

Unitarian Universalist Society: East

Member of the Clara Barton District of the Unitarian Universalist Association



Unitarian Universalist Society: East is a welcoming, open-minded, spiritual community seeking truth and meaning in its many forms. We share responsibility for building a more equitable, peaceful, and sustainable world.

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Editor’s Note: due to COVID-19 precautions, UUS:E has closed the Meetinghouse for all activities. Only staff members will enter the building until further notice. Since group activities are canceled, the newsletter is much shorter than usual.

Check our website and watch for email eblast notices for updates. <http://uuse.org>

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Find us on Facebook at /UUSEast.



Sunday Services Schedule

April Ministry Theme: Liberation

Virtual Service at 10:00 AM

Look for an e-Blast with a link.

UUS:E will hold one virtual service every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. For the time-being those services will be held using Zoom, though we may migrate to a different platform in the future. For now, Zoom login and call-in information will be shared through the congregational eblast. If you are not subscribed to the congregational eblast, please contact Annie Gentile in the UUS:E office to add your name to the list or to arrange another method of receiving relevant information.

In order to keep Sunday services as relevant as possible to our situation, Rev. Josh and the Sunday Services Committee will not be planning services in advance as we usually do. If there is a particular topic related to our collective experience of the pandemic that you'd like us to address in the context of a Sunday service, please feel free to share your ideas with Rev. Josh at minister@uuse.org or 860-652-8961.

2019 – 2020 Ministry Themes

<https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/themes.html>

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| July | none |
| August | none |
| September | Expectation |
| October | Belonging |
| November | Attention |
| December | Awe |
| January | Integrity |
| February | Resilience |
| March | Wisdom |
| April | Liberation |
| May | Thresholds |
| June | Play |

Get Connected! with UUS:E on the Web

UUS:E WEBSITE is located at <http://uuse.org>. Here you can find the latest news about our community and upcoming events, basic information about group and committee activities, Rev. Josh's sermons, and much more.

DIALOGUE FROM HOME is our ongoing virtual **talkback series** that continues online after each of Rev. Josh's sermons. Whether you want to read along, post your thoughts, and/or engage in dialogue about the topic, you are welcome to join this group. Request a password from Annie, the office administrator, to get access to the discussion. Email uuse153@sbcglobal.net.

FACEBOOK! UUS:E has two Facebook pages where members and friends can share all things UUS:E. Our main site is www.facebook.com/UUSEast. You can find out what's going on at UUS:E here. And please share our events to your own page to help spread the word about all of the great things we do!

We also have a second site, UUS:E Happenings, designed specifically to share ideas and events with others in the UUS:E community. Anyone can post here. Is your child going to be in a play? Are you performing a concert? Looking for people to hike with? Post it here! This is a closed group, request to join here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/587066578028806/>

MEETUP: We have started a Meetup page! Join our group! Find events, RSVP and more at: <http://www.meetup.com/Unitarian-Universalist-Society-East/>. If you'd like to add an event to the Meetup site, contact Carol Marion at cmarion333@gmail.com.

Rev. Josh has his own website located at <http://revjoshpawelek.org>

Catch up on his latest writings, community work, and more. You can also follow Rev. Josh on **Twitter @revjoshpawelek**, or connect with him at **LinkedIn** and **Facebook**.

Weekly eblast – To sign up, look for the button near the top-right at uuse.org:



Send submissions to SBarlow627@aol.com

Community Outreach Ministry

Charitable Giving for April 2020

As always, thank you for your generosity.

"We do not gather our gifts only for ourselves, but to share with the larger community."

Continuing our practice of sharing our gifts with the community beyond our walls, fifty percent of our Sunday plate collections for the month of April will be split between **CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence** and **Covenant to Care for Children**.

Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence (The Alliance) is a statewide alliance of individual sexual assault crisis programs. The Alliance works to end sexual violence through victim assistance, community education, and public policy advocacy.

Covenant to Care for Children channels the generosity of caring and faithful people to advocate for, and provide direct assistance to Connecticut's children who are neglected, abused and/or impoverished. The committee overseeing our community outreach efforts welcomes your comments and suggestions.

Please contact Louisa Graver at lgraver163@gmail.com, David Lacoss, or Nancy Madar at nancymadar@hotmail.com.

Checks made out to UUS:E will be treated as follows: If the memo line:

- ✓ is blank or "pledge" is written, all will go toward your pledge.
- ✓ has "COM" or the name of the charity is on the memo line, all will go to the charity.
- ✓ has "1/2 pledge, 1/2 COM," it will be divided equally.

2019 – 2020 COM Recipients

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| July | Three area food banks (Manchester, Vernon, East Hartford) |
| August | Kado Pet Foundation and STRIVE |
| September | KIDSAFE CT |
| October | Free at Last Players |
| November | Manchester Senior, Adult and Family Services |
| December | Three area shelters McKinney Men's Shelter (Hartford), East Hartford Community Shelter, Cornerstone Shelter (Rockville) |
| January | Moral Monday CT and Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism (BLUU) |
| February | Operation Fuel |
| March | Rebuilding Together (Manchester) and Communitas |
| April | CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence and Covenant to Care for Children |
| May | MARC and MARCH, Inc |
| June | Mary's Place and True Colors |

The Minister's Column: Hallelujah!

Dear Ones:

Let me begin with a heartfelt expression of love and care for all of you. This coronavirus pandemic has upended our lives in ways none of us could have anticipated just a few months ago. To say the least, it is frightening. As I write these words in mid-March, we don't yet know how long it will last. We don't yet know the scope of the economic impact, though we know for sure it will be massive. There are still so many unknowns. I'm mindful that there are times when I've preached a message of "embracing the unknown." Well, that sounds a bit romantic right now, perhaps even naïve. This pandemic is not an unknown any of us wants to embrace. Yet, we also have little choice. The pandemic is here. It is frightening. In the midst of it, please know that I love each and every one of you. I love our congregation. I love our UU faith. I will do whatever I can to keep us connected, to keep us caring for one another, and to keep us resilient as a spiritual community.

As I write we are in the midst of a transition to "virtual church." We are learning as we go. Already there are many meetings and small groups happening online, usually using Zoom. By the time you read this, I hope we have ramped up our capacity for online engagement so that many more of you are able to connect on a regular basis. If you are at all unclear about how to use Zoom or how to engage with UUS:E's emerging online life, please do not hesitate to contact me at minister@uuse.org, (860) 652-8961 or Annie Gentile in the UUS:E office at office@uuse.org, 860-646-5151.

We are getting good advice from congregations in hard-hit areas like Washington state and New York City. They are telling the rest of us not to try to replicate normal congregational life online. People aren't necessarily looking for the same kinds of programs. They are looking for experiences and interactions that address our immediate situation. If you have an idea for a kind of online experience you'd like to have with others from UUS:E, please let us know. We will help you set it up and publicize it so that others who are looking for something similar can have access to it as well.

Regarding Sunday services, we conducted our first livestream service using Zoom on March 15. As I write these words, we have been addressing some of the technical issues we encountered that morning, especially the sound quality of the music. Special thanks to Jane Osborn, Dan Thompson, Phil Bognar, Gina Campellone and Mary Bopp for their work on addressing this particular issue. They've done such a good job that we are planning to start a weekly virtual concert series on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM with Mary and some of the UUS:E musicians. By the time you read this we will likely already have held a concert or two.

We are not going to plan Sunday services too far in advance. For example, you won't see in this newsletter any blurbs about upcoming services. This will allow me, Gina, Mary and the Sunday Services Committee to design live stream services that are as relevant as possible to what we are going through as a community, nation and planet. But please be assured our plan is to have a consistent live-stream service every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Instructions for logging in or phoning in will be sent every Saturday.

For sharing Joys and Concerns on Sunday morning, we now have a specific email address. Send your brief joys and concerns to joysandconcerns@uuse.org. We will share them during the service.

This is so hard. I am praying. I am praying for health care workers. I am praying for first responders. I am praying for grocery store workers and everyone else whose work supports food production and distribution. I am praying for all those who have lost jobs who were already living from paycheck to paycheck. I am praying for all those who are trying to figure out childcare now that their children are home from school. I am praying for all those who are and will be sick with COVID-19. I am praying for the families of those who have died. I don't know what impact my prayers will have, but I hope that as I pray I orient myself toward doing what I need to do for me, for my family, for my neighborhood, for the most vulnerable in our region, and perhaps most importantly, for all of you, the members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Society: East. As a

reminder, you called me to be your minister exactly 17 years ago (March, 2003). So now I begin my 18th year as your called minister. I begin in prayer that we may endure this global pandemic with as much grace and integrity as we can muster. I begin in prayer that we will get through this difficult time, and carry on for all the days to come.

Indeed, I pray: may faith in the spirit of life, and hope for the community of earth, and love of the light in each other, be ours now, and in all the days to come.

With love,
—Rev. Josh



Music Streaming License

UUS:E maintains a bundled facilities license that permits us to play and perform copyrighted at UUS:E events. However, with COVID-19 wreaking havoc in our lives, much of our music will be streamed online through virtual services and other virtual music events that will likely occur. In order to legally stream music we need a supplemental license that permits the streaming of music. The bundled copyright streaming license that we purchased covers performances of over 25 million songs from the combined catalogs of ASCAP, BMI and SESAC. The WORSHIPcast License allows us to webcast our performances of the vast majority of copyrighted music. These webcasts can be live or on-demand. Webcasting is not limited to worship services and also covers concerts and studio recordings of UUS:E. Note that it does not cover streaming rights for any pre-recorded music, including sound recordings, artist recordings, accompaniment tracks, multitracks or stems. It also does not cover downloading of music or any music posted to any third party website. Webcasting of master recordings or accompaniment tracks requires additional licensing. This license is for performances only and does not cover duplication of copyrighted materials.

UUS:E will be required to keep a log and report performances so that songwriters are properly compensated for use of their songs. This report is required because the CCS' license to us is through a partnership with ASCAP, BMI and SESAC and CCS distributes royalties to their writers. Therefore, we must maintain a log of any song titles and their authors included in content on their licensed website or websites.

Membership News

New Member Biographies



Fabian Garcia

I am originally from Mexico City, and I lived there until I was 15 years old. At that point, my parents decided to move to the city of Puebla.

On August 12, 1998, I met Denay Johnston, and the only thing I could think of was WOOT! WOOT! she is the one! On September 15, 2000, Denay and I began a formal relationship, and we married on March 19, 2005.

In 2008, Denay decided to return to the USA bringing our family including our one-year old Mateo. I am now very happy to be the father of 3 beautiful children, Mateo, Cedric and Eliot.

I had to wait 8 months just to get my Green Card. My first job in the USA was in a Mexican restaurant. I have always tried to move up in position, but found it is difficult to climb in an environment where Latinos are always believed to work only in kitchens.

In 2018, I became a U.S. citizen, and I can't wait to vote in the next election.

Adrian Wood

I was born in Massachusetts, and I left to go to high school in Delaware. Since then I have lived in Iowa, Hungary, Namibia, and Maryland before returning to New England three years ago to live in Manchester.

My professional career has been spent in insurance companies, and I currently work as an actuary at Travelers.

I and my wife, Maria, have been married for ten years. Our daughter, Jenna, is currently a psychology major at Manchester Community College. I love to cook and eat new and interesting foods. I like to read sci-fi and fantasy while curled up with my two dogs.

I'm not a spiritual person, but am drawn to the shared values of the UUS:E community. I found UUS:E through Maria who was looking for a church environment that would be welcoming to our whole family.

Maria Wood

I was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. I was brought up in the Catholic Church where my mother was the director of religious education; I attended a Catholic high school where I was involved in campus ministry. My faith has always been a central part of my life.

I relocated to Manchester in 2017 with my husband, Adrian, and our daughter, Jenna. Having lived in Baltimore county for 50 years, leaving Maryland was a very difficult transition. While Maryland will always have a special place in my heart, Connecticut is starting to feel like home too, and I am grateful for the sense of community that I have found at UUS:E.

Currently, I am the volunteer coordinator and administrative assistant for Middlesex United Way in Middletown. In addition to working for a non-profit, I also enjoy giving back to my community through volunteering. I met my husband in the workplace while we were both volunteering for Junior Achievement, a financial literacy program for school-age children.

I enjoy attending UUS:E because I believe in their values and because I have found a place where our entire family is welcome.

Adrian & Maria Wood



Membership News

New Member Biographies (continued)

Mark Gilbert and Heli Roy



Mark Gilbert

I'm a native of Louisiana, born and raised in New Orleans and living in Baton Rouge for the last 35 years. I'm new to Connecticut, having moved here some 18 months ago to join my wife Heli Roy after retiring from a state job working at the Louisiana legislature.

I have a son living in New Orleans and a daughter and her family—husband and two children, my grandkids—living in Baton Rouge, and a number of siblings and their families spread out from Tennessee to Louisiana and Mississippi. My parents died many years ago.

My spiritual journey is one and the same as my life's journey. It began during my adolescent years as a search for greater independence from the prescription Catholic religion of my youth. My young adulthood beliefs seem, in retrospect, to have been dominated by agnosticism more than anything else.

After marriage and kids arrived, we felt it time to find a church community. We found the Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge (UCBR), which seemed like an oasis of tolerance in a sea of traditional Christian and fundamentalist churches that predominate the conservative social culture in that region of the state. UCBR appealed to what we were looking for in wonderful religious programming for our young children, and for opportunities for our spiritual growth and community outreach. For 30 years now it has continued to provide a wellspring of growth and

opportunity on many levels. I choose now to continue my journey through UUS:E.

Today my core beliefs are innately humanist. Humanist values are in harmony with UU Principles and sources of our living tradition. I choose to join this church not only because it appears to be a good fit on measures I found at the UCBR, but in part, to use a well-worn phrase—to **comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable**.

Heli Roy

I am originally from Finland. From a family of 7 children, I am the only one who left Finland. All the rest of my family and relatives are still there. Today, I keep up with them via Facebook and other electronic media so it does not seem so far away as it did in the 70s when I came over. My parents passed in 2015. We were members of a Lutheran Church.

I came to the U.S. as a teenager, started my college career at Mohegan Community College in Norwich, which does not even exist anymore as now they have a casino instead. I also attended State University College in Buffalo and graduated from Syracuse.

I met my husband at UConn. His major was Chemical Engineering and as the jobs were down south, we moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where I lived for almost 40 years. I became a member of a United Methodist Church there because by then we had 2 children and they had an active youth program. I was a faculty member at Louisiana State University and Pennington Biomedical Center for many years, and I retired in 2015 to move back to Connecticut to be near my son and his family. My daughter lives in Berkeley, California.

I love to be back in Connecticut where there are 4 seasons, there is lots of hiking, we are near the beach, the City, Boston etc. I am married to Mark Gilbert, a native of New Orleans, LA, and he agreed to move north with me and leave all the good food and music behind. We love exploring the many music festivals here and the Connecticut Wine Trail. I also teach a course or two at UConn.

Membership News

New Member Biographies (continued)

The Gustafson Family



Steve and Sandra Gustafson

Steve and Sandra met while teachers at Odyssey Community School in Manchester, CT, Steve teaching PE and Sandra teaching art. Sandra was an outgoing single mom to a spunky toddler and Steve was a laid-back bachelor, in no hurry to settle down. Though

seemingly polar opposites in so many ways, they found themselves harmonious in their core ethical and moral standards. Steve values that Sandra refuses to give up when a fight is worth winning. Sandra prizes Steve's patience and that he is the kind of guy who would never be rude to the wait-staff.

They have seemingly parallel upbringings, both coming from blue-collar families, both of their fathers worked as mechanics and both mothers worked for the school system. But Steve grew up playing and watching sports, riding his bike on the sidewalks and playing in the public parks of New Britain while Sandra emerged from a homestead in the rural Adirondack Mountains, running across pastures to see the flocks or climbing through the hayloft, tracking down the sound of kittens mewing.

Steve and Sandra both became teachers out of a love for their respective fields and the idea that sharing their passion and knowledge with young people might be a decent way to spend a career. They continue to remind each other of this—even when teaching gets really hard! Steve continues to teach health and PE and to coach an intramural basketball league at Odyssey in Manchester and Sandra now teaches art at Glastonbury High school.

The couple share three daughters, Inara 12, Naomi almost 5, Jolli 9 months, and also currently have a child-of-the heart named Zoe, age 5 rounding out the family. They also have an elderly Chihuahua named Lilliput, and 4 pet chickens. Steve can be found at the park or gym playing basketball while Sandra uses every excuse she can find to be outside in the garden. Inara loves baking and digital drawing. Naomi and Zoe are big fans of M&M math, practicing sight words and showing off their reading skills, and movie night. Jolli likes snuggling, celebrating, showing off her walking-skills, and her socks.

The family is excited to be with you, to learn and grow from sharing experiences with all of you.



Maude McGovern

I and my husband, Paul, moved to Manchester last spring from the DC area in order to be near family. I'm happy to be back in Connecticut having grown up in Litchfield County, and we both enjoy living in an area with less traffic and more trees.

I'm retired from a varied career that included corporate training, historic preservation, and teaching English as a Second Language to adults. I'm currently involved with a variety of projects involving gardening and local history (occasionally at the same time) and enjoy reading and exploring the woods and countryside of Connecticut with my family.

I was brought up Catholic, belonged to the Episcopal Church for a while and dabbled in Quakerism. But it wasn't until I stumbled upon a UU church in 2004 that I made a discovery; I'd been a UU all along! Those seven principles made so much sense! A member for 15 years and church historian of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville in Maryland, I am pleased to have found a new church home.

Membership News

New Member Biographies (continued)

Raul & Nora Mijares Alpers Leon



Raul Mijares Alpers-Leon

I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I met Nora at an indigenous ceremony in South Dakota, and we moved out to Connecticut to settle down.

I was introduced to the UUS:E church by Nora, and we were married here January 19, 2020

I do acoustical engineering, and I love to hike and garden. In addition, I love home improvement/DIY projects. I am told I am also a great cook!

I grew up with Catholic grandparents, and later, indigenous practices. Although I was hesitant the first time Nora suggested we head to UUS:E, I am very happy to have found such a wonderful, welcoming community.

Nora Mijares Alpers-Leon

I was born in Colombia, South America, and have lived in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Ohio, finally making my way to Connecticut for graduate school.

I grew up UU (with mixes of Catholicism and Judaism), studied religious education at St Bridget's in Manchester, and also follow traditional practices from my tribe, the Muisca, and the Lakota tribe from North America.

I was a developmental psycholinguist for 8 years, pursued a master's in education, and am now teaching Spanish at Stafford High School.

I also have a puppy watching business, give private dance and Spanish lessons, practice photography, and love to garden and paint.

I found UUS:E when I moved to Vernon several years ago



Susan Gabriele

I am originally from New York but have spent all my adult life in Connecticut. I've been a Manchester resident for over 7 years.

I was raised as a Catholic in an Italian family but realized as a teenager that I'm agnostic. I tried going with my late husband Bill to the Catholic Church but found too much I strongly disagreed with. So, I didn't go to any church for over 30 years until coming to UU. Bill had converted to Congregational.

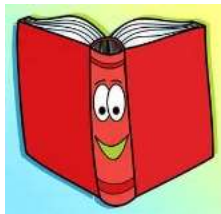
A graduate of UConn, I was an office clerk, stay-at-home-mom, a bank teller, and am now happily retired.

I live alone now, keeping busy with Lions, the HVCC food pantry, hiking and sewing. Two pre-school grandchildren add a lot of joy.

The Wudstock Celebration drew me to UUS:E, just for something to do, being a recent widow, but found this a place for fellowship, community service, and respect for my beliefs.

Books, Classes and Discussions

Please note that April gatherings are suspended.
Some may move online.



Book Lovers

We meet every second Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00, downstairs in the chapel area. (Plans for the April discussion TBD.) Everyone is welcome—including friends from outside UUS:E. Even if you haven't finished the book, you are invited to the discussion. Books are selected by participants, and we try to choose books that are old enough to be available in paperback, or at least in public libraries.

- April 14: **The Geography of Bliss**, Eric Weiner
- May 12: **The Paragon Hotel**, Lindsay Faye
- June 9: **Where the Crawdads Sing**, Delia Owens

For information: marlar@wordshard.com

Yoga News

Yoga during the Coronavirus

Due to the coronavirus, yoga classes will be temporarily canceled. Susan's session, March 11 – April 29, 11 AM – 12 noon, met March 11. When classes resume, seven classes remain in that session.

Jessica DeCarli's last session should have ended March 16. Due to the virus, that March 16 class was canceled. When classes resume, students will have one remaining class from that session.

Jessica is teaching an on-line yoga class.

Interested students may contact her at jess.decarli@gmail.com

You can contact and direct questions to:

- Jessica at jess.decarli@gmail.com,
- Susan at SBarlow627@aol.com, or
- Annie Annie at the church office, 860-646-5151

To read about their classes, visit UUSE.org.

<http://uuse.org/religious-ed/adult/yoga-classes>

Online Book Discussion:

Braiding Sweet Grass

April 21 and 28 4 PM-5:30

Please contact Annie Gentile

(uuseoffice@uuse.org) if you plan to attend and we will provide details.

Author Robin Wall Kimmerer has accomplished the difficult task of transcending science and spirituality in her book **Braiding Sweet Grass**. She is both a Native American and a professor of ecology whose thoughtful observations extends our ability to understand the world around us. Her writing gives us a deeper understanding about how to live in community with our fellow human beings as well as with the plants and animals. Join Beth Hudson-Hankins for a discussion of Kimmerer's book and the interviews she has given. Reading the book in advance is helpful. See

<https://milkweed.org/book/braiding-sweetgrass>

Green Sanctuary News



Our Sustainable Living Committee had scheduled a screening of "A Prayer for Compassion" in March, however we postponed it due to COVID-19. That word "compassion" resonates at this time of global uncertainty. It is important to remember to be compassionate toward others, toward those who may have less than we do, those who are ill, those who live alone, those who deliver goods and services, those who are providing medical & emergency care. And maybe it's especially important to be compassionate toward animals, ourselves, and the earth itself.

The Sustainable Living Committee is leading the Earth Day service for April 19. Currently we are planning a virtual service. Stay tuned! We were expecting to move our monthly Equal Exchange Coffee Sale to April 19 due to the second Sunday being Easter. That will probably be postponed.

Good news from Trinity Solar! UUS:E has had 8 installations, with 1 more scheduled. The average kilowatt hours produced by solar panels in Connecticut is 7500kWh annually, so that's about 67,500kWh of installed solar, or about 650 tons of CO₂ reduction annually!!!! So far this has resulted in \$9,800 from Trinity Solar to UUS:E. A huge thanks goes to Trinity Solar and David Luchetti!

Online Film Screening and Discussion on March 26 at 12:30 PM Eastern. The film is "The Condor & the Eagle."

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Webinar on April 9 at 7:30 PM Eastern. Book discussion of **As Long As Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice, from Colonization to Standing Rock**, special guest, author Dina Gilio-Whitaker.
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Dina Gilio-Whitaker (Colville Confederated Tribes) is the policy director and a senior research associate at the Center for World Indigenous Studies and teaches American Indian Studies at California State University San Marcos. Dina Gilio-Whitaker will be attending the UUA General Assembly, June 24-28, in Providence, RI, and providing a keynote address on Sunday, 6/28. Purchase her book "As Long As Grass Grows" at Beacon.org

Climate Actions during April are a bit up in the air, but many actions will now be online:

Connecticut Citizens Action Group is one of several groups which in January, launched **#StopTheMoneyPipeline**—a major new mobilization, targeting the financial sector's funding of climate chaos. This online action will take place during Climate Week on April 23. Find out more here:

April 23—Stop the Money Pipeline! Online March For Accountability. RSVP:

https://actionnetwork.org/events/connecticut-stop-the-money-pipeline-insure-our-future-not-fossil-fuels?source=direct_link&

Earth Day / #ClimateStrike—A great many earth day and climate strike public events are being canceled or rescheduled, but the climate strike will not be canceled. Greta Thunberg has put out a call for a #ClimateStrikeOnline and the US climate strike coalition is actively finalizing a digital strike contingency plan. For updates check UU Ministry For Earth <https://www.uumfe.org/resources/earth-day/>

Fun Food Fact: Did you know that some name brand chocolate companies use chocolate which may be produced with child or slave labor? Also, most chocolate contains soy lecithin (an emulsifier) and lots of sugar. When you buy Equal Exchange chocolate, you will avoid all these things! Equal Exchange chocolate is grown responsibly by co-ops and small-scale farmers.



Emergency Preparedness #2

#2 ***ELECTRICAL OUTAGE***

Our newly created Emergency Operations Plan defines actions to be taken when a critical situation occurs on the property. This “all hazards plan” identifies twelve situations that could risk personal safety or property damage. Each emergency situation is designated as a separate annex with specific instructions.

DID YOU KNOW?

If the power goes out while people are in the building, it might be caused by our circuit breakers. Did you know where the two main circuit breakers are located so you can check? One is inside the storage room off the back of the sanctuary where the chairs and tables are stored. The other is in the Mechanical Room, opposite the downstairs kitchen. Before entering these areas, check first if there is smoke coming from behind the doors. An electrical fire could result from a short circuit. Check for smoke and feel the door to see if it is hot before entering.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF THE ELECTRICAL POWER GOES OUT?

The following procedures are to be followed:

1. If the building is occupied, check to see if the cause is internal and may pose a risk. Check the circuit breakers to see if there is a short circuit or an electrical fire. Reset the breakers if they have tripped.
2. If there is an internal safety hazard, call 911.
3. Do not run water (faucets or toilets) to maintain remaining water pressure. The water pump does not function without power. Check the plan, **Annex K: Loss of Water Supply** for more instructions.
4. If an electrical fire is discovered, fire extinguishers can be used by a person trained in their use.
5. If smoke or fire is found evacuate the building after pulling the fire alarm.
6. Close all doors and windows.
7. If the outage is throughout the neighborhood or community, notify the power company, and then the sexton.

UUS:E GENERAL INFORMATION

UUS:E Office Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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