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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ALL SUMMER SERVICES START AT 10:15AM

Summer Worship Theme: **"Sources of Inspiration"**

Music provided by Mel Springer. Childcare available every Sunday. Each Sunday service has a time of congregational sharing. You are invited to think about the question before you come to church. A time of refreshment and fellowship on the front lawn (weather permitting) will follow each service.

July 5: "Art as a Source of Inspiration"

Speakers: Tom D'Avanzo and Mare Parker O'Toole

Congregational sharing: What is a piece of art work that has inspired you?

July 12: "Unitarian Universalism as a Source of Inspiration"

Speakers: Beth McGregor and Valerie White

Congregational sharing: "What about Unitarian Universalism inspires you?"

July 19: "Poetry as a Source of Inspiration"

Speakers: Jon Slavin and Gary Webber.

Congregational sharing: Bring a poem to church to share. How does the poem inspire you?

July 26: "Nature as a Source of Inspiration"

Speakers: Jean Fox and Jim Robinson

Congregational sharing: What inspires you about nature?

August 2: "A Place as a Source of Inspiration"

Speakers: Colleen Tuck and David Nichamoff

Congregational sharing: Share about a place that has inspired you.

August 9: "Science as a Source of Inspiration"

Speakers: Tom Kinraide and Rebecca Kinraide

Congregational Sharing: What is something in science that inspires you?

August 16: "The Beatles"

Speakers: David Gallant and Mel Springer

Congregational sharing: What about the Beatles has inspired you?

August 23: "A Moment or Time in History"

Speakers: David Nelson and Jackie Disharoon

Congregational sharing: What is a moment or time in history that inspires you?

August 30: "Relationships"

Speakers: Ivy Krull and Ellen Bordman

Congregational sharing: Share about a relationship that has inspired you.

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DEADLINE

FRIDAY, JULY 24

5PM

Submit articles to

newsletter@uusharon.org

From the Minister

My wife and I will be in England from June 23 to July 8. We will see many lovely friends we made during the six years we lived in London. I will have the gift of preaching again at the Unitarian Chapel which I served as minister. From July 9 onward I will be at church facilitating our summer services and programs and preparing for the 2015-2016 church year. One important reason our church year is filled with a lot of interesting programming, yet seems to run smoothly, is because the groundwork is done over the summer. May your summer be blessed!

-Jim Robinson

Presidential Ponderings



What an engaging and productive month June was for us! A big event was our Annual Meeting on the second Friday of the month. About 58 members attended. It was good seeing some of the younger members there in addition to the more established members. It

was the time to say hello to some new officers and chairs and thank you to those who were leaving their positions after a productive year or more. There was an interesting amendment proposed for the budget regarding increasing a proposed salary. It didn't pass by one vote. This is the second meeting in my presidency where an issue was decided by a solitary vote. Don't ever think that your attendance at these meetings and your one "lonely" vote doesn't matter.

The next day was the Pride Parade in Boston. It's the best parade in the state in my opinion. Getting there was difficult and I think we saw everything go wrong with the MBTA commuter rail that you read about in the paper. The train could only go 20 miles per hour for most of the trip so it was very late getting to Sharon and got to Boston an hour later which made us late for the Arlington Street Church service. They didn't collect fares although they might have been afraid after that ride. The train home was much better, just a bit late leaving but again they didn't collect fares. More money for me but you just can't run a business like that.

The parade itself was huge: it was two hours before our contingent appeared and there was more parade behind us. There were lots of schools and business supporting their LGBT friends. There were also a number of groups for related causes. It wouldn't earn a "G" rating but it wasn't an "R" either and it was certainly great. I went home with lots of wrist bands, beads, and memories.

- Jim Mullin, President

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

From the Director of Religious Education

Noticing

I've decided to take the advice of the Green UU Superhero (Search for Truth and Meaning) and spend my summer noticing the little things around me with my senses, my gut (feelings), and my memory. One practice that helps me notice and appreciate the natural (and not so natural) world around me is writing haiku. Here's a recent effort:

Thunder clouds roll in...

Fat cool drops meet molten tar...

- The water cycle!

These words evoke in me the smell of raindrops on hot pavement. Such a lovely moment to notice and to share.

Why not try your hand at a few summertime haikus? The sights and smells and sounds and textures of summer are just waiting to be distilled into a meditation on one brief moment. Be proud of your haikus. Share them with your family and friends. Stick them on the refrigerator. Email them to me! Most of all, enjoy the images and sensations and feelings and thoughts that they conjure up in you.

Summertime blessings!

Louise

I've volunteered to teach RE - now what?

All teachers are asked to complete, sign, and submit a teacher **contract**. If you lost your contract, you can find blank contracts in the literature rack outside the RE office. Contracts may be submitted to the DRE's mailbox in the church's administrative office.

New teachers are asked to complete the **background verification form** and a **CORI authorization** and to show the DRE a copy of their driver's license. These forms must be submitted IN PERSON to Louise Marcoux. Information about Louise's office hours are below.

Teacher orientation and team meetings are scheduled for September:

Preschool-Kindergarten Comprehensive Orientation and Team Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 7:15-9:30 pm

Teacher Orientation for Grades 1-8: Tuesday, September 1, 7:15-9 pm

Team Meetings:

Grade 1-2: Sunday, September 13, noon – 1:30 pm

Grade 3-4: Tuesday, September 15, 7:30 – 9 pm

Grade 5-6: Tuesday, September 8, 7:30 – 9 pm

Junior Youth: Wednesday, September 9, 7:15 – 8:45pm

Director of Religious Education – July Hours

July 1-2	Office hours
July 4-10	Ferry Beach RE Week
July 11-Aug 3	Vacation

My regular office hours are Tuesday through Thursday between 9 and 3 pm. Please call before dropping in: 781 784-3652 ext 3. In general, I will not be at church on Sunday mornings, except July 19, when I will happily transact RE business with you.

SUMMER PROGRAMS



3rd of July Sharon Fireworks at The Nelsons

Bring a picnic supper, stop by or linger, we'll be celebrating. Be aware Massapoag Ave. will be closed at 5 o'clock this year and we will not have the wide open, low lake, area like last year for fireworks viewing, but the rotary space is close by. Parking on the Lake side on Massapoag will start filling up at 4:30. We have driveway space for 8 cars. RSVP for parking and questions.

Book Group meets Wednesday, August 12, 7:30pm to discuss "Charming Billy" by Susan McDermott.

Men's Support Group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8pm.

Women's Support Group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:30pm.

Meditation RETREAT

UCS Meditation Retreat:

Sponsored by the UCS meditation group

When: Saturday morning, July 25, 9am to noon

What: A contemplative morning which will include sitting meditation, walking meditation, chanting, video excerpt of Thich Naht Hahn, labyrinth walking, and Lectio Divina (contemplative reading of poetry or scripture).

Who: Open to everyone. You can come anytime during the morning and stay for as long as you wish.



Always A Girl

A new musical
Music by Mel Springer
Book & Lyrics by Henry Poler

Directed by Michael McGarity July 25: All 7:00 PM July 26: at 2 PM

MMAS

On July 25th at 7:30pm and July 26th at 2pm an original musical co-written by Mel Springer will be presented at MMAS in Mansfield. Get your tickets now from the MMAS!

Office Summer Hours

Janet Mayo, the Administrative Assistant, will be working a shortened schedule during the summer. Please plan your requests accordingly.



SUMMER PROGRAMS, Continued

Summer Coffee House:

Sponsored by the UCS Not Just Another Coffee House

When: Saturday evening August 22nd at 7pm



What: A free, informal, and fun summer coffee house. Glenn Rivard and Chuck Bordman will each perform, along with poets from our UCS writers group. Please bring you instrument along, or sing a song, or share a poem.

Who: Open to everyone!! Refreshments will be free as well.

Ferry Beach



Annual end-of-summer Church Retreat will be September 4-6th (Labor Day weekend) at Ferry Beach in Saco, ME. Sign up in the church office, or contact Janet Mayo, the Administrative Assistant, at 781-784-3652 or admin@uusharon.org and ask to have your name added to the sign up sheet. Also you'll need to register on-line at www.ferrybeach.org to reserve your lodging and meals. Contact Glenn Rivard for more information. Ferry Beach contact # is 207-282-4489.

Bean Supper



In 1952 members of our church began a tradition that continues to this day. Entering its 63rd year, our annual Bean Supper takes place on Saturday, September 12, from 5:00PM to 7:00PM, rain or shine. This old fashioned New England style supper has become an annual community event and a real crowd pleaser that attracts hundreds of visitors from near and far.

Later this month you will be receiving an email from "Sign Up Genius" explaining how to sign up for the food donations and job assignments for the Bean Supper. Please save the date, answer the call to volunteer, and be part of the tradition that is the Unitarian Church of Sharon's Bean Supper. For more information contact Ken Zaniewski at zaniew@verizon.net or call 781-784-1845.

SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES - JULY 2015

The “brown envelope” offerings for the months of July and August will support the summer youth programs of the **UU Urban Ministry**. UU Urban Ministry will send at least 25 at-risk children to one of three renowned specialty arts camps in Hingham, Dover and Brookline for five weeks this summer through discounted tuition rates and donations. UU Urban Ministry is also partnering with the Boston Youth Fund to provide “earn and learn” summer jobs in which 12 to 15 teens will earn a paycheck for working on community issues in the Roxbury neighborhood. Please see www.uuum.org

Thank you! The Social Justice Committee is grateful to report that from June 2014 through May 2015 a total of \$13,431 was donated to the following organizations and causes through “Brown Envelope” offerings received and supplemented with Fair Trade sales profits:

\$ 988	UU Urban Ministry’s Youth Summer Programs in Roxbury, MA
\$ 981	Doctors Without Borders
\$ 922	FAMM.org
\$ 1,241	Water.org
\$ 1,404	Home for Little Wanderers
\$ 1,200	Father Bills & MainSpring
\$ 906	Centro Presente
\$ 812	UU Mass Action
\$ 1,106	Southern Poverty Law Center
\$ 1,429	Neponset River Watershed Association
\$ 792	UUSC – Emergency Relief Services in Nepal
\$ 925	Sharon-Stoughton Food Pantry
\$ 725	The World Food Programme
\$ tbd	Gay Lesbian Straight Educators Network (GLSEN)

\$ 13,431	Total To Date

During the summer – Canned food donations will continue to be collected at UCS for the Stoughton-Sharon Food Pantry. We will continue to make lunches for MainSpring House one Sunday a month. Shopping for Justice gift cards and Fair Trade items will continue to be available for sale during coffee hour on Sundays.

The focus groups and the social justice movie nights will resume in September. The social justice committee will next meet in August. However, comments, questions and suggestions to the committee can be sent to justicecommittee@uusharon.org **Have a most wonderful summer!**

Upcoming Dates: Sunday, July 5th, Coffee Hour – Lunchmaking for MainSpring House



July 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please go to www.uusharon.org/calendars to reserve meeting space or to view the most up to date calendar.</p>			1	2 MMAS Theatre Group 7pm	3	4
5 Worship Service 10:15am	6 Women's Group I (Closed Grp) 7:30pm	7	8	9 Second Wom- en's Group 7:30pm Mens group 8pm	10	11
12 Worship Service 10:15am	13 B&G Cmte 7:30pm	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship Service 10:15am	20 Women's Group I (Closed Grp) 7:30pm	21	22	23 Second Wom- en's Group (Open) 7:30pm Mens group 8pm	24 Newsletter Dead- line 5pm	25 Meditation Retreat Morning 9am
26 Worship Service 10:15am	27	28	29	30	31	

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