

Unitarian Universalist Society of Martha's Vineyard

January 5, 2025

"Connecting Through Our Stories"

"Storytelling is a way to give someone an experience they haven't had yet, or maybe didn't even know was possible."

- Adrienne Maree Brown

Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Community Connection Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

Prelude Jeremy Berlin

Opening Words and Chalice Lighting Emily Solarazza

Hymn #149 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Jeremy Berlin

Time for All Ages Native American Storytellers Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

Reading "Woody into This World" by Rev. Scott Tayler Lucina Sheldon

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

Hymn #108 "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" Jeremy Berlin

Reading "Woody into This World" by Rev. Scott Tayler

Offertory Jeremy Berlin

Sharing of stories in small groups Congregation

Hymn #1051 "We Are..." Jeremy Berlin

(ignore repeats and sing 2 times through)

Benediction Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie

Postlude Jeremy Berlin

Thank you to our volunteers Bill Bridwell, Peter Meleney and Cynthia Robinson for our service support, Ann Charnley providing refreshments and Mimi Davisson for visual arts/flowers.

Worship Committee's hope is to create Sunday services relevant to your lives and informed by a powerful sense of something beyond ourselves. Our sermons are not TED talks, they are spiritually-driven moments in time when we connect and share our vulnerabilities with each other. The sermon takes place in a spiritual mix of song, prayer, poetry and candle-lighting. If you feel that you have an idea for a worship topic or sermon (even if it is not fully shaped in your mind), please reach out to a member of the Worship Committee: Linda Moffet, Liz Loucks, Peter Palches, or Mary Jane Aldrich-Moodie. We will collaborate with you in making something germane and powerful.

Pastoral Coverage and Care

Rev. Vicki Hanjian will provide pastoral care. She can be reached at 508-696-8225 or av.hanjian@verizon.net

Need Someone to Listen?

In addition to pastoral care being available from Rev. Vicky, 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

Events

Sunday, January 5: Annual Reports Due
 Tuesday, January 7, 4:30 pm: Worship Committee (Zoom)
 Friday, January 10, 10 am: Let's Have A Visit (Zoom)
 Saturday, January 11, 1:30 to 3:30 pm: Craft and Connect (Stevens Chapel)
 Monday, January 13, 3-5 pm: Parish Committee (Zoom)
 Saturday, January 18, 10 am: Island Insight Meditation (all are welcome!)
 Saturday, January 18, 4 pm: Movie and Potluck Discussion, Inside Out 2
 Saturday, January 25, 3:30 pm: Spiritual Book Club (Zoom)
 Sunday, January 26, after the service: Annual Meeting

