

**December 8, 2024**

*“Crave peace for all people in the world, beginning with yourselves,  
and go as you go with the dream of that peace alive in your heart.”*

Mark L. Belletini

**Welcome Song** “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

Words: adapted from Rumi; music: Lynn Adair Ungar

**Come, come, whoever you are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.  
Ours is no caravan of despair, come, yet again come.**

**Welcome & Honoring Indigenous People** #682, “Beauty” by the Navajo People  
**Martha McGovern**, worship leader

**Prelude** “Little Fugue in A Major”

Georg Philipp Telemann  
**Randall Kidder**, pianist

**Chalice & Advent Candle Lighting** #505

by Thích Nhất Hạnh

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

**\*Opening Hymn** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**#21** in *Singing the Living Tradition* words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint; music: Conrad Kocher

**Time for All Ages** *I Am Peace*

by Susan Verde; illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

**Sending Song** “Go Now in Peace”

Natalie Sleeth

**Go now in peace. Go now in peace.**

**May the spirit of love surround you**

**Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.**

**Collection of Offerings**

**Offertory** “Still”

Ola Gjeilo

**Reflection and Ribbon Ceremony**

As you place a ribbon on the tree, please share a blessing Life has  
already given you.

**Special Music** “Peace in the Midst of Chaos”

**LeeAnn Gallucci**

**Closing Hymn** “There Is More Love Somewhere,” verses 2 & 3 (Hope, Peace)

**#95** in *Singing the Living Tradition*

African American hymn

**Closing Words** #681, “Deep Peace”

Adapted from Gaelic Runes

**Postlude** “The Lark In the Clear Air”

Sir Samuel Ferguson

**Announcements**

Facebook Live ends

**Joys and Sorrows/Wheel of Life** (Zoom participants are invited to share, too.)

**Benediction & Extinguishing the Chalice**

\*\*\* **Welcome! We’re glad you’re here!** \*\*\*

Thanks to our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka**, **Lela Erb**, and **Levi Weppler**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey**, **Ralph Olander**, and **Meabh (Maeve) Daly**; our Design & Decoration team led by **Jane Tumas Serna**, and **all those who helped decorate our sanctuary, inside and out**; our Coffee Hour volunteers, **Linda Lewis**, **Betsy Liller**, **Mark Krivchenia**, and **Megan Krivchenia**; today’s host, **Dawn Hewitt**, and greeters, **Stephanie “Squish” Rector** and **Joey Thomas**; our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; and today’s worship leader, **Martha McGovern**.

If you would like to learn more about membership or participation in FUUSM congregational life, please speak to Dawn Hewitt.

**Announcements**

**Today**

- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m. Caring Committee will assemble bags of cheer for our shut-ins.

# Seeking Inner Peace: Ribbon Ceremony

## Tuesday, December 10

- Noon, UU-plus Women's Book Group, Parkersburg Country Club.
- 3:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop meets in the social hall.
- 6:30 p.m., Shari Ballantyne's **game night**, social hall. (You're invited!)

## Wednesday, December 11

- 6 p.m., **Women's Group potluck**, at The Fields Clubhouse in Williamstown. Martha McGovern and Suzyn Mills will host. Please RSVP to [suzynmills@gmail.com](mailto:suzynmills@gmail.com)

## Friday, December 13

- 9:30 a.m., **Membership Committee** meeting, RE parlor.

## Saturday, December 14

- 8 a.m.–noon, outside group in social hall (Willa O'Neill).

## Sunday, December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary: Joy.
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Ends at 1 p.m.
- 12:30-ish, p.m., **Green Sanctuary Committee** meeting, RE parlor.

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## FUUSM Affirmation

*We, the members and friends of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta:*

- *Support the free and disciplined search for truth as the center of religious community and encourage an acceptance of pluralistic views;*
- *Recognize our Judeo-Christian heritage as well as other traditions and seek lasting values and new insights;*
- *Affirm, defend, and promote the equality, worth, and dignity of every person;*
- *Strive for a world community of love, justice, and peace;*
- *Support the democratic process and mutual respect in all human relationships;*
- *Cherish the universe and its resources and recognize the unity of all life.*



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