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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.

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.

If you are worried about the heat in the Meetinghouse during the summer, six quiet fans are now in place moving the air constantly and making it a more pleasant place to be sitting for an hour.



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NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH
5PM

Submit articles to
newsletter@uusharon.org

From the Minister

August is a quiet month at the Unitarian Church of Sharon. Each Sunday we worship at 10:15 (with childcare provided) but beyond that most of the on-going groups will not be meeting. The church year starts up again in September following the Labor Day weekend. There are three important committee meetings in August (to make plans for the up coming church year): the Social Justice Committee meets on Tuesday, August 18, at 6:30pm, the Worship Committee meets on Sunday, August 30 at 4pm, and the Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday, August 12 at 7:15pm.

Starting in September we will have two Covenant Groups. One will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings of each month at 7pm and the other will meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings at 7pm. A Covenant Group is a small group setting (not more than 12 people) where the core spiritual and moral questions of life are discussed in a safe, contemplative atmosphere. If you are interested in being in a covenant group contact me at revrobinson@uusharon.org.

My wife and I had a wonderful two week vacation in England. We visited many dear friends we made during our years living and working in London. I preached at the London Unitarian Chapel which I served and it was a lovely homecoming. I preached also at the Unitarian Church in Portsmouth, England. After the service (at their annual meeting) they unanimously made the request to “twin” with the Unitarian Church of Sharon. I will bring that request to our August Board of Trustees meeting.

Summer is a time to slow down and enjoy the gift of life. May your August be refreshing.

- Jim Robinson

Presidential Ponderings



One of my favorite songs from the UU collection is *Blue Boat Home*. It has a haunting melody and is worded perfectly to frame our planet as a boat sailing through the universe. If you go on YouTube you can find a clip of the author, Paul Meyer, singing the song with a short introduction on how he wrote it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gji9ZUuw-k> You can tell it's a song that's loved by many a congregation because it seems many of them put up a clip of them singing it. Usually these clips have less than a few hundred views, an observation which reflects more on the overwhelming quantity of them rather than the quality.

On a totally different topic, it's the time of the summer when everyone starts planning for the Activities which begin in September. Committees will start meeting again if they took a month or so off for the summer. People will start calling or circulating lists for volunteers for some activities. We will kick off with the ever-popular Bean Supper and keep going from there. That is not to say the rest of the summer will be dead time. There's still Ferry Beach at the end of August, potluck suppers on the first Fridays of each month, and of course, our great services. Hope you can come to some of these.

- Jim Mullin, President

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Want to help out at church?

Interested in organizing the books in the children's library in Program C? Or in helping to scan documents into our computer archive? Or in prepping art materials for upcoming RE classes?

Children, youth, and adults are welcome to enjoy the air-conditioned comfort of Program B or Program C on a hot, steamy August afternoon while they tackle these tasks. Call or email Louise about when you'd like to come by.

REGISTER NOW *for the Religious Education Program*

Parents are encouraged to register all children ages 0-18 in the RE program.

Forms are available in the vestry on the RE bulletin board. Completed paper forms (and payment) can be submitted to the DRE mailbox in the church's administrative office. Online registration is available via the church website: http://www.uusharon.org/religious_education/registration/#form.

Scholarships are available. Please see Jim Robinson or Louise Marcoux for details.

Registration fees are waived for high school students who volunteer in the RE program.

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 pm

Director of Religious Education – August Hours

Aug 4-13	Office hours
Aug 17-21	Vacation
Aug 26-27	Professional retreat
August 24-31	Office hours

My regular office hours are Tuesday through Thursday between 9 and 3 pm (and sometimes later). Please call before dropping in: 781 784-3652 ext 3. Evening meetings are possible by appointment.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

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.

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.



HOSPITALITY



It's that time again to sign up to help with coffee, flowers and greeter. These regular additions to our Sunday services are made possible only through a cooperative effort and all families are expected to volunteer as they are able throughout the church year. If you are a newcomer, or just a newcomer to volunteering for these tasks, training or written instructions are available. Emails will be sent out this month through signupgenius.com and sign-ups will remain open until November 30. After that, the remaining dates will be randomly assigned and individuals/families are responsible for finding their own replacements. If you cannot help out this year for any reason or just have questions, please contact Ken Z. at hospitality@uusharon.org.



63rd ANNUAL BEAN SUPPER **Saturday, September 12**



Preparations are underway for the 63rd Annual Bean Supper, to take place on Saturday, September 12 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM, rain or shine, on the grounds of the Unitarian Church of Sharon. Celebrate this end of summer tradition filled with fun, food, music, and fellowship. The Bean Supper is one of the oldest and continuous town wide events in Sharon.

The Bean Supper marks the start of our fall church services. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to join in the fun. It brings to mind the times when an entire village would gather to meet friends and neighbors, to socialize and to exchange the news of the day.

As always there will be a variety of delicious bean dishes to enjoy, along with hot dogs off the grill, fresh garden salad (locally grown produce), homemade breads to enjoy, and homemade brownies topped with Crescent Ridge Dairy ice cream for dessert. Enjoy your meal while being entertained by local musicians. And visit the bake sale and take home some sumptuous dessert items or fresh homemade breads.

You will be receiving an online sign up volunteer list for food and job assignments. It is called "Sign up Genius". You should be receiving an email from "Sign up Genius" explaining how to sign up for the food donations and job assignments for the Bean Supper.

If you have any questions or ideas, contact Ken Z. at 781-784-1845 or email zaniew@verizon.net.

Meetinghouse Stories Project

What draws you to the Church? Do you have a special thought or memory you'd like to share for the future? The Web Committee has taken on the mission of documenting these stories, and during the month of September we'll be gathering short video stories on Brad Larson's Storykiosk program used for recording stories in museum exhibits. It takes just a moment (actually, about 45 seconds to a minute) to record a spontaneous answer to questions like:

- 1) What draws you to the Church? (and keeps you coming!)
- 2) Tell a story about a special moment in the life of the Church...
- 3) Tell us about a moment in the Church that deeply moved you...

Look for us after services in September. We'll upload select stories to a YouTube Channel for the Church with help from media professionals Chuck Bordman, Jeff Rose, and anyone else who would like to get involved.

Meetinghouse Preservation Committee News

We are soliciting ideas for events that can help to raise funds for upcoming improvements to our venerable church building. Our mission is to support the upkeep of the structure and grounds. We host such popular gatherings as the Super Bowl Party, Wine Tastings, Dancing with the Stars (ballroom dancing instruction), and the recent Cabaret (showcasing talented performances by our members and friends). If this is the type of committee that excites you, consider joining us. Talk to anyone on the committee and you will be welcome at our next meeting.

Fred Bramhall, Lindsay Drisko, Rory McGregor, Raquel Ripley, Frank Salvatore

Stewardship Committee News

We thank all members and friends for the generous pledges made toward this year's operating budget (July 2015 to June 2016). We have come within \$5K of our overall goal of \$262K in pledges made by families and individuals. Outstanding pledges yet to be made will surely bring us up to our goal.

Two new members who have joined our committee include David Schoenfeld and David Slater.

This promises to be a busy year with the anticipated project for improvements to our sanctuary and church building (the AIM 2 Project - Accessibility and Improvements to the Meetinghouse) leading to a capital fund raising campaign. Stay tuned.

Fred Bramhall
Pat McDougal
Rory McGregor, Chair
Peter Raskin
Lisa Yeransian

SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES - AUGUST 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

Do you have a passion for social justice? At UCS, we believe that all participants are members of the social justice committee. A steering committee plans and coordinates the various social justice activities of the church, including focus groups, worship services, workshops, participation at rallies, lunchmaking for MainSpring House, and more. The steering committee will meet on Tuesday, August 18th, at 6:30 PM, to do some of the planning for the next church year.

If you are interested in participating on the steering committee, please join us that night. If you are not able to attend, but would like to make suggestions, please send them to justicecommittee@uusharon.org

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. **Have a most wonderful summer!**

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, August 9th, Coffee Hour – Lunchmaking for MainSpring House

Tuesday, August 18th, 6:30 PM – Social Justice Steering Committee Meeting

August 2015 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Please go to www.uusharon.org/calendars to reserve meeting space or to view the most up to date calendar.</div>						1
2 Worship Service 10:15am	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship Service 10:15am	10 Finance Committee 7:00pm Building & Grounds Committee	11	12 Board of Trustees 7:15pm Book Group 7:30pm	13 Second Women's Group 7:30pm Men's Group 8:00pm	14	15
16 Worship Service 10:15am	17 Women's Group I (Closed Grp) 7:30pm	18	19	20	21	22 Summer Coffee House 7:00pm
23 Worship Service 10:15am	24	25	26	27 Second Women's Group (Open) 7:30pm Mens group 8:00pm	28 Newsletter Deadline 5:00pm	29
30 Worship Service 10:15am Worship Committee 4:00pm	31					



Office Summer Hours

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

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Congregation of
the UUA*



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