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SEPTEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sept. 6 at 10:15am: **What is Faith?**

We will explore how faith has been understood within the creedless Unitarian tradition. The service will encourage you to identify several key components of your personal faith.

Sept. 13 at 10:15am: **In Gathering Sunday:
Water Communion Service**

We celebrate the beginning of a new church year with our annual inter-generational water communion service. You are invited to pour water into a common bowl (water which you brought with you or is provided in a pitcher for you) and share about an important place or event from your summer. At the end of the service we will use the water to bless each other and our spiritual community.

Beginning on Sunday, September 20, we hold two services each Sunday morning:

10:00am: Family Service (for children and adults)

10:30am: Adult Service (children attending religious education)

Sept. 20 (10am and 10:30am): **High Holy Days**

The themes of the Jewish High Holy Days are important and universal: self examination, making amends, reconciliation, and gratitude. We will explore these themes individually and as a community.

Sept. 27 (10am and 10:30am): **Partnership Sunday**

This Sunday we celebrate our long standing partnership with a small Unitarian congregation in Transylvania. Colleen Tuck visited our partner church recently and will tell us about her experience. And we will also celebrate our new partnership with the John Pounds Memorial Unitarian Church of Portsmouth, United Kingdom. Two visitors from the Portsmouth UK Unitarian Church will share about their congregations interesting history and what the congregation is like today.



From the Minister

Life is full of wonderful surprises!

During my years serving a Unitarian chapel in London, England, I had the opportunity to visit many other UK Unitarian congregations. One of my favorites was located a 90 minute train ride south of London, along the English Channel, in the city of Portsmouth. I was invited to preach at the Unitarian Church in Portsmouth this past summer. I mentioned to them that there was now an official program, sponsored by the UU Partner Church Council, pairing US and UK Unitarian congregations.

After the service they invited me to attend their annual meeting. During the meeting a motion was made and unanimously passed (with great cheering) to ask the Unitarian Church of Sharon to partner with them. Such a lovely surprise! I brought this request to our Board of Trustees at their August meeting and they unanimously approved the partnership.

At the September 27 service we will begin this partnership by hearing from two members of the Portsmouth Unitarian Church (officially named the John Pounds Memorial Unitarian Church). There is no financial cost, on either side, for this partnership. And because everyone speaks English it means you can easily become an internet “pen pal” with a British Unitarian (email, skype, facebook, facetime, etc.). So this partnership promises to be a lot of fun while encouraging us to understand Unitarianism as a world-wide movement. You can check out their website by googling John Pounds Memorial Unitarian Church.

-Jim Robinson

Presidential Ponderings

The “Nones” are coming!

I’ve been preparing for a speech at work on People without Religion. One of the topics I will want to talk about will be the “Nones”. The Nones got that name because on surveys, when it asked about Religion, they checked “none of these”. They are sub-grouped into Atheist, Agnostic, Secular unaffiliated, and Religious unaffiliated classes. The number of Nones has increased steadily over the years and there is finally about 15% of the country and 25% of the people between the ages of 19 and 29 fitting into that category.

The Pew Research Center looked into their makeup. About 30% of the Nones are religious people that haven’t found a church they like or don’t think they need a church. That leaves 70% which either don’t believe in a religion, are unsure, or think it is unimportant. About 40% of the Nones think religion is unimportant and 31% are either atheist or agnostic. The non-religious classes have been increasing year to year especially among the younger adults. What this means, as the Pew Center folks say, “Fully on-in-four adults under the age of 30 (25%) are unaffiliated, describing their religion as “atheist” “agnostic” or “nothing in particular””. If you want to read the Pew study, go to: <http://www.pewforum.org/2010/02/17/religion-among-the-millennials/>

As an atheist I am happy to see our numbers growing. This may indicate increased acceptance for us in this country. Although UU’s as a group are very accepting, other places aren’t. Seven states won’t let atheists hold public office. In a University of Minnesota survey atheists were at the bottom when people were asked “would they let [type of person] marry their daughter?”. There is a seemingly unending battle between state-funded entities trying to impose their religious practices on non-believers and the non-believers with the media often unsympathetic, if not hostile, to the non-believer’s position. Outside of our country there are seventeen countries that can execute someone for atheism. Let’s hope non-believers can gain the increased acceptance that other previously disfavored groups have made through their increased presence.

- Jim Mullin

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

From the Director of Religious Education

RE-energized

I'm looking forward to an exciting year with you.

I'm happy to say that I was re-energized by my time at **Ferry Beach Religious Education Week**-- where children, youth, young adults, and (old?) adults explored compassion and spiritual practice through everyday and not-so-everyday activities (such as Humans versus Zombies). RE Week filled my head with new techniques and approaches to invigorate our program and filled my heart with loving affirmation to help me be the best me I can be. Ferry Beach RE Week is essentially a family camp which offers morning programming that includes (but is definitely not limited to) professional development for DREs, RE Committee members, and ministers. It is a lively, heart-centered community of people who are ready to welcome YOU. If you want to learn more about FB RE Week, talk to me, Jon Slavin, Alison Reid, Naomi Slavin, or Lucia Cheney.

I was also re-energized by numerous encounters with nature. Walking in the woods, beach combing, and boogie boarding (with seals quite nearby) helped me appreciate my place in the big, big world. These adventures inspired me to add some fun twists and turns to our curriculum this year. Check out my note to Grade 3-4 parents on the next page.

Whether your summer has been easy or challenging, I hope that you are finding ways to re-energize -- to plug into the lively flow of energy that is out there in the world and pulsing inside of you.

If you have any questions about what awaits you and your family this year in the RE program, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Blessings,

Louise

Getting Started in September: Teachers and Mentors

Teacher orientation and team meetings and the Coming of Age mentor orientation will all happen this month:

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

Coming of Age Mentor Orientation:

Tuesday, September 29, 7:30 - 9 pm

Coming of Age Field Trip

Coming of Age participants are invited to take part in a UU Time Warp -- a field trip to Boston on Wednesday, September 23, during school hours (as there is no school in Sharon that day). We'll walk where famous UUs have walked before us and discover UU heroes hiding in plain sight all over Boston. This trip will be led by Jim Robinson and Louise Marcoux. Sign up by emailing Louise at dre@uusharon.org.

Thank You to:



Lucia Cheney; Georgia May Cheney; Jackie and Jack Disharoon, Valerie and Nina Vigoda; and others for supporting the RE classroom cleanup in June;

Yvonne Marcoux for updating our vinyl RE publicity banners with duct tape;

Mare Parker-OTOole for sharing her RRIE membership card (the RI recycling resource center) to diversify our art supplies holdings; Kyla and Trevor Palmer for assembling teacher orientation packets.

A Request for Donations

A big thank you to church members and friends who send the DRE an email before throwing away art supplies or other materials. While we can't use everything, there is a surprisingly wide array of items which can enjoy a second life in the RE program.

Special requests:

to keep: shoeboxes, magazines (nature, sports, family, parenting, travel & leisure, professional)

to borrow: an Orion Star Target Planisphere (or other constellation and celestial object finder)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS, Continued

What's Happening in Religious Education

Welcome to all our Religious Education students! Classes begin on September 20th, and the RE department is excited to catch up with familiar faces and greet new ones as we dive into a fresh year of discovery, reflection and fun!

Our first session will include welcome to RE activities such as making nametags, discussing class covenants and just getting acquainted with one another and our surroundings.

The second session will find the **Preschool - Kindergarten** students making "me" collages as they discuss how everyone is unique and important. They'll identify ways they are special and talk about the importance of being kind and friendly.

Grade 1-2 will embark on a session that introduces the students to the symbols and rituals that will be part of their future sessions. The class will explore the term "threshold" as a place of entrance and exit where journeys begin and end. The students will decorate name stones and will experience journeying while remaining at "home" in the classroom.

The **Grade 3-4** curriculum begins with the idea that love is an unseen, guiding force unfolding in the universe. The students will be introduced to sources of UU faith with an emphasis on love. They will hear the story "The Everything Seed," and create a universe seed art project.

The **Grade 5-6** students will explore how individuality creates a lens through which we view everyone and everything. They'll hear a story about Charles Darwin and talk about being true to oneself. Their art project will consist of creating two self-portraits; one portraying how other see them and the other of how they see themselves.

The theme for **Grade 7-8** will be transitions, and they will talk about change as a growth experience. Their activities will illustrate that change is inevitable and can be sought after or unexpected, exciting or scary, but that even unwanted changes can lead to positive growth.

Special Message to the Parent of 3rd and 4th Graders

Your child's enjoyment of their Sunday morning RE lessons will be enhanced if he or she has the opportunity to explore the natural world from home. **The first exercise:** collecting cool stuff from the woods and keeping it in a shoe box at home. Things to collect could include: pieces of bark, twigs, dried leaves, dead bugs, little stones, acorns, epiphytes and tree lichen, pine needles, seed pods, etc. We will use these natural materials at church later this year. Please contact Louise Marcoux if you need a shoe box (or if you have extra shoe boxes that you're willing to donate to the church).

The night sky will also be a touchstone metaphor for this class. Every week, we'll be talking about how the North Star helps people find their way and about how love is our North Star. See if you can find the Big Dipper from your backyard. Can you recognize any other constellations? As the sky darkens earlier and earlier, you'll have more opportunities to check out the night sky with your child.

Please enroll your child(ren) in the Religious Education program



If your child will participate in Sunday morning classes, nursery care, youth group activities (including the retreat or CONs), Our Whole Lives, or Coming of Age, we ask that you register your child in the RE program. Registration helps us take good care of your child at church because we'll know about allergies or other special needs, whether we are allowed to take your child on local walking trips on Sunday morning or post photos of your child on a bulletin board or on our web site.

You can register online at www.uusharon.org. Or you can register on paper: forms are in the rack outside the church office. Fees: \$40 for one child, \$60 for 2 or more children. Fees can be waived; please see Louise Marcoux or the Rev. Jim Robinson for a scholarship.

Not sure whether you've registered already? A list of already registered families will be posted on the RE bulletin board in the vestry on Ingathering Sunday.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

Covenant Groups: A Covenant Group is a small group ministry (between six and twelve participants) where the core spiritual and moral questions of life are discussed in a safe, contemplative atmosphere. There will be two groups, one meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings of each month at 7pm, and the other meeting the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings at 7pm. The groups will be facilitated by Jim Robinson. If you would like to join a covenant group contact Jim at revrobinson@uusharon.org.

Men's Support Group: Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month at 8pm. The group is open to new members.

Women's Support Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of each month at 7:30pm. The group is open to new members.

Meditation Group: This year our meditation group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at 7:30pm. We alternate periods of personal sitting meditation with chanting, walking meditation, labyrinth walking, and Lectio Divina. Meditation instruction is available. The group is always open to new participants. First meeting is September 8.

Adult Choir: Our excellent and enjoyable adult choir, led by Jennifer Spencer, is beginning again with the new church year. The choir rehearses on Wed. evenings (starting Sept. 2) at 7:30pm and on Sunday mornings before service. You do not have to make all the rehearsals to be a choir member – just come as often as you can.

Children's Choir: Beginning Sept. 13 our fabulous and fun children's choir, led by Forbes Russell, will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 (pizza is included). Always open to new children.

Movie Night is the second Friday evening of each month at 7pm. Our movie on September 11th is "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind". There is always a lively discussion after the movie and the pop corn is free.

Let's Laugh Today- Saturday, September 12th, 11am-noon in Program Rooms A/B as laughter yoga is moving back to every second Saturday (once a month) by popular demand! - FREE! Any age and any level of physical ability can participate in this uplifting experience! New laughers are always welcomed! PLEASE BRING AT LEAST ONE CANNED GOOD FOR THE SHARON/STOUGHTON FOOD PANTRY. Please bring your water bottle because laughing is dehydrating. Led by Certified Laughter Yoga Teachers, Linda and Bill Hamaker. If you have any questions, call 508-660-2223 or e-mail billandlinda@letslaughtoday.com. See more information and other opportunities to laugh at www.letslaughtoday.com.

Couples Enrichment Group: For couples who would like to deepen their relationship in a safe, fun, and supportive atmosphere. All personal sharing is only done between partners. The group is facilitated by Jim and Appleseed Robinson. It meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday evening at 7:30pm. The September meeting will be Sep. 17th.

Writer's Group: Meets on Sunday, Sept. 20, 12pm-1pm, in the church library. Share your original poetry and prose with other UCS writers. If you are not an author just come along and listen. The conversations sparked by the poems and prose is often deep and meaningful.

Bible Study (for atheists, agnostics, theists and everyone else): Back by popular demand, our bible study class will again meet monthly on a Saturday morning from 9am to 10:30am. We will meet on September 26 and our focus will be on the stories contained in the book of Genesis, specifically: Creation, Cain and Abel, the Tower of Babel, Abraham and Isaac.

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Gentle Yoga: Relax, refresh, and renew with a very basic yoga class taught by Sylvia Mignon, PhD, RYT. The class will include meditation, breath work, and basic yoga poses. No experience is needed and all are welcome. The class will be held on six Thursday evenings starting on October 1st. This is an excellent class open to all physical levels of ability.

Potluck Supper (6pm) followed by Conversations at the Meetinghouse (7pm): We will meet on Friday, Oct. 2nd and after that the first Friday of each month. Our October 2nd topic is "Understanding the Current Middle East Situation" led by Stuart Sears, Arabic language and cultural scholar, PhD from University of Chicago in Arabic and Islamic Studies, co-founder of Arabic Language Associates, formerly Professor at the American School in Cairo, Egypt.

Book Group: Our UCS book group is currently reading the novel "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. We will meet on Wed. Oct. 7 at 7:30pm to discuss it. If you need to obtain a copy of the book ask Jim Robinson.

Museum Visiting Group: Each season a group from UCS visits a local museum. On Saturday, October 10, from 1pm to 3pm, we will visit the Museum of American Bird Art located at 963 Washington Street in Canton. The MABA is both a professional museum of bird art and also a teaching/research center for the study of birds. We will learn about their permanent collection and enjoy seeing a collection of bird carvings by a nationally known wild fowl bird carver named Larry Barth. We will also take a walk on the Audobon trails to do some bird watching led by a birding guide. The cost is \$10 per person or whatever you can afford (everyone is welcome!).

Vestry Art Display: Our art display in the vestry for the months of September and October presents the art work of Anna Nichamoff.



Original Art for Sale! Art from \$4-\$50 from David Nelson for sale in vestry. Half of the proceeds go to the Unitarian Church of Sharon and half to the artist. Some framed and matted, some just matted and some neither framed or matted. All original and signed. Help the church and help the Nelsons move.

EXCITING NEW GROUP AT UCS!

Children's Drama Group: Acting and Theatre Games for Children
Led by experienced drama teacher and actress Alice Springer.



Acting and theatre games expand our imagination, free the way we think, talk, and move. They enhance children's self esteem, make it easier to step into new situations, help problem solving, strengthen listening skills, and encourage cooperation. Theatre games will include warm up exercises, movement games, character development, improvisation, creating skits together, and lots of playfulness. The group will be for children ages six and older. Teenagers are welcomed. Everyone can have fun with theatre games. The drama group may perform occasionally at the 10am Sunday service. Depending upon interest, the group will meet weekly or twice a month on a weekday (after school and before dinner – but not on a Tuesday). During September we will gather a list of interested participants and select a meeting time. The drama group will begin in October. If you are interested leave your name with Jim Robinson at revrobinson@uusharon.org. If you have questions about the group speak with Alice Springer.

NOT JUST ANOTHER COFFEE HOUSE



OUR FOURTH SEASON OF GREAT MUSIC

Saturday, September 19, 7pm: Atwater – Donnelly



This highly acclaimed (and award winning) husband and wife duo blends gorgeous vocals with an astonishing array of instruments, including the mountain dulcimer, old time banjo, tin whistle, guitar, mandolin, harmonica, limberjacks, and more. Every performance is surprisingly different and always entertaining as they blend traditional American and Celtic folk music and dance with original songs and poetry. They are back here by popular demand. You can also enjoy our home made desserts and free trade beverages. Admission is \$15 or whatever you give us – no one is ever turned away.

The Five Point Cluster: An exciting new UU adventure!

Five local UU churches (Foxborough, Sharon, Easton, Stoughton, Canton) have combined energies to become the “Five Point Cluster”. In this church year ministers will exchange pulpits, members will visit each other’s churches, our teenage youth will share programming, we can participate in each other’s adult education programs, and each season will have a major social event.

Five Point Cluster potluck supper:

Saturday Sept. 26 at 5pm held at the First Parish UU, 1508 Washington Street, Canton MA. Join other UU’s from our Five Point Cluster churches for a fabulous pot luck supper followed by conversations in small groups around common interests. Bring a dish and enjoy the company! Childcare provided. Youth breakout room. It would be helpful for people to register at <http://whoozin.com/47X-9HY-P4HW> so we have an approximate guess of the size of the event. If you would like to help set up or take a tour of the church arrive at 4pm.

Other programs: Interested in drumming? Join the Stoughton UU drumming circle, 2nd Friday of each month, 7pm, at UU Stoughton. Want to join a peace vigil? Join other UU’s in front of Foxborough UU the first Thursday of each month from 6pm to 7pm. Been following Krista Tippett on NPR’s radio show “On Being” and want to talk with others about it? Contact Canton member Kitty McGregor at 339-237-1381.

Mansfield Music and Arts Society

A limited number of tickets have been reserved for *Steel Magnolias* at Mansfield Music and Arts Society for Friday, Sept. 25 at 8:00 pm. The play, written in 1987, is about the bond a group of different women share in a small-town southern community, and how they cope with the death of one of their own. UU member Alice Springer is among those 'tough' cast members.

If we have enough people we will make-our-own reception at 7:00 pm and the show starts at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$26.00 per person. We encourage new church members and friends to join us for a fun evening of socializing and entertainment. Checks should be made out to MMAS and sent to Pat McDougal. The next show is *Godspell* on Nov. 7 also at MMAS.

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. During Sharon's 250th year celebration, the Bean Supper has truly been 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 socialize and exchange the news of the day.

There will be a variety delicious bean dishes to enjoy, along with hot dogs off the grill, fresh garden salad (locally grown produce), homemade breads, homemade brownies topped with Crescent Ridge Dairy ice cream for dessert. Back again this year, is Sharon's dynamic rock band, "The Funny Valentines." And visit the bake sale to take home some sumptuous desserts and fresh baked homemade breads.

If you have not signed up for food donations and job assignments, you will be receiving an email from "Sign Up Genius", on how to sign up online. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f49a5ae2f4-63rd/> Or use this link which will take you to the site as well.

Any questions or ideas, contact Ken Z. at 781-784-1845 or email zaniew@verizon.net.

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.



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.

New on the Website

The church website has undergone a transformation that makes it easier to view on a mobile device, thanks to the wonderful techies on your website committee.

It also includes a new Board of Trustees page accessible from the Committees page - <http://www.uusharon.org/about/committees/board-of-trustees> - that includes the by-laws of UCS, the 2014-2015 annual report, meeting minutes of the 2014-2015 Annual Meeting as well as minutes of the latest BOT meeting.

This is an appropriate time for committees to review their pages and make any needed updates. As always your Web Committee is at the ready to help!

We're also considering the usefulness of having a church presence on Twitter. If you have any thoughts, please share them with our committee chair, Edele Panessidi (edelep@comcast.net) or any of the members.

Sincerely,
The Website Committee
Jeff Rose, Chuck Bordman, Brad Larson, Rick Dumont
and your scribe, Patty Fitzgerald

B&G Committee News

As the new chair of buildings and grounds I find myself gathering information seeking advice and generally getting my feet on the ground. I have learned that the members of the committee have a clear understanding of building and grounds priorities. But what is most impressive is the abilities and commitment to drive solutions. Our members are knowledgeable, clever and willing. We are very fortunate to have this group and I am proud to be facilitating the work of such dedicated people.

One of our biggest priorities is coordination with AIM 2. Specifically, is it best to address certain concerns now or include solving the issues as part of AIM 2? My thanks to Jack Armstrong for his continued leadership of this liaison. Should anyone have any question or concern regarding B & G priorities do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, thanks go out to all of you who helped make the Aug 29th Blue Jean Sunday so productive. It truly takes a village.

For the B & G Committee,
Lindsay Drisko

SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATES - SEPTEMBER 2015

Honoring our Partner Church Service - On September 27th, Colleen Tuck will share her experiences visiting with our partner church in Gyulakuta, Romania. UCS has a long standing partnership with this small congregation, through the work of the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council that helps support these fellowships and fosters ties with fellow UU's in Transylvania and around the world.

Brown Envelope offerings for September will help this rural congregation stay connected with the larger UU world through subscriptions to the Transylvanian Unitarian magazine and create a scholarship for one of the members to attend High School, which is tuition based in Romania.

UUA Common Read for 2015-2016 - We invite you to join the social justice committee members in reading the New York Times Bestseller, "Just Mercy", by Bryan Stevenson in September and then participate in discussions with other readers in October. We will have copies of the book available to share in September at the social justice corner during coffee hour. The book is also available at Amazon and is likely at your local library. It is the desire of the social justice committee that reading and discussing this book together will give us a shared experience, shared language towards justice, and a basis for meaningful conversations together.

Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow*, (UUA Common Read 2012-13) states: "Bryan Stevenson is one of my personal heroes, perhaps the most inspiring and influential crusader for justice alive today, and 'JUST MERCY' is extraordinary. The stories told within these pages hold the potential to transform what we think we mean when we talk about justice"

Social Justice Movie Night – The next social justice movie night will be on Friday, September 25th, at 7:00 PM. This will be a showing of the Ware lecture by Cornell West from the UUA General Assembly in June. Please join us for this thought-provoking message followed by a lively discussion on racial equality.

Shopping For Justice – Make shopping for groceries benefit others who are hungry and homeless. Buy **Shopping for Justice** cards at church during coffee hour or order extra cards in advance. We have shopping cards in various denominations for **Shaws, Stop & Shop, Hannafords, Big Y** and **Roche Bros.**, and +/-5% of the value stays with the church to help fund our social justice projects aiming to end hunger and homelessness in the region and beyond.

Social Justice Beyond UCS – On September 17th, the Human Rights Campaign is organizing a Lobby Day at the Massachusetts Statehouse to make the case to lawmakers that it's time for full transgender equality. For more information, see www.hrc.org

Also on September 17th, at 7:00 PM, join UU members at the First Parish Church, 50 School St., Bridgewater, MA for a special program on immigration issues. Margaret Regan, the author of "The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Border" will do a presentation during the program.

A win for immigration! The State Democratic Committee unanimously voted to endorse the Safe Driving Bill on August 13th, removing immigration status as a barrier for applying for a license or learners permit.

The Judiciary Committee hearing for the Justice Reinvestment Act (H1429/S64) will be on Wednesday, October 14th, at the State House... a big turnout of supporters will be needed on that day. PLEASE mark your calendars and make an effort to attend. More details will be forthcoming.

The UU regional cluster meeting will be on September 26th, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the UU church in Canton. There will be a social justice breakout group. Please plan to attend.

To stay informed of what Massachusetts UUs are doing in social justice, see www.uumassaction.org and subscribe to their email newsletters.

Social Justice Change Agents- The email group for UCS's Social Justice Change Agents is now active for the social justice committee to alert you when legislative comments need to be sent to our legislators at the state and federal levels. This is just in time as critical state bills that UUs support are moving forward through committees. If you would like to participate please email Ellen Scott at ellenscott14@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, September 15th, 7:00 PM – Meeting of the Social Justice Steering Committee**
- Sunday, September 20th, 11:30 AM – Lunchmaking for MainSpring House**
- Friday, September 25th, 7:00 PM – Social Justice Movie Night**
- Saturday, September 26th, 5:00-8:00 PM – UU Cluster Meeting**
- Sunday, September 27th, 10:30 AM – Worship Service Honoring the Partner Church**

September 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u> <u>Teacher Orientation (grades 1-8) 7:15pm</u>	<u>2</u> <u>Adult Choir 7:30pm</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> <u>Worship Service 10:15am</u>	<u>7</u> <u>Finance Committee 7pm</u> <u>Women's Group I (Closed Group) 7:30pm</u>	<u>8</u> <u>Team Meeting Grades 5-6 7:30pm</u> <u>Meditation Group 7:30pm</u>	<u>9</u> <u>Board of Trustees 7:15pm</u> <u>Team Meeting Grades 7-8 7:15pm</u> <u>Adult Choir 7:30pm</u>	<u>10</u> <u>Personnel Committee 7pm</u> <u>Preschool-Kindergarten Teacher Orientation & Team Meeting 7:15pm</u> <u>Second Women's Group 7:30pm</u> <u>Men's Group 8pm</u>	<u>11</u> <u>Movie Night 7pm</u>	<u>12</u> <u>Let's Laugh Today 11am</u> <u>Bean Supper 5pm</u>
<u>13</u> <u>Worship Service 10:15am</u> <u>Membership Committee Meeting 11:45am</u> <u>Team Meeting Grades 1-2 12pm</u> <u>Youth Group 5pm</u> <u>Covenant Group 7pm</u>	<u>14</u> <u>Building & Grounds Committee 7:30pm</u>	<u>15</u> <u>Children's Choir 5:30pm</u> <u>Social Justice Committee Meeting 7pm</u> <u>Team Meeting Grades 3-4 7:30pm</u>	<u>16</u> <u>Caring Committee 7pm</u> <u>Adult Choir 7:30pm</u>	<u>17</u> <u>Couples Enrichment Group 7:30pm</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <u>Coffee House 7pm</u>
<u>20</u> <u>Family Worship Service 10am</u> <u>Worship Service 10:30</u> <u>Religious Education Classes 10:30am</u> <u>MainSpring Lunchmaking 11:30am</u> <u>Writers Group 12pm</u> <u>Youth Group 5pm</u> <u>Covenant Group 7pm</u>	<u>21</u> <u>Women's Group I (Closed Grp) 7:30pm</u>	<u>22</u> <u>Children's Choir 5:30pm</u> <u>Meditation Group 7:30pm</u>	<u>23</u> <u>Adult Choir 7:30pm</u>	<u>24</u> <u>Second Women's Group (Open) 7:30pm</u> <u>Mens group 8pm</u>	<u>25</u> <u>Newsletter Deadline 5pm</u> <u>Social Justice Movie Night 7pm</u> <u>MMAS Theatre Group</u>	<u>26</u> <u>Bible Class 9am</u> <u>UU Five Point Cluster Supper – Canton UU 5pm</u>
<u>27</u> <u>Family Worship Service 10am</u> <u>Worship Service 10:30am</u> <u>Religious Education Classes 10:30am</u> <u>Environmental Task Force 12pm</u> <u>Youth Group 5pm</u> <u>Covenant Group 7pm</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> <u>Children's Choir 5:30pm</u> <u>Mentor Orientation 7:30pm</u>	<u>30</u> <u>Adult Choir 7:30pm</u>	<p>Please go to www.uusharon.org/calendars to reserve meeting space or to view the most up to date calendar.</p>		

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