Neighbors for Peace Interfaith Service

Join us for our annual interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering! Neighbors of all faiths, traditions, and backgrounds are warmly invited to join us for an evening of reflection and unity as we give thanks for the many blessings that connect us. Experience inspiring readings, uplifting music, and light refreshments while building bridges of understanding and peace across our community.

The Interfaith Service will feature readings, prayers, and music representing a variety of religious traditions, including participation from members of the Muslim, Jewish, Church of Jesus Christ, Sikh, and Christian faith communities. Everyone is welcome!

Our musical offerings continue to inspire and bring our community together. This year's program will include performances by children's singing groups and the Pilgrim Church Bell Choir.

We are also pleased to welcome back David Joyner, a distinguished gospel singer, member of the Boston Pops Gospel Choir, and Southborough resident. David will perform with Austin de Besche accompanying him on piano.

Other musical participants include the DeFigueiredo family children, accompanied by Beck DeFigueiredo on piano, and Ben Probst on violin. Keri Probst will play the organ as the congregation joins in singing a hymn. Peter Zschokke will accompany the community on guitar as we all join in singing *Let There Be Peace on Earth*.

A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the Southborough Food Pantry.

Optional: Please feel free to bring a dessert or light refreshment to share.

No RSVP is required. Everyone is welcome to join the service and festivities!

About Neighbors for Peace

The idea for Neighbors for Peace began over a cup of coffee at the Red Barn Café in 2015. Two Southborough neighbors, Dr. Safdar Medina, a Muslim, and the Rev. Phil LaBelle, a Christian and formerly of St. Mark's Church, came together to discuss ways to build bridges rather than erect walls in response to the divisive rhetoric in our country.

What began as a conversation between two neighbors has grown into a community organization dedicated to promoting peace, understanding, and respect for all people.

Neighbors for Peace has worked to bring together residents of Southborough and neighboring communities who share a commitment to the respect and dignity of all people.

Through peace vigils, community social events, service projects, educational opportunities, and programs promoting peace and understanding, the organization continues to create opportunities for meaningful connections across faith traditions and backgrounds.

Among its ongoing initiatives are a community-wide Iftar dinner during Ramadan, an annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, and other bridge-building events throughout the year.

The mission of Neighbors for Peace remains as important today as it was when the organization began: to bring people together, build bridges across differences, and promote peace, understanding, and the respect and dignity of all people.