

# The Chalice

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Sunday services will be held every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Mel Springer will be playing the piano each Sunday. Childcare is provided. During each service, there will be a time of "Congregational Sharing", where those attending are invited to share their views on the topic. Refreshments after the service will be served on the front lawn.

### July 3: **What is Healthy Patriotism?**

On this Independence weekend, Wilbur Edwards, Joe Rando, and Liz Moore will share their thoughts on what constitutes healthy patriotism. Jim Robinson will be the worship coordinator.

### July 10: **Relationships: How do we Make them Healthy?**

The quality of our human relationships (friends, family, co-workers, neighbors) is very important for a satisfying human life. Phil Conover, Karen Zelevinsky, Tom D'Avanzo, and Licia Rando will share their thoughts on how we make our relationships healthy. Tom D'Avanzo will be the worship coordinator.

### July 17: **What Makes My Life Meaningful?**

Gare Reid, Susan Edinger, and Chris Raskin will share their thoughts on the central spiritual question: What makes my life meaningful? Chris Raskin will be the worship coordinator.

### July 24: **Forgiveness**

Forgiveness is a complex and important subject to understand and practice. Rick Ripley, Valerie White, Susan Allison, and Laurie Wallace will share their thoughts on how we practice genuine forgiveness. Valerie White will be the worship coordinator.

### July 31: **The Spirituality of Gardening**

This service will celebrate the spirituality of gardening and other summer activities. Debbie Schulz, Melissa Leonard, and Ellen Schoenfeld-Beeks will share their insights while Melissa Leonard will be the worship coordinator.

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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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**5PM**

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**newsletter@uusharon.org**

## *From the Minister*

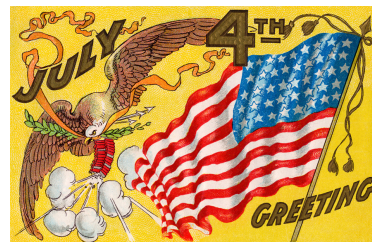
I will be on vacation from July 7th through July 31st. I will spend five days in a silent monastery retreat. Then Appleseed and I will join our daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons for a week on Cape Cod. Finally Appleseed and I will take a few days to ourselves in a yet to be decided spot. I can be reached for pastoral emergencies at 781-806-5815 or 617-642-5353. I have worked steadily since last August and it will be good to have this extended break. It has been a wonderful year for the congregation and for me as well, so I am very grateful. May your summer be blessed!

*-Jim Robinson*

### Summer 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.



### *Presidential Ponderings*

I like to tell people about how wonderful our church community is, which often leads them to ask, *what makes your church so strong?* There are many factors that contribute to our success, but the one that undergirds them all is that we have a critical mass of mature, stable, stakeholders. In other words, we are a caring community of caring people who together carry the day. It all rests on a foundation of solid individuals who are clear about their personal values and who possess both the courage and compassion to live and share them with others in an effective way... which is why it is so important for us to be mindful of our own personal growth. This is an inside-out dynamic, there is no other way. This is the approach we take, and I am proud to tell people about who we are.

*- Philip Conover*

## Religious Education News

### From the DRE

#### Summer Reading

Looking for an inspiring read for the summer? I'm looking forward to digging into a book I recently picked up – an anthology of essays called *Chaos, Wonder, and the Spiritual Adventure of Parenting*.

When I first picked it up, I was a little leery – I've read more than my fill of parenting self-help books. To my delight, I discovered instead many diverse and distinct voices sharing with candor, humor, and keen observation how the chaos, the wonder, and the pain of raising children helped them engage more deeply in life.

The editors contend that “having a child throws us, whether we are willing or not, whether we recognize it or not, onto the path toward spiritual wisdom. We pass through an initiation and can never go back. We can't wake up and change our minds.” How people struggle through these journeys – how they live with the difference between the path they hope to walk and the path they actually take – illuminates the spiritual.

The best part is that, for once, parenting is neither mocked nor idealized. It just *is*. And because of that, this book casts light on the truth of our lives.

Wishing you peace and relaxation this summer,

-Louise

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

Louise will be out of the office from July 1 through August 5. During this time, she will not be checking her office e-mail or phone messages. She will be on a week's study leave at Ferry Beach Religious Education Week from July 9 through 16. While she is at Ferry Beach, she is available to confer about congregational business.

In August, 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 in August, please contact her at [dre@uusharon.org](mailto:dre@uusharon.org).

#### **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).

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

**The Wednesday book group** will meet next on August 3<sup>rd</sup> (first Wednesday in August) at 7:30 at the church. We will discuss *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese.

**The Sunday book group** will meet next on August 7 (first Sunday in August) at 12pm at the church. We will discuss *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.

**Would you like to join a Men's Support Group?** Contact Jim Robinson at [revrobinson@uusharon.org](mailto:revrobinson@uusharon.org)

**Would you like to join a Women's Support Group?** The next meetings are: Mondays July 11 & 25 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the library. Contact Louise Chereski @ [louisechereski@comcast.net](mailto: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 or me and you will be matched with a church volunteer. Be well, Louise. ([louisechereski@comcast.net](mailto:louisechereski@comcast.net) or 781-784-3618)

### *An Afternoon at Tanglewood*

Mark your calendar now! Join church friends (and invite a friend to join us) at Tanglewood on Sunday, August 21. Gather at 9:30 am at the church to car-pool for the drive to Tanglewood., 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 together 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.

### *Love Rides The Rails (or Will the Mail Train Run Tonight?)*

Do the good guys always win? Does love really conquer all? These and other penultimate questions are answered in this rip-roarin', rootin'-tootin', Ol' West melodrama. Simon Darkway seeks to control for his own vile purposes the Walker Valley, Pine Bush & Pacific R.R. Opposing him are the gallant Truman Pendennis, the beautiful Prudence Hopewell, the Widow Hopewell, and staunch Harold Standfaster. Assisting him are Dirk Sneath, a viper of a man, and Carlotta Cortez, the sultry siren with a heart of gold. Swiftly and hilariously, the plot unfolds, leading to a tremendous climax when our hero is bound by the villains to the tracks in the path of an on-rushing train.

Will the hero be rescued? Will the young lovers be reunited? Will the railroad be saved?

Cheer for the hero and heroine. Boo and hiss at the villains. Audience participation is not only allowed, it is required! Riotous summer fun for the whole family.

Join the UU Theatre group on Saturday, July 30 at 7:00pm at Mansfield Music and Arts Society for a Pot-Luck Reception followed by the show. Tickets are \$18 pp. Please send a check made out to MMAS to Pat McDougal at 40 Jordan Dr. Stoughton, MA 02072. Email her if you have questions.



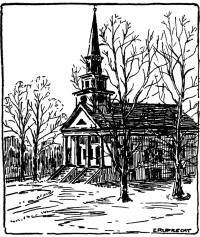
## *59th Annual Bean Supper on September 10 from 5:00 - 7:00PM*

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 our 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 Zaniewski at 781-784-1845 or email [zaniew@verizon.net](mailto:zaniew@verizon.net).

## **MEETINGHOUSE NEWS**



Congratulations...

- to Jim and Debbie Schulz on the birth of their grandson Gregory James.
- to John Macuk on his teaching job in Arlington MA (although we will miss the family when they move!)
- to Philip Conover on the graduation of his daughter from college and her landing a good job
- to Mel Springer on celebrating his 20 plus years as Music Director of the Unitarian Church of Sharon (celebration held during the service on June 19<sup>th</sup>).

Our thoughts are with Chris Raskin as she visits her elderly mother who is not well.

Nancy Ferguson, who lives now in Charwell House in Norwood, is pleased that her photo is in our photo directory and sends her best wishes to everyone who remembers her.

Boon Ooi was in church recently and shared that their moved has gone well and his new job is working out well.

## Unitarian Universalist Principles

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



***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 - July 2011*

**Happy Summer!** Although UCS's social justice activities will be scaled back during the months of July and August, we will continue to collect the "**Brown Envelope**" offerings during the Sunday morning worship services. Donations through the "Brown Envelope" for July and August will be forwarded to the UU Partner Church Council for support to 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.

And, can food donations for the Ilse Marks **Sharon-Stoughton Food Pantry** may still be dropped off at the church. We will ensure that they are delivered.

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**Dinner at MainSpring House** – On July 6th, our church will provide dinner for the homeless guests of MainSpring house in Brockton. We need four volunteers 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).  
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**Thank You** – Thank you for contributing to the "Brown Envelope" offerings. In May, we contributed \$500 to Alternatives for Community & Environment and \$575 to UUA's Mid-South 2011 Severe Storm Fund. Also, \$500 was donated to the Mass Tornado Relief Fund from the first Sunday in June.

Thank you to those who participated in the pledge drive to collect \$1,000 to send to Erika and Levente to help purchase a car to transport them to their churches when they return home to Romania this summer. The pledges and donations actually totaled to \$1,300. Yahoo!

Thank you to the 23 folks from UCS who marched in the Boston Pride Parade in spite of the rain.

Thank you to Liz Moore, Anita Barnes and Amy Taylor for sharing their "Coming Out" stories with us on Rainbow Sunday. Thank you to Doug Arnold for being our photographer.

Thank you to the volunteers who participated in the Relay for Life of Greater Foxboro representing UCS' team Windhorse. Thank you to Janet Schmidt for coordinating the team again this year.

Thank you to Bill Fox and his team for all of the "behind the scenes" assistance that they give our social justice activities and fundraising transactions.

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**Upcoming UCS Social Justice Dates:**

**July 6<sup>th</sup> – MainSpring Dinner**

**August tbd – Meeting of the Social Justice Steering Committee**

Comments and suggestions to the SJC can be sent to [justicecommittee@uusharon.org](mailto:justicecommittee@uusharon.org)

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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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# July 2011 Calendar



Sunday, July 3, 2011

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

Monday, July 4, 2011

**Women's Group I (Closed Mtg.)** 7:30pm - 9:30pm (Library)

Sunday, July 10, 2011

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

Monday, July 11, 2011

**2nd Women's Support Group (Open Mtg.)**  
7:00pm - 8:30pm (Library)

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

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

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

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

Thursday, July 14, 2011

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

Sunday, July 17, 2011

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

Monday, July 18, 2011

**Woman's Group I (Closed Mtg.)** 7:30pm - 9:30pm (Library)

Friday, July 22, 2011

**Newsletter Deadline** 5:00pm

Sunday, July 24, 2011

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

Monday, July 25, 2011

**2nd Women's Support Group (Open Mtg.)**  
7:00pm - 8:30pm (Library)

Thursday, July 28, 2011

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

Sunday, July 31, 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  
at [admin@uusharon.org](mailto:admin@uusharon.org) for assistance.



*Rainbow Sunday, June 12, 2011*



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