



Martin Luther King, Jr. : January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

## Bishop Curry issues statement on shooting in Minneapolis

Our presiding bishop speaks to us about the shooting death of Renee Good. Read it at this [link](#).



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance in Natick

Spark Kindness is organizing a celebration of Dr. King's legacy at Natick High School, which begins with community connection at 9:30 and continues with a program in the auditorium. Bring a donation for Natick Service Council. Find the details at this [link](#).

Annual Meeting Reports are Due  
Tuesday, January 20

## Thoughts from your musician...

As I reflect on MLK Day, the state of our nation, and—most importantly—this week’s scriptures, I find myself listening closely to that quiet inner voice that helps me lift up God’s message. What words will resonate this week? What musical language might open God’s Word through song? In other words... what hymns and music will speak most clearly now?

This Sunday, we’ll hear from Paul’s letters to the Corinthians. These have always fascinated me. I’ve often wondered what it must have been like for Paul as he wrote those words. Did he have any idea how many thousands, millions—even billions—of people would one day hear them, wrestle with them, and be inspired by them? Composer and arranger John Carter reminds me just how many different voices hear God’s Word. You’ll hear this expressed in the prelude Sunday. Carter uses musical color, tone, and rhythm in his setting of *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*—a vivid reminder that faith is proclaimed through many voices, each uniquely gifted.

In this week’s Gospel reading, the apostle John lifts his voice, proclaiming, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

I hope our closing hymn, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*—joyfully accompanied by our own Ross Petot—will lift your spirit and encourage you to testify and “carry on.”

This Sunday, we will hear each other’s voices in every form imaginable: different tones, accents, pitches, dialects, and rhythms.

A thousand tongues will raise their voices to God—proclaiming the coming of the light and reminding us that a thousand voices must still march for justice and love, expressing what we have learned through Jesus Christ our Savior as well as through the wise teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Warmly,

Kim



### This Week's Presider

This Sunday we welcome Pastor Elyse Nelson Winger as our guest presider.

### Feeding our neighbors

Did you know that there is a small closet outside the Common Street Spiritual Center that offers free



Elyse is the Tufts University Chaplaincy liaison to Student Life, Tisch College, the Department of Religion, the Office of Equal Opportunity, the

Office of Residential Life and Learning's Residential Life Coordinator (RLC) team, and the Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice.

food, no questions asked? Sometimes food from the local pantries does not last until the next appointment and there are people who are not connected to the other food pantries in town. Members of Christ Lutheran have been stocking this free little food pantry on the third Sunday of the month. It's very easy to do on your way to or from church! Speak to [Celeste Larson](#) if you'd like to help.



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### Family Promise Support Week: January 12 – 14, 2026

CLC is currently in need of one or two people to prepare and drop off a meal for families in the shelter service at Family Promise on Wednesday, January 14. Final numbers of people and ages of kids in service, along with any food restrictions/instructions will be available by Friday, Jan. 9.



We may also need a volunteer to shop and drop off grocery items at FPM on Monday, January 12. Please contact [Mary](#) or [Robin](#) if you can assist, or for more information.

Gift cards of \$25 –\$50 to Target, Walmart, or Stop and Shop will be gratefully received by the families and can be placed in the collection plates this Sunday, January 11 and next, the 18th.

Thanks to all for your continued support of this important mission.

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## January Diaper Drive

We will be collecting diapers and wipes for A Place to Turn on **Sundays January 18 and 25**. APTT is most in need of diapers in sizes 4, 5 and 6.

Donations of money can be given to **Dorothy Nail** or **Celeste Larson**.

## Calumet Weekend Support

We'd like everyone to be able to join us at Calumet on our January weekend. If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of this weekend for some of our members, you can write a check to Christ Lutheran Church with Calumet subsidy in the memo line. If you're in need of financial assistance in order to attend, speak with **Celeste Larson**.



# Ongoing

## January 12

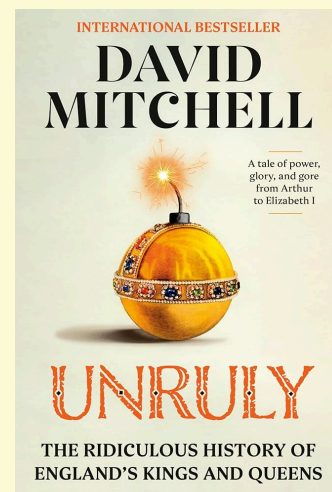
### Book Group

The CLC Book Group will meet on **January 12, 2026** at 7:30 pm via zoom to discuss

*Unruly: The Ridiculous History of England's Kings and Queens* by David Mitchell.

Contact **Marianne Swenson** to receive the zoom link.

A witty exploration of England's monarchy from Arthur to Elizabeth I, revealing how supposedly divine rulers were actually eccentric, power-hungry individuals who shaped the nation's destiny.



## January 18

### Council Announcements

On **Sunday, January 18**, the congregation will have two opportunities to meet with members of Council and the Mutual Ministry Team to hear a summary of Pastor Christophor's exit interview.



Following the presentation, the Council members will lead a discussion. The first meeting will be held at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The second meeting will take place at 7:30 pm via zoom.

## Caring Coalition

Caring Coalition to meet on **Sunday, January 18 at 1:00** at First Congregational Church. The Caring Coalition is a group of churches in and around Natick who seek ways to work together for the good of our communities.

Currently, we are working with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization to work for passage of the Yes in God's Back Yard bill, legislation that would clear some of the hurdles for churches seeking to build affordable housing on their properties. Do you have other ideas for ways we could work together to amplify our voices for justice? Join us for Caring Coalition meetings. Speak to **Beth Castro** for more information.



**YOGA & DRUMMING**  
*Fundraiser for Casa*

Sunday January 18, 4:30-5:45 pm  
Sherborn UU Areen Church,  
11 Washington St., Sherborn, MA

*In Collaboration with*

- Natick United Sherborn Unitarian Universalist Areen Church
- Roots & Wings: Yoga and Healing Arts
- First Congregational Church Natick
- Edwards Church
- Justice and Love in Action
- Open Spirit
- Casa Allies

*Everyone is Welcome*

Whether you can donate or not, all are welcome. This is space for needed self-care; if you would like to donate, you can bring check or cash when you attend the class. Or use this QR code.

Space is limited. Accessibility is priority. Please let us know you are attending. Contact Maggie with questions & to register: learn2relax@yahoo.com

## Need a way to let go of some stress?

Join us for Yoga with live drumming on **Sunday January 18 at 4:00pm** at UUAC in Sherborn. Maggie Sky will lead a very gentle yoga session that people of all abilities can do. This event is also a fund raiser for CASA and their work with local immigrants. Pay what you wish!

(click on the picture for a larger pdf)

# January 24

## Voices of Justice: an opportunity to join in learning and discussion about immigration justice

On **Saturday, January 24 from 9:30-3:00** our partners at UUAC Sherborn church are offering a day of conversation and learning about issues of immigrant justice.

Pre-registration is required. See **Celeste Larson** with questions.

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## IMMIGRATION JUSTICE:

### VOICES OF THE VULNERABLE

Saturday, January 24th, 2026 9:30-3pm UUAC Sherborn

#### The Forum features

Speakers • Music • Discussion • Food • Reflection



- Understand the values & moral imperative for justice as UUs & for people of other faiths.
- Name the conditions on the ground in the immigration space.
- Hear the voices of those who are affected in terms of their human rights, access to livelihood, food, education, physical security
- Engage with organizations who support those impacted.

#### Register Now

[Register online for the Immigration Justice forum.](#) Registration closes Jan. 19.



Unitarian Universalist Church at First Parish in Sherborn  
Parking, building, and restrooms are all accessible

## February 21



### Rising Stars

Daniel Garofolo will be performing a solo in the Rising Stars Cabaret performance. Showtimes are **February 21 at 3pm and 8pm** at Lil' Chuck Boston, 74 Warrenton St., Boston. Tickets are available at the BGMC website. Join us in an intimate cabaret setting for a spotlight on emerging vocalists. With solos, duets, and trios, this evening showcases the next wave of BGMC performers. Sip a cocktail and discover tomorrow's soloists in this heartfelt and high-energy performance full of

surprises.

## February - March 2026

**SAVE THE DATE**

## **WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY**

**February 26 - March 26, 2026**



**Join the Interfaith Community in Natick for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual celebration of our unique traditions and common ground!!**

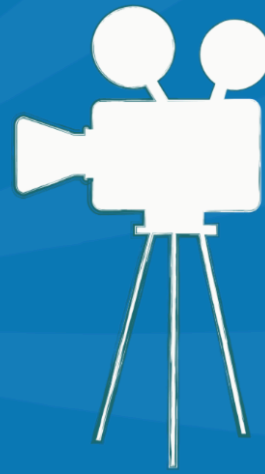
Visit [NatickIsUnited.org](http://NatickIsUnited.org) and search for "World Interfaith Harmony" to see a list of last year's events!



# FILMS

# & FUN GAMES

Thought-provoking cinema  
and community building fun



## Monthly, First Saturday, 7 PM\*

<b>Oct 4</b>	● ●	Games
<b>Nov 1</b>	● ●	Film: <i>An American Conscience</i> <i>The Reinhold Niebuhr Story</i>
<b>Dec 6</b>	● ●	Games
<b>Jan 3</b>	● ●	Film: <i>Backs Against the Wall</i> <i>The Howard Thurman Story</i>
<b>Feb 7</b>	● ●	Games
<b>Mar 7</b>	● ●	Film: <i>Revolution of the Heart</i> <i>The Dorothy Day Story</i>
<b>April 4</b>	● ●	Games
<b>May 2</b>	● ●	Film: <i>Spiritual Audacity</i> <i>The Abraham Heschel Story</i>



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\*Time subject to change: check website before event

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, January 12 @ 7:30 pm:** Book Group

**Sunday, January 18 @ 11:30 (in person) and 7:30 pm (zoom):**  
Meeting to discuss Pr. Christophor's Exit Interview Summary

**Tuesday, January 20:** Reports due for Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, January 27:** Council Meeting

**January 30:** Calumet Weekend

**Saturday, February 7 @ 7 pm:** Game Night

## Sunday, February 8: Semi-Annual Meeting

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