



Monadnock Interfaith Project
Building An Interfaith Coalition for Community Understanding and Social Justice

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December 2024

This is the time of year that many of our faith traditions celebrate with Advent and Kwanza candles, Hanukkah menorahs, and lights for Winter Solstice celebrations.

In this eNewsletter you will find a look back at a year in the life of MIP interfaith activity, special events coming this month, and more.

As we finish up the year, we invite you to invest in MIP with [adonation / membership](#) because we are stronger together!

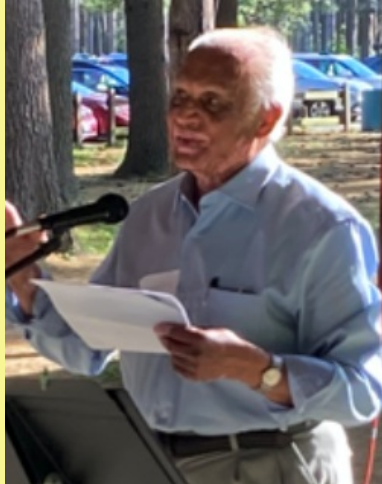
We wish you and your loved ones, hope, joy, peace, and light in this season!

MIP 2024 Photo Highlights



Faith Festival at Wheelock Park





Interfaith Passover Seder



**Father Gregory Boyle for
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



**Book Discussion Groups
with the Cohen Center**



Trauma Informed Service Workshops



Swampbats Baseball Faith Night



The Light Inside the Dark: Witnessing in Empathy at Auschwitz



Fall MIP Picnic



Faith Leaders at the Annual Kristallnacht Remembrance



MIP Guiding Council Annual Meeting

The photos above illustrate the beloved community we have created together. And, there is so much more MIP has done:

- Worked with local economic leaders to launch the Monadnock Housing Development Fund.
- Co-sponsored an Interfaith Climate Cafe.
- Formed partnerships with nine local congregations and faith organizations.
- Expanded MIP's Guiding Council leadership.

MIP is truly a place where head, heart, and hands come together to make more good things happen in the Monadnock region.

Now...

we invite you to become an MIP member!

Members come together to foster relationships across spiritual beliefs and put our values into concrete action. Together our collective power accomplish more than any of us can individually.

Your tax deductible membership will enable MIP to thrive into the future.

[Click here to become an MIP member!](#)

Listening for Change in the Monadnock Region we need your help!

In early 2025 MIP will be hosting listening sessions in faith congregations and regional community locations.

We will listen to understand the challenges local people are facing. Our goal is to identify MIP's next social justice campaign.

Listening sessions are great opportunities for relationship building and creating a solid foundation for working together on positive change.

Like being a listener? Interested in helping?

MIP will provide training to help lead these sessions.

Listening process facilitator training dates:

- Wed Jan 22, 6:30pm on zoom
- Tuesday Jan 28, noon in person, location TBD

Click this link to [Sign up for a Listener/Facilitator Training](#).



Labyrinth of Light

December 22-23 & 27-29, 5-7pm

Walpole Unitarian Church
Hastings Parish House, Upstairs Ballroom
14 Union Street, Walpole
Admission by donation

Time to step out of the hectic season and join others from the community in walking the traditional "Labyrinth of Lights" at the Walpole Unitarian Church, a gentle time for a pause to reflect during this season.

The Labyrinth provides visitors a quiet time for meditative reflection as they wend their way through the light-studded greenery and plant their own candle at the center. Together with the serene background music and the dimly lit space, this ritual is said by many to bring a sense of peaceful spiritual nourishment during the darkening and hectic days of December.

We humbly apologize that at this time, the facility is only accessible by individuals able to surmount stairs. Weather closures will be posted on Facebook and on our message machine at (603) 756-3961.

Special events in this season of light and love...



Blue Christmas - *For those experiencing grief and struggling with loss.*

- Wednesday, Dec 11, 12pm, United Church of Christ in Keene, 23 Central Square
- Thursday, Dec 19, 7pm, St. James Episcopal Church, 44 West Street,

Keene. Quiet music, candles and prayers.

Labyrinth of Light - *Meditative walk through light-studded greenery.*

- December 22-23 & 27-29, 5-7pm, Hastings Parish House, Upstairs Ballroom, 14 Union Street, Walpole

Community Menorah Lighting - *Music, blessings, light and joy.*

- Monday, Dec. 30, 5:30pm, Keene Family Y. Jelly donuts and cider in the lobby after the ceremony.



December Spiritual Holidays

Visit [Interfaith Calendar 2024](#).

December 8 – Bodhi Day

This Buddhist holiday remembers the day that Gautama Buddha experienced enlightenment.

December 21 – Yule

Pagans and Wiccans celebrate the winter solstice today, marking the day on which the “sun is reborn.”

December 25 – Christmas

The Christian celebration honoring and welcoming the birth of Jesus Christ.

December 26 – January 2 – Hanukkah

The Jewish celebration commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

December 26 – January 1 – Kwanzaa

Cultural celebration when African and African American families come together to share a feast, honor the ancestors, affirm the bonds between them, and light candle to highlight seven life affirming principles.

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