



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2023



Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter died last Sunday at the age of 96. Her collaboration with President Jimmy Carter touched “virtually every aspect of her husband’s presidency, ... most notably by inspiring and assisting with [the] landmark Camp David meetings that brokered peace between Israel and Egypt” (NYT, 11/20/23). Rosalynn Carter, *presente!*

Dearly Beloved,

What a beautiful Thanksgiving service we enjoyed together! And yes, we brought the miracle to Miracle Sunday! If you, too, want to be part of the miracle, please [join in the special appeal](#) to pay down the unbudgeted \$43,070.16 bill for repairing Arlington Street’s main sewer line. I’ll announce the grand total on December 3rd!

This Sunday, soprano Natalia St Jean and collaborative pianist Hyunju Jung will bring us Brandi Carlisle's *Have You Ever* and Dodie's *Ready Now*. Our student minister, kel alford, is in the high pulpit. Her sermon is called *Is It Working? The Healing Power of Questions*. Her "scripture" is the work of Irish poet Pádraig Ó Tuama.

On Monday evening at 7:30, the Membership Team is hosting our third *Calling All Zoomers!* The Membership team and I are especially interested in hearing from you if you primarily attend Sunday services and weekday gatherings virtually. How is our ongoing hybrid experiment going for you? Please join us here!

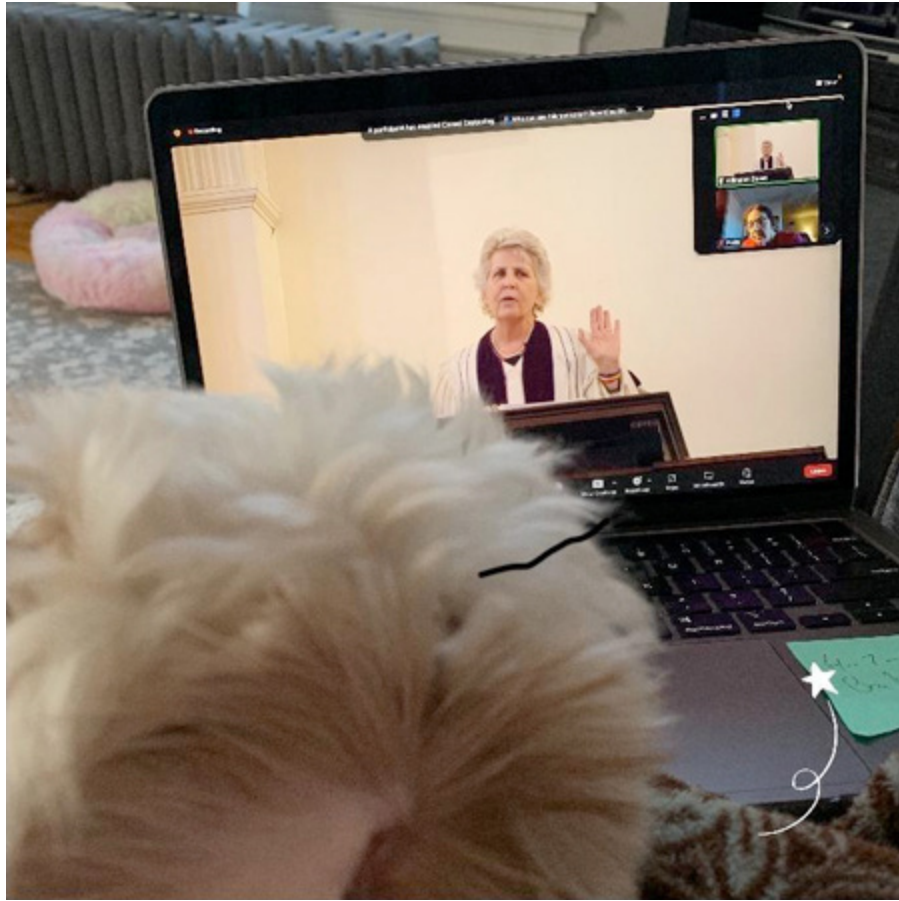
We're officially in the holiday season! This Thursday evening, please join Rev. Beth and me for the Boston Christmas Tree Lighting! Santa will be there, and the 45-foot-tall white spruce (a gift from our good neighbors in Nova Scotia), as well as all the Christmas lights on the Boston Common and in the Public Garden, will be illuminated. For those of you coming in person, let's gather in front of the meeting house on Arlington Street to walk over together at 5:45 ET. For those of you attending virtually, the live broadcast on WCVB (Channel 5) will begin at 7:00 ET.

A very special thank you to Bill Briggs for his gift of four new fire blankets for the sanctuary. When he's not serving as lead usher, Bill, an emergency room nurse, flies all over the country helping to turn around failing emergency departments. He has donated much of our safety equipment, maintains our defibrillator, and is on hand for Sunday morning medical exigencies. Bill, you are a gift!

You are, each and every one of you, a gift. I am so grateful!

Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim

December 3rd, one week from Sunday, it's Bringing in the Greens. Elf Jefe (aka Kevin Tyrrell) invites all Boston-based members and friends to deck the hall immediately following the service!



Fran Peterson reports that her puppy, Betty White, is an Arlington Street fan!

