

UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION
in the Assabet Valley



October 11, 2026
"Wayfarers Together"

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UUCAV is a UUA Welcoming Congregation. We warmly welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people into our community.

Small portable radios are available to use throughout our building and grounds to listen to the service on **107.7 FM**, and are also our Assisted Listening Devices. Large print orders of service and hymnals are available from an usher.

UUCAV has a masks-optional policy throughout the church. Several back rows in the sanctuary & those with accessible seating are "mask-required."

UUCAV is on the web at uucav.org and on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube.

October 11, 2026: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude	“O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen”	Chris Hossfeld
	Johannes Brahms	Music Director

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement Cynthia Menard, SGCC Director

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting
 “The Mysterious Pull of the Unanswerable”
 Bran Lennox

*** Hymn #38** “Morning Has Broken” *Singing the Living Tradition*

* Covenant and Affirmation

(Spoken in unison)

As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant,
congregation-to-congregation
and through our Association,
to support and assist one another
in our ministries.

We draw from our heritages
of freedom, reason, hope, and courage,
building on the foundation of love.

Love is the power that holds us together
and is at the center of our shared values.

We are accountable to one another
for doing the work of living our shared values
through the spiritual discipline of Love.

– Unitarian Universalist Association Values and Covenant, excerpt

(Sung in unison)

Let those who live in every land
declare that fear and war are done —
joined by the labor of their hands,
in love and understanding, one.

– Ken Patton,

#378 *Singing the Living Tradition*

Candle Lighting for Peace and the Cost of War

New Member Ceremony

Introduction of New Members	Margaret Tucker,
<i>Any people wishing to join are welcome!</i>	Membership Committee Co-Chair
Anita Atukunda	Leslie DeSimone (joining later this week)
Laur Lamenza Naylor	David Reed

* *Please rise in body or in spirit*

Charge to the New Members

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

From “The Five Smooth Stones of Religious Liberalism”

by James Luther Adams

Responsive Reading

Brendon Chetwynd, Board President: *[To new members]* We welcome you to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in the Assabet Valley! Membership here comes with both privileges and commitments. As members we come together to grow spiritually, to continue learning, to create community, and to do the work of love and justice in the world. We will count on you, as you count on us, to speak the truth with courage and with love, to support the work of this church with your time, treasure, and talent as you are able, and to care for one another in times of need.

New Members: I bring to this church my unique self, seeking to join with others in our quest for truth and meaning. I recognize with a free faith comes responsibility, and I desire to join in building a church that strengthens community and our connections to our deepest callings.

UUCAV Members: We are glad you have found a home with us. Each new member shapes the church community and how we will be in the future. We welcome you into our community – *with great rejoicing!*

Signing the Book

New Members

Presentation of Gifts

Meg Rivers-Wright,
Parish Administrator

Greet Your Neighbor & New Members

Centering

Joys and Sorrows

Joys and Sorrows is a time for the things on our hearts and minds to be heard by the gathered community. If you would like a follow-up call by a lay minister or the minister, email caring@uucav.org.

Prayer or Meditation

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

In Words

“The Imprint of Love”

Laura Horton-Ludwig

In Silence

*In Song: #18

“What Wondrous Love”

Singing the Living Tradition

Exploring

Reading

“Where the Map Ends”
Karen Hering

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our offering with **Supporting Asylum Seekers**. You may donate by cash, check, online at uucav.org/donate, or text (978) 310-3309.



Anthem

“Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele”
Johannes Brahms

Chris Hossfeld

Sermon

“Wayfarers Together”

Rev. Dr. Oscar Lewis Sinclair

Returning

* Hymn #1064

“Blue Boat Home”

Singing the Journey

* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Oscar Lewis Sinclair

* Chalice Extinguishing Song

Postlude

“O Gott, du frommer Gott”
Johannes Brahms

Chris Hossfeld

Announcements

Cynthia Menard

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Thank you to:

Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host
Web Tilney, Tech Assistant
Jeff Brown, Rick Lent, Ushers
Susie O’Brien, Coffee Host
Our staff and leadership

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

To our visitors...Thank you for coming! ♥

We hope you found what you're looking for and that you'll return. Here's how to keep connecting with our people and programs:

- Fill out a VISITOR CARD in your pew or online (QR code)
- Watch these pages for NEWCOMER EVENTS:
 - 1) Newcomer Coffees- Meet the minister and other newcomers
 - 2) UU Journey Classes - Learn about UU history, spirituality, mission, and traditions
- Check out OUR WEBSITE, www.uucav.org - There is so much happening! Both our homepage and "Church Life" tab detail our events and programs.
- Subscribe to our E-NEWSLETTERS & EMAIL GROUPS (QR code)



VISITOR CARD



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≧ Today at UUCAV ≦

Religious Education - Children start in the Vestry today at 10 am for Children's Chapel, followed by our K-5 class.

After the Service -

- Coffee Hour - Fellowship Hall
- Apple Pie Sale - Pie Shed out front until pies run out or 12 noon
- Elder/Memory Care Peer Support Group until 12:45pm in the Parlor

For anyone dealing with elder/memory care issues for a loved one. We're here to support each other on this difficult journey and share resources.

≧ Announcements ≦

Peace Vigil will meet on Tuesdays

Every Thursday evening for over 20 years, except in the worst of weather, we've joined together to protest for peace on the Town Common in front of the church. **We are changing the day of the peace vigil to Tuesday, 5-6pm**, beginning this Tuesday, October 13th. All are invited to join us.

Small Group Ministry groups have openings!

If you would like to get to know UUCAV folks better, SGM is a great way to form connections with some great folks. Groups of 8-11 folks meet once a month for two hours for a facilitated sharing about a topic. Current groups will meet through January. Contact karen@kinnear.com to get more information.

October Plate Share: Supporting Asylum Seekers Task Force

UUCAV's SAS works to support asylum seekers and refugees who seek a safe home in our surrounding communities. It was founded by Steve and Mary Evans in 2018 because they recognized the expanding need of asylum seekers. To date we have supported dozens of families from such countries as Honduras, Afghanistan, Uganda, and Haiti. The work we do includes providing food, shelter, and cultural orientation, teaching resume writing and job searching skills, conducting clothing drives, visiting food pantries, working with pro bono lawyers to try and stop deportation, and so much more. SAS monetary support to our families has enabled us to cover monthly rent, purchase gift cards for gas, food and clothing, and pay for driving lessons, road tests, and car repair. Thank you for all that you have done to date and into the future as needs grow exponentially. We could not do it without you. We would also love to have you join us; speak to any of this team about how you might help, or contact asylumsupport@uucav.org. - Ann Wickham, UUCAV Liaison

The UU Journey at UUCAV Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm - 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 12/2, and a possible fifth date - A Four-Session Course on UU History, Spirituality, Mission, and Traditions led by our Minister, Rev. Cindy Landrum and Intern Minister, Yaakov Trek Reef. You do not need to be new to UUCAV to participate. All are welcome!

Opportunities to...

- Share the story of your own spiritual journey
- Ask questions about UUCAV and Unitarian Universalism
- Get to know others in the church

Topics include:

- Theology, Worship, & Spiritual Journeys
- Unitarian, Universalist, UU, & UUCAV History
- Polity, Governance, & Social Justice
- UUCAV Traditions, Involvement, & Membership



If you are interested in participating, please fill out the registration form using the QR code or go to <https://uucav.breezechms.com/form/uujourney>

≧ This Week at UUCAV ≦

SUN 11	MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14	THU 15	FRI 16	SAT 17
SERVICE 10am <i>Sanctuary/ Online</i>	Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day	COFFEE & CHAT 10-11am <i>Gazebo*</i>	READING & MEDITATION 6:40-8:45pm <i>Hall/online</i>	OPEN CREATIVITY STUDIO - SGCC <i>Vestry</i>	BRIDGE GROUP 1-3:30pm <i>Community Rm.</i>	CHOIR REHEARSAL 9am-12:30pm <i>Sanctuary</i>
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL 10am <i>Vestry</i>	BUDDHIST BOOK & MEDITATION GROUP - SGCC* 7-8:30pm <i>online</i>	<i>*In inclement weather, Coffee&Chat meets inside UUCAV's Vestry.</i>	UU JOURNEY CLASS 7-8:30pm <i>Community Rm.</i>	WRITERS' GROUP 7-9pm <i>Parlor</i>	FRIDAY FRIENDS 6:30-8:30pm <i>Hall, Vestry, Youth Rm.</i>	BUDDHIST BOOK & MEDITATION GRP - SGCC 9:30-10:30am <i>online</i>
ELDER/ MEMORY CARE PEER SUPPORT GROUP 11:15-12:45 <i>Parlor</i>	BOARD OF TRUSTEES 7-9pm <i>Hall</i>	New day! PEACE VIGIL 5-6pm <i>outside</i>		CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:15-9:30pm <i>Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary</i>	GAME NIGHT 7-9pm <i>Community Rm.</i>	SHAMANIC JOURNEY & DRUMMING GROUP - SGCC 11:30a-1:30pm <i>Community Rm.</i>
	JAZZ BAND REHEARSAL 7-9pm <i>Sanctuary</i>			Join the choir! music@ uucav.org		

* The Spiritual Growth and Community Center (SGCC) was founded at the Unitarian Church of Marlboro and Hudson in 2008; following UCMH's merger with FPC in 2026, it is now the "outreach program arm" of UUCAV, providing the Assabet Valley region with participatory spiritual practices to awaken curiosity, joy, and personal growth. Program descriptions are at <https://uucav.org/sgcc>.



SGCC PROGRAM
DESCRIPTIONS

Friday Friends - Fri 10/16, 6:30-8:30pm - Vestry, Youth Rm, Hall

Young people in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for a night of activities, games, snacks, and fun. Drop off and pick up is in the Vestry as usual.

Game Night - Fri 10/16, 7-9pm - Community Room

Led by Chip Beauvais. All are welcome. Feel free to bring a tabletop game or join in and play one of ours!

Next Sunday's Service: 10/18/26, 10 am, Sanctuary and online

"Merger Celebration and Community Blessing" - Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, President, Unitarian Universalist Association - We celebrate the historic merger of the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton and the Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson, who have voted to merge together to be the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in the Assabet Valley! The sermon will be given by Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt, and local dignitaries will bring greetings and blessings. A luncheon will follow the service.

≧ Upcoming at UUCAV ≦

5th Annual Open Mic Night

Saturday, November 7, 7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Can you sing, dance, recite poetry, tell us a story, make us laugh..? The UUCAV Arts Committee would love to cheer you on in a welcoming environment! This is an evening where we entertain each other: no competition, just folks having a good time. Families are absolutely welcome!



- **We need acts!** To perform, please email Katy Weeks (katy.brightleaf@gmail.com):
- Your name, email address, and a description of your act
 - Whether you need any equipment. (Let us know if you need more than the two microphones we plan to set up with a sound system.)
 - The name of your accompanist, whether it's you, a friend, or teacher. You will need to provide your own accompaniment. If you're struggling with this, we will do our best to work with you.
- Acts with younger kids will go at the top of the line-up
- Acts should be about 5 minutes or less to accommodate all
- You do NOT need to perform; in fact, we can really use a supportive audience! Feel free to invite your friends to come.
- If you'd like to bring a snack, dessert, or beverage, that would be lovely, but it's not necessary. We will supply beverages.
- Emcees Katy Weeks and Dave Kay for Your Arts Committee



New Revival Coffeehouse Presents Bluegrass from Gentlemen's Gambit

Saturday, November 14, 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall



Gentlemen's Gambit is a Boston bluegrass supergroup composed entirely of current students at the Berklee College of Music. The group plays both original and traditional music and draws heavy influence and material from groups like Alison Krauss & Union Station, The Lonesome River Band, The Bluegrass Album Band, and The Punch Brothers. **Tickets are**

\$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the concert, and advance price tickets can be purchased at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com). Coffee, tea and sweets will be available for purchase. Doors open at 7:00.



TICKETS:
GENTLEMEN'S GAMBIT