

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

May 19, 2024



Take Us Out to the Ballgame: Shared Humanity in Unlikely Places with Rev. Janet Newton

“It is one thing to sit alone on the living room sofa and be astonished by some feat of athleticism as seen on the television....But moments like this take on greater meaning when they are shared with a community of like-minded folks who are experiencing the same kind of awe. Whether it is in the church or in the baseball stadium, the awesomeness of the moment is reinforced when it is felt as shared by others.”

— H. Dreyfus and S. Kelly, *All Things Shining*

Pre-Game Warm-Up:	Ring the Bell	
Player Introductions:	Welcome and Community Connection	Linda Moffat
Stadium Anthem:	Prelude	Peter Halperin
Ceremonial First Pitch:	Call to Worship	Rev. Janet
First Inning:	*Hymn <i>Just As Long As I Have Breath</i> #6	
Second Inning:	Time for All Ages	Rev. Janet
Third Inning: Sharing of Joys and Concerns		Linda Moffat
Sung Response	<i>Spirit of Life</i> #123	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Janet
Fourth Inning:	Offering	Linda Moffat
	Offertory	Peter Halperin
Fifth Inning:	<i>Why Do You Come, John?</i> by Rev. Victoria Safford	Linda Moffat
Sixth Inning:	Reflection Part 1: <i>Top of the Batting Order</i>	Rev. Janet
Going to the Bullpen:	Musical Interlude	
	<i>Betty's Diner</i> by Carrie Newcomer	Janet and Peter
	Chorus: Here we are, all in one place, the wants and wounds of the human race Despair and hope sit face to face when you come in from the cold Let her fill your cup with something kind, eggs and toast like bread and wine She's heard it all, so she don't mind.	
Top of the Seventh:	Reflection Part II: <i>Leaving Runners Stranded</i>	Rev. Janet

Seventh Inning Stretch: *Hymn *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*

Take me out to the ballgame, take me out with the crowd.

Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks, I don't care if I never get back,

So let's root, root, root for connection, if we forget it's a shame.

Then it's one, two, three strikes you're out at the old ball game.

Bottom of the Seventh: Connection: *Living Through a Slump*

Eighth Inning: Reflection Part III: *Bringing 'Em Home* Rev. Janet

Ninth Inning: Postlude Peter Halperin

Benediction

Thank you to our volunteers Bill Bridwell, Jack Street & Jenifer Parkinson for our service support and Roger and Linda Moffat for providing refreshments and Laura Beebe for visual arts/flowers.

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 USMV 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

Connect with Rev. Janet

Would you like to connect with Rev. Janet? Here are three ways:

1. Rev. Janet will be changing her Coffee Shop Office Hours for the remainder of the month of May. If you are hoping to connect with her, she'd love to see you on Fridays from 12:30 to 2:30 pm, at the Black Dog Cafe on State Road.
2. For pastoral care needs, request a one-on-one meeting that directly shows up on my calendar through this link: <https://calendly.com/revjanet> From there you can select a date, time, duration and location. Please keep travel time in mind as you schedule.
3. If neither of these options works for you, or if you have a more urgent need, please reach out by phone, text message or email and she will get back to you with options. Cell: (505) 670-4157 (call or text) or email: revjanetnewton@gmail.com

Events (view more events on our website calendar www.uusmv.org/events-calendar)

Sunday, May 19, 4- 5:30 pm: Musical Sunday Afternoons with Flying Elbows (Contra Dance with caller Kansas Brew), free, all are welcome!

Monday, June 3, 4:30-6:30 pm: Democracy Postcard Party at the Hebrew Center

Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 16: UUSMV Auction 2024

Monday, June 10, 1 - 3 pm: Parish Committee (on Zoom)

