



November at Unity Church

**Happy
Thanksgiving
month Unity
Church Family**

October was a hard month. Global violence, political unrest, trouble in the land, It has provoked plenty of trauma, fear, and anxiety. My own fears for the world have caused a few early morning wakings, but one waking was of a different sort. I awoke thinking of love and prayer and that inspiration gave rise to my two services in November.

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The theme for November is love. Love is patient, love is kind, love is hope, love is justice, love is love. Love is impossible. Love is like a prayer. *On November 5th*, I will be leading a service on "Loving/Impossible". Famous French and Jewish philosopher Jacques Derrida was known to be an atheist, but in the latter part of his life he ruminated significantly on prayer. The notion of prayer and praying captivated him and I think of the line from We Are... where Sweet Honey in the Rock sing **"We are our grandmother's prayers. And we are our grandfather's dreamings."** We are the prayers of our ancestors. Not the fruit of their prayers, not the hopes of their prayers. We are their prayers. Love makes the impossible possible.

On November 19th, I will be leading a service on "Like a Prayer." Martin Luther King and Madonna both spoke powerfully about love. Love has a spiritual and sacred power, one that uplifts, changes, disrupts, and that love is its own communication and its own knowledge. Love is not just for Valentines, chocolates, and roses, but for how we participate in our world.

Love is part of gratitude, and in this month of Thanksgiving I am grateful for my Unity Church Family. We are entering on our road to 150 years which we will be celebrating in 2025 as the Town of Easton celebrates its tricentennial. For close to 150 years Unity Church has been a beacon of love, hope, truth, and light to our larger community and plenty of festivities will be on the way to celebrate. I am grateful to serve as part of that lineage. Thank you for being on this journey with me.

~ Best, Andrew

November Services

10:30am at Unity Church and Zoom* unless otherwise noted



November 5th ~ "Loving/Impossible", Dr. Andrew Tripp (*see Andrew's article*)

November 12th ~ "Side with Love - Unity Church Aiding Neighbors (UCAN) Community Service Service" Unitarian Universalists affirm unconditional, universal love as a foundation and grounding for our actions in the world. One way we do this is by striving to be of service to our communities. Our Sunday Service will be just that! Join us in sharing our love and living our values by supporting those who are food insecure in Easton. UCAN is partnering with the Easton Food Pantry by baking and donating pies for Thanksgiving. The community service work will be from 8:30am to 1pm in Parish Hall. We ask those who want to join the service and support this work to go to <https://www.unitychurchofnortheaston.org/> and click on the UCAN (Unity Church Aiding Neighbors) link on the home page. (We are inviting those in the Easton community to join us as well.) From the hours of 10:30-11:30am will be music and readings to be sure our love is baked into every pie. All ages are welcome. The service is in Parish Hall; there will be NO ZOOM streaming.

November 19th ~ "Like a Prayer.", Dr. Andrew Tripp (*see Andrew's article*)

November 29th ~ "Poetry Sunday" This service is at 10am at the Foxborough

* Zoom link at our Webpage, <https://www.unitychurchofnortheaston.org/>