!)

Sunday, March 28 at 10:00AM

"Women Who Run (for Office)"

Join some of our women lay leaders for a service where we will celebrate the women who have run for office, paved ways and broken glass ceilings. We will also explore some of the challenges that remain and commit to staying in the work.



Next deadline for submissions is March 28th

Common Thoughts

Do you remember this story?

A man goes to the doctor. He says he's depressed. He says life seems harsh and cruel. He says he feels all alone in a threatening world where what lies ahead is vague and uncertain. The doctor says, "The treatment is simple. The circus is in town. Go see the great clown Pagliacci. He is fabulous. He could make a stone laugh. Go and see him. That will certainly pick you up."

At this the man bursts into tears. He says "But Doctor... I am Pagliacci."

Well, for us now, the circus isn't coming to town anytime soon. But I think many of us still find ourselves to be the Pagliacci, the one who is expected to hold it together for the benefit of others: the responsible parent, the responsible spouse, the responsible teacher, the responsible nurse or first responder, the responsible essential worker or colleague, the responsible colleague, the responsible, uh, minister. We've made it through February (often one of the least winsome of months), and maybe we've been vaccinated, or will be vaccinated, or we hope to be eventually vaccinated, and maybe it's on the horizon for things to look, not normal, but different and maybe a bit better, eventually again, sometime in our lifetimes, we hope.

Meanwhile, we may burst into tears. Last week I sent to our Announcement List a short video sent to me by Jonathan Horowitz who grew up at FPB and now teaches elementary school in Cambridge. Here again is the link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vJSiuN9piCwV1Ad5HPxqmF-WEguFu_S2/view?ts=5eb964a7

In the video, Alice Cohen, the lead social emotional teacher for the Cambridge schools, asks the question, "Why Am I Crying?" The answer, of course, is that crying can be good, necessary, appropriate, and healthy for us.

So, talk to somebody, reach out to someone whose spirits you might lift or who might lift your spirits, go to whatever circus you can find, or be a circus act all by yourself.

For better and worse, we are in this party together. And we can cry if we want to.

That's my advice to you, Pagliacci.

Kind regards,
Pagliacci

Minister's Musings

Whenever I officiate a memorial service, I begin with some framing along the lines of "We are here to mourn and to celebrate. All of the feelings are welcome: the sad and the angry and the pain and the joy and the laughter and the gratitude." When I finish the service, I offer some ideas about how the community can move forward, how to support one another in grieving well, how to honor the deceased with their lives.

And we are given those same three tasks these days, over and over: to mourn, to celebrate and to find opportunity. As the anniversary of COVID taking over our society approaches we must mourn all we have lost: the human lives, the gatherings, the connections, our mental health, our jobs, and more. We must celebrate our resilience and the amazing ways people have cared for one another. We must find the opportunities that are before us as vaccines and warmer weather make so much more possible.

Also... John's retirement approaches, accompanied by the retirement of our beloved long-term administrator Joan Petros and the departure of our short-term, but incredibly impactful interim Director of Religious Education, Deb Weiner. And we must do these things again. Mourn the deep loss, the sadness, the unfairness that this is happening in a pandemic, the fear about what will happen next. We must celebrate the incredible gifts of our departing staff members, and the enduring power of John's ministry. We must celebrate this congregation and how well we've done in these completely destabilizing circumstances. And we must find the way forward, seeking to grow and change and move toward our values and hopes. New staff, new software, new abilities to gather in person.

It is a lot of hard work to do all this grieving. It is exhausting upon exhausting, and aren't we all so tired already? For those of us who are a little less tired, we will take up these tasks with whatever energy we have to give to them. For those who simply cannot, let us make space for your feelings and usher you along the journey. We have teams planning celebrations for our staff and ways of gathering safely. We have teams selecting new staff and looking toward our future. And I am committed to making more spaces for the mourning and the hard feelings, so stay tuned for small groups designed for that purpose. Together, we will grieve well and hold each other on the journey.

~ Annie



BOARD MATTERS

With so many major transitions occurring this year, feelings of uncertainty and grief are inevitable. Understandably, change can be uncomfortable. We may feel vulnerable and anxious about what's next for our community. I want to appreciate the many parishioners that have stepped forward to lead and support us at this challenging time.

We are having excellent response to our announcements for open staff positions. The DFDC Search Team has recommended finalists for the Director of Faith Development for Children. The Board hopes to announce a new hire very soon. The Parish Administrator Search Team has received applications from many impressive candidates, and they are quite busy reviewing resumes and qualifications. Meanwhile, an Administrative Software Selection Team is evaluating and testing new technology to provide member services and to streamline church office operations.

With the upcoming departure of our longstanding and beloved Senior Minister, Rev. John Gibbons, we also have established an Interim Minister Search Team. In the Unitarian Universalist Association, of which we are a member congregation, there is an established, deliberate process for congregations to take an extended time for self-reflection, discernment, and articulation of aspirations in preparation for calling a permanent settled minister. We are guided through this process by an Interim Minister, who specializes in helping congregations through transition. Interim Ministers are not eligible to become the settled minister. The search for a settled minister concludes after a two-year period.

Due to its transitional nature and the limited number of skilled clergy called to this unique type of ministry, the UUA conducts a matching process for interim ministers. Congregations create a portfolio that represents the values and aspirations of the community, and prospective Interims apply to several congregations they wish to serve. Working with an expedited timeline, the Board must review a short list of candidates, make a hiring decision, and extend an offer within a brief interval in May.

The Interim Minister Search Team is developing a congregational portfolio that will attract prospective interim ministers who share our values and mission. The Board encourages you to check the ParishBiz email group for updates, and for opportunities to ask questions and share suggestions.

We'll get through this, working together.

David Southard,
President, Parish Board

The Bedford Lyceum

A Forum on the Arts, Spirituality, Science, and Justice

Please join us on **Sunday, March 14 from 4:00-5:00PM** via Zoom for our monthly Lyceum.

This month's talk is being presented in honor of Women's History Month. The title of this forum is **"Mary Baker Eddy: A Most Remarkable Woman"** and will be presented by **Benjamin Sears**.

In the late 19th century, Mary Baker Eddy founded a world religion, Christian Science, an amazing accomplishment for a woman at that time. She was a controversial figure throughout her life and the facts still are being sorted out. This Lyceum will look at the major events of a fascinating life.



Ben Sears is not a follower of the teachings of Mary Baker Eddy, but through an aunt who was a devoted Christian Scientist he became interested in Mrs. Eddy's life and history. He has visited several Mary Baker Eddy historical sites and read extensively on her life. In collaboration with Brad Conner, Ben has also taught courses at two adult education organizations: Beacon Hill Seminars and the Cambridge Center for Adult Education.

****All First Parish in Bedford Lyceums are FREE and open to the public. Feel free to share this link with family or friends who might also be interested. ****

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429685798?pwd=anAwbEtRTnFGQzM4Tm5zTS8vd2ZxQT09>

Meeting ID: 834 2968 5798

Passcode: 116304

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In Liminal Time – *Thoughts from Deborah Weiner, Dev. Director - Faith Development for Children*

“Leadership and Linkage”

In last month’s *Parishioner*, I focused on transitional ministry work in this congregation - particularly on mission and vision. This month I want to offer reflections on leadership and linkage.

Leadership means both the work of professional and lay leaders – since both are present and important in the life of any congregation. Times of church transition are all about leadership changes – among members of the staff and sometimes, members of the congregation as well. Among highlighted changes that the transitional religious professional is called to focus on include the following key elements:

- Helping to identify changes needed in RE program structure and staffing
- Clarifying the multiple dimensions of programmatic leadership and navigating the shifts in leadership that accompany transitions
- Advocating for strong lay RE leadership development
- Empowering the congregation and RE leadership
- Modeling new approaches, practices and procedures
- Nurturing collegial relationships with other staff

These are often viewed as ‘spring house cleaning’, because the arrival of interim leadership is an opportunity for the congregation and its professional leaders to re-examine existing behaviors and recalibrate for the future. During this period, changes may be experienced much like an extended case of influenza: “Why are all these changes happening? What was wrong with the way we’ve always done it?”

Since I’ve been here at First Parish, the congregation has added a Youth Programs Coordinator and Nursery Coordinator to the staff, and of course there are big changes ahead with the hiring of your new settled Director of Faith Development for Children. There has been focused attention on the ways in which lay leaders work with religious education programs; and we are blessed with a modest but mighty group of volunteers who are committed to this congregation’s children and youth.

At the same time, there is no question that we could use more administrative support for these programs. With a transition to an integrated data system (which ultimately will save time and effort) on the horizon, more time will have to be focused on data input and learning. And what about other leadership structures and issues? This congregation’s need to discover who you are and how you lead, without the transformative and energizing presence of a thirty-year senior minister, will take a lot of adjustment. Part of that is going to be ‘finding your own voice’ and ways of engaging, growing and nurturing leadership

in all parts of the congregation without relying on John to solve the issue, or Joan Petros’ deep knowledge of members and data to provide the answers you seek.

Over the last years, much effort has been put expended on healing the wounds of difficult transitions in religious education and finding new ways of developing leadership. This process can be challenging. Those who serve this congregation are asked to fulfill a mission and vision – that you, the members, are charged with setting – and to carry it forward, partnering with you to build a church that will provide hope, inspiration, programs, and support. Your lay leaders and professional leaders share this ministry together. Having a belief that those who are here to serve the congregation have the best intentions, and perhaps wisdom, calls all who are part of the congregation to covenant together for the best interest of the whole.

Finally, I want to say a few words about **linkage** – ways in which we renew and deepen connections to our faith and denomination.

Among the interim leadership tasks in this area are these:

- Raising awareness among Religious Education program leaders and the congregation about the importance of the Unitarian Universalist Association and your local UUA district and region.
- Renewing connections with available resources and services within the region, and the UUA, including Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA), Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (UUMA) and other RE and lifespan faith development resources.

It probably won’t surprise you that many congregations think of themselves as being entities unto themselves. We *want* congregations to have a clear identity for themselves, and I bet most of us would say that we came to First Parish in Bedford not so much because we were ‘looking for a Unitarian Universalist congregation’ as because we were looking for a congregation *that embodied the values and connections that can be offered here, in this particular church.*

People tend to come to faith communities for one of three reasons: they have moved to the area and want connection; they are experiencing a major life transition (marriage, divorce, widowhood, loss); they are seeking a community of ‘like-minded’ individuals to be with. This congregation, with its covenant groups, potluck group, and affinity groups, offers these things. But what about connections to the larger UU movement and to the New

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England Region? What about the ways in which we articulate our UU faith? It is not unusual for people to understand Unitarian Universalism in terms of what we are *not*, rather than in terms of what or who we *are*. One of my hopes is that you will deepen your connection and partnership in programs and community with some of the other fine UU congregations that surround you. The good people who attend other local congregations can be great folk with whom to join – and it truly is easier to offer some of the dynamic programs you may be craving in partnership (particularly during COVID times!)

Your ministers and staff are all engaged in Unitarian Universalist professional organizations through our membership, participation in covenant or spiritual reflection groups, chapter meetings, and annual conferences: we, who serve you, are nurtured and can serve you BETTER because we are part of these professional organizations. What you give us through your financial support for our professional development comes back in what we have learned and been sustained by.

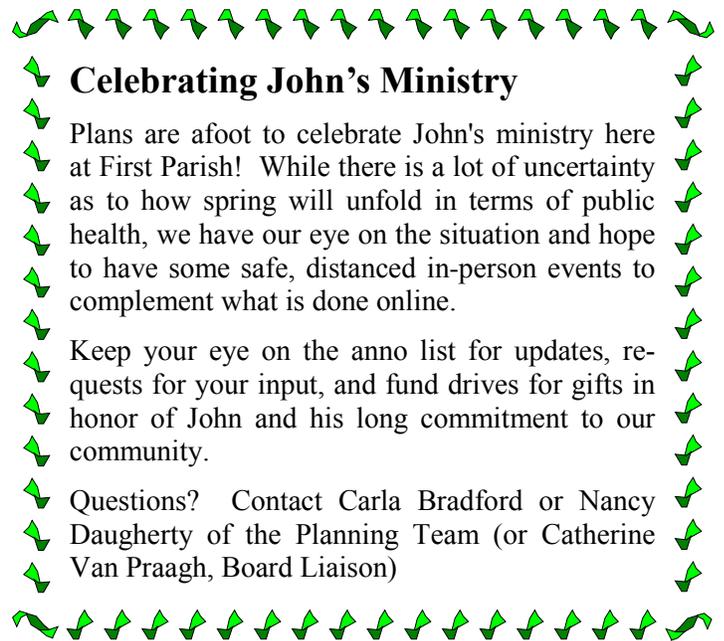
Focusing on the best of UU Religious Education curricula to deepen the faith explorations of our children and youth pays big benefits. These emphasize the values and principles of UUism, social justice and confronting white supremacy, and learning about world religions and sexuality education. As we deepen our understanding of our own faith, the richness of the UU curricula provides an entry point into a deeper understanding of what Unitarian Universalism means for each of us.

These are all pieces of a fabric that, when sewn together, offers a deeper, more sustaining faith that we can build on. As you look ahead, I hope that you will let this journey continue as you build your future!

Stewardship Drive: It's been a year already!

Yes, it is time again for our annual "Pledge Drive." Importantly, it will also be a chance to check in with you and your families during this difficult time. Thank you all for stepping up in the many ways you do, not just financially but with your time and talent, especially during this pandemic. A committee is being formed, and we will be in touch with you soon. While you consider your financial ability and desire to support First Parish at this time, we know that every gift and every person is vital to the lives of our congregation.

With Appreciation,
Joanne Glover for the
Stewardship Committee



Celebrating John's Ministry

Plans are afoot to celebrate John's ministry here at First Parish! While there is a lot of uncertainty as to how spring will unfold in terms of public health, we have our eye on the situation and hope to have some safe, distanced in-person events to complement what is done online.

Keep your eye on the anno list for updates, requests for your input, and fund drives for gifts in honor of John and his long commitment to our community.

Questions? Contact Carla Bradford or Nancy Daugherty of the Planning Team (or Catherine Van Praagh, Board Liaison)

Notes from the Membership Committee

Thank you to those of you who have logged on to the *InstantChurchDirectory* site and provided a photo of you and/or your family. However, there are many of you who have not yet done this. As we move into the next couple of years with new staff members, we think it is critical for new staff to be able to identify you by face as well as by name.

You can access the directory through the church website: www.uubedford.org. On the right-hand side of the homepage you will see an icon that says "Online church directory."



If you need coaching, Nina Wampler is the go-to person who can help you through the process, and Nancy Daugherty is still willing to take your picture. Emails: nina.wampler@gmail.com and nancydaugh@aol.com.

On Sunday, March 21, during the virtual church service, we will welcome those who have signed the Membership Book in recent months. You know who you are, and we hope that we will see you that Sunday on Zoom Church!

On Tuesday, March 23, at 7pm, we will have an orientation for new members or for any of you who might be interested in signing our Membership Book and learning what membership in this congregation means. If you are considering joining, please let John or Annie know in advance.

Sarah Dorer
for the Membership Committee

From the Treasurer Stewardship Reminder



Pledge payments and donations are always needed to carry on the work of the church. You can send a check by mail to:

First Parish Bedford
75 Great Road
Bedford MA 01730

or donate electronically using Give Plus. A “Donate with GivePlus” button on the home page of our website (www.uubedford.org) will take you to the page for this. All contributions are gratefully received.

Vicki Gaw,
FP Treasurer

Sanctuary Update

Maria continues to be something of a media star, giving multiple interviews to news outlets including The Associated Press and Telemundo. The *Bedford Citizen* is currently working on two pieces which will not only interview Maria but also cover the story of our sanctuary efforts. Besides the advocacy efforts that Maria works on, she has donated a collection of hats that she has knitted for children. The hats will be distributed in the town to which she hopes to eventually return. She continues to be optimistic that she will receive a stay from the Burlington ICE office. We hold her hope in our hearts as several leaders have been able to leave sanctuary and return to their families.

Meanwhile we continue to cautiously explore transition possibilities including *looking for a reliable vehicle* to give to Maria to replace the one she had to donate. If you anticipate selling a car in the near future, please let us know. You can contact either Maureen Richichi at Maureen.richichi@gmail.com or Judi Curcio at judi.gez84@gmail.com. As always, we thank you for your continued support.

In love and hope,
Maureen and Judi
for the FPB Sanctuary Committee

Social Responsibility Council – Still Time to Submit Your Proposal!



The Social Responsibility Council (SRC) encourages you to submit an application for a grant or a “Share the Plate” proposal. We do not yet have Share the Plate proposals for April, May or June and we do have funds remaining for potential grants. Appropriate forms can be found on the SRC page of the church website. Any comments or questions can be directed to Marge Heckman, SRC chair, at maheckman@gmail.com. No new grant or Share the Plate proposals were received in February. Any new proposals will be considered at our March 17th meeting.

Updated numbers indicate the December Share the Plate for the Malala Fund raised \$506.74. The January Share the Plate for the Isidro Education Fund raised \$2,100.71, supplemented with an additional \$500 from an SRC challenge grant. Your generosity continues to be amazing!

Approval was also given for the March 7 “Share the Plate.” Half of our Sunday Offering on that date will go to **The Ujima Fund** - proposed by Cecile Mercado. The Boston Ujima project pools capital for communities of color to meet financing needs that traditional banks will not serve. The goal is to build wealth in the community.

Peace & Justice News

One of our committee goals this year is to deepen our relationship with the UUSC and UUMass Action. At our March 2 Committee meeting, we will welcome from the UUSC Josh Leach, former Ministerial Intern at FP, and Carly Cronon, Senior Associate for Congregational Support. We hope to learn more about UUSC opportunities, which we can share with the congregation. If you’d like to join the conversation with Josh and Carly, email joepompei@comcast.net for the ZOOM link.

The UUA Office at the United Nations Intergenerational Spring Seminar will be online April 9-11, 2021. This dynamic event will equip UU’s to take action on climate justice through equitable and sustainable food systems. With workshops, panel discussions, community-building, and worship services, the Seminar provides the tools to work on our 6th principle by taking action locally to address global issues. Over the last several years teams of youth and adults from First Parish have traveled to NYC for this 3-day event. This year the “trip” will be virtual but will still offer similar learning opportunities and time to build intergenerational relationships.

Learn more at <https://www.uua.org/international-justice/un/spring-seminar> (and be sure to check out links to the theme and program schedule on the left). Register (sliding fee) by March 18, and please let me know if you’ll be joining us at jeraldpross@gmail.com

Caring Network

We are fortunate at First Parish to have a great community with many caring volunteers who can provide assistance to members who need temporary help with shopping or having a few meals delivered. If you or someone you know at First Parish needs temporary assistance, please let us know. The Coordinator for the month of March is Sandy Boczenowski. Reach her by phone: 781-222-4094 (or cell 617-943-0691). You can also reach her at sandyboz@gmail.com. Please make note of the phone number above as it will remain the same every month to reach the current Caring Crew Coordinator.



Who thought that *Ben Leiby* would ever get married? He did! Congratulations to *Ben and Kristen* who were hitched February 13 at The Establishment, a restaurant in N. Chelmsford. Only a small number of family members were present, including sons Brandon and Tristan, and John Gibbons officiated. They live in Haverhill.

There was a lovely memorial service on Zoom for *Donna Cole* on February 12. Many remembrances were shared, as well as a vocal contribution by Donna's soprano successor, Cynthia Mork. For the postlude, however, Donna stole the show with an archival video excerpt of her starring as the Mother in a 1990 First Parish production of *Amahl & the Night Visitors*.

Our hearts go out to *Corinne Doud* whose stepmother, after appearing to recover from Covid, relapsed and is now in hospice... Our thoughts are also with *Laurie Groves* whose sister Julie remains hospitalized in New York with Covid... At Carleton-Willard, *Irv Michael* has tested positive but remains asymptomatic...

We keep *Paul Bradford* and family in our hearts after the recent death of his father.

Recently we learned that former parishioner *Susan Hagstrom* died of complications of her long-term lung disease. Susan attended services from about 1985 to 1992 and then moved to San Juan Capistrano CA. She is survived by her husband, Capt (ret) Robert Hagstrom. The Hagstrom's had fond memories of FPB and parishioners, notably "Riff, the bell-ringer."

News from the Parish Nose

With regret, the Physical Plant Committee has decided that the ancient beleaguered ash tree near the Memorial Garden is reaching the end of its long sheltering life. It will come down when weather permits... Add *Bill Manning* to those signing our Membership Book! He'll be welcomed with 15 others at our next Membership Sunday on 3/21 (bringing our total membership to 405, a small increase over last year)... Ask *Mark Bailey* about his vision for creating a labyrinth on the Lindau Conservation Land... *Dave Packer* continues to rehab at Carleton-Willard... *Chesley and Bob Logcher* are cheerful as they look forward to Bob's imminent hip replacement surgery... The Search Committee for a new Faith Development Director for Children is approaching a happy conclusion. Stay tuned!... The Board has determined not to offer use of the parsonage to an interim minister. Thus, it's likely that *John and Sue* will remain, renting for an indefinite period... *Joanne Glover* is heroically convening our annual Stewardship Campaign. Pay attention!... Remember that *Neera Tanden*, Biden's embattled nominee for Director of OMB, grew up at First Parish, graduated from BHS, and preached our Spirit of Democracy Sermon a couple of years ago... After receiving her Valentine swag bag, *Mary Hyatt* sent a cheery note of thanks and greetings to everyone!... Look for *Kiya Nicoll's* story, "The Company Store," in a new book, *Recognize Fascism*, an anthology of science fiction and fantasy stories about recognizing fascism and beginning to resist... —tpn



Believe it or not, it's time to consider whether you'd like to participate in our annual UUA denominational conference, the venerable General Assembly (GA), June 23-27. It's virtual and not quite the same as when I'd be hosting an all-expenses-paid all-you-can-eat-and-drink swing-from-the-chandeliers Bedford Dinner but, well, we'll do our best. Feel free to register and, if you'd like to be considered one of Bedford's 8 official delegates, please let me know. —John



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For the **full schedule and information**, go to: <https://www.uua.org/ga>.

Important Info & Ways to Stay in Touch

While the church building may be closed to face-to-face events, the church community remains OPEN and ACTIVE! The best way to stay in communication and involved in all that is happening is to be sure you are subscribed to the First Parish Electronic lists (www.uubedford.org/community-life/email-lists/) – especially the **ParishBiz** list. This Google Group sends out important messages from church staff and leadership. And for news for families with children and youth, we have the **uubedford-re** google group. If you are not subscribed, or need help in any way with subscribing to any of the lists, send an email to: uubedford-it@googlegroups.com.

The church website (www.uubedford.org) is updated regularly and contains lots of useful information.

The **Main Calendar** of events on the website (www.uubedford.org/main-calendar/) is also being regularly updated with listings of all virtual events happening within the First Parish community.

All events, including Worship Services, are taking place via the Zoom (www.zoom.us) platform. If your committee or group would like to meet remotely, contact the church office (office@uubedford.org) and Parish Administrator Joan Petros will be happy to get your meeting set up.

Sunday Services on YouTube



To find FPB services on YouTube: Go to the church website: www.uubedford.org. Under the pull down menu at the top for “Worship,” select “**Sunday Services on YouTube**”. You will be taken to a YouTube page of FP Bedford videos. Click on “Uploads” in the upper left corner for a complete list. To put them in chronological order, click on “SORT BY” (on the right-hand side).

From the Video Team:
Bob Bass, Bob Batt,
John McClain & Webb Tilney

Below are some of the Zoom events coming up that can offer support and connection to you and yours.

(Note: Always good to check the [Main Calendar](#) and [website](#) in case any of these meeting links need to be changed.)

Day/Time	Event	Hosted by	Details
Sundays at 10AM	Sunday Worship & Community Connections	FP Staff	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/936829478?pwd=eFUrbnZYbVZoSDUrWWIRrk5TWUUFUT09 Meeting ID: 936 829 478 Passcode: 485478 by phone: +1 646 876 9923
Friday, March 5 at 6:30PM	First Friday Potluck	Ron Green, convener	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87697104799?pwd=K2Zad1V0ZndEUCtmRDVmb2l5VUdUZz09
Sunday, March 14 4:00-5:00PM	The Bedford Lyceum	Ellen Scheiner, coordinator	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429685798?pwd=anAwbEtRTnFGQzM4Tm5zTS8vd2ZxQT09 Meeting ID: 834 2968 5798 Passcode: 116304 By phone: +1 646 558 8656
Sunday, Mar 21 , 7:00PM	Women’s Book Group		Contact Margaret Jackson (mjacksonfpb@yahoo.com) for Zoom info if you’d like to join.
ONGOING:			
Thursdays at 9:30AM	Short Stories Discussion Group	Short Stories Group	Open to all – If you’d like to join in the discussion, email (office@uubedford.org) for the Zoom info
Thursdays, 5:30-6:30PM	Junior & Senior Youth Choirs	Janet Welby	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86016021142?pwd=RE9ucUFzTGllde15d2szNnArTkkRUT09
Thursdays at 7:30PM	Story Time for Children	Ministerial Staff	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/771525457
Thursdays at 7:30PM	Adult Choir Check-in and Rehearsal	Brad Conner	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/197342633?pwd=bVpicUxNVHJkdnNINFoxRkJ1UINEdz09
First Friday of ea mo at 6:30PM	First Friday Potluck	Ron Green, convener	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87697104799?pwd=K2Zad1V0ZndEUCtmRDVmb2l5VUdUZz09
First Sunday of ea mo @ 4PM	Storytelling Group	Peter Ash	Open to all – If you’d like to join in, email (office@uubedford.org) for the Zoom info
Bi-weekly on Sundays @ 7PM	Parents Support Group	Rev Annie & Deb Weiner	Please contact dre@uubedford.org if you would like to join in and need the Zoom link