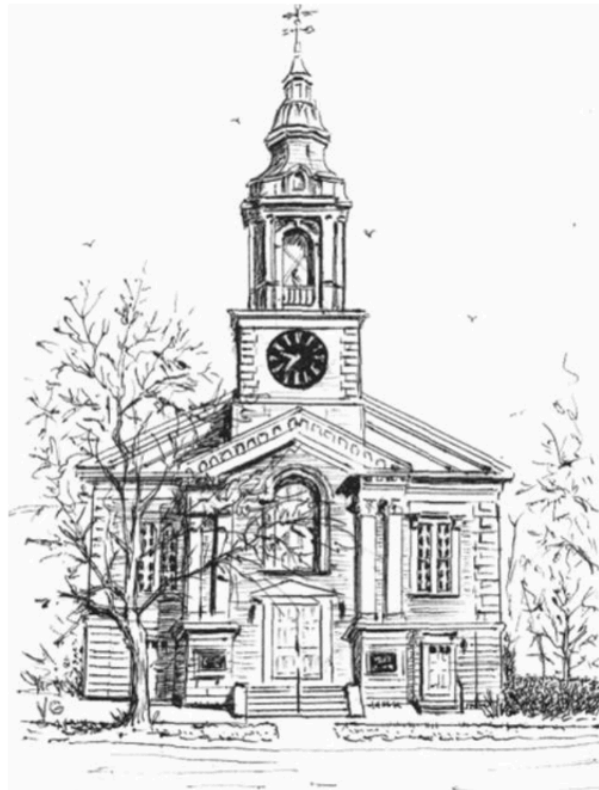


UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY  
OF GRAFTON AND UPTON  
January 5, 2025

**Leading with Heart - A Spirited Sunday  
Honoring the Spirit of Kwanzaa -  
with Rev. Daniel Gregoire  
and Cherilyn Reno, DRE**



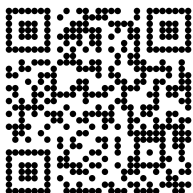
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Spark the spirit and the mind.  
Kindle loving community.  
Ignite social justice in the world.

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<b>Community Music</b>		David DeGrand
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Rev. Daniel Gregoire
<b>Prelude</b>		David DeGrand
<b>Welcome</b>		Debbie Pourali
<b>Chalice Lighting</b>	(see blue music card in pew pocket)	
<b>Story Part 1</b>	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter An African Tale by John Steptoe (adapted)	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
<b>*Hymn</b>	#1020 Woyaya	David DeGrand
<b>Sharing of Joys and Sorrows</b>		Debbie Pourali
<b>Prayer</b>	Responsive Reading #536 "Morning," by Mary Oliver	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
<b>*Hymn</b>	#1008 When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place	David DeGrand
<b>Story Part 2</b>	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter An African Tale by John Steptoe (adapted)	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
<b>Sermon</b>		Rev. Daniel Gregoire
<b>Story Part 3</b>	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter An African Tale by John Steptoe (adapted)	Rev. Daniel Gregoire
<b>Invitation to Generosity</b>		Debbie Pourali

## Our Share the Plate: In the Hour of Need Family Shelter

IHN works in partnership with the faith community, groups, and area volunteers to provide shelter and assistance to families with children who are experiencing homelessness regardless of income and family structure. The Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance reports an expected 732 adults using shelters in February 2025.



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**Offertory Music**

David DeGrand

**Offertory Response** #402 "From You I Receive"

**From you I receive, to you I give,  
Together we share,  
and from this we live.**

**Announcements**

Debbie Pourali

**Story Part 4**

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter  
An African Tale by John Steptoe (adapted)

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

**Kwanzaa Kinara Lighting**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

**\*Hymn**

#1028 Fire of Commitment

David DeGrand

**\*Invitation**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

**\*Extinguishing the Chalice** (see blue music card in pew pocket)

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Daniel Gregoire

**Postlude**

David DeGrand

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit*

## Events Calendar

### Today, Sunday, January 5, 2025

- 10 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary and online)
- 11:15 AM - 12 PM Holiday Decoration Clean-up (Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary)
- 11:45 AM Worship Committee Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 12:45 PM New to UUSGU (Parlor)

### Tuesday, January 7, 2025

- 12:30 PM Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Easy Does It (AA) Meeting

### Wednesday, January 8, 2025

- 5-7 PM Rev. Daniel's Office Hours (Contact [minister@uusgu.org](mailto:minister@uusgu.org))

### Thursday, January 9, 2025

- 10 AM Hatha Yoga Flow (Fellowship Hall)
- 6 PM Board of Trustees Meeting (Zoom)

### Saturday, January 11, 2025

- 10 AM Artist's Way

### Sunday, January 12, 2025

- 10 AM Worship Service

For information on future events please see the Church calendar at [UUSGU.org](http://UUSGU.org)

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