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### **August 7: Love as Exemplified in the Life and Teachings of Jesus**

Unitarians over the centuries have focused on “love” as being the essential example and teaching of Jesus. But what does this “love” entail? Jim Robinson, Dan Huse, and Ray Wallace will each share their answer to that question, and then we will ask you to share your understanding.

### **August 14: After Life: Yes, No, Maybe .... And What Difference Does It Make?**

Members of the congregation will share different viewpoints about what happens after “death”. There certainly is no set answer to this question, and differing views will be celebrated. Then we will focus on the important question: how can our personal views of death and after life help us lead better lives here and now?

### **August 21: Meditation and Mindfulness**

Sylvia Mignon, an experienced meditation and yoga instructor (and member of our congregation) and Jim Robinson will co-lead the service. We will explore the practical meaning of mindfulness and describe various meditation practices. We will share in an extended time of meditation together.

### **August 28: Exploring the Religion of Islam**

Tahera Sajid, a Muslim, journalist, and member of the Sharon Mosque, and Jim Robinson will co-lead the service. What is the essence of Islam? As we approach the tenth anniversary of 9/11, how can we develop an accurate understanding of Islam and deal with the fear of Islam that grips many people in America?

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Any announcements to be made during services can be sent to the worship coordinator to be read.

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**AUGUST 26TH**

**5PM**

**Submit article to**  
**newsletter@uusharon.org**

## *From the Minister*

Throughout its history, the Unitarian Church of Sharon has been either a small church (with a minister) or a fellowship (without a full time minister). This heritage has instilled a wonderful sense of participation and ownership by the members. For 274 years members have loved their church and made it happen.

Because we have something good to offer people, and because we have both an excellent new addition and an historic Meetinghouse, and because the population in and around Sharon has increased significantly, the Unitarian Church of Sharon is growing from a small church into a mid-sized church. We have crested over the “official number” of 150 members. I expect we will continue to grow in the next four years and perhaps plateau at around 200 adult members and 100 children and youth.

Our opportunity is to keep the high level of member participation and ownership (which is our small church heritage) and combine it with the greater diversity of programs and membership that marks a mid-sized congregation. I am certainly committed to members sharing the pulpit throughout the year as well as members creating and participating in all areas of our church life. The Unitarian Church of Sharon is a remarkably vibrant community. The source of that vibrancy is the continuing love and commitment people have given this church since 1737.

*-Jim Robinson*

### **Director of Religious Education - Summer Office Hours**

Louise will be out of the office through August 5. After that, Louise will work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, most likely from 9 am to 2 pm. Her hours may vary. To ensure that she's available to meet with you, please contact her at [dre@uusharon.org](mailto:dre@uusharon.org).



### **Administrative Assistant Office Hours**

The Administrative Assistant, Janet Mayo, will be working limited hours during the summer. Please leave her a message and she will respond as soon as possible.

## ***ADULT PROGRAMS at the Unitarian Church of Sharon***

**Wednesday Book Group** meets Aug. 3, 7:30 pm, to discuss “Cutting for Stone” by Abraham Verghese.

**Sunday Book Group** meets August 7, 12:00 pm, to discuss “Caleb’s Crossing” by Geraldine Brooks.

**The Coffee House planning group** will meet on Sunday, August 14, 11:45 am to continue preparing for a monthly coffee house at our church.

**Would you like to join a Women's Support Group?** The next (open) meetings are: Mondays, Aug 8 & 22 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the library. Contact Louise Chereski (louisechereski@comcast.net) or 781-784-3618.

**The Caring Committee of the Unitarian Church of Sharon will be available during the summer** for those who might be in need of food shopping, meals, transportation, or emergency child care. Please contact Jim Robinson or Louise Chereski and you will be matched with a church volunteer.



### ***Volunteers needed***



If you can help with coffee, flowers, or greeting for any of the three September services, please visit our website to view available dates or contact Colleen Dumont at [colleend9@hotmail.com](mailto:colleend9@hotmail.com). Sign-ups will be available online as well as on the bulletin board during coffee hour. Hospitality is an easy way to contribute during the church year and even children make good helpers for these tasks. If you have never done coffee and would like to learn, training will be offered throughout the year with veteran church members. Look for more information in the order of service this fall.

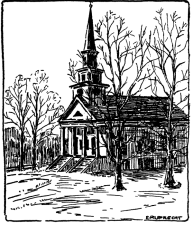
### ***An Afternoon at Tanglewood***

Mark your calendar now! Join church friends at Tanglewood on Sunday, August 21 (and invite a friend to join us). The ride takes an estimated 2-1/2 hours, so we’ll gather at 9:00 am (**Please note: earlier than previous suggested time.**) at the church to car-pool for the drive, arriving before noon for a picnic lunch. The all-Mozart program at 2:00 includes the Piano Concerto #18 and Symphony #41, the “Jupiter Symphony.” After the concert, drive right home or stop for dinner somewhere along the way. Turnpike tolls are \$2.10 each way; lawn tickets are \$19. For ticket prices in the shed, check the Boston Symphony Tanglewood website. Questions? Call or email Colleen Tuck. No rain date is planned.

### ***UCS Day on the River***

Join other UCS river enthusiasts on Saturday, August 20 for a day of kayaking and canoeing on the Charles. Reservations not needed – just load up your watercraft of choice and meet Liz, Mia, Laurie, Ray and Colleen at the church by 9:30 am. After a leisurely paddle, join us for lunch if you choose as we review the day’s wildlife sightings. You never know what the river will reveal. Past excursions have rewarded us with a swan family, an enormous snapping turtle, a muskrat and many birds, including great blue herons. Friends are always welcome.

## MEETINGHOUSE NEWS



- We extend our sympathies to Natalie Smith on the death of her daughter Jennifer after a long battle with cancer.
- Congratulations to Bill Fox on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was celebrated at a family reunion in Austin, Texas.

## Save the date:

Unitarian Church of Sharon  
2nd Annual Open House  
Tuesday, August 23, 2011  
5- 7:30 p.m.

Invite your friends and neighbors.  
Volunteers will be needed to lead tours,  
bring finger foods, arrange flowers,  
and help with children's crafts.

Contact Alison Reid [ag Reid2@verizon.net](mailto:ag Reid2@verizon.net) or  
Beth McGregor if you can help.

## General Assembly

I've returned safe and sound from my seventeenth General Assembly. As always, I return inspired and invigorated and recharged with enthusiasm for this idiosyncratic faith of ours. This GA was the 50<sup>th</sup> since the merger of the Unitarians and the Universalists, and was full of celebration. It was also notable for the fact that four members of UCS attended . . . the most ever, as far as I know, except for the GA in Boston in 2002.

I was delighted to see our former minister, the Rev. Deborah Cayer, and have some time to chat with her about her and our doings since she left us. She was part of a powerful plenary presentation about social action, speaking movingly about Eno River's work for immigration reform. I met a number of members of that congregation and congratulated them on their new minister.

One of my favorite parts of General Assembly is the Opening Celebration, which includes the banner parade. As in past years, I brought and carried the UCS banner.

I spent a lot of time staffing the adjacent booths of Interweave (the UU LGBT organization) and UU's for Polyamory Awareness (I'm on the boards of both organizations), which meant I got to spend some quality time with my brother, who is president of UUPA.

Next year, GA will be in Phoenix, AZ, a "justice GA" focusing on immigrant rights. The following year it will be in Louisville, KY, and the year after THAT it will be in our backyard in Providence, RI . . . and if we don't send dozens of UCS members, I'll be gravely disappointed.



- Valerie White

## Position Available: RE Assistant

### Job Description

Provide general clerical and organizational aid which may include: collecting supplies for weekly RE lessons and putting the supplies away after church, organizing and maintaining RE supplies, maintaining bulletin boards, keeping budget records, organizing reimbursements, purchasing supplies and books, and supervising the RE library.

The position is for 4 hours of work per week. At least part of those hours are required to be on Sundays from 11:30 onward.

### Job Requirements

Organized, responsible, honest, able to work independently as well as part of a team, access to a car required for errand and shopping trips, teaching experience desirable.

### Application

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the Director of Religious Education, Louise Marcoux, at [dre@uusharon.org](mailto:dre@uusharon.org) and RE Committee Chair, Pam Baker-Webber at [bakerwebber@comast.net](mailto:bakerwebber@comast.net).

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS:

*It would be fun to have a series of Sunday morning bulletin covers. So we are inviting artists and photographers to submit drawings or pictures that you think would make a good front cover of the Sunday morning order of service and announcements program. Submit your work to Janet Mayo at [admin@uusharon.org](mailto:admin@uusharon.org) or bring a copy into the office.*

## Goodwill Alliance

The Goodwill Alliance invites the women of the UCS to come together and experience conversation - conviviality - community. We are a non-membership social group open to all women of the church.

Join us for the annual kickoff gathering on Friday, October 21, 2011 at 630PM for a potluck dinner in the Vestry. A program for this evening is being planned.

February Poetry Night, the most popular Goodwill Alliance event, is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2012, 630PM in the Vestry. Bring a dessert and share the work of your favorite poet, or just come and enjoy the readings.

Annual Goodwill Annual Potluck will be held in June (date to be determined) - a chance to get together before summer activities take us away.

Breakfasts at Kelly's, lunches out and afternoon at the movies, just pick a date and let the word out. Starting in November we are planning to get together on the second Friday at 600PM at the church and then join the 700PM Friday Movie group at the church. If you have ideas for the Goodwill Alliance, contact Elaine Price. To keep informed of GWA activities, look at the Adult Religious Education and Social Activities on the website.

## ***Social Justice Update - August 2011***

### **Join the Social Justice Steering Committee!**

Have you thought about joining the Social Justice Steering Committee? If "yes", then August is the month to take that step forward as the committee makes our plans for the 2011-2012 church year. We had an active and exciting year in 2010-2011, but to continue that momentum we need more members. We need fresh ideas and enthusiasm as well as more hands to share the work load. The committee meets monthly alternating between week nights and Sundays at noon. In between, we initiate "hands on" projects for the congregation to participate in helping those who are hungry, homeless and facing human rights challenges. So, if you are interested, please join us on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM at the church. If you would like more information, please contact the co-chairs, Gare Reid at (781) 492-4567 or Mia Joiner-Moore at (781) 784-0426. And, comments and suggestions to the committee can be sent to [justicecommittee@uusharon.org](mailto:justicecommittee@uusharon.org)

UCS's social justice activities will continue to be scaled back during the month of August, but we will continue to collect the "**Brown Envelope**" offerings during the Sunday morning worship services for the UU Partner Church Council to support our partner churches in Romania. Erika reported to Beth McGregor that her family had some expenses for their U.S. stay that were not covered, that they will still have car expenses after the purchase, and that there might be need for funding aid to one or more students whose families have trouble covering school costs. So, in addition to the \$1300 that was raised to help replace their car, the need is great and they could still use our help.

We will continue to sell **Fair Trade** coffees, teas and chocolates during the coffee hour on Sundays. **Shopping for Justice** gift cards will be available for purchase every Sunday during coffee hour for

Shaws, Stop & Shop and Hannafords. Thank you for purchasing these cards and making a difference towards homelessness and hunger with your grocery shopping.

We will make lunches for **MainSpring House** after the service on August 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning on attending this service, please join the team in the Vestry assembling brown bag lunches. Also, canned food donations for the Ilse Marks' **Sharon-Stoughton Food Pantry** may be dropped off at the church. We will ensure that they are delivered.

**Dinner at MainSpring House** – On July 6th, our church provided dinner for the homeless guests of MainSpring house in Brockton. Thank you to those who provided desserts, and thank you to Janet Schmidt, Beth McGregor, Licia Rando, Gare Reid and Rebecca Reid for serving the dinner.

Below are the dates for our next dinners at MainSpring House. We need five volunteers for each date to assist with serving from 4:00-6:00 PM. (We can carpool from the church at 3:30 PM.) We also need volunteers to contribute home-baked desserts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mia Joiner-Moore at [lizandmia@aol.com](mailto:lizandmia@aol.com).

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Thank You** – Thank you for contributing to the "Brown Envelope" offerings. In June, we contributed \$350 to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network ([www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)) and \$350 to the UUA-UNO LGBT Uganda Fund. Also, \$500 was donated to the Mass Tornado Relief Fund from the first Sunday in June.

### **Upcoming UCS Social Justice Dates:**

**August 14<sup>th</sup> – Lunchmaking for MainSpring House**  
**August 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM – Meeting of the Social Justice Steering Committee**

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Unitarian Church of Sharon

# End of Summer Church Retreat

Ferry Beach UU Camp and Conference Center in Saco, Maine

(about a 2.25 hour drive from the Sharon area)

## September 2-4<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day Weekend)

Join us for a chance to get away and get to know other church members and friends in a relaxed setting, from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Hang out, swim, talk, read, comb the beach, build a sand castle, eat ice cream, fly kites, play games, go for a nature walk, splash in the surf, take a nap on the beach. Sunday morning there will be worship for all ages.

### Cost for the weekend

Dormitory Housing or Tent/RV in the Grove

|              | Grove Camping with all meals | Grove Camping without meals | Dorm with meals |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| First Adult  | \$142.00                     | \$60.00                     | \$188.00        |
| Second Adult | \$81.00                      | Free                        | \$188.00        |
| 13-17 Teen   | \$70.00                      | Free                        | \$160.00        |
| 9-12 Youth   | \$58.00                      | Free                        | \$130.00        |
| 4 – 8 Child  | \$46.00                      | Free                        | \$112.00        |


Note that there is an additional fee of \$30 per day for RV/Trailer usage in the Grove camping area. Also, if you stay in the Grove but don't want to eat all meals in the dining hall, you can choose to pay for any meals individually. Also, please note that Ferry Beach strictly doesn't allow pets.

**What you need to do now:** Call the church office **781-784-3652** and have your name put on the Ferry Beach Retreat list and then register with Ferry Beach via telephone (**207-284-8612** or **207-282-4489**) or on-line at [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org).

For questions or other info contact Glenn Rivard (781-989-2010) or [glennrivard@hotmail.com](mailto:glennrivard@hotmail.com).



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We gather as a liberal religious community,  
honoring our differences, to support one another  
as we grow in mind and spirit,  
and reach out to serve the world.

## UCS E-mail Lists

The church has two e-mail lists. The first list, hosted by Topica, is used for church announcements and business only. Only list owners are allowed to post messages. The second list, hosted by Yahoo, is a more open forum where members can share anything of interest with the congregation — questions, concerns, announcements, volunteer opportunities, job networking, recipes, you name it.

### **What is an e-mail List?**

It's an automated e-mail delivery service. You sign up by sending your e-mail address, and then you are automatically subscribed. From then on, you will get any messages sent out to that list.

### **How do I sign up for the church announcements e-mail list (Topica)?**

It's pretty simple. All you need to do is send an e-mail from the e-mail address you want to use for this service. You send the e-mail to the following address: [ucs-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:ucs-subscribe@topica.com). After you confirm your subscription request, you are automatically subscribed.

### **Why would I want to do this?**

There are a lot of times when announcements need to be sent out on short notice, or otherwise just don't make it into the Order of Service or the *Chalice*. This kind of e-mail service is an easy way to do that. Announcements may be about special services, meetings, changes in plans, or anything related to church business.

### **How do I unsubscribe?**

Simply send a blank e-mail message to [ucs-unsubscribe@topica.com](mailto:ucs-unsubscribe@topica.com).

### **Where do I get more information about the church announcements list?**

See <http://www.topica.com/lists/ucs> or e-mail the [webmaster](#).

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### **How do I sign up for the UUSharon Yahoo discussion list?**

Send an e-mail to [UUSharon-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:UUSharon-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). You will receive a confirmation e-mail. Once you reply to that, you're in.

### **Why would I want to do this?**

Share party invitations, recipes, news of social justice events, personal or family crises, requests for information, offers of zucchini, carpooling ... anything in short which might be of interest to the beloved community which is not "official" enough to go out on the congregation listserve.

### **How do I unsubscribe?**

Simply send a blank e-mail message to [UUSharon-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:UUSharon-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com).

### **Where do I get more information about the UUSharon Yahoo discussion list?**

See <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UUSharon/> or e-mail the [list owner](#).

# August 2011 Calendar



Monday, August 1, 2011

**Women's Group I (Closed Mtg.)** 7:30(Library)

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

**Wed. book group** 7:30pm (Library)

Sunday, August 7, 2011

**Worship Service** 10:15am (Sanctuary)

**Sunday book group** 12:00pm (Library)

Monday, August 8, 2011

**2nd Women's Support Group (Open Mtg.)**  
7:00pm (Library)

**Finance Committee** 7:00pm (Treasurer's office)

**Building and Grounds** 7:30pm (A)

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

**Board of Trustees** 7:15pm (A)

Thursday, August 11, 2011

**Membership Committee** (Vestry)

**Men's Group** 8:00pm (Library)

Sunday, August 14, 2011

**Worship Service** 10:15am (Sanctuary)

**MainSpring House lunchmaking** 11:30am (Vestry)

Monday, August 15, 2011

**Woman's Group I (Closed Mtg.)**  
7:30pm (Library)

Thursday, August 18,

**SJC Monthly Meeting** 7:30pm (Library)

Sunday, August 21, 2011

**Worship Service** 10:15am (Sanctuary)

Monday, August 22, 2011

**2nd Women's Support Group (Open Mtg.)**  
7:00pm (Library)

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

**UCS Open House** 5:00pm

Thursday, August 25, 2011

**Men's Group** 8:00pm (Library)

Friday, August 26, 2011

**Newsletter Deadline** 5:00pm

Sunday, August 28, 2011

**Worship Service** 10:15am (Sanctuary)

## Online Calendar

Please go to [www.uusharon.org/calendars](http://www.uusharon.org/calendars) to reserve meeting space or to view the most up to date calendar events.

If you have any questions about the online calendar, please contact Janet Mayo



## *59th Annual Bean Supper on September 10 from 5:00 - 7:00PM*

Celebrate the end of summer at the 59th Annual Bean Supper to be held on Saturday, September 10 from 5:00 - 7:00PM, rain or shine on the meeting-house green. This old fashion New England style supper has become an annual community event and a real crowd favorite that attracts hundreds of visitors from near and far.

There will be plenty of bean dishes to enjoy, along with hot dogs off the grill, fresh garden salad, homemade brownies topped with Crescent Ridge Dairy ice cream, and plenty of homemade bread to enjoy. Also taking place will be a bake sale and you will be delightfully entertained with some local talented musicians.

Remember this event raises funds for beloved and historic church, so everyone is urged to participate to help make it a huge success. We need your help right now to get started. Contact Ken Zaniwski at 781-784-1845 or email [zaniew@verizon.net](mailto:zaniew@verizon.net).



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