

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

March 10, 2024

Fixing What's Ours to Fix: Accountability in Transformation

with

Rev. Janet Newton

"If I sound like a broken record, that is because the record is broken."

- Rebecca Claren, in *The Cost of Free Land*

"Reparation is a bank word. With reparations, everything has a price. I think the bigger concept is healing. Reparations can be part of that or not. People talk about truth and reconciliation. I'm not a big fan of reconciliation. I'm a fan of healing."

- Judge Abby Abinanti, chief justice of the Yurok Tribal Court and former judge for the California State Superior Court, qtd. in *The Cost of Free Land*

Ring the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection

Susanna Savoy

Prelude

Peter Halperin

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting

Opening Hymn *Our World Is One World*

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Time for All Ages

Candles of Joy and Concern

Susanna Savoy

Meditative Silence (approximately 3 minutes of silence)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Janet

Offering

Susanna Savoy

Offertory

Peter Halperin

Reading

Hymn *Is More Love Somewhere*

#95

Sermon "Fixing What's Ours to Fix"

Rev. Janet

Closing Hymn *This Is My Song*

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Benediction

Rev. Janet

Be kind. Forgive. Attend and heed.

Be strong, but lead with love, not power.

Look for the universe inside the seed,

and the face of God in the opening flower.

- The final stanza of Rob Cowen's poem, *Sunday School*

Postlude

Peter Halperin

Thank you to our volunteers the Men's Group for our service support, providing refreshments and Visual Arts/Flowers for today's service.

Need Someone to Listen?

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Janet, your Lay Ministers (Bill Bridwell, Jan Casey, Kevin Longval) are available to lend support to anyone in our UUSMV community in their time of need by being available to listen and offer comfort. You can reach them individually by calling: Jan Casey (508-942-3643), Bill Bridwell (774-563-8542), Kevin Longval (781-249-4712) or reach out to uu.society.mv@gmail.com

The Food Pantry needs our Help!

We as a caring community are aware of the difficulties that many families and individuals on the island face. The Island Food Pantry has been at the forefront of trying to give assistance to those in need of food and other supplies such as personal hygiene products.

Right now they need help to keep up with the demand.

We are dedicating the month of March as a Share the Plate with the Food

Pantry month. We will have a box located in the front foyer to accept food and other products that you may feel like donating. We will also be collecting an offering during the third Sunday service of the month (**March 17th, St. Patrick's Day**). 100% of that collection will go to the Food Pantry. For those of you who wish to pay by check please make the check out to "UUSMV" with the words food pantry in the memo. Thank you!



Article 2 Adult Faith Formation



Please help us facilitate scheduling by answering a few questions about your preferred way of meeting and availability. NOTE: while we have some names from Sunday Worship Sign-ups, the questions about meeting time and frequency are new. Please fill the form out even if you have already indicated interest. Scan our QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.gle/xcRZ7ZkzemUXWNdA8> .

March Events

Sunday, March 10, 8:30 - 9:30 pm: Young Peoples AA (Stevens Chapel)

Monday, March 11, 3:30 - 5:30 pm: Parish Committee (meet on Zoom)

Tuesday, March 12, 9:30 am: Meditation Circle - Join on Zoom (Meeting ID: 864 3352 3334
Passcode: 737316) or Contact Ed Merck ejm646@gmail.com

Tuesday, March 12, 5 - 6 pm: "Transgender Inclusion in Congregations" Discussion group
(for people taking the course by the Transforming Hearts Collective) Meet on Zoom.

Thursday, March 14, 10:45 am: Committee on Ministries is meeting in the Chapel

Saturday, March 16, 6 - 7:30 pm: St. Patrick's Day Potluck at Stevens Chapel



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